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Events Diary October 2016

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 3rd	Lunch 6.00pm	Ladies' Lunch Group Pilates	Beckford Arms, Fonthill Gifford Village Hall
Tue 4th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 5th	10.00am 8.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing Music Night	" Half Moon Inn
Thu 6th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art WI	Village Hall "
Fri 7th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 10th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 11th	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Upholstery North Cheriton Gardeners Society Badminton	" N/C Village Hall Village Hall
Wed 12th	10.00am 7.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing Film: Star Wars: The Force Awakens	" King Arthurs
Thu 13th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall "
Fri 14th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Talk on the Titanic	" St John The Baptist Church
Mon 17th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 18th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 19th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 20th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 21st	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 24th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 25th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 26th	10.00am 7.00pm	Adult Tap Dancing Beer and Cheese Evening	" The Orangery at the Grange
Thu 27th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 28th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Wincanton Museum & History Society	" Wincanton Memorial Hall
Mon 31st	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall

Future Events:

A Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed
will be held in Templecombe Parish Church on Sunday, 6th November at 3pm

Home Farm Trust (hft) Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 19th November 10am-1.30pm Wincanton Memorial Hall.

Opening ceremony for the new facilities at St. John's Church

by Anne Jones

Poppy and Chloe, two children from St. John's Sunday School, presented the Archdeacon, Nicola Sullivan, with a basket of flowers after she had opened and blessed our new facilities on August 10th.

The new facilities project consisted of a newly reconstructed Parish Room, new floors on the south aisle and half of the North aisle and a toilet for the disabled.

To celebrate the occasion the Rector and P.C.C. held a party as they wanted to thank all those from the village who had so kindly donated funds or attended functions to help raise money for the project. The bells rang out as nearly eighty guests, including representatives from the grant providers, arrived. The main bulk of the money was donated by Viridor Credits Environmental Company which was represented by Mr Simon Catford. Sue Anderson represented The Fund For Church Growth from the Diocese and Mr. Jim Allwood represented The Somerset Churches Trust. The rainwater harvesting system was totally funded by The Big Lottery Fund and installed by Aldridge Mechanicals of Yeovil. The building work was carried out by Tom Green's team from Wincanton, and Marc Pique of Philip Hughes Associates oversaw the project.

The P.C.C. would like to thank all those who helped celebrate and who contributed in any way.



Photographs provided by Paul White

Basic Chainsaw Safety

by Lim Gon Wei

In Act IV Scene I of William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" the usurer Shylock demands his pound of flesh from Antonio but gets nothing due to Portia's timely intervention with "...no jot of blood." Disregard the bard if you will and think on this fact instead; a chainsaw running at full speed, if it embeds itself in your little pink body, will remove flesh at the rate of one pound per second, plus you get lots of other yucky stuff like blood, sinew, veins, arteries and possibly bone. Need I go on?

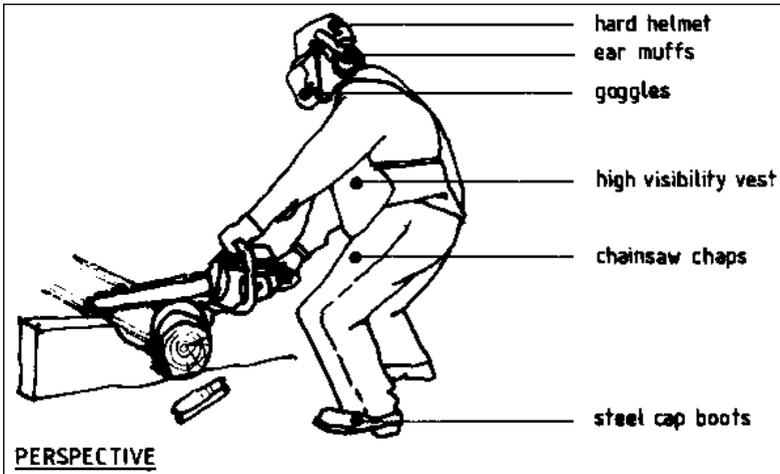
This unpleasant situation along with its associated visit to A&E is to be avoided, and unless you really want a ride in a yellow helicopter, hopefully the following suggestions and tips will assist you in that endeavour.

