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Events Diary October 2014

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 1st	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 2nd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Art	"
Sun 5th	9.15am	Harvest Festival	St John's Church
Mon 6th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group	The Coppleridge Inn, Motcombe
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tues 7th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 8th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 13th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 14th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners' Society	North Cheriton Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 15th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 20th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 21st	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 22nd	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	Film : 12 Years A Slave	King Arthurs
Thu 23rd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.00pm	First Aid Course	"
Fri 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Talk : 'Who do you think you are?'	St John's Church
Mon 27th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tues 28th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 29th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 30th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 31st	10.00am	Art	"

FUTURE EVENTS :

DATE CHANGE ! VILLAGE HALL SUPPER: Sat 8th Nov. 7 for 7.30pm

(Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the date for this event has changed)

HOME FARM TRUST: CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Sat 22nd Nov. at Wincanton Memorial Hall
Stalls include – Delicatessen, Christmas & other cakes, Men's & Women's Wardrobes, Pictures, Handbags, Jewellery, Children's Clothes, Plants, Books. Contact Gilly Waddington 01963 371662, or Christine Pratt 01963 371215 if you would like to donate any items for these or other stalls.

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www.wincantonwindow.co.uk and click on the 'Villages' link*

Son of Frankel

by David Ludlow

At the top of Cabbage Lane lies Stowell Hill Stud, home of Bob and Jeanette McCreery. Named after their former home in Stowell Lane, they have been breeding racehorses here for over thirty years, producing a number of top class individuals including *Old Vic*. The winner of six races and over £700,000 in total earnings, including the Irish and French Derbys, *Old Vic* went on to become a champion national hunt stallion, siring such notable horses as *Kicking King* and *Our Vic*. As well as keeping their own brood mares they have a handful of resident boarders, including a mare named *In Clover*. Owned by American racehorse owner/breeder, George Strawbridge, she raced in France, being trained by Freddie Head, and earned over £125,000 in win and place money. Having bred a number of foals including a Group 1 winner, *In Clover* was considered a possible mate for a stallion named *Frankel*. Bred, owned and raced by Prince Khalid Abdullah, *Frankel* was trained by the late Sir Henry Cecil at Newmarket. In 2012, at the end of his racing career, *Frankel* was given an official Timeform rating of 147, making him the highest rated racehorse since the rating system was devised. He was unbeaten, having won a total of fourteen races. Of these fourteen races, ten of them were at Group 1 level, the highest possible rating; they included the Dewhurst, the 2000 Guineas, the Sussex Stakes (twice), the Queen Ann and the Champion Stakes at Ascot – the list goes on !!!!! In 2013 he took up stud duties at his

owners' Banstead Manor Stud near Newmarket; of the 133 mares he covered during that season, 126 were scanned 'in foal' – an impressive fertility rate of 95%. His stud fee was set at £125,000. For a first season sire this was an exceptional amount; very high stud fees normally have to be earned reserved for those stallions which have proved themselves by siring talented winners on the racecourse. One of the 126 mares scanned in foal was *In Clover*. It's not just a simple case of having the financial wherewithal to



afford the stud fee; if the mare's not considered good enough then there's no chance of her being accepted. Fortunately *In Clover* WAS accepted.

On 24th February this year she gave birth; a healthy, conformationally correct chestnut* colt foal with a white blaze. It will be two years before *Frankel* has his first offspring on the racecourse. If the *In Clover* foal is as good as he looks, and *Frankel* is as good a sire as he was a racehorse, we have an exciting 2016 season to look forward to. Time will tell !!!!!

*[this spelling of the colour 'chestnut' of which the Chambers English Dictionary says 'now rarely used' is normal spelling in equine circles]

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by David Ludlow



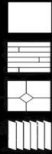
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On Thursday 9th September, Lee, Darren and Tom of 'Foreign Fields' visited the school to talk about WW1. The hall was full of such items as bayonets, stretchers, horse shoes, bully beef and many other strange artefacts. It was an interesting and informative day.



The French and the Austro Hungarians



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Bird Watch

by Keith Davies

Whilst a trip to New Zealand provided views of five different species of Albatross there was a nagging disappointment that we had not seen a Wandering Albatross, the king of sea birds. So a subsequent visit to Australia offered a chance to put this right. On the second Saturday of each month the Halicat, a sports catamaran, offers whale and bird watching trips deep into the pelagic waters off Sydney.

