

# THE GUITING GAZETTE

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"DEATH OF A VILLAGE": This was the title of a recent article in the Guardian, concerning Netherbury in Dorset, which is close to Beaminster and not far from Bridport. 70 odd years ago it had a population of about 1000; now it has about 300. Within the last 5 years it has lost two shops, a post office, and a school, and its remaining pub is now due to be demolished. It seems that the brewery, which owns it, owns a plot of land large enough for 7 houses, and is determined to demolish the pub so as to build 7 new houses on this land. This pub has been run by the same people for 50 years, but the present landlady wants to retire. New people would like to take over the pub, but the brewery is not interested.

There has been much local protest about this, since it appears that the pub provides the only meeting-place for the village, where I gather, there is no village hall. But the planners can do nothing to prevent the application going through, because the pub is of no architectural or historical importance whatsoever, and there is adequate access for new houses. Social considerations, it seems, do not count at all.

Otherwise, it is the usual story. Retired people, or people who want holiday houses, have competed for such houses as come on the market, and have inevitably pushed up prices. The locals can't afford these prices, so have to leave, however reluctantly. The new people do not provide children for a local school, and so on. No one can afford to buy premises for a shop, because the turnover would not carry the cost. And ironically, some of the newcomers are concerned that the village is losing its amenities and is no longer the place it used to be when they came to it a few years ago.

An all too familiar story, all over the country, but in this village the decline has been more rapid than in many others. Since it is close to Bridport, as well as Beaminster, I suppose it had little chance: we here at Guiting benefit from being a bit on our own, though quite near to several larger places. In 25 years or so, we have lost our District Nurse, and one shop, but have gained one or two small businesses; we must hope we do not lose anything more. And at least many local people get houses to rent from the Trust.

THE LATE MRS LARGE: We were all sorry to hear of Mrs Large's death yet it was a sorrow mixed with relief for her sake. She had been ill for a long time, and had even had to put up with a broken hip joint resulting from a fall. She and her husband used to live at Pump Bottom, and then retired to a flatlet in Tally-Ho Lane. After his death she went to live with her daughter Janet, to whom, with her family, we send our sympathy.

TETANUS: I am reminded of the danger of tetanus by the death of one of Messrs. Christensen's cattle beast from this horrible organism. It is a bacillus which lives - and can go on living for many years - in the soil, especially when this has been mucked, and which enters the system of men or animals via the blood stream - that is, where there is any injury such as a mere scratch. We knew it was active here when a St. Bernard dog became infected, presumably in the garden at Greenfield House, a few years ago. After treatment, the dog recovered, but cattle, and above all, horses are more vulnerable. Humans can protect themselves by inoculations, which have to be boosted at 5-year intervals. So may I remind all gardeners of the danger if they have not been inoculated - or boosted?

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WEDNESDAY

**WYCH ELM AT DYER'S HILL:** This poor tree survived the original attack of Dutch Elm disease, but eventually succumbed, very sadly. We gave instructions for its felling some months ago, but are told that British Telecom gave been most dilatory in enabling this to be done, by dealing with the telephone wires which would be affected. (I don't know why they still won't use the underground cable which they laid a few years ago, and have failed to find out).

**MISS SCOTT:** "Miss Scott wishes to thank all those who contributed to her presentation. She is grateful for the Cotswold book and for the generous cheque. She is particularly grateful for help and support from many friends in the village during ten happy years in the school".

**GUILTING MANOR FARMS LTD:** We have won the First Malting Barley Prize (and a Cup) for our entry of Maris Otter winter barley in connection with the Moreton Show. And we came third with our entry of Kym spring barley, though understandably enough, the judges would not give two prizes to one competitor.

In general, I have long been against agricultural show prizes in that they seldom consider the practicalities of production, whether of milk or meat or indeed corn crops. But at least this particular competition was concerned with the quality of the product, and not with the appearance of the crop. I have to confess, though, that last year our yields of Otter were very disappointing, as were those of Kym - though I imagine that that applied to other growers as well. The brewers are addicted to Maris Otter, but it is usually a poor yielder on our hills, and is seldom a vigorous plant.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

Raymond Cochrane



### CALENDER OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

To be held in the Village Hall (unless stated elsewhere)

#### JANUARY

Monday	Pre-School Playgroup (Starts 6-1-86)	9.30-12.00
Tuesday	Brownies (Starts 7-1-86)	
Wednesday	Pre-School Playgroup	9.30-12.00
Thursday	Day Centre Badminton Club	12.00 noon 7.30 p.m.
Friday	Pre-School Playgroup	9.30-12.00
Sunday	Badminton Club	7.30 p.m.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Thursday	2nd	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	8th	W.I. Meeting. Slides on Wildlife - Peter Gardner	7.30 p.m.
wednesday	15th	Cheery Club	2.30 p.m.

