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Events Diary May 2011

Day/Date	Time	Event	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	6pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tues 3rd	10.30am	Upholstery	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 4th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			Village Hall
	8.45pm	Music Night			Half Moon
Thurs 5th	7am -10pm	SSDC Elections & AV Referendum			Village Hall
	10.30am	Coffee Morning			Templecombe Rec Club
	7.30pm	Women's Institute Meeting			Half Moon Inn
Fri 6th	10am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	Village Hall
	8pm	Zumba			Village Hall
Mon 9th	Lunch	St John's Ladies Lunch Group			The Walnut Tree, Mere
	6pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tues 10th	10.30am	Upholstery	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 11th	12 noon	Deadline for articles for next issue of The Villager			
Wed 11th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			Village Hall
Thurs 12th	10.am	Art	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting			Village Hall
Fri 13th	10am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	Village Hall
	8pm	Zumba			Village Hall
Sun 15th	7.30pm	Choral Society Concert			King Arthurs
Mon 16th	6pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tues 17th	10.30am	Upholstery	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 18th	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			Village Hall
Thurs 19th	10am	Art	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
Fri 20th	10am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	Village Hall
	8pm	Zumba			Village Hall
Mon 23rd	6pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tues 24th	10.30am	Upholstery	8pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Tea & Chat			St John's Church
	4.15pm	Children's Dance			Village Hall
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			Village Hall
	7.45pm	Film: 'Nowhere Boy'			King Arthurs
Thurs 26th	10am	Art	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
Fri 27th	10am	Art	2pm	Mums/Tots	Village Hall
	8pm	Zumba			Village Hall
Sun 29th	2pm	Cricket Match			Cricket Ground

Future events : Village Fete on June 18th

Country Diary

by John Vallins

(By kind permission of the Editor of The Guardian)

Cabbage Lane winds uphill for about a mile from beside the White Horse Inn, on the main road. An inquiry from a friend in Ipswich - a local historian – sent me there to look for a particular building called Brookes Hall. I passed a row of cottages, a riding school, and what I remember as Darkharbour Farm, now a grand residence. Then, towards the top of the hill, a substantial house built of brick (unusual in this region of plentiful building stone) stood back from the road, with a gravel drive shaded by handsome trees.

On one of the pillars at the gateway, I read the name Brookes Hall. I understood from my friend that the bricks had come from Ipswich. They were East Anglian bricks transported by railway to our own Templecombe station in south Somerset and thence to this hillside site off Cabbage Lane, and re-erected there in 1936. One Captain AT Schreiber, chief constable of Ipswich, finding that his much-loved home was threatened by a road scheme, had decided to take it with him to retirement in Somerset. He paid £680 for the eight and a half acre site with views across wooded slopes, and a total of £8,500 to the train company and Mr West, a builder, for transporting the house and re-erecting it.

The house we now see, with a fine Queen Anne facade, merges unobtrusively into its foreign surroundings. And it has a notable pedigree. My friend's research led to extensive lands in Suffolk forming an estate known as Brokes Hall and belonging to one Sir Anthony Wingfield (c1488-1552), knight of the garter and vice-chamberlain of the royal household, who represented Suffolk in parliament. His manor house, also called Brokes Hall, was in Ipswich. It seems that our quiet, elegant and retiring Brookes Hall developed from that much larger and older establishment.



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Comments on the two events so far – “brilliant”, “fabulous” and “fantastic”

For bookings contact Tony Lethbridge of the Kings Arms on 01963 220281 or for concert details, Paddy Hughes, on 01963 370323

Tickets are £40 each and a proportion goes to brain tumour research in memory of Paddy’s grandson, Alfie Morland, who died of the worst brain tumour ever seen by Great Ormond Street Hospital in a child so young. He was only five months old.

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
25th May, 29th June, 27th July,
31st August.

All proceeds to the Church.
Our Christmas 2010 meeting raised £100 for Verrington Hospital so a big thank you to everyone for their support!

