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Events Diary June 2016



Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 1st	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
	8.30pm	WI-Outing to Exmouth	Exmouth
Thu 2nd	10.00am	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Sat 4th	12-10pm	South Cheriton Music Festival & Craft Fair	"
Mon 6th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group	The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 7th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 8th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 11th	2-5pm	Horsington Summer Fete	School Field
Mon 13th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 14th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners Society	N/C Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 15th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	Film: The Danish Girl	King Arthurs
Thu 16th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 20th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 21st	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 23rd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 27th	10.30am	Pilates	"
Tue 28th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 29th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 30th	10.00am	Art	"

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The recently refurbished Village Hall has vacancies for classes or other activities on all days, Mondays to Fridays. Apply to:

Chair (John Macdonald) Tel: **370444** or
Bookings Secretary (Emilie Gordon) Tel: **371396**

WINCANTON LIBRARY

by Jeanne Mortarotti

Do you know that the Library has something to offer each one of us, whatever our age, needs or interests? Some of you might think that it's all about books, and that those books are mostly old and very seldom renewed. Some even think that the Library in Wincanton had shut down long ago... They would be surprised to notice that the Library is very much alive, is open most days of the weeks for long hours and, despite the cuts, new books are coming in every month covering both children and adults' sections. And not only books but also DVDs and Audio Books. And in case you couldn't find anything you like, then you can easily order from the large catalogue covering all Somerset libraries. Moreover, the Library has a range of events that could attract even non-readers. And some great changes are about to come in June!

Monday mornings 10am-12pm:

Free Computer Courses for beginners. Learn to use a computer and how to surf the web.

Monday Readers Group 3-4pm:

The Library's Reading Group meets on the 2nd Monday each month.

Monday Sewing Group 3-4.30pm:

"Knit and Natter", "Sew and Chat" is taking place every 3rd Monday of the month.

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am:

Baby and Toddler Story & Rhyme Time. This is a very popular event where children from birth to pre-school ages meet weekly during term-time to listen to a story, sing songs and pick up a sticker!

Saturday mornings once a month 10am-12pm:

Free hobby demonstrations. Local people showcase their skills and answer all the questions you might have. Programme available in the library (So far in 2016: Jewellery making in January, Ships and Boats for model railways in February, Quilting in March, Furnishing a doll's house in April. Still to come: Needle made rugs in May, Local butterflies in June).

Over the summer:

The Reading Challenge. Children in Primary age are rewarded with a chart, stickers and a certificate handed in school if they can read at least 6 books over the summer holiday.

It's easy to register to the Library: you just need a proof of address (a driving licence will do). You'll be given straightaway your own card with a password, allowing you to renew, order and reserve books online. Children and adults can take as many as 20 books at one time. From the 7th of June, you'll be able to take and return any book from any library in Somerset AND Dorset.

To order some books, DVDs or Audio Books you can either ask the library staff to do it for you or do it yourself online www.librarieswest.org.uk. You then receive an email, a text or a phone call informing you that your order has arrived (usually within 2 weeks). The service is free for children and costs £1 per item for adults.

So next time you need a travel guide to go on holiday, a craft book to start on a new hobby, some facts books to work on a school project, the last bestseller or a good movie for a relaxing TV night, just pop into your library!

Opening hours (as per June 2nd. Please note the changes)

- ⇒ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30-1.30 / 2.30-5.00
- ⇒ Thursday: Closed
- ⇒ Saturday: 9.30-12

Story Book Time



Many thanks to all those who contributed to the coffee morning in aid of the **Children's Society** held in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th May. It was well worthwhile as we raised a total of £150. Sallie Valins

Horsington Church Quiz

Many thanks to all those who took part in this year's quiz. We are pleased to say that it raised £72, which included some donations. The Winners were:

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| 1st | Janet Hallet, Stafford |
| 2nd | Jerry and Isabel and Kate Wood, Horsington |
| 3rd | Eileen Boyle-Hayward, Horsington |

TULIPTASTIC

Since the children have been at school, I have tried to keep Fridays as my ‘day off’. No work, no housework (I try to get all that done earlier in the week) and certainly no ironing! It is a day for catching up with friends and family and of course, for gardening. And if I can combine the 2 of those together, then even better! I don’t always manage this of course as things inevitably crop up, but it feels very decadent when it all works out.

You can imagine my delight when I spotted that Forde Abbey near Chard were having a Tulip Festival and, even better there was going to be an RHS bulb day on the Friday. I booked tickets straight away (incredible value by the way) and immediately phoned my mother to invite her along. The list of speakers was impressive (including Anna Pavord!) and we learnt so much about growing spring and summer flowering bulbs. There was a ‘name the bulb’ competition, the setting was fabulous (we sat outside in glorious sunshine) and the cake was scrumptious.



