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Events Diary June 2011

Day/Date	Time	Event	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 1st	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
	6.15 pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
	8.45pm	Music Night			Half Moon
Thurs 2nd	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
	7.30	WI Picnic			Hearne House
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Zumba			"
Mon 6th	Lunch	St John's Ladies Lunch Group			The Fiddleford Arms nr Sturminster
	6.00pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tue 7th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 8th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thurs 9th	10.00am	Art	1.30	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting			"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	"
	8.00pm	Zumba			"
Mon 13th	6.00pm	Pilates			"
Tue 14th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 15th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			"
	6.15 pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thurs 16th	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	"
	8.00pm	Zumba			"
Sat 18th	2-5pm	Horsington Village Fete			School Field
Mon 20th	6.00pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tue 21st	10.30am	Upholstery			"
	7.45pm	'The Girl Who Played With Fire'			King Arthurs
Wed 22nd	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thurs 23rd	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"
Fri 24th	10.00am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	"
	8.00pm	Zumba			"
Mon 27th	6.00pm	Pilates			"
Tue 28th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 29th	2.30pm	Tea & Chat			St John's Church
	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
Thurs 30th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"

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Riding For The Disabled

By Fiona Harvie-Clark

The Henstridge Group of Riding for the Disabled operates at Pevlings Farm Riding School in Cabbage Lane, Horsington by kind permission of the proprietor Alison Tytheridge. This long established group has functioned in various locations but has been based at Pevlings for the last 6 or 7 years which works very well as we are able to use the riding school ponies.

Sessions take place on Wednesday afternoons between 12 and 4pm. Riding takes place in the outdoor arena or in the fields if the weather is good. The two main riding groups consist of children from Yewstock, Sturminster Newton and the boys from Marchant Holliday School in North Cheriton. Other individuals come along and there are also small group or individual sessions held on Mondays.

We have managed to raise a significant sum of money to purchase a "mechanical horse" which has its own stable at Pevlings. Bob, as he is known, has proved a very useful asset. He can be ridden by everyone and in all weathers. He does not bite, kick, buck or shy. Nor does he contract sudden illness or lameness! He does, however, appreciate the occasional service. While Bob is in no way a substitute for the real animal, which is of course the main attraction, he does provide extra confidence and fitness for the riders. Bob is used by several different riders and also by a small group from Thorngrove Nursery, Gillingham. In all 21 riders use the ponies and 16 opt for Bob. The age range is from 3 to 75 years!

If anyone would like to volunteer, sponsor or support this very worthwhile organisation in any way, please do contact either Annie Bullock (Organiser) 01963 32339 or Fiona Harvie-Clark (South Cheriton) 01963 371252.

The rider is Richard Eaton of Gillingham





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Bird Watch

By Keith Davies

June can be a quiet month for the birdwatcher. The excitement of seeing our returning migrants has all but run its course and on the south coast there are even the early signs of return migration. A trip down to Ferrybridge or the RSPB's Lodmoor reserve at Weymouth should show you the first returning Lapwing, Curlews and Redshank that have finished breeding on our northern moorlands.

But breeding for most of our migrant and resident birds is now in full swing. Many birds are busy feeding young. Song Thrushes, Blackbirds and Robins are on their second brood. The young from the first broods are out and about and the countryside is alive with their calls, squeaks and even hisses from the undergrowth.

A walk along the River Cale should provide sight or sound of Sedge Warblers and Reed Buntings. You may also be lucky enough to see a flash of iridescent blue and orange as the river has nesting Kingfishers. They are sometimes seen from the Monarch's Way public footpath running south from Wincanton or from the stretch of the River that forms the north-eastern boundary of our Parish.

Walk down Common Lane Track, which is off Marsh Lane, all the way down to the River where there is a permissive footpath allowing you to walk upstream along the south bank for three fields and downstream along the north bank as far as Batchpool Lane. These fields in front of Sutor Farm have reverted from arable farming to low intensity grassland under a DEFRA farm conservation scheme aimed at enhancing the river's water quality as well as providing a better habitat for mammals, birds and insects.

