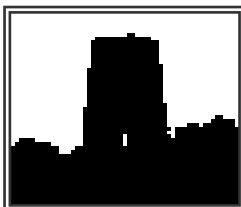


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Editorial - Happy New Year & Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of **THE GAZETTE**, your new village magazine.

I hope you will find it informative and entertaining. But whatever you think, please, please, please let the leading lights of your favourite organisation know your opinion. They have been very supportive of this new venture, and will want to know if their efforts have been worthwhile.

If you don't know who to tell, simply turn to the **Organisation Directory** on Page 11, and you should find a name and a telephone number to use.

Reference sections

The **Diary Dates** page will publicise fund-raising events, club meetings and sports fixtures, accompanied by reports from the organisers, both before and after any major events.

Local public services such as GP Surgery hours, Library opening times, Church services, and Police Surgeries will be included.

These informational reference details will always be printed on the central pages of **THE GAZETTE**, so they can be easily removed and saved, if you don't want to keep the whole magazine.

Quarterly contributions

The magazine will be produced quarterly with articles contributed by many local organisations, as well as cookery recipes, computer tips, puzzles, and letters from you. It is non-profit making, and not affiliated to any particular organisation, to allow a broad focus on all topics affecting our community.

Newsletters of **Galmpton Residents' Association** will be published here, together with newsworthy articles from all the local churches and schools. This magazine could even replace various leaflets and posters announcing charity coffee mornings, church raffles, or school bingo nights, etc.

Free does not mean worthless

Volunteers will distribute **THE GAZETTE** free to every property located in **Galmpton, Churston, and Broadsands**. It will be funded by sponsorship from local organisations and businesses, and may include some adverts.

That it is free does not mean it is worthless. It will be as valuable as your contributions to it, and will largely be funded by your subscriptions to the organisations that sponsor it, and your attendance at events it publicises.

If the magazine does not offer what you want, or you know an organisation or event that is not mentioned, just tell the Editor what is missing!

Do you live in Alston Lane or in Waddeton ?

If anyone wants to be a delivery volunteer, or community correspondent, especially in the **Alston Lane, Churston** or **Waddeton Village** areas, please notify the Editor. It involves delivering just a handful of magazines, on four occasions a year, perhaps while walking the dog.

If you do not receive your quarterly issue of the magazine, let me know. However, you should be able to obtain a copy from **Churston Library**, which will also keep back issues for reference.

Do you run a small business ?

If you offer a service to local residents, and want to make yourself better known, why not try advertising in **THE GAZETTE** ?

I believe our rates are extremely attractive, with a half page advert costing only **£12.50**. There is no commitment to advertise in successive issues, so give it a go. Remember, you will be helping local charities into the bargain.

What have you got to lose ?

Remember, Remember

The magazine is published quarterly in **January, April, July, and October**. It is **non-profit making**, and funded by sponsors and advertisers.

Volunteers deliver the current circulation of **1,400** copies free to residents of **Galmpton, Churston, and Broadsands**, but not necessarily in that order !!

Please tell any organisations you belong to, especially the sponsors, what you think of the magazine, and how it could be improved.

Mike Tate, Editor

School Lunches

Did you know that **Churston Ferrers Grammar School** is offering school lunch on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** to anyone from the local community ?

The cost is only **£3.50** per person for a two-course set meal.

It is served at **12-noon** prompt, and must finish by 1:10 pm to coincide with the school timetable. Meat is served on Wednesday, and fish on Friday.

You must book by phone on **842289** two days ahead to ensure your place.

Does anybody want to be our restaurant food critic ?

The other services available from the **Grammar School** should appear in the next issue of the magazine.

Galmpton Village Institute

Registered Charity: 300839

Chairman: John Risdon 844102

Treasurer: Philip Griffin 843081

Secretary: June Symes 842121

Hall Bookings: Babs Renwick 843364

Provided for the village community in 1903 by **Squire William Bolitho** of Greenway, the Institute remains one of the central services of the Galmpton area, together with the School, Barn Chapel, Post Office, and Manor Inn.

The Institute is managed as a charitable body by a voluntary committee on behalf of the whole community. At present, the major organisation utilizing its facilities is **Galmpton Pre-School**, but probably its longest running association is with the **Snooker Club**. In addition, the Institute remains the venue for the **W.I.** and the local **Whist Club**. To illustrate the diversity of activities within its walls can be added meetings of the **Galmpton and Churston District Local History Group**, band practise, private parties, a variety of exhibitions, coffee mornings and bring & buy sales, community education courses – and, in addition, service as the local polling station!

It is truly a community hall and as such is available for your personal use. The A.G.M. is always held in March, to which all are welcome, but please do contact **Babs Renwick** should you wish to make a booking, or the Chairman, **John Risdon**, should you have a matter to discuss.

GALMPTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK

IN AID OF FUNDS FOR A 3-YEAR MAJOR RENOVATION PROGRAMME

“The Good Old Days”

Images of Nostalgia – Galmpton & The Dart

Presented by John Risdon

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 7:30 pm

Preceded by refreshments at 7:00 pm

ADMITTANCE £4

Galmpton Residents' Association News

www.galmptontorbay.org.uk

Meeting Chairman: Chris Collins Webmaster & Treasurer: Paul Savin 843493

Minutes Secretary: Christine Batten Local Planning: Gordon Batten 844866

Mailshots & Membership: Delia Hales Youth Project: Helen Boyles 845761

20-mph Zone Petition Update

In our **November 2005 Newsletter** we reported that a petition signed by **403** Galmpton residents had been sent to **Torbay Council**, who replied with an invitation to their meeting on Wednesday 23rd November 2005.

Three petitions were put forward to the Council, including ours, which was also supported by independent letters from local schools.

Gordon Batten told Councillors that the signatories were a large proportion of the village and were collected in less than 2 weeks. He said pedestrians are frightened by vehicles moving too fast for conditions, through narrow lanes without footpaths, and round blind bends. This inhibits people walking children to school, walking to the shops, and walking dogs. Residents were unable to enjoy their village environment. A **20-mph** limit would improve road safety, especially on the three main routes through the village, being Langdon Lane, Greenway Road, and Stoke Gabriel Road. Gordon received warm applause from the councillors, and the Chairman stated that the petition would be forwarded to the relevant committee for consideration. We hope to bring you confirmation of the new speed zone in the near future!

Hillrise Planning Application Reference P/2005/2136

On 12th Dec **Yarlington Homes** submitted a major planning application to **Torbay Council** for redevelopment of **Hillrise Estate** affecting 12 flats and 2 houses, which included three-storey flats on the skyline by the fields.

Should this redevelopment go ahead it could have a detrimental effect on our village, particularly views to and from the river, and increases in traffic. Many **Hillrise** residents are concerned. So comment as soon as possible.

Meetings on 29th Dec 2005 and 25th Jan 2006 at the Manor Inn discussed this application and any other matters arising. Watch this space for future developments, or visit our web site for the latest news.

You can see application details at **Torbay Council** offices (e.g. Brixham) or online at www.torbay.gov.uk/publicaccess. After invoking **Click to View** online, you can comment by clicking on **Submit Comments**. Alternatively, write to **Torbay Council** quoting reference number **P/2005/2136/MPA**.

At the time of going to press the deadline for comments was 13th January.

Galmpton Community Police News

Devon & Cornwall Police www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/generalenquiries

Welcome to **THE GAZETTE**. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the magazine every success for the future.

I believe most of you know me by now, but for those of you new to the area, I am PC Glenn Chambers, Neighbourhood Beat Manager your local bobby. I work out of Brixham Police Station, and spend as much time as I can in your area.

Monthly Surgeries

I hold a monthly surgery at **Old Chapel, The Roundings, Galmpton** by kind permission of **Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church**. The chapel is currently under refurbishment but usable, and I am grateful to have this venue in the heart of the village.

The surgery dates and times are advertised on posters all over our area, in the **Herald Express** and on our web site. If you have any issues to bring to my attention, please come along, but there is no heating, so wrap up warm.

Police Phone Numbers

I understand some of our residents are confused and often frustrated trying to contact the police. The centralised telephone system is there to give the best possible service to you the public. On occasions the demand is very high and you find yourself in a queue. This is unfortunately unavoidable and not unlike many other large organisations.

These are the numbers you need to keep to hand. All are manned 24/7.

- **999 Emergency (free)**
For life and death matters, crimes in progress, or offenders near-by. Please do not be afraid to use 999 if any of these apply.
- **08452 777 444 Devon & Cornwall General Enquiries (local rate)**
For advice, or reporting a crime if 999 does not apply.
- **0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers (Freephone)**
For you to leave any information regarding crime and criminals. You do NOT have to give your name.

If you wish to write then I can be contacted at the **Brixham Police Station Rea Barn Close, Brixham TQ5 9EA** open weekdays 08:30 am - 17:00 pm but closed 14:00 - 15:00 pm.

For more information please visit our website.

I hope this is of use and look forward to writing regular articles in the future.

Galleon Stores & Galmpton Post Office

51 Stoke Gabriel Road, Galmpton

Tel: 01803 842148

Refurbishment Report

by the proprietor Gary Deare

Stage One

Stage one of the improvements was completed on time in **November**, with the relocation of the **Post Office** from the back of the building, to its new position towards the front of the shop.

The **Express Post Office** located on the shop counter is also up and running, and is a convenient way of buying stamps, and withdrawing cash, if the main **Post Office** is busy.

