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## Events Diary October 2018

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Mon 1st</b>	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
	Lunch	<b>Ladies' Pub Lunch</b>	Beckford Arms, Fonthill Gifford
<b>Tue 2nd</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	8.30pm	<b>Music Night</b>	Half Moon Inn
<b>Thu 4th</b>	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	<b>WI</b>	"
	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	"
<b>Fri 5th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Sat 6th</b>	2.30pm	<b>National Trust Association Talk</b>	Digby Hall, Sherborne
<b>Mon 8th</b>	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tue 9th</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
<b>Thu 11th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Fri 12th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 15th</b>	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tue 16th</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
<b>Thu 18th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Fri 19th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	7.30pm	<b>Film: The Hatton Garden Job</b>	Milborne Port Village Hall
	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
<b>Tue 23rd</b>	6.45pm	Pilates	"
	10.30am	Upholstery	"
<b>Thu 25th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Fri 26th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Sat 27th</b>	7.30pm	<b>Village Dinner</b>	"
	7.30pm	<b>Wincanton History Society Talk</b>	Wincanton Memorial Hall
<b>Mon 29th</b>	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tues 30th</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"

### Future Events:

Village Dinner Tickets - Please contact **John Macdonald**  
(01963 370444)

Saturday 3rd November - A talk entitled '**Leading from the Home Front**'  
will be delivered by Lt. Col. Lucy Giles  
at Horsington Church, 7.30pm.

Friday 9th November - **Service for the 'There but Not There'**  
campaign in Horsington Church

## Rock and Roll Gossip - from Liela Moss in Horsington

I've been visiting Horsington for 19 years, ever since my Dad and Step-Mum bought the dilapidated wing of an old historic house in the village. My first visit saw me stepping over piles of rubble, navigating great lengths of old pipes and upended floor boards all over the place. It looked like a hell of a lot of work to refurbish, but then I knew they'd do something brilliant with the building, as I'd watched them do just that with some run-down old East London public houses throughout my childhood. However, I still find it pretty astounding to sit here in our kitchen garden, basking in the heat reflected off the neatly restored Ham Stone, surrounded by honeysuckle and herbs, and remember that it was the old toilet block!

Since my Step-Mum passed away in 2013, I have come to stay at the house much more frequently. My Dad found it difficult to be here often without lovely Jean, but in a strange way I wanted to come here to be nearer to her, she had so much input here architecturally and stylistically. During this time of extended stays, I realised I'd lost touch with a profound stillness, the tranquillity of open space and woodlands that I knew in my childhood. I'd been in London since I was 19, in my twenties began frequent travelling to the USA for over a decade and I'd forgotten how healthy I feel in quietude! So I've been staying in the village an awful lot in recent years, and I count myself very lucky to know Ron and Judy Hodges who are such great people to know- they have helped our family for two decades and been blooming marvellous, especially when you need to orientate yourself around the area.

Career is not a word I use much, as I never consider that I might really have one, my adventures have been so varied and inconsistent! I've been a musician, who runs around assisting the family business when I am not in tour cycle. I suppose by now I have earned the right to use the term, as I describe my musical work, which became professional in about 2003. I was in a rock and roll band, which signed a record deal and began touring, at first gradually in the UK and Europe only, but by 2008 we were in New York and Los Angeles every month to start a tour and do the rounds of press and TV. My band, The Duke Spirit, had a tune which a bunch of college radio and indie stations were playing on rotation so we had a couple of good years! Playing the David Letterman and Jay Leno TV shows were very exciting outings for us, and memorable for our hilarious unreadiness for show biz! We were certainly 'winging it', but somehow pulled it off to do more of those kind of things. We have released 5 albums and various E.P.s over the years and I have collaborated with other artists and acts during that time. Also, believe it or not, I sang on a Jerry Lee Lewis session in 2009 – I find that so crazy, I actually forget myself. My band have all enjoyed Horsington visits and a fair few ales in the Half Moon and the White Horse. God knows what we looked like when we all walked in for the first time – skinny jeans and sunglasses...! We've been lucky to chat with Asa at the pub, who had actually seen us play at Glastonbury and knew we weren't just a bunch of loons.

Last summer I presented a month of my own shows on BBC6 Music radio and It was here in Horsington that I walked around the lanes, headphones on, researching old songs and choosing my playlist, whilst stepping around horse manure and watching deer leap through hedges! A great way to do my broadcasting homework. This year I am releasing my own solo album, which was written entirely here in the house. The lyrics and melodies accumulated as the season's changes transmuted one into the other and I have been profoundly affected by the serenity here. It has led into the atmosphere of the work and I feel huge gratitude that I



am able to come down here to work amongst such rural beauty and calmness. There are days when the wind howls down the chimney and the rain lashes against the old window panes – and I find those equally inspiring moments.

### **Farewell to MaryLynn Walker**

Every ship has a captain who is supposed to be in charge, but the ship would not get very far without the hard work and dedication of its Chief Engineer toiling away in the depths of the vessel tending to the smooth running of it, largely unseen by the passengers.

