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Greyface Dartmoor Sheep

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## Events Diary July 2013

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Mon 1st</b>	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	Lunch	<b>Ladies Lunch Group</b>	Rose and Crown, Bradford Abbas
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
	8.45pm	<b>Music Night</b>	Half Moon Inn
<b>Thu 4th</b>	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	<b>WI</b>	"
<b>Fri 5th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 8th</b>	6.00pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tue 9th</b>	7.30pm	<b>North Cheriton Gardeners' Society</b>	North Cheriton Village Hall
<b>Wed 10th</b>	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
<b>Thu 11th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	"
<b>Fri 12th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 15th</b>	6.00pm	Pilates	"
<b>Wed 17th</b>	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
<b>Fri 19th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	6.00pm	Pilates	"
<b>Wed 24th</b>	2.30pm	<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b>	St John's Church

School Holiday July 23rd–September 4th

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<b>Mon 5th</b>	Lunch	<b>Ladies Lunch Group</b>	The Forester, Donhead St. Andrew
<b>Wed 7th</b>	8.45pm	<b>Music Night</b>	Half Moon Inn
<b>Thu 8th</b>	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
<b>Sat 10th</b>	2.30pm	<b>NC Gardeners' Annual Show</b>	North Cheriton Village Hall
<b>Wed 28th</b>	2.30pm	<b>Tea &amp; Chat</b>	St John's Church

*Cover photo provided by Valerie Pratt*

## Becoming a Vet by Daisy Liddle

I have always loved animals; at home we have dogs and guinea pigs and until recent visits from the fox, we had a brood of bantams. I have also been lucky enough to grow up around farm animals and horses and have been riding and helping out at the local riding school, Pevlings, for about two years now.

When I was ten years old, I decided that I would like to be a vet. I then realised soon after that it would take lots of hard work to achieve the results at school and gather the vital work experience needed to be accepted to study veterinary medicine at university. Last summer I was given an amazing opportunity through a family friend to do some work experience with the vets at Delaware, their practice in Castle Cary. As I am particularly interested in large animals this was the perfect practice for me as they allowed me to shadow a farm vet on his rounds to local Somerset farms. I watched routine fertility checks and ultrasound scanning sessions taking place and also experienced detailed description for each process which was also very useful. I was also able to observe two very interesting operations on dairy cattle. The first was to correct a stomach obstruction and was held at the practice, making use of the amazing facilities that they have at Delaware. I was given the opportunity to listen to the heart beat as the cow was under sedation and had each manoeuvre explained to me. The second operation was performed in more basic conditions on a local farm which involved a cow with a displaced abomasum. Thankfully the vet was able to correct this and save the cow. Watching these operations was incredibly interesting and exciting for me and I felt very privileged to be able to see them first hand.



I was also able to go behind the scenes at the small animal clinic and spend some time with the vets there in the consulting rooms and observing in the operating theatre. I have often accompanied my own dogs to the vets and wondered what happens behind the scenes, so to experience an appointment from the vets' perspective was really fascinating.

There was a slight question that I feel I have confirmed in my own mind now – large or small animals? I would prefer to deal with large animals either in the UK or abroad once I have completed that long road of dedication I have ahead.

I am very grateful to Delaware Vets for the time I spent with them last summer and hope that throughout this year, as I study for my GCSE's, I will be able to gain more of this invaluable experience at other local practices and farms.

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## Sheep Showing

by Valerie Pratt

Sometimes in the middle of the night as I try to deal with a large, first time lamber in denial over a wet, cold and vociferous pair of twins that she has just struggled to produce and is now rejecting, I wonder why I ever decided to keep and breed sheep. I keep Greyface Dartmoors, middle sized long wools. You may have seen them in various paddocks as you walk round the marsh. I used to do some weaving and in 1988 I bought two ewes for their fleece. The kind people who transported them had just bought a Greyface Dartmoor ram and that is how my shepherding began.



I have reduced my flock in the last five years or so from seventy plus to thirty but that is still a hundred and twenty feet to trim. After spending several hours with individuals, preparing their fleece for showing, trying to train them to walk on a halter and sometimes bringing them home from shows with champion rosettes and silver trophies, it is very hard to part with them or eat them.