All customers with an account at the **Nationwide** can now join those at **Barclays, Lloyds, Alliance & Leicester, Co-op**, and **Smile** in being able to withdraw and deposit funds for free.

Stage Two

The second stage will involve removing the wall separating the old Post Office from the shop to create a larger grocery area.

This work, together with the new ceiling and lighting, should be completed by the end of **January**.

Both **Galleon Stores** and the **Post Office** will remain open during this time, and we thank you in advance for your patience during this period.

Stage Three

The third stage will involve re-organising the layout of the shop to include new fridges, freezers, and grocery shelving.

The new shop will be able to double the range of products for sale with an emphasis on local produce, organic products, and fair trade goods.

We are very happy to hear from customers about what they would like to see stocked in their local shop.

Open Day

We expect completion of the work by early **March**, at which time we will hold an **Open Day** to include local wine and food tasting.

This will give you all an opportunity to ask questions about the stocking of your local shop, the **Galleon Stores**, and all the new services provided by the **Galmpton Post Office**.

The Manor Inn, Stoke Gabriel Road

Licensees: **Chris Jackman & Caroline Yandle**

Tel: 01803 842346

Formerly a professional yachtsman for eight years, **Chris Jackman** and his partner **Caroline Yandle** have been managing pubs for five years; starting in Cornwall and moving slowly east through Plymouth to Galmpton!

They have been running **The Manor Inn** since mid-August 2005, and despite a shaky start, when the quality and service standards were not as they should have been, these problems have now been sorted out.

“Arriving just a few days before the August Bank Holiday weekend, to take over such a great food pub, proved a challenge” says Chris.

Great Food

The new kitchen team is led by ‘**Chaz**’ the head chef, and is supported by **Michael** the sous chef, along with **Caroline**. They are working hard to return the pub to offering what it was always good at - Great Food!

Caroline is extremely keen to ensure the food on offer and its standard is right, so any comments would be most appreciated.

Great Ales

To complement the great food, **Chris** is working very hard on the range and quality of **Real Ale** served. He has tried about twenty different beers in the short time he has been in charge of the cellar.

The beers range from old established favourites like **Green King Abbot**, and **Dartmoor Best** to newcomers such as **Hobgoblin**, **Sharps Eden**, and **Broadside**.

He is hoping to have a different guest beer every other week, with even more in the summer.

Chris is passionate about the **Real Ales**, and would also love any feedback from you on selection and quality.

Great Music

Regular live music events are also planned. The first two performers being ‘**Southern Comfort**’ and ‘**Jasper**’. They were both very well received.

Forthcoming acts include ‘**Nick Tilley**’, ‘**Shady Cool**’, and a return visit of ‘**Southern Comfort**’.

So come along to **The Manor** for some great food, great ales, and a very friendly welcome!

Churston Golf Club

www.churstongolf.com

Tel: 01803 842751

My name is **Simon Bawden** and I am the manager of **Churston Golf Club**. I would like to thank the Editor, for giving us, along with other organisations, an opportunity to tell the local community a little bit about ourselves.

First of all, may I say that I think this new **GAZETTE** is a great idea, and on behalf of the **Golf Club** wish it every success.



Our club membership

In total, our Club has just over **1000** members, who mainly live in the **Brixham, Churston, Galmpton and Paignton** areas. Over a quarter of our total membership are local residents, who do not play golf, but just wish to enjoy the social events that the Club puts on, or utilise the Clubhouse bar and restaurant facilities, or perhaps play some hands of bridge.

On a different tack, we are always trying to encourage the youngsters in our community to learn to play golf, and since joining the Club, as our Professional in 2004, **Rob Butterworth**, and his assistant **Sam Stephens**, have introduced a development programme that has become very popular.

The lessons take place throughout the year on Saturday afternoons, and it is a delight to see so many children (some as young as 6 years of age) enjoying themselves learning how to hit a golf ball. Incidentally, **Rob**, our Professional, was born locally, and as a junior also learnt to play golf here at **Churston**.

Charity fund raising success

Another aspect of the Club's activities, of which few people are perhaps aware, are the significant efforts put in each year by the **Club Captain** and the **Ladies Captain**, and other groups of members, to raise funds for local and national charities. In 2005 alone, the following charities benefited from these endeavours, Torbay Endoscopy Unit £2,434, Wooden Spoon £800, British Heart Foundation £2,500, Roy Castle Lung Cancer Appeal £3,000, plus other charitable events that were held at the Golf Club by other clubs and organisations.

We have had a very busy Christmas and New Year period, with our staff working long hours, and I would just like to thank them for their commitment during this time. We would like to wish special good luck to **Joyce & Brian**, who are looking forward to moving to **Lanzarote** very soon.

