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A 'Stitch Academy' Children's Sewing Class

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Events Diary February 2016

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 1st	Lunch 6.00pm	Ladies Lunch Group Pilates	The Dining Room, Sherborne Village Hall
Tue 2nd	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 3rd	10.00am 8.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing Music Night	" Half Moon Inn
Thu 4th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art WI	Village Hall "
Fri 5th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 6th	9.00pm	50s & 60s Karaoke Evening	Half Moon Inn
Mon 8th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 9th	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Upholstery North Cheriton Gardeners Society Badminton	" N/C Village Hall Village Hall
Wed 10th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 11th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Parish Council Meeting	" "
Fri 12th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Village Hall Fundraiser Dinner	"
Mon 15th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 16th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 17th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 18th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 19th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Talk on the Born Free Foundation by Will Travers OBE	" "
Mon 22nd	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 23rd	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 24th	10.00am 7.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing Film: Far from the Madding Crowd	" King Arthurs
Thu 25th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 26th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 29th	6.00pm	Pilates	"

Future Events: Womens World Day of Prayer on the 4th March at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church, Templecombe.

The Stitch Academy

Sewing, Knitting and Crochet lessons for kids and adults

by Sheila Harvey-Larmar

After almost a decade of running my own photography business, I recently had to give it up due to neck problems caused by carrying heavy equipment and had to rethink what I was going to do next.



As a self-taught sewer with more than forty years experience under my belt, many of those spent sewing professionally, this seemed the obvious direction in which to head – only this time, teaching.

I have enjoyed passing on my knowledge to many people over the years including my two young sons who can both sew and crochet - you may have seen them in the school playground working on their granny-square blankets! This October, after many months of research and planning, I opened 'The Stitch Academy' which aims to cater for all ages and abilities from children as young as six through to adults. Sewing Machine Skills and Dressmaking classes are on offer now with Beginner's Crochet and Knitting to follow if there is a demand.

As a pre-opener I trialed some Half Term Sewing Camps which were very successful with a number of children from Horsington School. They spent either a morning or an entire day learning how to safely use sewing equipment and operate a sewing machine, and each went home with a completed project at the end of the day.

Regular weekly classes have since started and are filling up quickly. Classes are small with a maximum of just four students which allows for plenty of individual attention. All machines and equipment are provided with each student having sole use of a sewing machine. I use gentle encouragement and LOTS of praise so that even the most nervous, introverted child blossoms – it is wonderful to watch their self-confidence grow as they achieve so much!



A few examples of parent testimonials:

"I just wanted to thank you so much for teaching her to sew, she is so proud of her beautiful creation – I am so proud of her."

*"She has come back buzzing with it all, she really enjoyed her morning with you"
If personalised individual tuition is more your thing, 1:1 lessons are also available. I currently teach pattern drafting to a home-schooled teenager whose mother confided:*

"She looks forward to her weekly sewing lesson with you more than anything else".

What started as a hobby at the tender age of five gradually grew into an obsession over the decades and I consider myself extremely fortunate to turn my passion into a business I love. If you, or your child, would like to learn how to sew, more information is available on the website at www.thestitchacademy.com or call Sheila on 01963 32608, or email info@sewchet.com.

Do you like good food and good company?

Once a month the ladies of Horsington and South Cheriton get together for lively conversation, good jokes, lots of smiles and laughter, and occasionally quite a serious discussion. And there is good food. We have all become quite knowledgeable about the merits of most of the pubs within a half hour radius of the village, as we meet at a different pub each month, on the first Monday of the month. Our comments book includes:

“Good ambience, large selection on menu, enjoyed it”

“Very reasonably priced, enjoyed the food”

“Exotic and delicious”

“Very good food, service and company”

Occasionally we get it wrong resulting in “very slow service, fish and chips okay but bit minimal” or “regular menu not very good value”. But we live and learn and don’t do repeat visits to them all.

This is not an exclusive group, all ladies are welcome and nobody has to come to every meal. There are 17 on the list at the moment and we are usually between 8 and 12 at each lunch. We each pay for what we eat, so some have two courses, some just one, some a little glass of wine, though the group’s favourite drink seems to be lime and lemonade.

