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## **Events Diary October 2013**

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tues 1st	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 2nd	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 3rd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	W.I. The Story of Country Cheeses	"
Fri 4th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 7th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group	Three Horseshoes, Batcombe
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 8th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners' Society	North Cheriton Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 9th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 10th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 11th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 14th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 15th	10.30am	Upholstery	n n
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 16th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 18th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 19th	6.45/7.00pr	n Race Night	"
Mon 21st	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 22nd	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 23rd	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	Film: Lincoln (2012)	King Arthurs
Thu 24th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 25th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 26th	6.00pm	Concert – A Feast of Songs & Arias	St John's Church
Mon 28th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 29th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 30th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 31st	10.00am	Art	"

#### British Legion Charity Picnic

A Charity Picnic on behalf of the British Legion was held on Sunday 11th August 2013 in the garden of Bob and Jeanette McCreery's house at Throop Farm, Cabbage Lane. A total of approximately £2000 was raised. Sincere thanks to all involved in organising the event and to all those that participated and contributed.



FUTURE EVENT: HOME FARM TRUST (hft), ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 10.00am-1.30pm, WINCANTON MEMORIAL HALL.

#### Gill Elston by John Vallins

Twenty years ago, when we arrived in Horsington, we found ourselves, almost before the removal van had been unpacked, involved in the management of the Village Hall. And it was at once apparent that, alongside June Wood, Chair of the Parish Council, Gill Elston was the presiding genius. I did not at first know that the remarkable drive and professionalism that were then so evident, and so largely responsible for the Hall's extension and rebirth, had once been exercised in spheres more exotic than Horsington and South Cheriton.

But Gill's earlier life had included a rare variety of work experience, chiefly with the BBC, where, at first, she worked on the 'Today' programme. Some of us will recall those times when Jack de Manio was the genial presenter of that popular magazine. The next job was in the studio for the flagship 'Ten O'Clock' programme, broadcast live, with cabinet ministers and other notables coming and going, part of the everyday experience. Then, in the early sixties, Gill worked for a year in Paris with UNESCO. This was when the turmoil over France's relationship with Algeria was something Gill experienced first hand; she was blown out of bed by a terrorist bomb exploding next door to her lodging.

After Paris, a spell in Greece was followed by return to the BBC, this time in Television Outside Broadcasts. Gill was there in Number 10 when Robin Day interviewed Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, and at Westminster Abbey for the dedication of the memorial stone to Winston Churchill. Contrasting events covered included a Jimmy Hendrix concert and state visits to Belgium and Canada by Her Maiesty the Queen.

I used to wonder who thought up the questions put to the victim in the Mastermind Black Chair? So it aroused my healthy respect when the first thing I was told about Gill was that she wrote general questions for Mastermind. Her husband, Jeremy, had been a professor at Leeds University, and it was while their two daughters were in secondary education that Gill had taken on the Mastermind work. It involved meticulous research to achieve detailed multiple verification of answers, and it was something she did for 16 years.

So, for a lot of reasons, it was a great stroke of good fortune for our two villages that when Jeremy took early retirement from Leeds University, he and Gill retired to the heart of Horsington. If they had not done so, our village hall would be a lot smaller and our villages' lives much poorer.

Cover photo provided by Gill Elston

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## Praise for pupils and staff at Horsington School

Mr Rumbelow is very pleased to share this letter with readers of the Villager. It was received as an unsolicited email from an Ofsted Lead Inspector who just happened to be acting as a guide around Corfe Castle on his day off.

Dear Mr Rumbelow,

One of your classes Years 5/6 visited Corfe Castle today and I had the pleasure of being their guide. I undertake voluntary tours each Thursday as a break from my profession.

The main reason for this brief note is to praise the exemplary behaviour of all of your pupils during the visit, despite the hot weather. I was also extremely impressed with their knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm for the topic of Castles. They demonstrated a knowledge that far surpassed many other schools that I have led, including secondary schools.

Mrs Alexander was fully in control, yet allowed the children to have considerable freedom and no child abused this privilege. The pupils related well to Mrs Alexander and also the accompanying teacher, TA(s) and other adults.