As far as this magazine is concerned MaryLynn was our Chief Engineer. From the beginning of the Villager she has worked tirelessly and efficiently, ensuring that the magazine maintained its high standard of print and content, yet all the while remaining cheerful and amenable to the last minute changes as deadlines approached. Seventy-five issues have come and gone under her guidance which is sufficient testament to her ability and determination.

Sadly for us, all good things seem to come to an end eventually; MaryLynn and her husband Richard have decided to move to Herefordshire for family reasons and we shall lose her talent and expertise. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all her hard work and devotion to the task which has made The Villager the success that it is, and to wish them both every happiness in their new home.

## Cider Making

by Bev Benjafield

Autumn is approaching fast and it will soon be time for cider making. We have been making cider for about five years. We have two big orchards and planted thirty two trees in 2014, twenty four trees in 2015 and this year we planted a further twenty eight trees. The trees are mostly cider apples and eating apples. The trees will take a few years to mature. We source our apples from local people who don't want to use them and their apples are otherwise wasted. Hopefully we will be self-sufficient one day.



Our Orchard



Apple Picking

You can use a single variety of apple if you wish but we use a blend of different ones. Before we start making cider we have to set out all of the equipment, thoroughly wash and sterilize it. In October as a family we all go out and collect the apples – more hands the better- as this takes a long time but it's good fun on a sunny day

The following day we process them. They are washed and sorted, making sure no bad ones go in. We crush them up to make a pulp. Barry then collects it, puts in the muslin liner and presses it. The juice falls from the press into a big bucket. Then we pump it over to a 200 litre barrel. This is its final resting place.

The apple residue goes to the local farmer for his cows. The apple juice is delicious straight from the press! We make sure the lid is sealed tightly on the barrel so no air can get in or it will go off and the whole process is ruined. An air lock is inserted on the top of the barrel with water in so that the fermenting cider can bubble away. It takes about a year to ferment. When it's nearly stopped bubbling we rack it off into another barrel as there will be sediment in the bottom. You can add sugar



Cheers!

at this stage if you wish: this will increase the alcoholic strength of the final cider. Leave it to bubble again. When it stops, it's ready to drink: delicious!

# 'There but not there'

ATTENDING



Adjutant General's Corp (SPS)



Army Air Corps

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cantan Armed Forces Breakfast Club



Horsington Church School

There will be a service at St John's Church to  
Commemorate the 100yr Anniversary end WW1

'To take the names from the War Memorial and  
bring them back into the spaces they left behind'

## Friday 9th November

### 10am War Memorial 10.30am in church

14 silhouettes, one for each of the fallen from WW1 will be brought, by children from Horsington School, from the War Memorial to the church, led by a 20 strong contingent from 'Adjutant General's Corp Detachment, 1 Army Air Corps' and veterans. They will be brought into the church one by one, we'll hear their stories and honour them all individually. Everyone is welcome to join us



Dear Villagers

Anyone out there who would like to learn how to ring the Church Bells? Anna is starting a learners' practice on Monday evenings from 5.30pm – 7pm, so why not give her a call, or just come along to see what it is all about.

Are you new to Horsington and South Cheriton, just retired, or feeling lonely - then why not join a group of ladies who enjoy a pub lunch once a month. It is always on the first Monday in the month, except for Bank Holidays. So, if this appeals to you, just give me a ring (01963 371478) and if you need transport simply ask, as we aim to use as few cars as possible – the Beckford Arms at Fonthill Gifford is our choice for October.

We are having a Benefice Harvest Supper at Henstridge Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Give me a ring if you want a ticket - it should be a fun evening.

A date for your diary – Horsington Church 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> November - a talk entitled 'Leading from the Home Front' will be delivered by Lt. Col. Lucy Giles (daughter of former Wincanton Vet, Marcus Giles). Our speaker was educated at Wincanton schools and went on to be the first woman College Commander at Sandhurst. So good to see a locally educated woman make such a success in the armed forces!

I am unable to confirm whether we have a new Rector at the moment. The interview went well, but the appointment has to come from the Archbishop of Canterbury, as we have been in a vacancy for more than nine months.

God Bless  
Rosemarie

**St John the Baptist, Horsington**

7th Oct	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
14th Oct	11.00am	Morning Prayer
21st Oct	9.15am	Holy Communion
28th Oct	8.30am	Holy Communion

**St Nicholas, Henstridge**

7th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Worship	6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving
14th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	
21st Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
28th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	

**St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe**

7th Oct	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	
14th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	
21st Oct	11.00am	Morning Praise	12.30pm Baptism
28th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	

## Elfriede, December 2016

by Valerie Pratt

Leave the door open when you go  
 We've so much enjoyed having you.  
 Leave the door open when you go  
 And perhaps your happy spirit will return  
 And we can, smiling, say, 'Do you remember -

That bouillabaisse we had on Alderney,  
 Your squeals of joy in the cold waves at Lyme,  
 How thrilled you were to win our first first  
 With that ewe so long ago?'