The pubs we plan to visit in 2016 are a mix of some old favourites and some new ones and include The Rose and Crown at Trent, The George Inn at Longbridge Deverill, the Kingsdon Inn at Kingsdon, The Stag’s Head at Yarlinton, The King’s Arms at Charlton Horethorne. The group has been going since our first rather tentative lunch in September 2007.



Why not ring either **Rosemarie Wigley** (01963 371478) or **Susan Maltin** (01963 371400) or susan@susanmooreresearch.co.uk and give us a try? We would all love to see some new faces.

On Friday, 4th March, there will be a gathering of ladies in St. Mary's Church Templecombe, at 2.30 p.m. This is to take part in the **Women's World Day of Prayer**, where we join in a Service prepared by the women of Cuba to celebrate how local women care for their children, and encourage them in their faith in God.



We invite all women to join us in this service, where we hear how mothers and grandmothers work in their communities to care for their children's future. If anyone has any knowledge of Cuba or experience of life in Cuba, we would welcome their memories and their presence on **4th March 2016**.

Sheila Cross

SAVE THE DATE



St Margaret's Hall Committee will be holding it's popular Village Hall Fundraiser Dinner on the evening of 13th February 2016, 7.00 for 7.30pm. **Valentine's Day** will be the theme.



A golden opportunity to meet new people in the villages of Horsington and South Cheriton or reacquaint yourself with old friends.

Book your seat at the table with John Macdonald on **01963 370444**.
Tickets will be available from the end of January.

Bath Half Marathon in Aid of Wessex MS Centre

By Alice Parsons

I have lived in South Cheriton all my life. I am applying to study Physiotherapy, so have been volunteering weekly at the Wessex Multiple Sclerosis Centre based in Warminster. The charity run centre provides therapies, support and social contact for people with MS, their families and carers. The centre also offers oxygen therapy for MS and all other conditions.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition that affects nerves in the brain and spinal cord. This results in a wide range of symptoms including problems with muscle movement, balance and vision. The condition affects around 100,000 people in the UK, with three times as many women compared to men being diagnosed.

From my experience I have become aware of how MS can affect relatives of those diagnosed with the neurological condition. Many couples I have spoken to say "we" have MS, which highlights how life changing it is for both of them. Most start off with relapsing remitting MS where symptoms flare up for a period of time (relapse) followed by a period of mild or no symptoms (remission). This can cause frustration and even depression when they are unable to complete daily life tasks consistently, if at all. Usually after around 15 years people go on to develop secondary progressive MS where symptoms gradually worsen over time and they become more and more dependent on family members and carers.

My voluntary work has inspired me to spread awareness of the condition, and more importantly to help the centre raise money. As a charity run organisation the centre relies on private funding through donations and sponsorship to keep it running and provide support to its many members. Hence, on the 13th March I am running the Bath Half Marathon to raise money and awareness for this incredible centre. If you feel able to I would be hugely grateful for any sponsorship as every penny helps keep this fantastic organisation on its feet.

The link to my justgiving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/Alice-Parsons4/>

Jane Jones Obituary

by Gill Elston

When Jane Wallace first met Bob Jones, he had another girlfriend. In Jane's words "she had to go!" Bob clearly thought so too, and what followed was forty-eight years of one of the happiest marriages imaginable. As one of their sons said "they were still madly in love" right up to her last cruel illness.

Jane always called herself "practical". She was an excellent organiser, competent, quick and sure. She was also very tenacious and determined, and could give short shrift if she thought something was wrong or harmful. From her earliest days in the village, forty-four years ago, as "Mrs Jones the Doctor's wife", she was central to village life. Active in the Church, which was of great importance to her, she started the Sunday school. She was a governor of the village school, to which her boys went, for many years, and twice acted as Chair. Latterly, she helped the children with their reading. She and Bob were foremost among those instrumental in setting up and running The Villager magazine.



