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Events Diary July 2011

Day/Date	Time	Event	Time	Event	Venue
Fri 1st	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	Village Hall
Mon 4th	Lunch	St John's Ladies Lunch Group			The Bull at Hardway
	6.00pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tue 5th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 6th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
	8.45pm	Music Night			Half Moon
Thu 7th	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI - Strawberry Evening			"
Fri 8th	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	"
	8.00pm	Zumba			"
Mon 11th	6.00pm	Pilates			"
Tue 12th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 13th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thu 14th	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting			"
Fri 15th	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	"
	8.00pm	Zumba			"
Mon 18th	6.00pm	Pilates			"
Tue 19th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 20th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thu 21st	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	"
Wed 27th	2.30pm	Tea and Chat			St John's Church

July 23rd - August 31st School Holiday

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Mon 1st	Lunch	St John's Ladies Lunch Group			Saxon Inn, Child Okeford
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Thu 11th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting			"
Wed 31st	2.30pm	Tea and Chat			St John's Church

Brian Tunncliffe – Bow Maker To The Stars

By Paddy Hughes

I wind through lanes foaming with cow parsley until I am deep in Horsington Marsh. Suddenly there's a gravel drive-in leading to an isolated semi-detached cottage with a wooden hut slightly larger than a garden shed. Here in this idyllic spot lives Brian Tunncliffe with his partner Janet, a professional cellist. Here on the aptly named River Bow is where Brian also works. As we head to his shed, Brian says *"I hate gardening, but I love my shed for the engineering skills I can bring to bear in it to make bows for violins, cellos and so on. Come and have a look."*

Brian comes from Middleton in Lancashire where at sixteen he was taken on as an engineering apprentice in pattern making, carving intricate designs in wood to form moulds for the production of steel and non-ferrous castings. He achieved several City and Guilds certificates, one for handicraft teaching. Further training at Loughborough College included silver-smithing and engineering workshop practice. So how did he get into bow-making? *"I used to sing in choirs and I was in a bar with some musical friends when someone says, "Why don't you become a bow-maker?"*

Intrigued, Brian took up the challenge, first with a top bow-maker then branching out on his own and he's never looked back.

Each new bow combines seven very expensive materials and forty hours of dedicated work. They include two hard, flexible woods, Pernambuco from Brazil and Snakewood from Guyana, and horse hair from Mongolia, China and Canada, *"English horse hair is too oily! It has to be from rough, tough horses in really wild places!"* The bow's metal work is usually silver or gold and mother of pearl is used. Tiny little wedges and an ebony 'frog' hold the hairs in place. Beautifully crafted for baroque, classical or modern music, each finished bow is classified as a fine art object.

And how long should it last? *"Barring accidents, a lifetime!"* And who are his customers? *"Members of the Royal Opera House Orchestra, the four top London orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra, several leading European orchestras including the Berlin Philharmonic and the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra and then there's the Royal Academy of Music in London."* And big names? *"Yehudi Menuhin. I made two for him."*

All this from a garden shed out on Horsington Marsh. Wow!





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Menu

Red Pepper and Tomato Flan

By Brenda Graney



Filling:

250 grams/9 oz red peppers, deseeded and cut into thin slices
 350 grams/12 oz tomatoes, thinly sliced
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 4 cloves garlic, crushed
 25 grams/1oz fresh white breadcrumbs
 ½ teaspoon dried basil
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 1 teaspoon sugar

Pastry:

175 grams/6oz plain flour
 Pinch of salt
 *50 grams/2 oz margarine diced
 *25 grams/1 oz lard, diced
 50 grams/2 oz Cheddar cheese, finely grated
 ½ teaspoon dried mixed herbs
 2 tablespoons cold water
 Lightly beaten egg white, to seal.

* or use 2 ½ oz Trex

Heat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas equivalent

Make the pastry: Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Add the margarine and lard (or Trex) and rub in until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the grated cheese and herbs. Then add the cold water and mix to a fairly firm dough.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out thinly. Use to line a 20 cm/8 inch flan ring, set on a baking sheet, prick the base with a fork. Place a large circle of greaseproof paper or foil in the pastry case and weight it down with baking beans. Bake for 10 minutes.

Remove the paper or foil lining and beans, brush the inside of the pastry case with beaten egg white, and return the pastry to the oven for a further five minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside.

Make the filling: Heat the oil in a frying pan. Add the peppers and fry gently for five minutes until beginning to soften. Add the garlic and continue to cook until soft and lightly coloured. Set aside.

