

I am sure everyone in Dittisham will agree with me that we are so lucky to have Gary Joy, the best postman in Devon, delivering our post. Last week Gary delivered a very important letter from the Queen to Dittisham resident Jim Newell. Jim celebrated his 100th birthday this weekend. On Friday evening a family party for Jim was held in the Red Lion Inn and on Saturday the festivities continued with a large celebration for both family and village friends at his Dittisham home. Jim made a speech that lasted in excess of half an hour and all without notes – many congratulations Jim.

Last Sunday St George's Church celebrated Harvest Festival. The church was decorated beautifully with fruit and vegetables by the wonderful team of flower arranging ladies. Nothing was wasted; the fruit will go to the local food bank and some of the vegetables were sold to the congregation to benefit Water Aid, a collection was taken with all proceeds also going to Water Aid. Following the service over 40 parishioners enjoyed a roast lunch at the Red Lion Inn.

Talking of roast lunches, we are spoilt in this beautiful village with a choice of venues to enjoy our Sunday roast. The Anchorstone Café will be serving their delicious roast lunch each Sunday up until 3rd November – so there are only a few Sunday's left to sample Claire's 'not to be missed' mouthwatering Yorkshire puddings. Then, from the 10th November, The Ferryboat Inn will start serving their delicious roast lunch each Sunday – bookings are advisable, call them on 01803 722368. Sunday roasts at the The Red Lion Inn are available for advance bookings.

If you enjoyed your school dinners, then don't miss the posh school dinners at 'Nostalgia Night' on Friday 25th October at the Red Lion Inn. Brigitte and Penny will be serving all the old favourites including beef stew and mash, and sausage and mash etc. So book your place and get your school uniform on for a fun evening starting at 7.30pm.

Dittisham Short Mat Bowling Club urgently needs more players or sadly they may have to close. So if you fancy a game of indoor bowls in great company then contact Di and Malcolm Fletcher on 01803 722427 for more information on how you can take part.

Dittisham village residents Ian A'Court and Paul Heighway both gave very interesting and educational lectures this month. Ian, a viticulturist with many years experience, gave a fascinating talk to the ladies of the Dittisham Women's Institute on the History of Grape Growing in England and Wales for the Production of Wine. Paul, an accomplished architect, entertained a large audience in The Flavel with an very informative talk on his work with the restoration of the four churches in Dartmouth, St Saviour's, St Petrox, St Clement's and St Barnabas. We have so much talent in our beautiful little village.