The “Sheep Keeping” course lecturer at Kingston Maurwood began his very first lecture by saying “The main intent of a sheep is to die” and it sometimes seems so, but I try to keep them alive and well. My sheep are checked twice a day, the ewes much more frequently at lambing time. Young stock and in-lamb ewes are fed. Show sheep have to be “up in condition” too, especially the big rams. Last winter was a costly one with hay and food for all of them.

My new handsome ram has worked well and now there are two paddocks of leaping lambs with rather muddy mothers. Cold, dry weather is better for sheep than the autumn and winter.

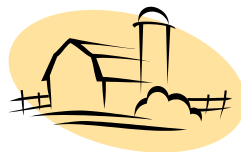
When entry forms arrive from the Devon County Show and the Bath and West, I am looking thoughtfully at mothers and children to enter for the ewe and lamb classes. But I have learned never to pick one out too soon or else it will hang itself on a hurdle or eat arum lily and die. A lamb’s life is full of hazards.

After the first “three day shows” comes shearing. The ewes carry upwards of ten pounds weight of wool, the rams upwards of twenty. For several years there was not enough income from the wool to pay for the shearing. Last year there was not even enough for the shepherd to have a share.

Summer shows are usually one day shows, very social occasions but none the less competitive. We all like to win but the Greyface Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association is very friendly and we all accept that the judges are, after all, only human – and sometimes get things wrong! So as August ends and September comes, the rams are put back to work with the ewes again and another shepherd’s year begins.

## Farming in Horsington in 1941

by Susan Maltin



In 1939 the Ministry of Agriculture began a survey of farms with a view to increasing food production. Once the food needs had been met, the surveys formed the basis of post-war agricultural planning.

A look at these records reminds us that in 1941 Horsington was predominantly a farming community with 24 farms included in the survey. Of these, 14 were tenanted, and 10 were owner/occupied. What is interesting is that only 15 claim to be full time farms, 5 were 'hobby farmers' and 3 were part time, usually also working as farming contractors. The 'hobby farms' were Horsington Manor, Manor Farm, Coombe Cross, Stowell Hill, and Horsington Grange.

The questions in the survey were wide ranging and so we learn that only a quarter of the farmhouses were in good condition, the other three quarters were merely fair. There doesn't seem to be any correlation between the tenanted farms and the farmhouses in good or fair condition. In the section for general comments we learn that the buildings at Pevlings and Dark Harbour Farms were thought to be inadequate, but that a great deal of hedging and ditching was necessary at Marsh Barn Farm where the farmer had serious labour difficulties. The occupiers of the White Horse Inn farm were described as 'very negligible', but with only 20 acres and no livestock this was not on a par with the farms in the parish. The buildings at Manor Farm South Cheriton and also at Burnt House Farm were adequate but 'obsolete with many lesser dilapidations'.

Living as we do in an area with frequent flooding, it is interesting that whereas the condition of the outbuildings and fences was mixed, the condition of the field drainage was mostly good, with only 4 farms reporting fair.

Infestation of pests does not seem to have been an issue, with no problems from rabbits, moles, rats or mice listed. A couple of farms had problems with rooks and pigeons, and 5 had weed problems – Marsh Barn Farm, Lower Cheriton Farm, the White Horse, Wilkinthroop Estate Farm, and Coombe Cross. Maltkiln was reported as having suffered considerable loss due to wireworm. We thus have a picture of land which is on the whole well farmed with attention paid to the drainage of the fields.

What is perhaps more surprising is how few of the 24 farms had piped water to either the house or yard. Only 14 farms had piped water to the house, with 17 having piped water to the farm, usually to a trough in the yard. 13 farms had water piped to the fields. This seems to show that farmers were more concerned with the wellbeing of their livestock than the convenience for their wives in the house!

Electricity gives us the same sort of picture, reminding us what life must have been like not that long ago. Of the 24 farms, only 11 farmhouses had electric light: Horsington Manor, Pevlings, Lower Cheriton Farm, Manor Farm, Manor Farm South Cheriton, Wilkinthroop Estate Farm, Throop Farm, Coombe Cross, Stowell Hill Farm, Horsington Grange, and Lower Farm. Only 4 farms said that they used electricity on the farm and these, perhaps predictably were: Horsington Grange, Wilkinthroop Estate, Pevlings, and Manor Farm.

We next come to the arrival of mechanisation on the farm. There were only 9 tractors, but there were still as many as 102 horses listed.