Put the breadcrumbs in a bowl with the basil and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Spread the peppers over the base of the flan case, then cover with the tomato slices. Sprinkle with sugar, then finish with a layer of the breadcrumb mixture.

Bake in the oven for 30-35 minutes until the tomatoes are tender and the pastry is golden. Serve the flan hot with a fresh green vegetable and new potatoes, or serve cold with a mixed green salad.

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Bird Watch

By Keith Davies

The warm, dry Spring helped our more fragile bird species to raise early and successful first broods and so numbers have recovered well after high mortality during our hard winter. However, the lack of rain led to very hard ground and made it difficult for some birds, particularly Blackbirds and Thrushes, to feed their young on worms. House Martins also found it difficult to build nests as there was very little mud around. We have at least one local colony of nesting House Martins, in Foxcombe Lane on the south western boundary of our Parish. Originally cliff nesting birds they now prefer to build their mud nests under the eaves of houses.

They are another species that winters in Africa and has declining numbers. They often come into conflict with House Sparrows. Sparrows can wreck their mud nests when roosting in them over the winter. They also take the nests over for their own egg laying and have been known to eject the eggs of House Martins to achieve this.

House Sparrow numbers have also declined significantly but mainly in our large towns and cities. The reasons for this are not fully understood. They are still numerous in Horsington and South Cheriton, however, as they are in many other villages. With such a good food source available Sparrowhawks are also common around here. They depend on fast flight and surprise to catch their prey. They are not fast enough to catch House Martins, but the Hobby, which is a small Falcon, is built to do just that. It is a superb aerial acrobat that also feeds by catching insects and dragonflies. During July and August, we often see one flying high over Foxcombe Lane and catching one of the recently fledged House Martins to feed to its own young. In September the Hobby and the House Martins will return to Africa to winter.

Male Sparrowhawk



**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.45 pm on Wednesday 6th July and 3rd August**

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst
enjoying a beer; free apart from drinks
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7th July Strawberry Evening: Dorset My Dorset—Bonny Sartin

4th August Dickens of a Time—David Peet

Contact: **Mrs Jackie Pyne:** 01963 370713

May Meeting

We welcomed back David Andrews to our May meeting which we held at The Half Moon Inn (many thanks Andrew!). David has entertained us in past years with music and memories from the 50's and 60's and is a great favourite of ours. The World War 2 themed evening was partly serious with contemporary newspaper reports and letters of the time but lightened with songs and of course many jokes of the era. A fun evening!



St Margaret's Village Hall Annual Dinner
will be held on *Saturday 24th of September*
Celebrate the anniversary of Sir Steven Redgrave's 5th
gold medal

The Village Hall Management Committee invite you to join
them for a Patriotic Olympic-themed Dinner at 7.30 for 7.45
Tickets will be available from August

Reservations can be made by calling
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Horsington Church of England Primary School

International Project 2009-2011

By Lorna Allen

Our School has been involved in an International Project funded through the British Council by the European Union and has found it extremely worthwhile. It has created firm and lasting links with three other European schools, which has, in a small rural school, given the opportunity to broaden horizons and break down barriers. It has also led to a greater international understanding and placed this firmly within the curriculum. For the staff it has provided opportunities to strengthen the way they work together in new ways. Their links have given them the evidence for a successful application for the International Schools Award.

The project aims to help the schools to a greater understanding of their own, and each others' heritage, culture and educational approaches. When their international colleagues came to the UK they visited the Jurassic Heritage coast at Lulworth Cove, Corfe Castle, the City of Bath and Stourhead. They also went to the May Fayre at Kingsbury Episcopi and Wells Cathedral to give a greater understanding of our cultural heritage. To help their colleagues understand how our education system works they met the education department at Wells Cathedral. They also met the Diocesan Director of Education who discussed the development of church schools and the role of the Diocese in partnership with the Local Authority.

Ian Rumbelow, Headteacher, said, "Through visiting our school they were able to see and hear about our approach to teaching and learning. Many very positive comments were made by colleagues about the behaviour, keenness and focus of our children. They also spent time talking with our children about their schools."

Most schools that undertake such a project are within the secondary sector or much larger primary schools so this has been a large undertaking, but a very rewarding and stimulating experience that will have a lasting impact on the way the staff work with the children. As can be seen from the photographs below, time was spent with the children in the classroom and also the international visitors were able to visit Stourhead gardens.



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Dear friends,

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH (in the Rector's absence)

July arrives and thoughts turn to holidays, school closes and the village takes on a different feel. We all need a time of rest and recreation, and even if we can't get away for a break, perhaps we can change gear, slow down a bit (even for those of us who are retired the days seem frenetic at times) and take stock of our lives.