Finally, on behalf of the Directors and Staff of the Club, may I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

Organisation Directory

Many of these details can also be found at www.galmptontorbay.org.uk

Organisation

	Contact Telephone (01803)
Broadsands & Elberry Residents' Association	Secretary: Joan Blake 843423
Churston, Galmpton & Kingswear Scouts	Leader: Paul Delaney 752866
Churston & Galmpton Ladies Club	Chairman: Rose Abbott 843719
Churston Ferrers Grammar School & PTA	School Reception 842289
Churston Pavilion Puppy & Dog Training Classes	Trainer: Sara Davies 859634
Churston Pavilion War Memorial Playing Field Trust	Manager: Sue Foot 842289
Churston with Brixham Flower Club	Secretary: Ann Dodd 882573
Churston with Galmpton Ward	Conservative Councillor: Derek A Mills 843412
Churston with Galmpton Ward	Liberal Dem Councillor: Dave Browne 842246
Friends of Compass House Medical Centre	Contact: Margaret Rogers 843425
Galmpton & Churston Local History Group	Chairman: John Risdon 844102
Galmpton & Churston Tennis Club	Organiser: Trevor Field 845422
Galmpton & Churston Women's Institute	Secretary: Sheila Gurnhill 844690
Galmpton & Churston W.I. Circle Dance	Contact: Avice Taft 842518
Galmpton Barn Hall Art Classes	Brixham Community College 853302
Galmpton Barn Hall Art Group	Contact: Diane Richards 842738
Galmpton Barn Hall Yoga Classes	Teacher: Marion Humble 295563
Galmpton C of E Primary School & PTA	School Reception 842628
Galmpton Community Police	PC4383 Glenn Chambers 08452 777444
Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church	523218 / 664059 / 852648 / 843446
Galmpton Falconry Course	Falconer: Paul Hill 316302
Galmpton Floral Day Committee	Co-ordinator: Jill Memery 844103
Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair Committee	Chairman: Martin Ridge 844927
Galmpton Move to Music (Keep Fit Club)	Brixham Community College 853302
Galmpton Neighbourhood Watch	Schemes Co-ordinator Office 841425
Galmpton Parent & Toddler Group	Organiser: Lisa Croston 845525
Galmpton Pre-School Ltd	Village Hall 845547 / June Symes 842121
Galmpton Residents' Association	Webmaster & Treasurer: Paul Savin 843493
Galmpton Snooker Club	Chairman: Stan Bentley 842775
Galmpton Traditional & Swing Jazz Group	Leader: Phil Luffman 526902
Galmpton United Football Club	Organiser: Stewart Hallam 845651
Galmpton Village Institute	Chairman: John Risdon 844102
Galmpton West Country Embroiderers	Group Rep: Ann Simpson 782576
Galmpton Whist Drives Club	Organiser: Gill Bell 842626
Galmpton Youth Project	Organiser: Helen Boyles 845761
Kingswear Life Newsletter	Summer Editor: Chris Ryan 752837
St Mary the Virgin C of E Church, Churston	Churchwarden: Bob Bowling 850469
The Barn Chapel of the Good Shepherd	Churchwarden: Bob Bowling 850469

Diary Dates

BH = Barn Chapel Hall

VH = Village Institute Hall

January

- 25 7:30 pm **Manor Inn** - Galmpton Residents' Association committee meeting
7:30 pm **VH** Galmpton Village Institute committee meeting
26 7:00 pm **VH** ***Maritime History of Torbay*** by John Risdon 844102 fee **£20**
27 7:30 pm **VH** Local History Group ***The River Exe*** by Mike Perriam

February

- 1 7:15 pm **VH** Women's Inst. ***My Life as a Torbay Pilot*** by Cap'n Bob Curtis
2 7:00 pm **VH** ***Maritime History of Torbay*** part 2 (see January 26 above)
4 2:00 pm **VH** Women's Institute **Jumble Sale** and **Raffle** - all are welcome
10 7:00 pm **VH** Refreshments prior to an illustrated talk given by John Risdon
The Good Old Days fee **£4** in aid of **Village Institute** (see Page 5)
15 10:00 am **BH** Coffee morning in aid of **Church Redecoration Fund**
16 7:00 pm **VH** ***Maritime History of Torbay*** part 3 (see January 26 above)
16 7:30 pm **BH** Ladies Club **AGM** and **Dinner**
17 2 - 4 pm **Old Chapel**, The Roundings - **Community Police Surgery**
26 12:30 pm **10 Broadsands Rd** - B & E R A Social Group, **Neighbours Lunch**
new residents welcome, phone Vicki Sheen for details on **842822**