Jane, arms outstretched and beautiful smile, always ready with a hug. This personified the Jones's home, warm, welcoming and always open. And they clasped so many to them. Combe Mead was not only a home, it was a haven. She was constantly thinking of how to help other people. She was aware of her own happiness in her marriage and family, and she and Bob would often say how they were blessed. But this made her intensely aware of others less fortunate. In a crowded room Jane would always look for the isolated individual or the newcomer to the villages. She would be at their side immediately, putting them at ease, asking about their families and interests, introducing and integrating them. Many never forgot their early welcome, or the support they received in times of trouble or difficulty.

She may have called herself practical, but she was so much more: an intrepid sportswoman, good at tennis, cycling, and canoeing. Super fit, she had climbed Mount Kilimanjaro twice in her youth, and, at 75, she walked eleven miles the day before she collapsed last June. But it wasn't all go. Jane could be quiet and peaceful too, excelling at embroidery and tapestry, tending her plants, improving her Italian language, or just reading for pleasure.

Music, a lifelong pleasure and interest, was a huge part of her life. She played the piano and her grit and determination showed in her effort and ultimate success in obtaining her L.R.A.M. She taught many children in and around the villages, many of whom, unsurprisingly, remained family friends.

She sang in a madrigal group called the Wyncantores, and later she and Bob both joined the Wincanton Choral Society. They also hosted A Weekend of English Song, a song workshop, three times in their own home.

She and Bob created a wonderful family. All three boys, David, Toby and Paul are exceptional and very individual people. In their moving reading of “The Parable of the Mother” at the Memorial Service, as they said, she really did give them strength, courage and faith. She was equally involved with her seven adored grandchildren, providing care and support, and she acted as a “British” surrogate mother to her three much loved daughters-in-law who all come from overseas.

Bob’s retirement brought other pleasures and freedom. Wanting occupation, and reckoning some (relatively) free travel would be fun, Bob acted as ship’s doctor on several Fred Olsen Line cruises over a number of years. They had some wonderful experiences and visited countries in many parts of the world.

Jane was born in January 1940 in Woking, Surrey. Both her parents were doctors, as is her brother, Euan, and many will remember her mother, Norah, who moved to Wincanton in her last years and lived to be 99. Jane went to Benenden School in Kent and, on leaving, did a secretarial course in London. This was followed by her nursing training at St Thomas’s Hospital. Something exciting needed to follow, and she then went off with a close friend to do her midwifery in South Africa. It was on returning that she met Bob, but before they got engaged, she went off to nurse in Beirut. Bob and Jane married in 1968 and went straight off to Africa where they worked for three years, Jane nursing in Zambia and Uganda.

On return to England, their first son, David was born in Cuckfield and soon afterwards Bob got a job at Wincanton. This was very fortunate for Horsington and South Cheriton.

On 22nd December, more than 450 people of all ages crowded into St John’s Church. They had come from all over the world, all round the country, all round the county, and all round the villages. They wanted to be able to say thank you as well as farewell. The intensely moving ceremony was a family affair – but as always with the Jones’s, a family affair includes everyone else. As Bob said “Jane would have loved it”.



Horsington Church School

Christmas Fayre 2015

On Saturday 5th December Horsington Church School, held there Christmas fayre at Gartell's Light Railway in Yenston. The fayre ran from 11am until 3pm giving visitors time to visit and enjoy the event. It was organised by the PTFA at the school and on the day many mums and dads and grandparents gave up their time to help run stalls, serve refreshments and ensure everyone had a festive fun experience. The children at the school had been involved in competitions, making cakes and selling raffle tickets.

On the day children were able to have a free train ride on the light railway, have their faces painted, make Christmas decorations and visit Father Christmas in his grotto and come away with an early Christmas present. There were also outside traders who supported the event with bespoke items available for sale. For the first year the PTFA with the help of the children produced tote bags with every child's face on, these bags were a great success and with the introduction of paying for plastic carriers they seemed very worthwhile. The event raised over £1200 which will be used to support the children at the school. The committee would like to say a special thank you to the Gartell family for the use of the venue and trains and for all those who helped on the day and supported the event. – Happy New Year.

Lucy Mackay – On behalf of Horsington Church School PTFA.