Tulips are probably my most favourite flower (in late summer it will probably switch to the dahlia mind). There are literally hundreds of varieties which with careful planning can be flowering in your garden from March right through to the end of May. And the colours! You can create stunning masterpieces with colour combinations that you perhaps have never thought possible, but whatever you choose, it all seems to work. In my top ten has to be *Tulipa Ballerina*- it is an orange lily flowered tulip and has the most amazing scent. Team it with deep purple *Tulipa Burgundy* and you are on to a winner. An unusual match with a dark purple is apricot, or for a bolder approach try it with a white variety. I also love pale pink with lemon yellow although my mother disagrees with me on that one!



I treat these tulips as bedding and because of this, I don’t re-use them in the same way the following year. I plant the spent bulbs in my cut flower bed and although they won’t be as reliable in the second year, the blooms I do get, I cut and bring into the house for me to coo over every time I walk into the kitchen. Don’t plant your bulbs until the weather has turned cold (start of December is not too late) and consider their background – you won’t notice pale colours in front of a stone wall for example, whereas bolder colours will give you more of an impact.

Now, I must also speak up for the lesser known species tulips. You know the ones – the shy, shorter and less showy versions in the corner. If we think of the others as annuals, then these are the perennials of the tulip world as they just get better and better as they bulk up year after year. Did you know that all the tulips we know today have been bred from the species tulips? So next time you are thinking about some spring colour in your garden, why not give species tulips a go – my favourites are *Tulipa hageri* ‘Little Beauty’ and *Tulipa clusiana chrysanthia*. In my garden these flower before their offspring and are little stunners.

Whichever tulips you plump for, don’t forget to place them where they are going to bring a smile to your face every day.

Affectionately yours, Millicent MacGregor

KILVE COURT RESIDENTIAL

by Serena Mortarotti (Year 5 pupil)

On the week before Easter, Earth Class travelled to Kilve Court on a residential. The journey was quite long... but it was worth it! Luckily, the sun seemed to have been waiting for them over at Kilve and there it remained for the rest of their stay!

The Year 5s went for their first time while it was the second and last time for the Year 6s. This meant that some of them were nervous, though most of them were extremely excited, having seen the previous year 5s and 6s going off to Kilve.

Three fun-filled days were spent: running, climbing, abseiling, grass-sledging and mountain-biking. The children also did several walks such as a trip to the beach where they roasted marshmallows and splashed in the rock pools- some were unfortunate enough to fall in the rock pools- and the stream walk! Another activity was done every night/evening, such as: a night walk on the Quantock Hills, games in the dark and quizzes. The activity that seemed to have been enjoyed the most was the stream walk because the whole point was to get muddy and wet! During the stream walk, (that was, as you can tell by the name, in a stream) they were set many challenges: painting their faces with mud; making a mud angel on their back or front; sitting down in the icy water whenever the instructor shouted “DROP!”; crawling under a cobwebby tree whose roots had come out of the ground; wriggling through a tube in the freezing water and jumping down into a very deep bit near the end of the stream! An unlucky girl put her head back where the water came down and the cold water rushed over her head and down her neck!

Every day, they had room inspection, which led up to prizes for the tidiest room. (The Year 6 girls were together as well as the Year 6 boys, the Year 5 boys and the Year 5 girls.) The points were judged on how neatly the beds were made; whether there were any clothes lying about on the floor; if your hair was well brushed and done up (which was a bit unfair for the boys) and the teachers even gave extra points if clothes were in colour-coded piles! During assembly at school, it was announced that the Year 5 girls won!

Most of Earth Class came home with several little souvenirs from Kilve shop. Here, they could buy book marks, rubbers, notebooks, keyrings, stuffed toys, etc. They were also sent home with a booklet to fill in with pictures and writing. They had the Easter holidays to complete it the best they could and the best book won a prize.

Overall, the lucky class spent an amazing three days and all came home happy, excited but especially...tired! Luckily, the children had two weeks holiday afterwards to recover (as did the teachers!).





VACANCY on our School Governing Board. This is a challenging but worthwhile job. We are looking for someone with an enthusiasm for the education of children . Skills in Finance, Health and Safety would be an advantage as would availability during the school day . If you are interested in knowing more, please ring **01963 370358**

St John's Church Horsington

From the Rector, Greetings.

In the Church's Calendar we soon hit what is simply labelled as "Ordinary Time". Although "Ordinary" may not be quite the word to use this year. Half way through June we will be celebrating the Queen's Official Birthday — her 90th. It feels a little odd as we have just seen huge national celebrations for her 'actual' birthday. But nonetheless we will be marking the weekend with a special Service of Celebration.

