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Events Diary April 2011

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue			
Fri 1 st	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	8pm	Zumba Dance	Village Hall			
Mon 4 th	6pm	Pilates	Village Hall			
	Lunch	St John's Ladies Lunch Group	Batcombe			
Tues 5th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall			
	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall			
Wed 6th	4.15pm	Children's Dance	Village Hall			
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall			
	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon			
Thurs 7 th	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall			
	7.30pm	Women's Institute Meeting	Village Hall			
Fri 8 th	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	7.30pm	Talk "A Diplomat in Ghana"	Church			
	8pm	Zumba Dance	Village Hall			
Sun 10 th	10am	Spring Clean of Village Hall	Village Hall			
Mon 11 th	Deadline	for articles for next issue of The	Villager			
	6pm	Pilates	Village Hall			
Tues 12t	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall			
	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall			
Wed 13 ^t	4.15pm	Children's Dance	Village Hall			
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall			
Thurs 14 th	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall			
	7pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall			
Fri 15 th	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	8pm	Zumba Dance	Village Hall			
	6.30pm	PTFA Easter Bingo	Wincanton			
Sat 16 th	7pm	"String Whistle" Concert	Village Hall			
Mon 18 th	6pm	Pilates	Village Hall			
Tues 19th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall			
	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall			
Wed 20 th	4.15pm	Children's Dance	Village Hall			
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall			
Thurs 21st	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall			
Fri 22 nd	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	8pm	Zumba Dance	Village Hall			
Mon 25 th	6pm	Pilates	Village Hall			
Tues 26th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall			
	7.45pm	Film: 'The Night Porter'	King Arthurs			
	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall			
Wed 27 th	4.15pm	Children's Dance	Village Hall			
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall			
Thurs 28th	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall			
Fri 29 th	10am	Art	Village Hall			
	8pm	Zumba Dance	Village Hall			
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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Villager', the new magazine for the villages of Horsington and South Cheriton.

A number of residents have felt for some time that the villages could enhance their sense of community through the publication of a magazine. This would act as a form of communication, information, entertainment and advertisement for the area, covering news and events. To that end a series of meetings was held during the winter and a small Committee was formed to manage the set-up and ongoing production of such a publication, supported by a team of distributors, proof readers, etc.

It will be independent in status, not belonging to any particular organization, and will aim to be inclusive by covering all residents of the two villages. So please feel free to contribute in any way you feel able. The magazine will be as useful and appealing as you make it so we welcome your active involvement in producing a magazine that is of wide interest each month.

Our purpose is to make the content as comprehensive as possible in terms of the activities and events occurring within the area so do let us know if you are involved in organising any event that you wish to be advertised in the magazine. It will include a diary of village events and a list of contact names and telephone numbers for the many regular activities that take place in the villages. It will also be a place to publicise forthcoming talks, concerts and other events. An exchange of services offered or needed, such as babysitting, cleaning, gardening, etc, could be included. Also there could be space for personal announcements from residents such as births, marriages and special anniversaries.

We will publish and distribute the magazine to every household free of charge on a monthly basis, except for August and January. The contents of the Parish Newsletter, produced by Reverend Peter Hallett, will effectively be subsumed within this new magazine. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and his team for their excellent work in producing their newsletter and for his guidance in the setting-up of this new publication.

An open meeting for all residents of the two villages will be held at the Half Moon at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th April to gain feedback on the magazine and to hear your suggestions for future improvement. Why not come along and let us have your views?

For further information, or to let us have your views on this magazine, please contact:

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St John's Ladies Lunch Group

This thriving group meets at a different local pub on the 1st Monday of every month. New faces always very welcome. Come and join us for a good lunch and lots of chat and laughter.

The only qualification is that you must have a connection with Horsington or South Cheriton, and be a lady!

For details ring Rosemarie Wigley 01963 371 478 or Susan Maltin 01963 371 400 Here's one of my favourite recipes – a delicious and easy dish for a family supper or a supper to share with friends

Chicken & Broccoli Casserole

By Brenda Graney

Serves 4

1 cooked chicken or equivalent chicken flesh

450 grams/1lb. broccoli - cooked

1 can condensed chicken soup

2 teaspoons curry powder

2 tablespoons salad cream

100 gram/4oz. crushed potato crisps Black pepper

A pinch of cayenne pepper

Heat the oven to 180C/Gas Equivalent

Strip all the meat off the chicken and cut into pieces Remove all skin and bones.