The farms with a tractor were Horsington Manor, Maltkiln Farm, Lower Cheriton Farm, Cheriton House Farm, Manor Farm South Cheriton, Throop Farm, Coombe Cross Farm, Stowell Hill Farm, and Home Farm.

Most of the farmers kept cattle – they do not specify whether dairy or beef. 12 farms had more than 50 cattle with an average of 5 horses each. Most of the remaining farms had between 20 and 40 cattle, with just 1 or 2 horses each.

The following table lists the cattle and horses for those with more than 50 cattle.

<b>Farm</b>	<b>Cattle</b>	<b>Horses</b>
Throop Farm	108	6
Home Farm	103	6
Lois Farm	100	6
Marsh Barn Farm	93	4
Gould's House	89	6
Maltkiln	87	4
Manor Farm South Cheriton	81	5
Ringmarsh Farm	80	3
Coombe Cross	69	4
Burnt House Farm	64	5
Wilkinthroop Estate Farm	60	11
Manor Farm	55	3

The size of the farms varies considerably. Those with more than 100 acres were:

Throop Farm	256 acres
Manor Farm South Cheriton	225 acres
Maltkiln Farm	219 acres
Home Farm	215 acres
Coombe Cross	212 acres
Gould's Farm	185 acres
Ringmarsh	167 acres
Wilkins Throop Estate	166 acres
Lower Cheriton Farm	158 acres
Lois Farm	153 acres
Marsh Barn Farm	143 acres
Manor Farm	128 acres
Dark Harbour Farm	128 acres
Hull Farm	116 acres
Horsington Manor	112 acres
Burnt House Farm	105 acres

From the Rector

It is strange to me that one of the first things I find myself talking about, when I bump into someone, is the weather! Indeed, when I sit down to write these few words it's often the weather that leaps into my mind first!! Don't worry, that's the last of the rather over-used exclamation marks. Someone once said that they thought the weather was so prominent in our conversation as British folk, because our weather is so changeable. That makes sense to me. I, and I am sure you, are grateful for a few days (weeks, please) of nice warm weather – summer at last (I stopped myself using an exclamation mark just in time).

We were spoilt earlier in the year when we were able to go to Australia to visit our son and family who live just outside Sydney. There we 'enjoyed' temperatures as high as 40°C at Uluru (Ayers Rock) and a refreshingly cool 15°C in the Blue Mountains. I did not expect to enjoy Australia – but did – and I enjoyed it very much – and when we came back to very cold temperatures at the end of March I could only longingly recall being warm in Oz.

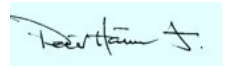
When I was at Horsington Church this morning, it was good to see that the ridge tiles have at last been fitted (is that the right word?). It signals that the work is almost complete, and soon the scaffolding will be down. It is great, and a great relief that this piece of essential maintenance work has been done. It could only have been achieved with the help of many folk in the parish. We are also grateful to the grant-making bodies who gave us significant help, although those bodies often only give help if we have achieved a certain level of fundraising locally. We are grateful to those who were able to give one-off gifts which gave us the funds in hand that we needed to start the project. We are no less grateful to those who have committed to give over a period of time. That commitment enabled us to borrow from funds we otherwise could not have touched and as those gifts come in over the next three years we will repay those loans.

In the New Testament God's Temple is described as being people – those who commit themselves to following Jesus, and acknowledging his kingship. As important as maintaining our places of worship is – and it is important – even more important is being a community of people who live out what it means to be made in the image of God. Only by doing that, by being instruments of God's peace, can we end so much that is horrible in the world.

The true warmth that we all need is not the temperature outside, but the warmth of human companionship, friendship and love. This is at the heart of how God made us - in his image: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Go with God.

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## ***Combating Rural and Urban Poverty – Jean Handy***

The P.C.C. has agreed to try and help those experiencing poverty. The Lord's Larder, which we support at harvest time, gives parcels to those in need. We are asking everyone who visits the church to donate a can, jar or packet whenever they attend. A box will be provided at the back of the church for these donations. They will then be taken to the Lord's Larder centre that serves this area. If you want to support us and don't visit the church, Andrew at the Half Moon Inn has agreed to have a box in the porch for donations.

Thank you.