March

- 1 7:15 pm **VH** Women's Inst. ***Further Dark Deeds in Devon*** by Janet Downer
2 7:00 pm **VH** ***Maritime History of Torbay*** part 4 (see January 26 above)
15 10:00 am **BH** St Mary's coffee morning in aid of a local charity
15 4 - 6 pm **Old Chapel**, The Roundings - **Community Police Surgery**
15 7:30 pm **VH** Galmpton Village Institute **AGM** - everyone is welcome
16 7:30 pm **BH** Ladies Club ***Travels of a Happy Gardener*** by Harry Colclough
31 7:30 pm **VH** Local History Group **AGM** and ***Agatha Christie*** by John Risdon

April

- 5 7:15 pm **VH** Women's Inst. ***My Life as a Farmer*** by Lori Reich of Shute Farm
13 9 - 11 am **Old Chapel**, The Roundings - **Community Police Surgery**

St Mary the Virgin C of E Church, Churston

Sung Eucharist 1st, 3rd Sun 9:30 am and 2nd, 4th, 5th Sun 11:00 am

The Barn Chapel, Greenway Road

Said Eucharist Sunday 8:00 am and Thursday 10:00 am

Evensong 1st Sunday of month 4:00 pm

Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church

Flavel Chapel Sunday Worship 11:00 am and 6:30 pm

Regular Amenities

See the **Organisation Directory** on Page 11 for contact telephone details.

Village Institute Hall Bookings: Babs Renwick 843364

Trad & Swing Jazz	Alternate Mondays 7:30 pm
Whist Drives Club	Tuesdays & Saturdays 7:30 pm
Move to Music	Term-time Wednesdays 9:30 am & 10:45 am
Women's Institute	1 st Wednesday of month 7:15 pm
Flower Club	2 nd Wednesday of month 7:00 pm
Falconry Course	Thursdays 7:00 pm (<i>10-week course £50</i>)
Pre-School Ltd	Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9:15 - 11:45 am Tues, Wed, Thur 12:45 - 3:15 pm

Barn Chapel Hall Bookings: Lynn Milner 843677

Stars Group	Mondays 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
Yoga Classes	Mondays 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm (<i>all abilities</i>)
Art Group	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Tues of month 9:15 am (<i>fully subscribed</i>)
Embroidery Group	2 nd Tuesday of month 10:00 am - 12-noon
Parent & Toddler	Wednesday & Friday mornings
Ladies Club	3 rd Thursday of month 7:30 pm (<i>visitors 50p</i>)
W.I. Circle Dance	Fridays 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (<i>entrance £2</i>)

Churston Pavilion War Memorial Playing Field

Puppy/Dog Training Term-time Tuesday evenings (*6-week courses*)

Churston Golf Club Dartmouth Road: 842751

Bridge Section Thursdays 7:30 pm (*Golf Club social members only*)

Churston Ferrers Grammar Greenway Road: 842289

Sport Fitness Suite Mon - Fri 6:00 - 10:00 pm Mr. Bright **07854 091182**

Set 2-Course Lunch Wed & Fri 12-noon - 1:00 pm £3.50 phone **842289**

Churston Library Churston Broadway: 843757

Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm	Tuesday & Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm	Wednesday & Saturday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
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Compass House Medical Centre Langdon Lane: 842284

Surgery Open Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm & 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Spring 2006

Galmpton Pre-School Ltd

Registered Charity: 1104582
www.gps-torbay.org

Village Institute Hall: 845547
June Symes: 842121

Written by David Edey

We are a thriving, happy and successful pre-school, for children aged from 2½ to 5 years, operating from the **Village Institute Hall**. We have been a focal point of the village life for many years, with the vast majority of the children moving on to **Galmpton Primary School**. We run the same term times as the Primary School, to try to offer a service that fits in with parents' busy lives.

We provide a fun, friendly and safe environment for children to learn through imaginative play, and to develop early friendships. The children experience a huge range of craft activities, including painting, cooking and building, whilst at the same time having free play and stories.

First Rate Accreditation

The way the Pre-School is run has changed considerably over the past few years, as a result of Government funding for pre-school education. We are now inspected by **OFSTED**, and our reports have been first rate. We were also the first pre-school in Torbay to earn Accreditation status by our national governing body, the **Pre-School Learning Alliance**. This is a testament to our dedicated and highly trained staff, who are the life and soul of the Pre-School.

We offer a very warm welcome to prospective new children, and if you or anyone you know of, is interested in finding out more about us, please come along and visit us at the **Village Institute Hall**. Alternatively, visit our web site at **www.gps-torbay.org** or call **June Symes** on **842121**, who will be happy to give you further information.

Opening Times

We are open term-time weekdays as scheduled below.

Monday	9:15 - 11:45 am		
Tuesday	9:15 - 11:45 am	Lunchtime	12:45 - 3:15 pm
Wednesday			12:45 - 3:15 pm
Thursday	9:15 - 11:45 am	Lunchtime	12:45 - 3:15 pm
Friday	9:15 - 11:45 am		

Lunchtime cover enables children who attend Pre-School all day to bring a packed lunch.