You walk with us in the garden,  
 You are part of every day,  
 Just the other side of the light.

Sent by Toni Salmonson, Hearne House



## Where West Begins Autumn programme, in collabration with Hauser and Wirth Bruton and Westlands Yeovil

- **1st October 6.30pm** "The Gospel according to Andre", followed by Q&A with a fashion panel. Westlands.
- **5 October 6.30pm** "Boom for real: the late teenage years of Jean-Michel Basquiat", followed by Q&A with an artists and collectors panel. Hauser and Wirth.
- **15 October 6.30pm** "McQueen", documentary followed by Q&A with a fashion panel. Westlands.
- **26 October** "Human Flow" - A movie by artist Ai Weiwei, introduced by Mark Cosgrove from Watershed. Hauser and Wirth.
- And also a very popular children's event during half-term:
- **26 October 3pm** "Whale Rider", followed by a craft workshop with Bootmakers Wincanton. Westlands

Tickets and info available at [www.wherewestbegins.org.uk](http://www.wherewestbegins.org.uk)

## Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

As I write this there is a definite nip in the air and a feeling that the long, hot summer has finally come to an end. The plants in my pots are beginning to look a bit sad; time to put them out of their misery and replant with colour for the winter and bulbs for the spring. Mike Burks' talk on container gardening on September 11<sup>th</sup> was very therefore very timely. He took us through the form and function of various types of container, the ideal structure of planting material and suggested a variety of hardy (and other) plants, ideal for containers.

Next month's talk, on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, will be something a little different. We have the Dorset-based potter and sculpture Jonathan Garratt speaking about sculpture in gardens and green spaces. We'll also be giving away free bulbs! Castle Gardens are donating daffodil bulbs – specifically, Narcissus Golden Aura – for members to grow on. They are supposed to flower April/May, so we'll have a friendly competition next spring to see whose flower best. Photographic evidence may be accepted if the dates of our meeting don't coincide with the blooming of the daffs. Also, if you didn't pick up your 25% off bulbs voucher for Castle Gardens in September, we should have some still available on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Charlton Horethorne Village Hall doors open at 6.45pm, before Jonathan's talk begins at 7.15pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kate Hill  
Chairman



**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington  
At 8.30pm on Wednesday 3rd October**

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

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

**Moviola - Milborne Port (Village Hall)**

Friday October 19th - Doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm

Film: **The Hatton Garden Job (15)**  
Stars: **Matthew Goode, Larry Lamb**



Two years ago four men broke into the underground vault of the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Company and made off with diamonds and cash to the value of an estimated £14 million, possibly much more. It wasn't just the scale of the job. It was also the fact that three of the robbers, who were caught within a month, were pensioners. Only one of them got away, a mysterious figure known only as "Basil" who has never been located let alone charged.

**Tickets: £5.00 in advance - £5.50 at door**

Exclusively available from Wayne the Butcher, High Street, Milborne Port  
For more information phone Martin Lancaster on 01963 251858

**Bell Ringers**

There are about 40,000 ringers in the UK in over 6,000 towers. However, new recruits are always welcome.

If you would like to learn to ring then please feel free to contact either Anna Piechna or Roger Price and we will be pleased to teach you the ancient art of change ringing.

**Telephone 370749**

**Blackmore Vale and Yeovil National Trust Association**

**Saturday 6th October @ 2.30pm**  
Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne

**Joe Puszet - A Taste of Poland**

£3.00 members or £5.00 non-members, includes refreshments



Thursday October 4th at the Village Hall

**Tales of a Truffle Hunter by James Feaver**

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

## Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday 26th October at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

**Further Tales of Old Wincanton**  
by **John Sansom**

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

[Wincantonmuseum.org.uk](http://Wincantonmuseum.org.uk)

## Bobologism No 4

by Bob Jones

My sons and their families sometimes regard me as a funny old fogey, I'm sure with good reason. They enjoy winding me up about my petty foibles, and one of those is to do with what I think is the most overused word in the English language.

Just listen to anyone speaking in everyday life, and particularly on the radio. THAT WORD crops up every minute or two, and its use is almost always inappropriate. *Difficult to believe* in fact.

It is **INCREDIBLE!**

Just listen and see if you too think it is used to excess. Sports, politics, current affairs, everyday life – it is all **INCREDIBLE**. Any context will do. I think you might agree with this old fogey once you hear how much it is over-used.

Or maybe it's just me....

And whilst I'm on my high horse I have a thing about how the word SAUNA is mispronounced. Saunas were invented in Finland, and there –and also in the neighbouring countries of Russia, Sweden and the Baltic states- they pronounce it "Sowna". Often in Britain one hears it called "Sorner", to rhyme with corner. That's how my sons and their children pronounce it when they want to wind me up. Ugh! I'm learning to ignore them, but it isn't easy.



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