I used one of your pupils as a visual aid and 'guinea pig' for questions – I believe his name was Harry, and his knowledge of history was outstanding.

I am an LI for Ofsted and had just completed a full two-day inspection. Today was a break from 'report writing' and the involvement with your pupils made it such a pleasurable experience for me. I would be grateful if you could pass on my congratulations to your pupils and also to the leadership of Mrs Alexander, they were all a great credit to your school.

Best wishes Mike Randall

Mr Randall is happy to allow this letter to be printed in the Villager magazine

## **Horsington Race Night**

To be held at the Village Hall In aid of St John's Church & Horsington Church of England Primary School

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – 6.45pm for 7pm start
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## Bulk buy fuel for your home with a 0% loan!

Keep your home warm this winter. It is prudent to be thinking ahead especially when it comes to bulk buying fuel for the winter as prices can be cheaper when the weather is fine.

The Somerset West Private Sector Housing Partnership have re-launched a 0% finance scheme enabling **homeowners and tenants** to bulk buy up to £500 of fuel for their household.

Wessex Resolutions CIC, a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, administers the scheme on behalf of the local authority partnership. Mel Richards, Development & Delivery Manager at Wessex Resolutions said "Many households in Somerset rely on oil, Calor gas, coal or wood to heat their homes and may struggle to afford large payments up front. Borrowing £300 means repayments of £50 per month over 6 months with no interest added and no other fees or charges. The scheme also covers Thermostatic Radiator Valves and room thermostats, including installation".

Anyone interested in the scheme should call Wessex Resolutions on 01823 461099 to make an appointment for an adviser to make a home visit to discuss the scheme. There is no requirement to be in receipt of benefits and households, whether owned or rented, with less than £35,000 total income are eligible to apply for interest free finance.

#### New Exam

#### You only need 4 correct answers out of 10 to pass.....

- 1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2. Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3. From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6. The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7. What was King George VI's first name?
- 8. What colour is a purple finch?
- 9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

(answers on page 14)

#### **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

by Marsh Warbler

In this modern world, life is ruled by signs; some boast warnings or advice, others promote products without which your life is apparently incomplete but, by far the most sinister of all, are those that stem from the creative imagination of the gnomes of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The 'Mission Statement' of the HSE seems determined simply to eliminate common sense. Few areas are exempt from its reach and certainly not the sleepy south west of England.

If you drive to Blandford (or 'Blanford' as it now appears on a roadsign by the new roundabout in Wincanton) down the A357 you will cross the River Stour at Durweston. Look to your left as you cross the bridge and note the telephone number for 'Mobile Denture Repairs!' How invaluable is that? Closer to home, by the sleepy Horsington pond, a sign brazenly announces 'Be Aware Deep Water'. Without punctuation it is unclear whether it is I who should be aware of the deep water or the deep water that should be wary of me. While skirting smartly around the question 'when does shallow water become deep?' it is however encouraging to be reminded that man and element should entertain a mutual respect.

One area that has thus far escaped the ravages of the HSE is the British Waterway system, especially the Llangollen canal. On a waterway beset with hazards not least among which is water that is unmistakeably deep, dark, dank and probably full of bilharzia and alligators there is not one sign to colour your judgement. How refreshing! Even more impressive is the lack of warnings when you edge your narrow boat across the Pontcysyllte aqueduct (roughly pronounced Pont-ker-sucklter). This masterpiece of the Victorian engineer Thomas Telford is 307m long and carries a castiron trough 1.6m deep over the River Dee at an average height of 38m. For those unfamiliar with narrow boats, the steering deck is about 30cm above the edge of the trough. On one side is a footpath with a robust safety barrier while to the other is ... nothing! This means that, without any intervention from the gnomes of HSE, one is free to step smartly sideways to certain death below. To parody the late, great Neil Armstrong this would amount to "One small step for man; one silent heap of mankind!" So HSE: When needed most, where are you?

(with thanks to Adrian Pratt)



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## **Bird Watch**

by Keith Davies

So how many different species of birds are there within the parish boundary of Horsington and South Cheriton?

Well we now have a pretty good idea following the completion of two recent bird surveys. Firstly, the British Trust for Ornithology carried out a national bird census ending in the summer of 2011. This work was supplemented in 2012 by further survey work organised by the Somerset Ornitho-

logical Society with the aim of publishing a detailed Bird Atlas for Somerset. As a result of all this work the bird life of our parish has been covered in detail.