Churston, Galmpton & Kingswear Scouts

Scout Leader: Paul Delaney

Tel: 01803 752866



Report written by Abbie:

Life with the **13th Torbay Scouts** is fun, challenging, rewarding, and there are many opportunities to do different activities. I joined just under a year ago and would like to tell you about some of the things I have experienced and achieved during that time.

I have been on two night hikes. One was from **Noss to Galmpton**, with a normally easy to ford stream that had turned into a raging torrent. (We still managed to cross though, being Scouts!) We arrived home with just about wet everything, but we didn't mind. Earlier in the year we felled some trees at **Coleton Fishacre**. This was to help make way for a new woodland path.

September of course meant that **Galmpton Floral Day** was now upon us. We volunteered to help serve tea and coffee in the **Barn Hall**. Helped by Beryl Tate, three of us managed to serve all the customers. Later on, the **Harvest Supper** was held in the **Village Hall**, and was also prepared by Scouts, which all the guests appeared to enjoy!

As a result of this we received a donation! This was a great surprise, and we appreciate it! **THANK YOU!!!**

In **November** we made four salads with Beryl Tate. They were so good that they tempted even those reluctant to eat their greens. Thank you Beryl for showing us these delicious salads.

In the **Autumn** we learnt how to fence. An instructor taught us how to fence safely, over a period of six weeks. We were training for our **Master-of-arms Badge**, which includes anything from fencing to archery. Some Scouts even managed to get **British Fencing Grade One**.

In **December** we made natural Christmas wreaths in just one hour! Using a wire base, we wrapped holly and conifers around, and poked berries in. They looked fantastic, and I think any parent could only be impressed!

We regularly use **Barn Hall** to practice navigation skills and route planning. The annual **Scout Carol Service** was held there, and the annual meeting.

The meetings are often in the **Barn Hall** but sometimes at other venues:

Beaver Scouts	6 to 8 years	Tuesdays	5:00 - 6:15 pm
Cub Scouts	8 to 10½ years	Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Scouts	10½ to 14 years	Wednesdays	7:00 - 9:00 pm

Parish of St Mary the Virgin

Churston Ferrers

From Bob Bowling, Churchwarden

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The new vicarage awaits a new vicar

As most people will already know, we are currently without a vicar at Churston following the retirement of **David Lambert**. The Parochial Church Councils of Churston and Kingswear are now working to find a new vicar.

This process may seem slow, given that David retired in October, but there are good reasons for this. The vicarage in Galmpton was sold a few years ago, and the Diocese looked long and hard to find another. The new vicarage on Warborough Road has now had all its building work completed, and we are now able to advertise for a vicar.

As in all appointments of this nature, it takes time, and even when a new person is appointed a period of notice needs to be served, so it may be some months yet before the house has a new occupant. I will however keep the parish informed of the progress.

Christmas services well attended

In the meantime, the work of the parish continues. Christmas services were well attended, especially the crib service on Christmas Eve, when the church was packed with families beginning their Christmas celebrations.

We are very grateful to the clergy and lay readers from Brixham who are ensuring that all our services run as normal throughout the vacancy period.

Stars Group running on Mondays

I am particularly pleased that the **Stars Group** is running as before in the **Barn Hall** after school on **Mondays**, between 3:45 and 4:45 pm. Our new leaders are settling in nicely, and the numbers attending are increasing.

If any child would like to attend, they would be most welcome.

Barn Hall social events planned

We have a number of social events planned for the **Barn Hall** over the next few months. These include a quiz night, which will be held around Shrove Tuesday, and some coffee mornings to raise money for village charities.

These events will be advertised around the village, and we will be very happy to see you there.

See the **Diary Dates** on Page 12 for details.

Galmpton & Churston Women's Institute

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Welcome to the first article about **Galmpton & Churston W.I.** to appear in the new **GAZETTE** for the village.

I thought I would start by giving a brief history of the **Women's Institute** in the Galmpton area.

Afternoon Group

In about 1925 an *Afternoon Group* of the **Women's Institute** was started in the village. I do not know how many attended the first meeting but minutes – which sadly have now been handed to County House in Exeter – showed about 30 members soon afterwards.

In the 1960s this W.I. was bulging at the seams, and it started a waiting list. A younger element decided to meet in the evening instead and thus formed the present day **Galmpton and Churston (Evening) W.I.** There are still several founder members alive and three of them are attending meetings regularly. These are Mrs Pat Bye, Mrs Eileen Simpson and Mrs Avice Taft.

Sadly in the 1980s to 1990s the *Afternoon Group* declined rapidly, and eventually was forced to close down – and now, would you believe it, the *Evening Group* has a waiting list.