This walk down to the River or indeed any of our local walks alongside a hedgerow this month should turn up a Bullfinch or two which seem to be particularly numerous this year. The grey and black female is very attractive but the male with its bright pink and black against the green of a hawthorn bush is a stunning sight.

The Male Bullfinch



*Horsington Fete June 18th
On the School Playing field
Between 2.00—5.00pm*

To be opened by **Ron Dawson**, author of 'The Scary Bones'
pirate books.

There will be a Stall of Books and Bric-a-bric in aid of St John's Church

For books, please contact **John Cross - 370249**

For bric-a-brac please contact **Anne Jones - 370626**

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

“The Girl Who Played with Fire”

*Tuesday 21st June 2011 - 7.45pm

* Performance Centre, King Arthur's School, Dancing Lane, Wincanton
Drama Starring: Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist Director: Daniel Alfredson

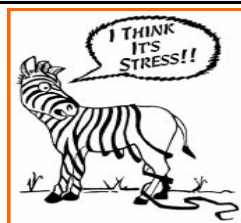
(2010 Rating: 15 Swedish with English Sub-titles)

As computer hacker Lisbeth and journalist Mikael investigate a sex-trafficking ring, Lisbeth is accused of three murders, causing her to go on the run while Mikael works to clear her name

**For further information contact Les Graney on 371668



Picnic at Hearne House on the
2nd June at 7.30pm. Contact:
Mrs Jackie Pyne:
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Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington

Wednesday 1st June at 8.45 pm

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enjoying a beer; free apart from drinks
Further details from **Anna** 01963 370749

Horsington Church of England Primary School

A great time had by all at Kilve Court

A great time was had by all at the recent residential trip to Kilve Court Outdoor Education Centre. Children in year five and six at Horsington Primary School, together with the Headteacher and other members of staff, enjoyed a fun-filled jam-packed few days away.

The trip began with lunch at Holford followed by a walk to Hodder's Coombe and then back to base. The next morning began with a visit to Kilve beach where the children enjoyed looking at the rock formations in the cliff face, searching for fossils and any sign of marine life in the rock pools.

Over the following few days the children went for a very wet and murky stream walk and had a go at various other activities including mountain biking, rifle shooting, archery, grass sledging, low ropes, the climbing wall and abseiling. There was also evening activities including games such as bingo and beetle drive as well as a night walk.

Each morning the children's rooms were checked and points were awarded for cleanliness and tidiness. At the end of the trip the winning 'clean and tidy' room was awarded a prize.

Ian Rumbelow, Headteacher at Horsington, said, "Our annual trip to Kilve is always very enjoyable for all the children and the staff, although I think some of the parents find it hard as it can often be the longest time their children have stayed away from home. The children always have a great time taking part in the many exciting activities available to them and they enjoy sharing a room with their friends."

Kilve Court is a georgian house situated in 25 acres of wooded grounds and gardens at the front of the Quantock Hills just one mile from the sea.



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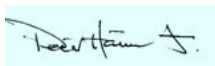
Easter for Christians, is the festival of festivals. It celebrates the great turning point in the history of the universe. The beginning of God making all things new. Following on from Easter there are two other great festivals that have fallen into the background a bit. The first is Ascension Day, which this year is on 2nd June. It is when Christians remember and celebrate that Jesus was given the highest place in all creation - and is the true King of the whole cosmos. Second, in fulfilment of his teaching, and promises made in the writings of the prophets of the Old Testament, we celebrate Jesus pouring out the Holy Spirit on the church on the Day of Pentecost (June 12th), what used to be called Whitsun. We used to have a day off school when it was Ascension Day, and a Bank Holiday when it was Whitsun. No longer though - and thus these festivals fade into the background of a busy world.

But how sad is that? In a world full of chaos, violence and hatred we need the good news that in spite of appearances Jesus is King. At a time when people struggle with the big questions re life, the universe and everything to miss the simple truth of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and to know beyond all knowing that we are loved with a love eternal and unbreakable - that is desperately sad indeed.