Heat the soup, curry powder and salad cream. Thin the sauce with a little water (about half a soup tin, but this is personal preference)

Season the sauce with black pepper and cayenne

Arrange broccoli in bottom of a casserole dish, place chicken over the broccoli, then pour over the soup mixture

Sprinkle the crisps on top

Bake in the oven at 180 deg C or gas equivalent for about 25 minutes

Serve with jacket potatoes and salad, or vegetables



BIRD WATCH

Birds of the Season

April is a wonderful month in the birding calendar. It sees many of our migrant birds return from warmer lands in Africa and the Mediterranean. Swallows and House Martins start streaming in from the south along with the early warblers such as Chiffchaff, Blackcap and Willow Warbler. The easiest way to find them in large numbers is to take a trip to Sutton Bingham reservoir south of Yeovil. This large expanse of water has a high concentration of insect life, and these migrants gather here first to feed voraciously to replace energy lost on their long migration flights.

They will soon disperse, however, and we should see all of them in and around our Parish before the end of the month. We are particularly favoured by Swallows because the Blackmore Vale has many dairy farms and their pasture land and barns provide plentiful insect food and nesting opportunities.

Our earliest summer migrant is the Chiffchaff. It is a small, plain, brownish-green bird, very similar to the Willow Warbler, but the easiest way to spot one is to listen out for its distinctive song – a metallic "chiff - chaff". Each year it is a thrill to hear the first one. It reassures us that the natural world is still working despite climate change and loss of habitat.

There are lots of Blackcaps too. The males have a distinctive black cap and the females a reddish one, above a grey body. All three of these early migrant warblers can be seen in our gardens and hedgerows now but they can be very difficult to pin down once the leaves are out.

Towards the end of April we should hear our first Cuckoo. The distinctive call of the male bird is trying to attract a female and she responds with a bubbling trill. Sadly, Cuckoo numbers have declined by sixty five per cent since the 1980's so it is becoming more difficult to hear one. The cause of their decline is unknown but it may be due to changing conditions in sub-Saharan Africa where they spend their winters.

Whilst our returning migrants bring a buzz of excitement, our resident birds are also hard at work. The dawn chorus is now in full voice long before sunrise with Song Thrushes leading the way, followed by Great Tits, Blackbirds and Wrens. Everywhere you look birds are carrying nesting material. Male Wrens are particularly busy, as one will build as many as six "cock's nests" and his mate will choose just one and line it with feathers before laying up to seven tiny eggs. Wrens in particular will need to have a good breeding year to replace the ones that perished in the snow and cold weather we had in December.

Let's hope for a mild and reasonably dry spell for them.

by Keith Davies



Chiffchaff on a bird bath

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

"The Night Porter"

*Tuesday 26^{th} April 2011 - 7.45 pm

* Performance Centre, King Arthur's School, Dancing Lane, Wincanton

Crime, Romance, Drama; Starring Dirk Bogarde, Charlotte Rampling Director: Liliana Cavani

Language: Italian - (1974 - Rating: 18)

Thirteen years after WWII, a concentration camp survivor (Rampling) and her tormentor, currently the night porter at a Vienna hotel, meet again and fall back into their sado-masochistic relationship

**For further information contact Les Graney on 371668

Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington Wednesday 6th April at 8.45 pm

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst enjoying a beer; Free apart from drinks Further details from Anna 01963 370749

Wincanton Choral Society will be performing their Spring Concert on May 15th in the Sports Hall at King Arthur's School, West Hill, Wincanton at 7.30pm.

They will be singing Haydn's "The Creation". Tickets will be on sale during April. For tickets and further details please phone Bob and Jane Jones on 370562



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The school production is almost upon us. A time of mixed emotions for parents – excitement, nerves, pride, stress over costume making and admiration for the hard work of staff and children.

"The First Kids in Space" is a musical written for children. There is a script but children and staff are given some artistic licence to enhance the story and the improvisations are worth looking out for! Limelight can prove addictive and small roles can turn into epic performances!

Careful consideration is given to choosing a theme that is relevant to boys and girls of all ages. It can be a challenge finding a suitable text for such a large number of children. Horsington staff know their pupils well and choose plays to fit particular characters. There is increased interest in music, dance and song in this X Factor generation, particularly from boys.

Obviously a valuable Performing Arts tool what else does the production offer? Skills development in Art and Design (costume and prop making) and Literacy (reading and learning of lines and songs) and the personal and social elements that Mrs Alexander is passionate about. The performance unites the school. Every child is encouraged to participate and those whose skills are best suited to backstage or set design are valued as highly as the actors. Will the experience cement the children's scientific knowledge of Space? Quite possibly, yes. The child who has the honour of playing Neptune may always remember the order of the planets by thinking back to the order he and his counterparts filed on stage! I know the children (and indeed some of the mothers!)

have now added 'Android' to their vocabulary!

I asked some of the children for their thoughts on the production. The youngest are excited by their costumes and like the story. The older children think it's 'ace'. They admit it is hard work learning their lines but they 'absolutely love it'. When pressed, they manage to find one negative - perhaps the rehearsals should interrupt lessons rather than break time!