## July Services

### St John the Baptist, Horsington

7<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am Holy Communion and Sunday School  
14<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am Morning Prayer  
21<sup>st</sup> July 9.15am Holy Communion  
28<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

### **Horsington Churchwardens**

Mrs Anne Jones  
370626  
Mrs Rosemarie Wigley  
371478

### St Nicholas, Henstridge

7<sup>th</sup> July 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP); 11am All Age Worship; 6.30pm Evensong  
14<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Holy Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> July 11.00am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Evensong  
28<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am Holy Communion

### St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

7<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am All Age Worship  
14<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Holy Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> July 11.00am Morning Praise  
28<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Holy Communion

### TEA AND CHAT

Join us for a cup of tea and a  
biscuit in St John's Church,  
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Last Wednesday of the month  
during the summer from  
2.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August

## August Services

### St John the Baptist, Horsington

4<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am Holy Communion  
11<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am Morning Prayer  
18<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am Holy Communion  
25<sup>th</sup> August 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

### St Nicholas, Henstridge

4<sup>th</sup> August 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP); 11am All Age Worship; 6.30pm Evensong  
11<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am Holy Communion  
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## Garden Watch by Muddy Wellies

### The July/August Garden

This is the time of year we should be starting to enjoy the fruits of our labour, basil should be reaching its best together with broad beans, currants and cherries, if you manage to beat the birds to the best ones! Cabbage, carrots, courgettes, grapes, pears, plums, sweetcorn and tomatoes should be coming along nicely and the plants of a size the slugs and snails can no longer decimate and leave in a wilted mess for you to find later.



July's arrival heralds the time to prune deciduous shrubs such as choisya, jasmine and philadelphus, once they have finished flowering. It is also time to trim back hawthorn and hornbeam hedges. Deadhead climbing and rambling roses and also large and cluster flowering roses, to encourage a second flush of flowers. Feed them with a rose fertilizer and tie in the vigorous new shoots on climbers and ramblers when they develop. Try to keep any plants from flopping over lawn edges, as they will create bare patches on the grass. Cut back early flowering perennials such as achillea, delphiniums, lupins and salvia superbas, as they will often flower again. Keep tying in tall plants to their supports and deadhead annuals regularly. Continue to water containers, feeding weekly with liquid fertilizer. You will also need to keep watering the veg. patch as the weather conditions dictate, as well as hoeing the area on a regular basis. Finish planting out purple sprouting broccoli and brussel sprouts, earthing them up if your garden is windy, to give them a more stable base to grow from. Also plant out winter cabbage and leeks and sow calabrese, winter salad crops and swiss chard, as the warm soil should get them off to a flying start at this time. I know it doesn't feel as if you should even be thinking about winter yet, but you need to plan ahead!

At the end of this month, if plants have not been too delayed in development, they usually manage to catch up with themselves. Lift shallots and onions and spread out on the soil to dry. Pick herbs, including lavender, for drying. Finish thinning apples and pears and tie in replacement shoots on peaches. Pick berry fruits as they ripen and support branches of any trees you may be lucky enough to have heavily laden with fruit. Remember we all welcome a little support now and again!

August is the month for harvesting your main crop potatoes and thinning congested bunches of grapes (using scissors), if you are lucky enough to have a productive vine. Keep watering and feeding greenhouse cucumbers regularly, cutting the fruits as soon as they reach a good size and pinching off side shoots. Mist with water every morning to raise humidity and deter red spider mite. Feed tomatoes and peppers with high potash fertilizer.

Remove crops once they have stopped being productive, bolted radishes and lettuce take up valuable growing space. Use this freed up space to plant out your brassicas and young pot-raised salads. Regularly hoe between crops to stop weed seedlings getting established – try to hoe on a dry sunny morning, so that the weed seedlings dry out on the soil surface during the day and are unable to re-root.

Trim conifer hedges, remember not to cut back into old wood or you will create bare patches. Remove suckers from shrubs and roses. Trim lavender after flowering, this will help to keep plants compact, then drench the surrounding soil with liquid fertilizer. Prune wisteria and shorten all new long stems to about 20cms.

As always, find time to wander round or sit down quietly and enjoy all your hard work, after all it was for your benefit and satisfaction you worked so hard, wasn't it?