That simplistic view of creation which we find in Genesis may not satisfy today's scientific mind, but it has at its heart an important message; that rest and work need to be kept in balance - that it's good to stop, and have a break. God rests from creation on the seventh day - a lesson that we need to learn. It isn't hard to take in the beauty of the world around us in our lovely part of Somerset, but we do God - and ourselves - an injustice if we don't make the time to do so.

May you enjoy rest and recreation this summer, wherever you may be.

Jan Coomber

St John the Baptist, Horsington

3rd July

9.15am Holy Communion and Sunday School

10th July

11am Morning Prayer

17th July

9.15am Holy Communion

24th July

8.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong (to be confirmed)

31st July

10.30am United Benefice Service at St Mary's Templecombe

St Mary the Virgin, Templecombe

3rd July

11am All Age Worship

10th July

9.30am Holy Communion

17th July

11am Morning Praise and Gospel Gang

24th July

9.30am Holy Communion

31st July

10.30am United Benefice Service

St Nicholas, Henstridge

3rd July

8am Holy Communion

11am Sing Glory! Worship for all Ages

6.30pm Evensong

10th July

9.30am Holy Communion

17th July

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24th July

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TEA AND CHAT

Join us for a cup of tea and a biscuit in St John's Church, Horsington

Bring and buy cake and produce stall, donations gratefully received.

Last Wednesday of the month during the summer from 2.30pm
27th July, 31st August

St John the Baptist, Horsington**7th August**

9.15am Holy Communion

14th August

11am Morning Prayer

21st August

9.15am Holy Communion

28th August

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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 371478

or **Susan Maltin** 01963 371400

Obituary

NOREEN KIND

By Gill Elston

The packed St John's church at Noreen's funeral in April bore witness to the affection in which Noreen was held by so many friends and neighbours in South Cheriton, North Cheriton and Horsington as well as much further afield.

Noreen was a campaigner and she could make life difficult for some. She was also fun, accomplished, generous, dramatic and active. Her own standards were clear and she expected no less of others. But Noreen put her money where her mouth was. Involved in all aspects of village life, she chaired the Village Hall Committee, was formidably active in the W.I., the Garden Society, the Conservatives and in anything to which she decided to turn her hand. Her flower arrangements and her cakes were spectacular. She adored racing, theatre, opera, ballet, clothes and style. Her own turn out was immaculate, hands manicured to perfection despite long hours in her prized garden.

She was funny, often at her own expense, and deeply sociable, offering instant hospitality to the many friends who dropped in to see her and her beloved cat Sidney. Even in her final days, in an excellent care home in Castle Cary, a constant stream of visitors attended her.

With her late husband, Lancaster, Noreen played a pivotal part in the community life of the villages and beyond for more than thirty years. They will be the poorer without her.

Christian Aid

Grateful thanks to all those who contributed to our Christian Aid collection this year, which amounted to £183.83. With collection points rather than house to house this time we had a much reduced result - £170 less.

Would anyone who feels strongly about Christian Aid and would be able and willing to help next year please get in touch with Sue Morgan by ringing **01963 370265**

3 Forthcoming Charlton Horethorne Events

Village Variety presents: **A Family Occasion on 1st & 2nd July**

Not suitable for very young children

A play in one act by Jill Glew & A C Thomas
Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July, 7.30pm at Charlton Horethorne Village Hall

* Followed by a birthday tea

* Bar available

Tickets £9 adult, £7.50 under 16 from Charlton Horethorne Stores

The Diamonds are back! **30th July**

On the evening of Saturday 30th July, the village hall will once again be rocking to the sound of the Seventies.

Be there or be square! Bar available. Details on **01963 220911**

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club Annual Summer Show

20th August 2.30-4.30 in the School Hall

Fruit and vegetable, produce, art and craft competitions, raffle and refreshments. Programmes (50p) available from the Village Shop.