After several days of fine weather, a strong southerly airstream moved in overnight on Friday and we knew we would be in for a bumpy ride. In fact with a twenty knot wind it was a very uncomfortable trip. However, the old adage that the worse the weather the better the bird watching proved to be right and we saw twenty six species. Moreover, the high number of birders suffering from sea sickness meant that the best view points on board were not as crowded as usual. And after a heavy wave broke over the boat, soaking everyone, only a few of us remained on the upper deck.

After a brief stop to recover we continued more slowly to our destination, Brown's Mountain, an undersea mount and there we made several drifts over this hot spot for sea birds. All the discomfort was worth it as the sea calmed down and we saw several species of Shearwaters, Petrels and Skuas. And, eventually, one magnificent young Wandering Albatross! With a three metre plus wing span it was an awesome sight close up. Long-line fishing for Tuna is threatening most species of Albatross with extinction.



Wandering Albatross



Rainbow Lorikeet

A single boat can have a line of eighty miles with as many as twenty thousand hooks suspended from it, each baited with fish or squid. Albatrosses dive for the bait and get impaled on the hooks and drown when the line is pulled in. An estimated one hundred thousand Albatrosses are killed each year. Fortunately a group of conservationists are working with fishermen to encourage them to use heavier weights to sink the hooks quicker and to set their lines at night when seabirds are not active. These and other measures to scare the birds off the lines may save these wonderful birds from extinction.

Back on dry land it was a relief to simply stroll around and watch a group of Rainbow Lorikeets in warm sunshine.

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The White Horse Pub

Dear Fellow Neighbours and People of the Village,

I would firstly like to introduce myself, my name is James Cole and I am the new landlord at the White Horse at South Cheriton, we are a family run pub with my self, my mother Joanna, her partner Richard and my son Jake. I have been a chef for about ten years earning a rosette in 2012 and have worked in some of the most popular pubs in the area, but now have finally settled here in South Cheriton.

Over the last month we have met a number of friendly locals that have not realised the pub has changed hands, so I thought we would say a little bit about what we are about.

We are a family, child and dog-friendly pub with good beer and good food. We have some cracking ales like the "sheepdip" (£3:00 a pint) from plain ales and the tasty "bonkers conkers" (£3:00 a pint). We have had a new cellar installed with the state of the art beer cooling technology so every pint is spot on! We also have an English craft lager called Noble (5%) which is made with the German tattnang hop which King Henry the 8th tried to ban, calling it "a wicked and pernicious weed". We are glad the ban is lifted and we can have what our ancestors were denied!! We also offer a lunch, evening, kids menu which change weekly, Christmas Party menus are also available. From our sauces to hand cut chips, ice creams to roasties and yorkies on Sundays, when we say it's home cooked we mean it! I change the menu often depending what is in season so there's lots of things for you to try. We can also cater for any dietary requirements you may have. We were shut for four weeks in which we painted the walls, got a nice new carpet, new kitchen and cellar and on the walls we have one off pictures painted by my grandmother who is an abstract artist. They are all for sale and we have already sold a couple and are proving to be rather popular! We have a nice new dining room if you are in for dinner, or seating in the bar area if you just fancy a pint. We have a new website <http://whitehorsecheriton.co.uk> and soon we will be on facebook and twitter so you can keep up to date with upcoming events.

We would like to thank local young photographer Joe Wakelam for our great photos for our Website, graphic artist George Mathews for our lovely new hanging sign and new logos, and Jim Furzey for fixing my door, and all the neighbours who have helped us out.

Our opening times are on our website along with some sample menus and some of Joe's pictures of our new bar, food and drink. We hope this has given you a taster of what we are all about and hope to see you soon.

Regards,

James

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From the Rector, Greetings

Well, by the time you're reading this it will all be over. Yes or No – that was the question. And now we know the answer. Some will be jubilant – others despondent. Will Scotland be on the path to independence, or will they stay part of the United Kingdom?

I am writing this just a few days before we leave for a holiday in Scotland. We'll be there when the Referendum takes place. This is a vote which will have a significant impact on all of us – and yet we don't get a vote. I am almost relieved because if I did have a vote I'd be torn down the middle!

I remember some years ago standing on a street in Crieff reading the Declaration of Arbroath. It is stirring stuff. It is a letter the Scots sent to the Pope in 1320 appealing for recognition of their rights to be an independent and free people. And yet, I have a deep desire to see nations and peoples draw ever closer together in union. It is as our lives become more entwined that peace and security for all increases and is strengthened.