Go with God

Peter Hallett

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St John the Baptist, Horsington

5th June

9.15am Holy Communion with Sunday School

12th June - Pentecost

10.30am United Benefice Service - Holy Communion in Horsington Church

19th June - Trinity Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion

26th June

8.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong (to be confirmed)

St Mary the Virgin, Templecombe

5th June

11am All Age Worship

12th June - Pentecost

10.30am United Benefice Service at Horsington

19th June - Trinity Sunday

11am Morning Praise with Gospel Gang

26th June

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Henstridge

5th June

8am Holy Communion

11am Sing Glory! Worship for all ages

6.30pm Evensong

12th June - Pentecost

10.30am United Benefice Service at Horsington

19th June - Trinity Sunday

11am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Evensong

26th June 11am Holy Communion

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
29th June, 27th July, 31st August.

Deanery Ascension Day Service on 2nd June at North Cadbury Church with Bishop Peter Price starts at 7pm

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Garden Watch

By Muddy Wellies

What fabulous weather we have had, despite some heavy rain latterly. It was the warmest and driest April since records began! My variegated Pittosporum struggled through a second harsh winter, dropped some leaves, then sent out young shoots, to my delight. It came as a nasty surprise to find overnight it had lost almost all its leaves. I reduced it in size a little, fed it and have left it in peace, crossing my fingers.

Being old school, I don't put 'bedding' plants out until the end of May beginning of June to avoid late frosts, but they still need a hardening off period. Put them out during the day, not in harsh sun and bring them in overnight for a week or so before they go out permanently. Keep dead heading through the summer as flowers fade, an ideal job for an evening wander and a great de-stresser. Early shrub roses need dead heading this month, remove suckers, tearing rather than cutting them to reduce the likelihood of strong re-growth. Cut back hardy perennials such as, Hardy Geraniums and Alchemilla mollis just above ground level for a second flush of flowers later in the season. Late summer flowering Sedums that tend to flop can also be cut back, making re-growth stronger. Sweet Williams and Wallflowers can be sown outside to flower next year.

Maincrop Potatoes should be earthed up. Purple Sprouting Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Winter Cabbage, self blanching Celery, Courgettes, Ridge Cucumbers, Marrows and Squashes can all be planted out, together with Leeks (puddled in). Tomatoes can go outdoors, in pots or the ground. Sow Spinach and Swedes and more sowings of French Beans, Peas and salad crops. Thin out Apple, Pear, Plum, Peach and Gooseberries after the natural drop to get good sized fruit and reduce risk of disease, allowing good air circulation. Tie in cane fruit, cut back outdoor vines. Grow plants such as Campanulas, Comfrey (also good to make a liquid feed), Heathers, Lily of the Valley, Lungwort (Pulmonaria), Antirrhinum (Snapdragon), Sweet Woodruff, Thyme and Hardy Geraniums to attract bees to your garden. I am told that while flower colour is important to them, they cannot see colours within the red spectrum!

Peony



News from Horsington and South Cheriton Parish Council

By Angela Clayton

Horsington Parish Council covering the villages of Horsington and South Cheriton now meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in St Margaret's Village Hall (ground floor), Lower Road, Horsington. At the beginning of each meeting an Open Forum is held allowing members of the Public to raise any current and relevant issues.

Your Parish Councillors for 2011-2015 are:

June Wood (Chair), Jackie Pyne (Vice Chair), Steve Hawkins, Bill Candy, Angela Clayton, Belinda Mann, Charles James.

The Parish Council is a statutory body whose members are elected for a term of 4 years. It represents the electorate within the Parish and has specific duties and powers allowing it to deliver a wide range of local services. This includes managing and maintaining the Horse Pond, the cemetery & churchyard, war memorial, play area, seating & bus shelters, rights of way & public footpaths as well as dealing with other issues such as highways, drainage, crime prevention, litter and dog fouling. Agendas for Parish Council meetings and other Notices concerning the public e.g changes to re-cycling dates, local election timetables etc are posted on the Parish notice boards.

Your local district councillors regularly attend Parish Council meetings and report back to South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council on any key issues affecting the Parish. Please note that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on: Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm and dates for forthcoming meetings in 2011 are: 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November and 15th December.

And now for the football results...

At the end of the 2010-2011 season South Cheriton United F.C. can feel modestly proud of the achievements of their various teams. Results are as follows: The Under-8s took part in the Fair-play league; the Under-9s came 4th in Division One and were runners-up in the Under-9s Champions Cup; the Under-10s won Division Three and won the Nigel Broome Cup.