Mrs Alexander is self-deprecating about her role, describing herself as 'an enthusiastic rather than talented musician'. Talent aside, it is the enthusiasm and tremendous dedication from all the teachers and support staff which make this incredibly ambitious project come together, and such commitment is not only infectious for the children but also a great example for them.

As a mother to one of our younger stars (quite literally), I am yet to experience my first big production. I have a feeling it will be something that we will both remember for a long time to come. Good luck to all!

Carly Markendale Governor, Horsington Primary School



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Horsington PTFA Easter Bingo!

Friday 15th April

Come along and enjoy an evening of bingo at Wincanton Memorial Hall and raise funds for Horsington Primary School at the same time! Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Refreshments available.

Everyone welcome!

Advance Notice: Horsington Village and School Fete is on 18th June this year. Save the date! If you'd like to book a stall please contact the school office on 01963 370358.

Do you have any old mobile phones or printer cartridges lying around? If so Horsington PTFA would like to offer them a home! We are always fundraising for the school so we'd be very grateful if you could hand your unwanted phones or printer cartridges into the school office. Thank you!

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Dear friends

I welcome the launch of this new village magazine. The Church Newsletter that has been distributed for some time attempted what I expect this to do better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who contributed items to that Newsletter, and those who faithfully delivered it, come rain, come shine, over the years. It's no good producing a newsletter if no one contributes items. And it's no good producing the best magazine in the land if we don't get it out there! So we owe a debt of gratitude to all those folk.

Some years ago, we found in Henstridge that folk didn't know what was going on in their own village. This inspired us to produce a village magazine with the simple aim of solving that problem. If we are to be a community rather than a collection of folk who just happen to live in the same place, we need to communicate with each other and do things with each other.

Easter lies at the heart of the church's year - it is about God beginning to renew the world. At its best, the church acts to bring that about here and now. Part of that is making this a good place to be - I pray this magazine helps achieve that.

Peter Hallett (Rector)

St John the Baptist, Horsington

3 April....Mothering Sunday

9.15am....Holy Communion with Sunday School

10 April

11am.....Morning Prayer

17 April...Palm Sunday

9.15am.....Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm....Holy Communion followed by a

simple supper at Henstridge Church

Good Friday

7pm.....Service of Readings & Hymns

24 April...Easter Sunday

St Mary the Virgin, Templecombe

3 April....Mothering Sunday

11am.... All Age Worship

10 April

9.30am... Holy Communion

17 April...Palm Sunday

11am......Morning Praise with Sunday School

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm.....Holy Communion followed by a

simple supper at Henstridge Church

Good Friday

10am.....All Age Worship

24 April...Easter Sunday

9.30am.....Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Henstridge

3 April....Mothering Sunday

8am......Holy Communion (BCP)

11am.....Sing Glory! Worship for All Ages

6.30pm....Evensong

10 April

9.30am.....Holy Communion

17 April...Palm Sunday

11am.....Morning Prayer

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm......Holy communion followed by a simple supper

Good Friday

2pm.....Meditation on the Cross

24 April....Easter Sunday

9.15am.....Holy Communion

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Garden Watch

THE GARDEN IN APRIL With Muddy Wellies

A new village magazine and a new gardening year, at last it is Spring, after cruelly cold winter months. Now we discover how much damage weeks of sub zero temperatures have caused.

Some supposedly more tender plants may surprise us by bursting forth a bit later than usual. Don't be too quick to dig up and chuck out plants. The grass starts to grow, mower blades are lowered and we see the striped lawns appearing, summer will soon be here. Don't mulch your plants with grass cuttings which contain weed seeds. You can put cuttings on the compost heap, but not in great quantity and it is best to mix with shredded paper and layer with other compostable material. Now is a good time to lay turf. The soil should be warming up and rain is likely – if not it will need watering.

Tie in climbers and wall shrubs, plant evergreen trees, shrubs, climbers, heathers and pot grown wall shrubs. Rhododendrons and Azaleas can be planted out or transplanted if outgrown their allotted space. Hard prune Forsythia after flowering. Cut back Buddleja davidii, Hydrangeas, hardy Fuchsias, shrubby Mallows, Dogwoods, Willows and winter flowering Jasmine. Trim Lavenders.

Plant late flowering perennials and summer flowering bulbs and corms, such as Gladioli, together with spring raised Sweet Peas. Towards the end of the month Dahlia tubers can start to go out. Half Hardy Annuals, such as Calendula and Nasturtiums can be sown where they are to flower. Deep water and Marginal Aquatics should be planted and overgrown Water-Lilies lifted, divided and replanted. Indoors start fortnightly feeds to overwintered plants such as Fuchsias

and Pelargoniums.