At this point, I feel immensely proud to be British. I look at Ukraine, and other places around the world and despair. We are settling this issue at the Ballot Box – not with an AK47 and bloodshed and terror. I don't forget our history – our civil war, and wars between the nations we now call the United Kingdom. But thank God we have moved beyond that. And pray God, that others may be able to settle their disputes peaceably.

Peter Hallett 01963 362266 ~ halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

Horsington Churchwarden
Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478

5th Oct	9.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving
12th Oct	11.00am	Morning Prayer
19th Oct	9.15am	Holy Communion
26th Oct	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

St Nicholas, Henstridge

5th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Worship for all ages with children from St Nicholas School		
	6.30pm	Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving		
12th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion		
19th Oct	11.00am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm	Evensong
26th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion		

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

5th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving
12th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
19th Oct	11.00am	Morning Praise
26th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion

Somerset Agility Group by Lynn Lindsley

We are a small, friendly group based in Pevlings Farm and Livery, Horsington.

Agility is a great way of bonding with your dog, it also socialises and teaches your dog to behave around others. It is a good way for you to meet like-minded people whilst you are getting fitter.

Agility has been described as fast, furious and enjoyable for both dogs and owners! If you have ever watched the agility competitions at Crufts you will see just how much dogs enjoy this sport. Teaching your dog agility should be a fun and rewarding experience for you and your dog.

An Agility Course consists of 20 obstacles; the owner guides the dog around, over, across and through them.

All types of dogs can take part, your dog does not have to be a pedigree and neither size nor age matter. You need to have good control over your dog, for it to be friendly and you should have a good recall. It is not a sport only for the young, any age can enjoy it. Lots of people learn agility as a fun thing you do not have to compete against others.

All dogs learn at different rates, some are more confident and take things in their stride and others need calm, patient guidance to manage the different pieces of equipment.

I have had dogs all my life, two rescue dogs who both needed a huge amount of help as they had not been socialised. I found agility to help bond with my dog. I have been involved in agility for 15 years, and have canine psychology distinction award as well as being an accredited instructor. (LLAI).

Beginners Courses are run on an eight week basis, in groups of up to eight people and for an hour in the evenings. The beginner course will give you a taste of what agility is about and you will be able to see if you and your dog like it. Dogs need to be over a year old and friendly with other canines.

If you would like to find out more please visit my website:

www.somersetagilitygroup.co.uk

or call me on 07816 311542 to discuss.



CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Winner : Isobel Grace from South Cheriton,
who wins a prize of a £10 book token



Baby in the Tree

TYPOGLYCEMIA

Don't dismiss this because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

I cdnulot blveiee pweor of the human mind. Aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde uinervtisy, it deosn't mtttaer inwaht order the ltteers in a word Are, the only iprmoatnt thing is that the frist and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it wouthit a porbelm. This is bcuseae the human mind deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the word as a wlohe. Amzanig huh? Yaeh and I awlyas thought slpeling was ipmorantt.

(With many thanks to Colin Howell and his family who have kindly given permission for The Villager to use material from their archive of Sue's writings and papers)

**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.45pm on Wednesday 1st October**

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst enjoying a beer
Free, apart from drinks

Further details from **Anna** on **370749**



Thursday 2nd October

Joanna Kozubka - "CRIES FOR HELP"
Women without a voice, women's prisons in the 1970's

Contact Mrs Jackie Pyne on 370713

**The Wincanton Film Society Presents
12 Years A Slave (15)**

Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 7.30pm

Director: Steve McQueen Stars: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender

Solomon Northup, a New York State citizen is kidnapped and sent to New Orleans in the
1880s to work on a plantation

For further information contact Les Graney on 371668



NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

**North Cheriton Village Hall
Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm**

Talk by Eddie Parker: renowned arborist and photographer

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FIRST AID COURSE

The St John's Ambulance team will be providing a 2 hour First Aid Course in St Margaret's Village Hall at 7pm on Thurs 23rd Oct

This invaluable session costs £30 per person. All are welcome, and parish residents are offered a £10 discount.

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Sun 26th Oct	15.00	The Legend of Love (Bolshoi Ballet) 12A
Mon 27th Oct	19.15	I Due Foscari (ROH) 12A
Thurs 30th Oct	19.30	Frankenstein 15

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