So, dealing with you first:

- Always wear protective clothing and equipment. Starting at the top, a full face mask with ear defenders is best, but if you haven't got one then at least wear shatterproof glasses. Your eyes are very important. Wear gloves too, as splinters can be dangerous. On your feet ideally boots with reinforced toecaps, as those falling logs can bruise toes badly – I speak from experience. It follows, therefore, that operating a chainsaw in T-shirt, shorts and flip-flops is never a great idea.
- Hold the saw with both hands and stand well balanced on both feet. This may seem obvious but I have seen people at full stretch using one hand just to get at that last little branch. Also, stand still when cutting.
- Try to position yourself to one side of the saw, not directly behind it, and when logging, use the engine end of the blade not its tip to cut with. Leave carving the golden eagle to the experts, you are not as artistic as you think. Remember, tree surgery should be done by tree surgeons.
- Do not lower the saw until it has stopped rotating and the chain brake engaged. I ruined a good pair of jeans and nearly my left thigh by ignoring that one.
- Inspect what you are about to cut for hidden metal such as old screws, nails, hinges etc. A bucking saw is hard to control never mind blunting the chain.
- Finally, concentrate on the job at hand. If you let your mind wander to reminiscing over your long lost Ashley Madison account then you stand to lose more than just your reputation!

Next, the machine itself:

- It goes without saying that your saw should be in good condition and regularly serviced. Keep the chain sharp and do not let it get slack in the guidebar. If you are unsure how to sharpen or tighten the chain, find someone who can help.
- Ensure that the chain is well lubricated. When you fill the petrol tank, fill the oil reservoir at the same time. Never operate with a dry chain.
- If starting from cold, let the machine warm up for a couple of minutes before operating. This way you'll get full speed from it sooner and thus a cleaner cut, as well as helping to prevent kickback.



- If ever the saw gets stuck in a log, stop the engine before you try and release it.
- Never send a boy to do a man's job. If you have thick logs and a small saw, get a bigger saw.

So for those of you who are hoping to receive a chainsaw as a Halloween present, or waiting to get one for Christmas, or those aspiring movie makers amongst you, I hope you didn't mind a little egg sucking; I know you know how to do it. Please stay safe, and as my old friend Confucius wisely said.....

“Heed advice from Lim Gon Wei and live to saw another day.”

HORSINGTON POND

by The Parish Council

Now that work has started on the pond you may be wondering why it has taken so long and what is the overall plan.

The reason is that Highways had to first underpin the road which was gradually being washed away and secondly that the Parish Council had to obtain funds to undertake a much larger project than just cleaning out the pond.

Funds have now been generously donated by The Lottery and SSDC Community Grants, which is being supplemented by a smaller amount from the Parish Council itself. Hence the Horsington Pond Project was able to go ahead.

The main issue with the pond is that large amounts of silt deposit in the bottom and every six or seven years it has to be cleaned out with heavy equipment which not only destroys any wildlife but is also quite expensive.

The plan now is to not only clean out the pond but to also create a more sustainable wild life habitat by the building of a silt trap at the entry end of the pond which can be cleaned out with a tractor bucket arm from the road. This silt trap will be built with gabion cages filled with stones, faced with a silt membrane, and topped with pre-planted coir rolls to create natural areas for certain wildlife.

By building this silt trap the larger part of the Pond will remain undisturbed for a much longer period becoming a sustainable deep water habitat.



In addition a shallow water newt and frog area will be created by the use of further gabion cages. This area will be down the opposite side from the road and will include a Dipping Platform and Information Board listing various wildlife details.



The Parish Council have received significant support from the School, a number of Residents and also from Councillors William Wallace and Tim Inglefield who helped with securing the funding for this project which will not only create a sustainable fresh water habitat, but will also be easier to maintain and will hopefully be to everyone's benefit.

Once again we are most grateful for the generous sponsorship from the Lottery and SSDC Community Grants which has made all this possible.

From the Rector, Greetings.

I am writing this on the 11th September. It always takes a while for it to penetrate my skull that 11/9 is better known as 9/11. It seems hard to believe that the events commemorated on this day occurred 15 years ago. I was driving to Duncliffe Wood to take my dog for a walk when I heard the first reports coming in on the radio. I pulled over to listen – it seemed like there had been a terrible accident. Only later did I hear the fuller report and learn this was a terrorist attack on the United States.

To me, it still beggars belief that folk can perpetrate such evil in the name of religion. Over the years I have had a number of good friends who have been devout Muslims – and so I remind myself that these evil acts cannot be laid at the feet of all Muslims. And I equally have to remind myself that other evil acts have been done in the name of my religion, Christianity.

A matter of days ago, Pope Francis canonised Mother Teresa – who I guess we now have to call St Teresa of Kolkata, or Calcutta. First, it is worth saying, I think, that the Pope did not *make* Teresa a Saint. In the Roman Catholic way of looking at things, they formally recognise that she *is* a Saint. That has a particular meaning in Roman Catholic thinking – which I do not share. BUT whatever criticisms have been levelled at her and her Order they have done magnificent things showing the love of God to those in desperate need.