Here are a few tips to avoid and stop the problem of bolting at this time of year:

- Regularly sow small quantities of seed directly outdoors – particularly lettuce, salad leaves, spring onions and radishes.
- Mulch crops to retain moisture around the roots.
- Remove flowering spikes as soon as they appear, to gain a little more cropping time.
- If swiss chard bolts, cut it hard back and water well to encourage a flush of soft young leaves ideal for salads.
- Be vigilant and harvest your crops regularly and when they are young and at their best.

## A Community Radio Station For Wincanton And Surrounding Area

by Dave Boniface

If you are involved in any form of community group in the Wincanton area, or community issues at any level, then this **should** be of interest to you.

Community radio is a separate tier of broadcasting; different from both commercial radio and BBC radio, and each station is separately owned and run on a **Not-For-Profit** basis. Community Radio stations are NOT just about providing entertainment. They're about filling in gaps in the programming provided by main stream media, that is relevant to local community.

They are run by local volunteers and groups and bring community benefits such as training, community news and focused discussion, as well as general entertainment programming.

They are the mouth piece of a community and are intended to reflect community life, attitudes and aspirations.

Historically the residents of this area have had imagination, drive and ability, such as those individuals who in 1605 organised Wincanton's first Carnival, or those who were involved in bringing fresh water supply pipes or gas lighting to the area in the 1700s and 1800s.

I would like to think that this imagination and drive is still alive and well, quick to appreciate and prepared to support the benefits that a LOCAL Community Radio Station could bring. To show your support, find out more information, or to discuss getting involved with the project, you can find us on [www.prioryradio.co.uk](http://www.prioryradio.co.uk), or e-mail on [priorycommunity.radio.project@gmail.com](mailto:priorycommunity.radio.project@gmail.com), or call us on **07445 968158**.

# Horsington Church of England Primary School

## Seen and heard at Kilve Court (All true)

by Mary Alexander

*Every year in the summer term, Horsington School year 5 and 6 pupils go to Kilve Court Outdoor Education Centre accompanied by their patient teachers and support teachers.*



*oooooooooooo*

Unpack everything and put it away. Make your beds and put your nightwear on your bed.

How many bags of sweets have you brought?

You've only brought one pair of trousers but you have got a football, oh good!

Have you really never put a pillow in a pillow case?

Yes, those pyjamas are yours they have your name in. You may have never seen them before but they have your name in. Well someone must have named them and put them in your bag. Yes, you are going to wear them!

Have you got that pillow in that pillow case yet?

You may have had a shower but you are still muddy, have another go, and another...

How come your hair is still dry if you have washed it?

Where have you put your wet dirty clothing? On top of your clean dry clothing!

Is that pillow in its case yet?

I don't know what you ordered for dinner!

Have you got your wellies?

When did you last see them?

Yes, it is time for bed.

You can't be out of bed again! You've been to the toilet 17 times already!

Bed!

Why are you naked in the wardrobe?

Why aren't you wearing your pyjamas? Yes they are yours, **THEY HAVE YOUR NAME IN.**

Why isn't your pillow in a pillow case?

How many pairs of trousers are you wearing for the stream walk? They won't keep you warm, they'll just get wet. Well take off two pairs at least! You can't get them off because they're too tight!

You don't need to wake someone up to go to the toilet with you at 2am, especially not me.

There are no ghosts.

It's only 5am.

It's only 5.30am...5.35....5.40... 5.45....

8am, time to get up!

When you knock you are meant to wait for me to say 'Come in!' It's your own fault if you walk in and get a shock! Even teachers don't look their best at this time of day.

Teachers aren't meant to know about midnight feasts. Do none of you read Enid Blyton!

A waterproof jacket is more use if it has a hood! It has a hood, it's detachable and it's at home!

Why are you wearing your pyjamas? You were told to pack everything. Well didn't you think you might need some clothes to wear?

It all came in that bag so it all has to go back in that bag.

Whose socks?

Whose towel?

Whose pants?

Yes, we had a great time.

The children were fantastic.

Can't wait to go again next year.

## **Horsington Church of England Primary School Academy conversion**

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Information Meetings on Thursday 6 June. The questions and answers raised at those meetings have now been uploaded to the school's website on the academy conversion page [www.horsingtonprimary.co.uk](http://www.horsingtonprimary.co.uk).