Ordinary is not a very exciting word or idea - it just sounds so "ordinary"! I was once questioned by someone who came to Midnight Communion one Christmas. I had spoken of ordinary people, but what, he asked, did I mean by "ordinary"?

I love the Pixar animation film "Up". There's not space here to tell the whole story, but at the heart of it is the relationship between an old man who feels his life has lost all meaning, and a young 'Wilderness Explorer' - a scout - who's trying to get a merit badge for helping the elderly. It's a great film, and well worth watching.

At one point, Russell (the scout) is telling Carl (the old man) about a game he used to play with his dad. They'd sit on the curb and one would spot red cars and the other blue ones. "It might sound boring" says Russell, "but I think the boring stuff is the stuff I remember the most." I might want to change it to say, it's the ordinary stuff that is life as we live it day by day. It's the ordinary stuff that's important. It's in the ordinary stuff that we find fulfilment and contentment.

I thank God for the extra-ordinary — but I also try to thank God, no less, for the ordinary.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com

St John the Baptist, Horsington

5th June	9.15am Holy Communion with Sunday School
12th June	11.00am Morning Prayer - <i>We celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday</i>
19th June	9.15am Holy Communion
26th June	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

St Nicholas, Henstridge

5th June	11.00am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
12th June	- <i>Celebration Evensong in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday</i>	
19th June	11.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
26th June	11.00am Holy Communion	

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

5th June	11.00am Morning Praise	
12th June	- <i>Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday</i>	4.00pm Service of Celebration
19th June	- <i>Wedding Dress Festival</i>	4.00pm Songs of Praise
26th June	9.30am Holy Communion	

Cycling through 48 Ceremonial County Towns of England

In aid of Sports Relief

by Chris Bailward

For the last couple of years I have set myself a cycling challenge, in 2014 it was Lands End to John O'Groats, last year down to the Mediterranean and back. This year I propose to cycle through the 48 Ceremonial County Towns of England, starting from Carlisle on 2nd June and finishing in Truro on 30th. There is no particular reason or logic to this; it just seemed like a good idea and will, by preliminary calculations, cover a serendipitous 2016 miles, slightly further than I cycled in France last year, but not quite so hilly, despite crossing the Central spine of England 4 times. Once I leave the Peak District the going is relatively easy until I get to Devon and Cornwall, where I have to cross Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor on the last two gruelling days.

I shall be supporting Sport Relief and hope to raise at least £1 for each mile of my 2016 mile journey. You can donate very easily by visiting my blog at bailward.co.uk and following the link to my **Justgiving** page. Please be generous: it will help ease both my pain and that of the recipients. Every penny that you give will go to Sport Relief, and I am paying all my own expenses, you can also get HM Treasury to boost the amount if you are a taxpayer. I aim to keep a daily blog of my adventure which will, all being well, be updated each evening after I arrive at my destination. So please keep looking at bailward.co.uk to plot my progress and find out what I've been up to and, if you happen to be in my vicinity at any point, come and cheer me on. My schedule is on the blog.





**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.30pm on Wednesday 1st June**

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

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



Wednesday 1st June
Outing to Exmouth with lunch and Riverboat trip

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

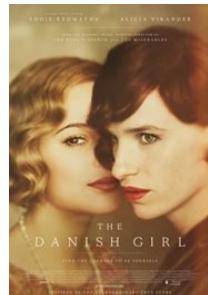


**The Wincanton Film Society Presents
The Danish Girl (R)**

Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 7.30pm

A fictitious love story loosely inspired by the lives of Danish artists Lili Elbe and Gerde Wegener. Lili and Gerde's marriage and work evolve as they navigate Lili's ground-breaking journey as a transgender pioneer.

Stars: Eddie Redmayne, Alicia Vikander, Amber Heard
Director: Tom Hooper



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

**NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS SOCIETY
TUESDAY JUNE 14TH @ 7.30 PM**

A Talk by Neil Lovesey of Picket Lane Nursery

On the History of the Cottage Garden

Please call Pat Holmes on 370017 for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SOUTH CHERITON MUSIC FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR



Saturday 4th June

At the White Horse Inn

South Cheriton

Gates open from 12.00 noon



The festival will be held in the field behind the White Horse Inn. During the day there will be Car Boot/Craft stalls in the Marquee. There will also be many **Classic cars** and **Agricultural vehicles** on show.

Six Bands – yes six – will be performing from 1pm until closing, of course the pub will be open all day, serving delicious food and a selection of ales and wines. There will also be a **BBQ** and **Bar** on site.

The Music Line-up:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm - 2pm • 3pm - 4pm • 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm • 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm • 7 pm - 8pm • 9 pm - 10pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B.E-Cooling - Canadian singer-songwriter Grandads Jazz band The Shaves Bad Edukation Mr Jukebox The well known musician Theya and her Band |
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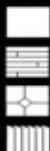
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