Results show that we have sixty three different species of birds that are with us throughout the year – our resident birds. The most numerous of these are the common birds we see on our fields such as the Crow, Pigeon and Dove families. We also have very small numbers of typical farmland birds like Yellowhammer, Skylark and Linnet. Although we have no major woodlands we do have a good coverage of mature trees and hedges and thus we have the woodland birds like Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers and most members of the Tit family. Similarly we have all the birds usually seen in gardens and villages such as Robins, Blackbirds, House Sparrows and Goldfinches.



Goldfinches-A resident species



Common Whitethroat-A summer visitor

In spring and summer these resident birds are augmented by migrants from Southern Europe and Africa. These total fourteen and include the Swallows, House Martins, Swifts and the Warbler family which include Chiffchaff, Garden Warbler, Blackcap and Lesser and Common Whitethroat.

After these summer visitors depart a different fourteen species of birds start to arrive for the winter. These include Fieldfares and Redwings from Scandinavia. And winter wildfowl from eastern and northern Europe such as Snipe, Woodcock, Teal and Wigeon that find our flooded fields to their liking. Also the occasional Siskin and Brambling puts in an appearance.

Add in a further five species that are either vagrants or simply just passing through on

migration journeys and the overall total of species recorded in our parish is ninety six. This is a typical number for an inland area that lacks a coastline or large body of water, both of which would attract a greater variety of birdlife. Whilst it is welcome news that we have this number of bird species locally the sobering thought is that the numbers of some of the species are very low and many of the summer migrants are in steep decline.

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#### From the Rector

#### Greetings:

It's October – and in my diary that means Harvest Festival! For the first time three parishes in our Benefice are celebrating Harvest on the same day  $-6^{th}$  October. Our Service in Horsington is at the usual time of 9.15am. It's the same Sunday when we usually have Sunday School – so we hope children will come with their families.

Harvest Thanksgiving ought to be something high on our agenda. Food, and its production is not now, or ever, something that should be taken for granted. A few years back the government seemed to be taking the issue of food security very seriously. I remember listening to programmes about it on the radio. But I've not heard a dickie-bird more recently. Only reports about how farming has been adversely affected by the strange weather we've had during the last few years. Not long ago there were reports about a burger that was made in a laboratory. It was seen as a possible solution to the food shortages being predicted as the world's population grows and grows. Children in primary schools are being encouraged to grow things so that they know where food comes from – and associate what's on their plate with the food they've grown.

To be mindful of where our food comes from, and the folk who work to produce, prepare and distribute it has to be good. Harvest is one of those times when we can be very deliberately mindful – to remember and pray for folk involved in food production. And, of course, to give thanks to God who made the good earth, and gives us the skills to produce the food we need.

Do join us for Harvest Thanksgiving – it will be good to see you.

Peter Hallett - halatvic @btinternet.com

## St John the Baptist, Horsington

Oct 6th	9.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 13th	11am	Morning Prayer
Oct 20th	9.15am	Holy Communion
Oct 27th	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

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#### Horsington Churchwardens

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## St Nicholas, Henstridge

Oct 6th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Harvest Worship for all Ages
	6.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Oct 20th	11am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
Oct 27th	11am	Holy Communion

## St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

Oct 6th	11am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Oct 20th	11am	Morning Praise
Oct 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### **LONDON TO BRIGHTON CYCLE RIDE**

by Kirsty Andrews

After another awful year involving more trips to A&E with Ruby and during which my Father suffered a Stroke (he was lucky to survive), I decided on New Year's Eve 2012 to find something positive to focus on the following year. Something that could assist the people who had helped those closest to me – Yeovil Hospital Stroke Unit and Asthma UK. I decided I would embark on a bike ride and 'Do it for Charity/London to Brighton Cycle Ride' (54 miles) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September was the result of my google. I can do that, I thought, I have plenty of months to train and how hard can it be anyway. However, not wanting to go it alone, I knew exactly who I would ask to join me, Ruby's Godmother, Lucy Mackay, with whom I have shared many happy life experiences and who adores Ruby as much as I do.