I wanted to let you know that we are now approaching the end of the consultation period. The consultation period began on 17 April 2013 and will end on 1 July 2013. A summary of the activities that have happened within the consultation period have also been uploaded to the school's website, to ensure that as many people as possible have had an opportunity to find out about our conversion to becoming an academy.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email [LJAllen1@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:LJAllen1@educ.somerset.gov.uk) .

Lorna Allen, Chair of Governors

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## Bird Watch

by Keith Davies

One family of birds that is thriving nationwide is the Crow family. And we are no exception with a large local population of Jackdaws, Rooks and Carrion Crows in particular. We also have our fair share of Magpies and Jays. Traditionally regarded by many as vermin the numbers of these birds have often been controlled by gamekeepers and land owners. All of them will at times rob nests of other birds, taking eggs or nestlings. But they are omnivorous and opportunistic when it comes to finding food. A major part of their diet is invertebrates and that is why they are so common on local fields, particularly recently ploughed ones.

The Jackdaw is easily recognized with its grey nape and greyish white eye but the Carrion Crow and Rook are often mistaken. They are similar in size but the Carrion Crow is jet black with no other distinctive features whilst the Rook is a duller shade with a white based bill. These birds roost communally and there is a large winter roost in the woods north of Goathill Lane which runs from the Toll House towards Charlton Horethorne.

The largest member of the Crow family is the Raven. This bird is also on the increase as its persecution has waned over recent years. Largely concentrated in the west and north of Britain its range is gradually expanding and it can be seen locally from time to time, usually flying overhead making its deep croaking call as it passes through. It sometimes rests up for a day or two in some of the taller Scots pines we have locally. Larger than a Buzzard, with a very heavy bill and shaggy throat, it is an imposing sight. It feeds mainly on carrion and has traditionally been blamed by farmers for losses of lambs.

The final member of the Crow family is the only one that will not be seen locally and that is the Chough. This is a bird of the coastal cliffs. There are only about five hundred pairs in Britain, but they can be seen easily in Cornwall, particularly at the The Lizard, where the RSPB has a major conservation project. They are worth seeking out because they are the most dashing and graceful crow with a long thin red bill. They are also supreme in the air with long steep dives and tumbling manoeuvres amongst the cliffs. They do not exhibit the nest robbing activities of the rest of the crow family but restrict their diet to invertebrates, grain and berries.



Carrion Crow, Rook & Jackdaws in Horsington



Raven in Foxcombe Lane



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Linda Jones will give a talk on orchids

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Show

**Please call Pat Holmes (370017) for further information.**



Our total Christian Aid Collection this year amounted to £222.00 with an addition of £65 gift aid, marginally up on last year. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

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### **Kirsty Andrews is fund raising for Asthma UK and the YDH Stroke Unit!**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Lucy Mackay and I will be cycling 56 miles from London to Brighton to raise funds for YDH Stroke Unit and Asthma UK. Both causes are very close to my heart. My Dad, Guy Taylor, suffered a stroke in 2012 and the support and dedication of the Yeovil Hospital Stroke team was second to none in aiding his recovery. Half the money raised will go towards purchasing a much needed piece of equipment for the unit.

Ruby, my youngest daughter, has had severe asthma from a very young age. Ruby's asthma is controlled using steroids and hospital visits. Asthma UK is dedicated to improving the health of the 5.2 million people who have asthma in the UK.

At a fundraising event in the Maddocks Pavillion, Wincanton on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June we raised £2881.90. We would very much like to add to this amazing sum.



If you would like to donate please visit <http://www.doitforcharity.com/KirstyAndrews>

*(Kirsty will update everyone on how she and Lucy got on and the final sum raised in an article in an Autumn issue of Villager)*

### **Jerusalem and Palestine**, a talk by Sir Anthony Goodenough at St. John's Church on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Sir Anthony Goodenough gave a stimulating talk on Jerusalem and Palestine. He showed slides of the famous sites of the city, but said that he was obliged to restrict his descriptions of the area because of the long, convoluted and controversial history of the area. But we still learnt a great deal about how the map of this part of the Middle East has changed over the years and the reasons for these changes.

Sir Anthony has for some time been involved with the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital which does such excellent work to save and improve the sight of thousands of patients in the area every year. He told us something of the work done by this historic and effective charity.

The evening was enlivened from the audience during "questions" at the end, with comments from a local Palestinian gentleman from Sherborne, and from Brigadier John Deverill who has recently had an appointment in Palestine.

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