Evening Group

Our meeting in December was a lively Christmas party, and including a few guests from other W.I.s, there were 73 people present. Judith & Roy Perrin entertained us all with keyboard and songs, and members Jill Burton and Rosemary Witt read poems, while Joyce Koch sang along with Judith. The W.I. Choir, led by Helen Tregaskes, sang songs and carols, and Helen also did a couple of lovely solos. One of the carols had been written by member Deanna Duggan.

We meet on the first Wednesday every month at 7:15 pm in the Galmpton Village Institute Hall. Visitors are always welcome, but the waiting list has to be sorted out!

At the last meeting on 4th January, Kevin Pyne, a poet from Dartmouth, was our speaker. Our next meeting on 1st February has Bob Curtis speaking about his life as a Torbay pilot. See **Diary Dates** on Page 12 for details.

Then on **Saturday 4th February** we are holding a **Jumble Sale and Raffle** at 2:00 pm in the **Village Hall**, and all are welcome.



THE NATIONAL TRUST Greenway

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Greenway Garden opens for the season on **Wednesday 1st March 2006**.

Following the deaths of Rosalind and Anthony Hicks, **Greenway House** will be coming into **National Trust** management later this year. It is anticipated that access to the **House** will be possible in due course. However there will be a wait, and there is significant structural work to carry out. We hope to invite villagers to look at our plans, and see the property, before opening to the general public. Please keep an eye on **THE GAZETTE** for news.

Meanwhile, here is a taster of our events for the spring:

Early Spring Events

Camellia Walks - Cruise & Lunch

Wednesday 8th – Sunday 12th February inclusive £16.50 (NT £14.00)

The Swan leaves Dartmouth 10:30 am with lunch in Greenway café.

From the Other Side

Wednesday 1st March – Saturday 22nd April Free

Photographic Exhibition by Michael Carter in Barn Gallery.

Early Spring Garden Walk & Lunch

Thursdays 2nd, 9th & 16th March £12.50 (NT £10.00)

11:00 am Guided walk and light two-course lunch.

Agatha Christie's Garden

Thursday 23rd March £25.00

11:30 am Includes walk, talk, morning coffee, and lunch.

Mother's Lunch

Saturday 25th March Adult: £15.00 Child: £9.00

1:00 pm Seasonal 2-course lunch and posy for Mums

**For all bookings and information please telephone Greenway on
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Don't Give Your Money to the Chancellor

The only certainties in life are *death* and *taxes*.

In **England** you get both at once!

High property values mean that more and more estates are becoming liable to pay inheritance tax. Any estate with a net value exceeding **£275,000** will be liable to pay tax at the rate of **40%** on any assets exceeding this sum.

Your spouse can inherit your estate free of tax, but gifts to anyone else will be subject to tax on the estate exceeding £275,000.

Bear in mind that if you inherit your spouse's estate, you may be pushed into the tax-paying band, unless you have taken planning measures.

A simple example

A simple example may help to clarify the position.

Bill, a widower, dies owning a house worth £300,000 and has other investments worth £200,000. Without any estate planning measures in place Bill's estate will have to pay £90,000 to Gordon Brown.

(i.e. $£300,000 + £200,000 - £275,000 = £225,000 \times 40\% = £90,000$)

Fred, on the other hand, who shared the same value estate with his wife, consulted his solicitor, and they were able to plan tax avoidance measures that would completely avoid payment of tax.

Consult an expert

Gifts of any type of property, made within 7 years of death, to anyone other than the spouse, may have to be added back into a deceased's estate for the calculation of tax.

There are some gifts to children and grandchildren, which are exempt, but these are relatively modest sums.

To make sure that your estate is passed on with minimum tax paid, you must make estate planning a priority by consulting your solicitor without delay. He or she will be able to advise on appropriate tax avoidance measures, to maximise your net estate, and draw a suitably worded will to give you peace of mind

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2005 was an outstandingly successful year for the Churston Broadway office of Eric Lloyd & Co. After a slow start to the year property sales through the summer and autumn months were at near record levels. Even now during the winter months the office is still receiving many serious enquiries for properties in Galmpton.

Office manager, Rachel Cowls has already experienced a busy start to 2006 and her advice to anyone who is considering selling in the spring is to place your property on the market now ahead of the traditional Easter rush when choice is often wider for would be buyers.

Our office at Churston Broadway specialises exclusively in the sale of properties in Churston, Galmpton, Broadsands and Hookhills, so that we can offer down to earth advice, backed up by detailed local knowledge, individual attention for all of our clients, but linked to national coverage through our membership of **National Homes Network** and global coverage via our website **www.ericlloyd.co.uk**.

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What to Expect in Future Issues

This issue has too little room for all our sponsors and contributors, so I've included below just a taste of what to expect later in the year.

Churston Ferrers Grammar School & PTA

Deputy Head, **Barry Goldsmith**, will announce the latest plans for the new **Learning Resources Centre** at the school, and what facilities it could offer to the local community.