Knowing there was no going back, I registered Lucy and myself, together with a friend, Amanda Tribe, whose son also suffers from severe asthma. We researched bikes, purchased new sets of wheels and

began our training in earnest. This went well, starting with short distances and gradually building up – regularly tackling the hills in Stowell, Hull Lane, Charlton Horethorne and Shepton Montague. Although the training was somewhat curtailed, when a nasty fall down some stone steps resulted in me being taken into hospital with two suspected broken legs! Thankfully I had not broken either leg, but badly damaged my shins and ankles, so I left the hospital on crutches, still thinking how long before I could start to retrain.

The day dawned and all the training was put into good use. We stayed the night before in a hotel opposite the start on Clapham Common; the alarm went off at 4.45am and three nervous ladies were ready to embark on one of their biggest challenges to date. We were 4th in the line to register and at 6.15am we were given a map, told to follow the pink arrows



Kirsty Andrews, Lucy Mackay and Amanda Tribe by Brighton Seafront

on sign posts and enjoy. I felt so nervous setting off through London; the streets were quiet and so were we, as we wondered what lay ahead. The first twenty miles were enjoyable and went quickly, a few tricky hills, but not unmanageable. We went through some beautiful places, with the welcome sight of people lining the roads and cheering us on. Although I must say that nothing could have prepared us for the Ditchling Beacon! I remember thinking there is no way I will make it to the top and still be alive, it was never ending – in our thoughts a mile long piece of pure hell! For those of you who don't know it, Ditchling Beacon is the third-highest point on the South Downs in S. E. England. However the reward is stunning views and the long descent to Brighton where, after many hours in the saddle, you welcome the sign that says Brighton 5 miles. I felt so many different emotions in those last few miles - pain, pride, sadness and a huge sense of achievement - and my silence encouraged Lucy to jolly me along by singing me lovely tunes!! I will never forget the feeling I had when we came onto the seafront, with hundreds of people shouting their congratulations and cheering us in, but best of all the sight of the proud faces of our lovely families. It was a moment I will treasure. We wore our medals with pride, remembering each and every hill we had cycled to get it. Now for next year's challenge... Lucy and I would like to thank everyone who sponsored us, including Tim Williams of Cale Cabs Wincanton, who got us safely there and back. Thanks also for the support and donations of prizes for our earlier Charity Night. In total we have raised more than £3,000 which will help both causes greatly.

#### **Garden Watch**

by Muddy Wellies

#### THE OCTOBER GARDEN 2013

Another summer over and moving through to autumn, what happened to the months...

A couple of years ago I bought two blackberry canes of 'Oregon Thornless', to grow along a path and over an arch. This year they have produced enormous quantities of fruit in spite of the little rain they had as the fruit formed. They have gone in the freezer for now until inclement weather returns when I shall get cooking! Canes that have fruited should be cut down once they have finished and this year's shoots tied in.

Pick any remaining fruit and veg that will be ruined by frost, including turnips, squash, pumpkins, apples and pears. Apply grease bands to apple tree trunks now. Lift and divide rhubarb that has been in situ for five years, remove the young outer parts of the root and replant, discard the centre to encourage new vigour. Sow over wintering broad beans for an earlier crop next year. Plant out autumn onion sets and garlic. Sow winter salads and fast maturing Oriental greens under glass. Store disease free apples, pears and potatoes in a dry, frost free cellar or shed. Eating apples can be picked under-ripe to improve storage, pears should always be picked whilst still hard, they will soften during storage, and they should be brought indoors to ripen for at least a week before eating. Remember to always harvest on a dry day.

Tie in any long new growth on climbing and rambler roses to prevent damage from winter winds and heavy rain. Cut back and compost spent summer bedding and annuals. Plant up containers with spring flowering bulbs to give early colour next year and winter bedding too, as this will give it time to settle in and get its roots down before winter. Lift and divide herbaceous perennials, keeping the strongest parts and replanting, discard the less vigorous parts. Take hardwood rose cuttings and those of other deciduous shrubs. Pot up and bring in tender fuschias, pelargoniums, citrus and any tender plants put outdoors for the summer, before you lose them to an early frost. Ventilate the greenhouse if days are warm, to stir the air and help avoid a build up of fungal diseases.