If we are to have religious zeal let it be the kind which brings love, mercy, and life.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

Oct 2nd	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School	Churchwardens
Oct 9th	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Mrs Anne Jones 370626
Oct 16th	9.15am	Holy Communion	Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478
Oct 23rd		NO SERVICE	
Oct 30th	10.30am	United Service in Templecombe United Reform Church	

St Nicholas, Henstridge

Oct 2nd	11.00am	Harvest Worship for All Ages	6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Oct 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
Oct 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	
Oct 30th	10.30am	United Service at Templecombe United Reform Church	

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

Oct 2nd	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Oct 16th	11.00am	Morning Praise
Oct 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Oct 30th	10.30am	United Service in Templecombe United Reform church

Horsington Church School

LET'S READ

by Horsington Church School members of staff.

Recently, the Villager published an article about Wincanton Library, aimed at attracting more customers especially young ones to keep it alive and running. It is now the school's turn to bring attention to reading. High on Horsington School's new Development Plan, even more than the previous years, is the focus on encouraging and reinforcing reading among the children and, therefore, among their parents and main carers. The school's year started with a special staff meeting about the importance of reading and its consequences on a child's writing, expression and creativity. The correlation has been made between the quantity – and quality- of books read by and to pupils and their capacity to write accurately and creatively. Children at Horsington School get to read during the school's hours almost every day; some of them aloud to an adult as much as 5 times a week, all of them at least once a week. The school is very lucky to have, along with the teachers and the support staff, members of the community regularly coming to hear the children reading to them.

Reading aloud is something that the teachers are hoping that the children also practise outside school. It is crucial for children to be read to as early and as often as possible. By doing so, they get to understand the pleasure gained from hearing a whole story as well as increasingly complex vocabulary that they might not be able to decipher by themselves. There is a staggering fact: reading 3 to 5 times a week has the same effect on a child's reading skills to being 6 months older; reading 5 to 7 times a week brings those skills as being 12 months older!

Of course, we are all aware that it is more easily said than done. Where to find the time to read to a child when there is work to do, there are other siblings to look after, an endless list of chores, worries, health problems or any other impediments met by adults? The school is about to hold a meeting for parents to provide them with tips and other ideas to make reading possible on a daily basis. The "bedtime story" is generally an obvious moment to spend with a book, but for those who find it hard to adjust to that tradition, there are many other ways to dedicate some time to reading: play an audio book in the car, get the older siblings to read to the youngest, ask your child to read to you while cooking or ironing, even make up a story together while shopping...

Whoever is reading this article should question how to make reading a mission and improve a child's life (and even an adult's one!). No need to be a parent to be involved: you can read or listen to a grandchild, a nephew, a neighbour; you can offer to take them to the library or to a bookshop; you can surprise them with a book, old or new...

Tuesday 13 September is Roald Dahl's 100th birthday, the perfect opportunity for Horsington Church School to celebrate reading among his pupils. Check the next issue of the Villager for a write-up of the day and colourful drawings!

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." Einstein

WINCANTON MUSEUM AND HISTORY SOCIETY

Friday 28th October at 7.30pm
At the Wincanton Memorial Hall

Charles Buckler will give a talk on
Thomas Hardy

wincantonmuseum.org.uk

WANTED:

Kind person with good sense of humour to take me, a four year old Jack Russell girl, for walks. I don't need to go very far but a little further than my disabled lady owner can manage would be fun. So, if you fancy exploring the countryside, sniffing, barking and maybe more, please call me on **01963 370030**.

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**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.30pm on Wednesday 5th October**

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 October 6th @ 7.30pm

Pandas - a talk by Miss Angela Pitt

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

**The Wincanton Film Society Presents
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (2015) 12A**

at King Arthur's Performance Centre
Wednesday 12th October @ 7.30pm

Three decades after the collapse of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy, and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them.

Director: J.J. Abrams

Starring: Harrison Ford



NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

**TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER—7.30PM IN NORTH CHERITON VILLAGE HALL
Talk by Castle Gardens on Low Maintenance Gardening**

New members always welcome, first meeting is free.
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 to have included contact

info@horsingtonmagazine.co.uk

UPHOLSTERY IN HORSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Upholstery Group reconvened on Tuesday, 13th September for the autumn term. The Group operates on an informal basis and meets on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am - 2.30pm in Horsington Village Hall.

The Group has been meeting for many years reupholstering chairs, stools and occasionally larger pieces of furniture. Simple repair work can be undertaken within the Group.

Although the term has started we welcome interested prospective upholsterers who would like to join us.

Please contact Andrée MacLeod on 01963 351918

Talk on the Titanic

at St John the Baptist Church, Horsington
Friday 14th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Speaker, Tim Maltin - Author, Historian, TV Presenter and a leading expert on the Titanic - will give a talk aimed at dispelling some of the myths surrounding this famous event of 1912.

Refreshments will be served – Proceeds to The fabric of The Church - Suggested donation £8

Tickets Churchwarden: Mrs Rosemarie Wigley Tel: 01963 371478

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