He will also explain the FA funding of improved sports field pitches.

Premises & Finance Manager, **Sue Foot**, will promote the catering, sports, and other services that are on offer from the school to the general public.

The recently formed pupils **Press Team** will be reporting on local topics, and the school **PTA** will publicise their forthcoming fund-raising events.

Galmpton C of E Primary School & PTA

We hope to bring you news of staff, pupils, and the **PTA** at the school.

Brockenbury Action Group & Churston RA

The committee members will explain the winding up of **BAGs**, and their proposals to launch a **Churston Residents' Association**.

Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair Committee

Watch out for news of the **Pie Fair** planned for **Sunday 2nd July**.

Galmpton Floral Day Committee

Floral Day will be on **Sunday 3rd September**, and anyone willing to open their garden this year should ring **Priscilla & Tony Hannam** on **844276**.

For any other details please contact co-ordinator **Jill Memery** on **844103**.

Galmpton Village Institute

Announcement of a new conservation initiative in **Kiln Road**.

Churston, Galmpton & Kingswear 13th Torbay Scouts

Scout Leader, **Paul Delaney**, has several other budding journalists who are itching to gain their **Reporter's Badge** by telling us all about their activities at scout meetings and camp.

Galmpton Congregational Evangelical Church

Newsletter of Church activities including any special services.

Galmpton & Churston Local History Group

The group will advertise their plans for talks and visits throughout 2006.

➡ **Galmpton United Football Club**

Did you know that we have several active football teams in **Galmpton** ? They play regularly on the **Memorial Playing Field**, and we hope that **Stewart Hallam** will provide team news, match reports, fixtures & results.

➡ **Personal Computer Club**

The Editor will reveal some exciting ideas for a **PC Club** intended for users of more mature years, especially if your PC is being rebellious.

➡ **Canada Connection**

A longstanding **Galmpton** resident will tell of his experiences in **Canada**. If you have an interesting tale to tell, then please let the Editor know.

➡ **Your Letters Page**

If you are brave enough to write, we will publish any stimulating letters. Your identity can be withheld if the letter is of a sensitive nature, providing you supply your name and address to the Editor.

➡ **Puzzles, Recipes, and much, much, more...**

When space allows there will be **Sudoku**, **Crossword**, and other puzzles to test your brainwaves.

Beryl Tate the **Kitchen Doctor** from **BBC Radio Devon** will publish some of her mouth-watering recipes from time to time.

This is your magazine, and its success depends on your participation, so if you have any ideas for fascinating topics, you know what to do.

And Finally ☺ PC Swallows Granny !

The computer swallowed Grandma. Yes, honestly it's true. She pressed **Control** and **Enter**, and disappeared from view!

It devoured her completely. The thought just makes me squirm. She must have caught a virus, or been eaten by a worm!

I've scanned the **Recycle Bin**, and files of every kind; I even searched the Internet, but nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked **Jeeves** my searches to refine. The reply from him was negative. Not a thing was found on-line.

So, if inside your **Inbox**, my Grandma you should see, please **Click to Cut** and **Paste** her, and **Send** her back to me.

The White Horse Hotel

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The big black and white building called the **White Horse Hotel**, which stands next to the Churston Steam Railway station has long been a landmark around the Galmpton and Churston area, but probably little is known about its history or its current owners.

The **White Horse** was built in the mid-19th Century, and was originally known as **Richmond Villa** built by Lord Churston on land, which at the time was part of his estate. When the railway was constructed in the 1860s, Lord Churston (who was on the railway board) sold off part of his estate enabling the line to continue into Kingswear and past the hotel.



The house passed into the hands of John Williams-Bennett, a local schoolmaster, in the 1890s. As his 13 children grew up and moved on, paying guests were taken in and the building became the **White House Hotel**.

During the Second World War it is reputed that General Eisenhower was a guest whilst visiting his U.S. troops practising for the D-Day landings.

However, in the mid-1960s the **White House** became the **White Horse**, as the owner at that time had horse racing connections.

The White Horse Hotel Today

In 1991 the hotel underwent a programme of restoration, which uncovered some very fine examples of Victorian workmanship.

Unfortunately, the hotel was closed in 2000, but in April 2004 the current owners, **Linda, Brian, Jason & Leigh** took over the **White Horse**.

Over the past 18 months they have sympathetically modernised the hotel throughout, and opened its doors again to guests, with a 4-diamond rating from the **English Tourist Council**.

The **White Horse** is now open all year round for guests and for meals, which are all home cooked and prepared from fresh local produce.

If you require any information about the hotel, please contact **Leigh** on **(01803) 842381** or visit our website at www.thewhitehorsehotel.co.uk.

The current owners wish this new village magazine, **THE GAZETTE**, every success, and believe it will become a great asset to the community.