In Division Two the Under-12s came 3rd, were in the semi-finals of the Richard Blackie Cup and runners-up in the final of the St John's Plate. The Under-13s came 4th in Division Two and were runners-up in the Division Two Cup. The Under-15s came 5th in Division One.

The mens' Sunday side won Division One in the Blackmore Vale League, reached the semi-finals of the Challenge and McCreery Division One Cups, and are in the final of the Charity Cup.

Even Colin the groundsman got in on the act, winning the Somerset FA Groundsman of the Year award- again!

By the time you read this, the presentation evening for the youth teams will have been held on 21st May, complete with the usual barbecue and high jinks.

Anyone with an interest in local football, who would like to help the club, whether by donations, sponsorship or in a practical way, would be made very welcome.

The Chairman, Simon Howell, can be contacted on 07730 314959

New Horizons Art Classes at St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

By Nick Andrew

Art - New Horizons is a structured painting and drawing course based at St Margaret's Hall. There are three classes which run during Thursdays and Fridays. It is an ongoing course aimed at students who have varied experience and understanding of the basic processes, techniques and methods of drawing and painting, and would like to develop further their individual approaches to making art. Beginners are also welcome, they can benefit a lot from seeing the techniques of the more experienced students.

The atmosphere of the classes is 'laid back' and informal: providing a comfortable and amiable working environment.

A wide range of themes are covered, including still-life, landscape, life drawing & painting, portraiture, mixed-media, imaginative work, group projects* and revision sessions (exercises in basic skills and techniques). Each term there are also several 'Own Project' sessions in which students can follow their own ideas and work in their own choice of media (every medium is covered, including oil, acrylics, watercolour and pastel). Students have plenty of opportunity to experiment, explore new ideas, try out new techniques and broaden their horizons. *An example of a group project is illustrated here, in which students were given small sections of well-known paintings (in this case: Seurat's 'La grande jatte'), which they had to recreate on a larger scale and in their own style and medium. Once the sections were re-assembled, the result was three stunning composite artworks.



New Horizons is run by Nick Andrew, a professional painter who has also been an art teacher and lecturer in the South-West for over 25 years. Nick's approach to teaching is to bring out the natural creative abilities of each student, rather than imposing his own 'style' or technique. More information about Nick and his work can be found at www.nickandrew.co.uk. There are three New Horizons classes, all run following the same programme, see the events diary for dates.

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'STRING WHISTLE' CONCERT



On Saturday 16th April St Margaret's Hall, Horsington was packed to the gunwales for the return of the popular UK folk band 'String Whistle' for a concert in aid of brain tumour research in memory of Paddy and Anthea Hughes' grandson, Alfie.

'String Whistle' offers an exceptional range of music. '*String*' is Dave Rickard who plays keyboard, guitar and sings and who also introduced a new delight, the 'field harmonium' which, easily packed in a small case, was popular with missionaries in China and bangra bands in India. '*Whistle*' is Rob Mitchell who produces magic with any wind instrument from tin whistle down through the flute and recorder families to panpipes, clarinet and saxophone. Special guest was mellow contralto Anne Rickard.

The first set included the exquisite Irish air '*The Lonesome Boatman*', the poignant anti-war song '*Old Man's Tale*' and a delicate Elizabethan pavane '*The Earl of Salisbury*'. There was a light-hearted comedy number about officious tin pot dictators called '*Jobsworth*' with the audience joining in the chorus with gusto and a raunchy blues by Randy Nelson called '*Guilty*'.

The second set began with Capella version of the Neil Young classic '*After the Goldrush*' and Mike Murphy's sad song about the native American Indians '*Geronimo's Cadillac*'. Sidney Bechet's '*Petite Fleur*' on clarinet with a simple guitar accompaniment was lovely and so too a soul-searching arrangement of the Irish lament '*The Fields of Athenry*' about a poor young mother watching her husband being taken away in a prison ship for stealing "*Trevelyan's corn*".

The first encore was a blue grass lullaby and the second Dobie Gray's 1973 hit '*Drift Away*'. And drift away we all did with big smiles. Thank you '*String Whistle*' for another enchanting evening.

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