Hoe frequently in dry weather to keep weeds down in herb and vegetable beds, and water during dry spells. Earth up Potatoes as growth develops, cover leaves with fleece, straw or newspaper if frost forecast. Continue to plant out Onion sets, summer Cabbage and herb plants. Sow more salad crops, Fennel, Parsley, Dill, Purple Sprouting Broccoli, winter Cabbage and late summer Cauliflowers outdoors. Tomato plants can be put in the greenhouse.

A word of warning, as the weather warms up and you stand back to admire all your hard work the slugs and aphids will be smacking their lips and preparing to enjoy the tasty new shoots appearing!

Annual Parish Meeting 14th April 7pm Village Hall

There will be a Parish Council Meeting immediately following.

Everyone is invited to attend both.

Evelene Ruddock died at the age of 95, on January 8th, the 16th anniversary of her husband's death. A prominent and muchloved member of our village community, Evelene, with her husband Reg, moved to Horsington some 35 years ago on Reg's retirement as Rector of Holton.

Evelene was like everyone's mother and grandmother, always warm and good-natured, never critical, always interested to hear news of everybody's families, though never remotely intrusive. She was an active member of St. John's Church until she died, and hosted a regular house-group at her home. In her 80's she took up a long-neglected love and restarted piano lessons. She put her heart

into it, taking it seriously and practising regularly. She was still having her regular piano lesson less than a month before she died Her funeral (taken by her son Rev.Edgar Ruddock) was a celebration of a life well-lived. The church was full, and in a heart-touching tribute her greatgrand children brought heliumfilled balloons to the Chancel where her coffin lav. Her son led us in "Three Cheers for Evelene", which as he pointed out, was a very un-Anglican thing to do! But we all felt it was right as she had enriched the lives of all who knew her

All her friends and family were there in a tribute to a greatly-loved and respected lady.



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St Margaret's Village Hall

The management committee are delighted to announce that the hall, located between Horsington and South Cheriton, has again been awarded Hall Mark One status. This Michelin star equivalent is testament to the excellent management of the facility by a happy band of enthusiastic volunteers all of whom give their time and expertise freely. We are grateful to the wider community for your support.

A growing number of football teams are using the changing rooms and adjacent pitches. Activities in the hall include pilates, dance, art, Zumba, upholstery and badminton. There is equipment stored for a parent toddler group. This has folded due to a lack of toddlers but should any one wish to restart it the committee would love to help.

The Hall is available to hire for parties, dances, concerts, films, plays or band practice. It has a beautiful sprung wooden floor, marked out for badminton. The gallery above can be used for film projection. Alcohol may be served if a TENS licence is obtained. There is full disability access with the normal facilities and good level parking for about 50 cars. Seated events can accommodate up to 125, dances up to 140 people. A modular stage is available and can be used as a simple dais, cat walk or normal stage for productions either in the round or against the wall. For further information contact the bookings secretary (see contacts list for details).

The Hall is maintained by fund raising activities including concerts and the Annual Village Dinner (in September this year).

The committee would like to wish the new Magazine every success and I would like to thank you all for your continuing support.



Julie Gripper (Chair)

Spring Clean

We are about to give the hall its annual spring clean and would welcome anyone who wishes to join us on Sunday 10th April from 10 o'clock

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Visitors are always welcome

Thursday April 7th: Creative Cakes with Nadine Seton

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Contact Jackie Pyne on 370713 for further details

The Famous Celtic & Folk Group

String Whistle

St Margaret's Village Hall, Horsington

Saturday 16th April at 7pm

in aid of Brain Tumour Research for Young People, in memory of Alfie Jack Morland, adored grandson of Paddy & Anthea Hughes.

Alfie died aged 5½ months

Cost £10

Paddy Hughes (01963 370 323)

Yeovil Night Shelter is seeking volunteers. For more than 15 years the shelter has been helping men and women in need by giving an evening meal and occasionally a bed for the night. Two volunteers work each night, one from 8-11pm and the other sleeping overnight.

Just one evening a monthwould be greatly appreciated.

Please contact either the Manager, Chris Gibbons on 7814 235855 or Bob Jones on 370562

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An illustrated talk on Ghanaian history, the slave trade and the Atlantic Wars by

Sir Anthony Goodenough former

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Friday 8th April at 7.30pm in St John's Church, Horsington

Tickets at door - suggested donation £8

Enquiries to Rosemarie 01963 371478

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who has helped create this first edition of The Villager magazine. It has been a wonderful team effort with about 30 people involved and is a reflection of the great enthusiasm the community has for their magazine. Thanks again to one and all and let's keep going!

Les Graney, Chairman, Magazine Committee

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