No other information available.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GUITING POWER

SUNDAY (Eve of Epiphany)	5th	Parish Communion	11.15 a.m.
	12th	Evensong	6.00 p.m.
	19th	Matins	11.15 a.m.
	26th	Evensong	6.00 p.m.

### ST FAITH'S, FARMCOTE

Sunday January	19th	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
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### BAPTIST CHURCH

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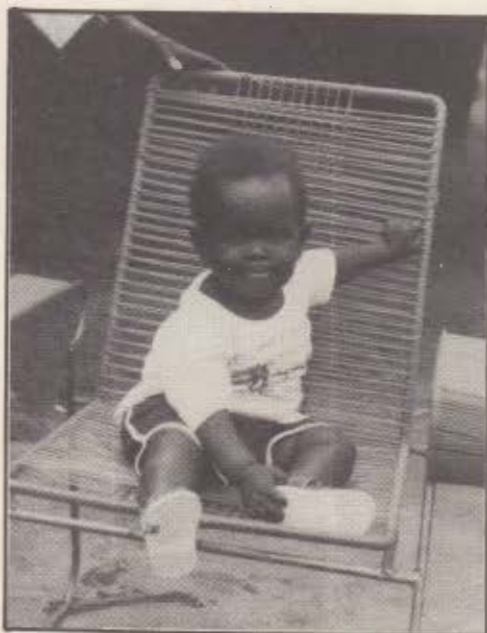
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ACCIDENT ON A40: We have all, I think, been dumbfounded by the outcome of the case, heard at the Oxford Crown Court, in which a driver crashed into Stephen Forbes' car, killing one passenger, Andrew North, and seriously injuring the other, Yvonne Hogan. The driver said he was unaware that he was driving on the wrong side of the road after having overtaken another car. He was found guilty of reckless driving by the jury, but the judge told him that his offence "was very much at the lower end of the scale" according to the Echo. He was fined only £500 and disqualified from driving for only one year. Of course, we haven't got a full report of the case and there may have been mitigating circumstances of which we are unaware, but on the face of it, this was a ghastly offence with ghastly results, and the judge's sentences and comments appear to have been excessively lenient to the culprit. I am sure that we all feel much sympathy with the victims and their families.

SUSPENSION OF THE GAZETTE: We began issuing the Gazette in January, 1977, and I have continued to write comments in it ever since. The purpose was to explain what the Trust was doing and why, since people find it hard to understand what it is all about; to communicate with our tenants and others; and to keep a record of events. It has been partially, but only partially, successful.

Misapprehensions still abound, such as the one that I put the house rents in my pocket. even though this would be illegal as well as immoral! And the record is often incomplete, because for one reason or another - some matter may be sub judice, for example - one cannot always comment on an event at the time. And there have been instances of misrepresentation, accidental or otherwise.

Anyhow, we'll see how things go without the Gazette for the time being, and whether and in what manner we resume its publication. Meanwhile a record of events will be kept, but privately.



Raymond Cochrane

Two years ago, the wife of one of the conservation educators training at Greenfield House gave birth while her husband was away. Charles Kara from Juba in south Sudan so enjoyed his short stay in the village that on return he decided a permanent reminder was in order. Guiting Kara will no doubt look forward to hearing his father tell of life in the English countryside and of the small Cotswold village which gave him his name.



NOTICE - PARISH COUNCIL

COLLECTION OF BULKY HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

There will be a collection of bulky household refuse during the week commencing MONDAY, 17th FEBRUARY 1986. Requests from householders with their name, address and the nature of refuse to be removed should be made to the Cotswold District Council at Moreton in Marsh (0608 50881) at least one week before the collection is due.

See Notice Board for further information.

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CONSTABLE'S PIECE CHARITY

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