VACANCY

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board. We are looking for someone with skills in Finance and/or Health and Safety. Being a school governor is a challenging but worthwhile job.

If you are interested in knowing more please phone the school on **01963 370358**.

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St. John's Church Parish Council is pleased to announce the following Grants offered towards the Toilet and Servery Projects:

Viridor Credits	£106 000
The Fund for Church Growth	£5 000
Somerset Churches Trust	£4 000
The Big Lottery Fund	£10 000

Work is scheduled to commence on January 18th 2016.

From the Rector,

Greetings – and as this is the first Villager of 2016, let me also wish you all a Happy New Year.

It's been a funny time since the last edition of The Villager. I was casting my mind back to the Thanksgiving Service for Jane Jones. I don't think anyone can ever remember the church being so full. It was a significant event, remembering a significant member of our community. And now, as I am writing this, the news of the death of David Bowie. I guess I am one of those odd people, who with few exceptions, did not particularly like his music. But no one can deny his place, and the significance of his contribution in the world of music and culture.

When our parishes were re-organised back in 2006 Horsington Church was already well under way fund raising to install a toilet in the church. I remember at one of my early meetings here, John Fleming said it would take ten years to raise the funds necessary. I remember querying that – wondering why it should take so long! Well, here we are, almost ten years to the day, and the work is about to begin to install a toilet in the church - as well as installing a servery, improving the parish room, and repairing the south aisle floor.

This could not have been done without huge grants from Viridor Credits, and the Big Lottery and others. Because of obstacle is getting water into the church and drainage out – we are employing some innovative technology, eg rain harvesting to provide water. It is going to cause quite some disruption in the church for a while – but at the end of it the church will be in the 21st century – well as far as facilities go anyway.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

*There will be significant works taking place in Horsington Church this month.
Services will still take place.*

7th February, 9.15am: Holy Communion

10th February (Ash Wednesday), 7.30pm: Holy Communion in Henstridge Church

14th February, 11.00am: Morning Prayer

21st February, 9.15am: Holy Communion

28th February, 8.30am: Holy Communion (BCP)

Horsington Churchwardens

Mrs Anne Jones 370626

Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478

St Nicholas, Henstridge

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St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

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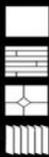
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**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.30pm on Wednesday 4th February**

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

Free, apart from drinks.

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Thursday February 4th @ 7.30pm

A Talk on Endangered Species by Mrs Dawn Lawrence

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on **370713**

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

Far from the Madding Crowd

Tuesday 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm

In Victorian England, the independent and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene attracts three very different suitors: Gabriel Oak, a sheep farmer; Frank Troy, a reckless Sergeant; and William Boldwood, a prosperous and mature bachelor.

Director: Thomas Vinterberg.

Stars: Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts, Michael Sheen



For further information contact Les Graney on **371668**

NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS SOCIETY

**TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY @ 7.30PM IN N/C VILLAGE HALL
Annual General Meeting and Plant Swap**

Please call Pat Holmes on 370017 for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Including: *Births * Deaths * Birthdays * Weddings* Anniversaries * Congratulations*

If you have any announcements, articles for sale, baby sitting services etc. you would like included contact

info@horsingtonmagazine.co.uk

Talk on the work of the **Born Free Foundation** by **Will Travers O.B.E.** President of the foundation on 19th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The Born Free Foundation was founded by Will Travers in 1984. He has dedicated most of his life to wildlife issues since living in Kenya with his parents, Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna – who made the well known film **Born Free**, some 50 years ago. Proceeds from the evening will be divided equally between the Foundation and St John's Church.

Refreshments will be served. Suggested donations of £10.00

Reminder: ART CLASSES

Deirdre Loftus will be giving a series of five weekly Art Classes in Oils for beginners and those more experienced , at the White Horse Pub beginning Tuesday 1st March 2016 10.00am to 12.30pm. Cost of course £60.00. For further details please ring me on **01963 370091**.

Rock N' Roll Karaoke Evening – 1950's and 1960's Rock and Roll

At The Half Moon,
Horsington, on
Saturday 6th February from 9 pm
Food available 7.30 - 9.00
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