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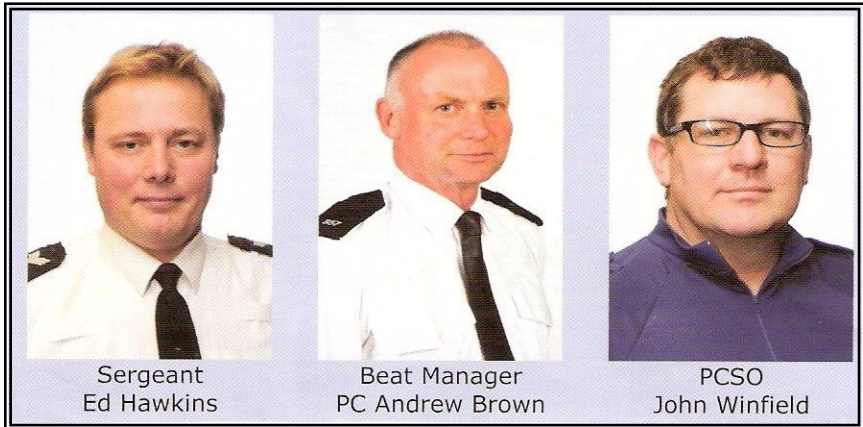
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Upholstery group in St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

By Jean Powell



On Tuesdays for the last five years between 10.30am and 2.30pm a self-help group meets at St Margaret's Hall to do, mostly, upholstery, and some soft furnishings and basic cane work.

Amongst the group we have upholsterers of many years' experience who, so far, have managed to solve any problem that a piece of furniture has managed to throw at us: one soon finds that upon undoing a piece of furniture there is 'more than one way to skin a cat' and as long as the work is secure and firm when finished it will last as long as the materials do. I reckon up to a hundred years for a complete reupholster, depending upon the conditions in which the piece is kept and, obviously, how much it is used (or abused!)

When one considers the length of time the workmanship can last, it is understandable the time and care taken in such projects. When one has a quote for a complete reupholster from a professional, it becomes clear how sensible it is to learn how to do upholstery oneself.

Upholstery equipment is not that expensive compared with that required for some other pastimes. The basics consist of a magnetic hammer, a wooden mallet, a tack remover, webbing stretcher, scissors, mattress needle, tape measure and regulator. The consumables consist of twine, webbing, tacks, hessian, calico, coir, linters-felt and polyester wadding. Last, but in many ways the least important, is the final touch – the grand finale – (as it may be easily changed if the structural work is correctly done): This, of course, is the finishing fabric, the bit we all want to see. (Rather like the hair spray after 6 hours in the hairdresser!)

Other work that has been undertaken during our sessions is blind making (both Roman and roller), curtains, quilting, cane work, lamp shades (fabric covered – but we could probably sort out other ideas) and, very importantly, we have a repairer of wooden structures. Quite often the instability of a chair becomes obvious only once the coverings, springs, tapes and other detritus have been removed which almost always is the inevitable consequence of looking underneath the top cover!

Over the years, some amazing things have been found down the back of auction purchased chairs– sadly no gold sovereigns to date! One of the hessian layers proved to be a Tate and Lyle sugar beet sack...

Buttoning has been put back into chairs that have lost it and into chairs that would look better with it. Also, and probably quite unusually, simple chairs have been made from scratch – yes – including the frame. So too have been replacement tops or hinged lids for ottoman boxes and various other 'square constructions' including 'posh dog beds'. All in all it is a wonderful, sociable way of learning a new skill.... It's known as 'chat and tap'. It saves a lot of money too!

Cricket in Horsington

By Phil Bennett



On a cool but dry Sunday Horsington defeated the Tabard Pilgrims from Chiswick in an exciting match by 4 runs. The stars of the game were two youngsters. 20 year old Stuart Lane scored his maiden half-century and 12 year old Jake Cockerell took 3 wickets.

The captains decided to play two 15 over games and after the first innings the visitors were ahead by 9 runs. Nigel Cockerell batted and bowled well for Horsington rolling back the years until collapsing on to the pitch with a back spasm! Young Ed White also bowled well.

In their second innings Horsington batted first with Christian Bennett top scoring. However, the Pilgrims only required 85 off 15 overs to win, but good bowling and some excellent fielding kept the pressure on and then young Jake stepped in and changed the course of the match. With 10 required from the last over the experienced Kevin Lane secured a well-earned victory for the home side.

Special thanks to Rob Hoddinnott for preparing the wicket and cutting the outfield. The ground looked wonderful. Also, Mardi Bennett and Belinda Mann for their delicious teas.

Afterwards, both teams retired to The Half Moon where Chris Bailward had kindly provided a Hog Roast. Bratatanga played a variety of excellent music and both teams sampled a variety of quality ales provided by Andrew and Phillippa Tarling.

An excellent and enjoyable day for all. Well Done Horsington!



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Slept like a log last night -
woke up in the fireplace



Two blondes walked into a building. You'd have thought that one of them would have seen it!

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	Susan Maltin	371400
Sunday School	Anne Jones	370626
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		370282
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