Continue to weed borders – this will help prevent pests and diseases overwintering in amongst them. Do not compost any diseased material as it may survive the composting process and pass back into the soil.

We seem as a nation to be losing the tradition of autumn planting, so why not try autumn sown hardy annuals such as poppies, cornflowers, pot marigolds (not the French bedding variety). This should give them a huge advantage, they tend to be bigger and stronger than those germinated in the spring. Most perennials, if planted now will perform better next year than those planted in the spring, the soil is still warm and the autumn and winter rain helps the plant establish. The exceptions to this are grasses and marginally hardy perennials, which tend to rot in the wet and cold winter before they become established.

It's sad to think that it's time to put away the summer clothes and get out the winter woollies, but the cycle moves on and the vibrant colours of spring will soon return. Happy gardening and stay warm.

#### This is the last contribution from Mardi Bennett (alias Muddy Wellies)

Huge and grateful thanks are due to Mardi for her series of interesting, informative and entertaining gardening articles that have graced the pages of The Villager since our first issue in April 2011.



# Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.45pm on Wednesday October 2nd

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst enjoying a beer.

Free, apart from drinks.

Further details from **Anna** – **370749** 



Thursday 3rd October –7.30pm at St Margaret's Hall

Pumpkin night: The Story of Country Cheeses

**Contact: Mrs Jackie Pyne – 370713** 

#### **The Wincanton Film Society Presents**

Lincoln (2012) PG-13

Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 7.30pm Director Steven Spielberg. Starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field.

In a country divided by war Lincoln pursues a course of action to unite the country and abolish slavery. During this critical time he will change the fate of generations to come.

For further information contact Les Graney on 371668

#### NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

8th October 7.30pm North Cheriton Village Hall
Talk by Neil from Picket Lane Nursery –'Twelve months of colour'

Please call Pat Holmes (370017) for further information

#### Answers to 'New Exam' on page 7

1) 116 years, 2) Ecuador, 3) Sheep and horses, 4) November, 5) Squirrel fur, 6) Dogs or possibly, but unlikely, seals, 7) Albert, 8) Crimson, 9) New Zealand, 10) Orange (of course)

What do you mean, you failed? Me, too! (And if you try to tell me you passed, YOU LIED!) Pass this on to your brilliant friends...

#### **Announcements**

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Anthony Holbrook would like to thank people in the village for their prayers and concern following his recent time in hospital.

Hello my name is Alice Jackson.

I am 14 years old and I go to Sexey's School, in Bruton.

I am looking to babysit to earn some extra money.

I have had experience before with my younger brother and also other babysitting work.

Please contact me on 01963 370458

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL

In rural areas many years ago, the completion of harvesting was celebrated by the Squire or the farmer hosting an evening of feasting and drinking. There was no provision made, officially, for a special Service of Thanksgiving in Church.

In 1840, a notable Victorian clergyman, the Revd. Robert Hawker, Rector of Morwenstow in Cornwall, founded the modern Harvest Festival. This has slowly changed over the years. Not long ago, Cottage Hospitals dreaded the delivery of large quantities of marrows after the local Harvest Festival. Nowadays, gifts are more likely to be tinned food and other non-perishable goods destined for the local Food Bank. It is important that in modern times we should never forget God's bounty – the fertility of the earth.

The Harvest Festival Service in St. John's Church, Horsington, will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. A chance for everyone to recognise how dependent we all are on things that grow, the wind and bees to pollinate, and the whole balance of nature.

#### "A FEAST OF SONGS AND ARIAS" in St JOHNS CHURCH on SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER at 6pm

Maria Marton (Soprano) and Liz Holbrook (piano) will give a concert to include well known operatic arias.

Liz is a much appreciated musician in our area and Maria is a delightful young opera singer from Hungary. After winning various scholarships, she studied in Budapest. Later she joined an operetta company and has sung widely in Europe and Australia. She settled in England in 2004 where she sings and teaches locally. I know the music in this concert will delight the audience, so we look forward to your presence.

Donations for the church of £8.00 suggested to include refreshments. For more information phone Jane Jones 01963 370562

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