BIRD WATCH

Birds of the Season—May

Nightingales have returned from Africa and the males are singing from deep inside their blackthorn thickets. We are fortunate to live only eight miles – a fifteen minute drive - from the best place in Dorset and Somerset to hear them. This is Lydlinch Common which straddles the junction of the A357 and B3030. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and has a nationally important colony of Marsh Fritillary butterflies. Last year major work was done to control the scrub to benefit this extremely rare butterfly. It is hoped the work will not discourage the Nightingales that require low dense scrub to nest in. As many as ten singing males were present when last surveyed and it will be interesting to see how many there are this year. You can sometimes hear one when parked in one of the lay byes, but the Common has open access so choose a pleasant evening and wander around as dusk approaches – the best time to listen. You may be lucky enough to see a Nightingale, but it is a drab, brown bird and the real prize is to hear its powerful, melancholy song piercing the gloom of a blackthorn thicket.

Swifts are also returning from Africa and sometimes you can hear them screaming as they chase around the sky. Unlike the Nightingale, though, these must be seen to be fully appreciated as they scythe spectacularly through the air tilting wildly from side to side. There's a good chance of seeing one over our houses as they range far and wide in search of insects. To be certain, however, the nearest large nesting site to us is Lacock Abbey. No car journey is needed, however, to experience our other late returning migrants. In addition to the Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps and Willow Warblers that arrived last month our local footpaths will take you along hedgerows that now have Common and Lesser Whitethroats prospecting for nest sites.

You are more likely to spot the Common Whitethroat as it sings from the top of the hedge with its white throat bulging. The Lesser Whitethroat is more skulking and often you have to rely on its scratchy song to discover it. Spotted Flycatchers also should be found on many of the walks in our area. And if you can manage an early start the Dawn Chorus reaches its peak this month.

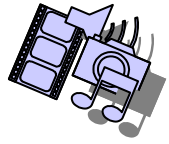
This brings together our migrant and resident birds in a glorious cacophony of bird song that starts well before dawn and can last for two or even three hours.

by Keith Davies

Spotted Flycatcher



The Wincanton Film Society Presents



“Nowhere Boy”

*Wednesday 25th May 2011 - 7.45pm

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

Biography, Music, Drama: Starring: Asa Butterfield, Jack Scanlon,
Amber Beattie, David Thewlis Director: Sam Taylor-Wood
(2009 - Rating: 15)

Set in Liverpool in 1955, "Nowhere Boy" follows a 15-year-old John Lennon as he goes through the life experiences that will give birth to "Nowhere Man."

**For further information contact Les Graney on 371668

Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington

Wednesday 4th May 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”.
For tickets and further details please
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	The First Kids in Space is a musical written especially for children	
	and Horsington's pupils performed it with aplomb. As expected from	
	a school with a great sense of community this was a show where the	
	whole school was involved from the very youngest to the eldest and	
	even the staff were on stage - Mr Rumbelow's performance as a	
	waiter in the space cafe is one to remember. From the tiny stars and	
	planets to aliens, androids, space cadets and spaceship crew all the	
	children did their very best with superb acting, singing and dancing.	
	This was a great production performed to a proud and appreciative	
	audience - we can't wait until the next school play!	

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Easter Bingo

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support the school at our Easter Bingo evening in Wincanton. A great time was had by all.

Royal Wedding School BBQ

By the time you read this the school will have celebrated the royal wedding with a barbeque on the 28th April. Children, parents and staff all got together to enjoy this very special event.

Village Fete

Believe it or not the village fete is just around the corner on Saturday 18th June. If you'd like a stall please contact Mel Wingate via the school office on 01963 370358.

Horsington's **COLLECTION BOXES** for the Children's Society are due for collection in May, when they are emptied and the proceeds sent to Head Office for use in the vital work of caring for children in desperate need of help, homes, and guidance for their living. Would you please start filling up your boxes ready for collection by me early in the month. For readers of this new Village magazine, I would be very pleased to hear that some of you would like to join the club and take a box home for your giving during the year.

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Dear friends, Happy Easter

It may seem slightly bizarre to give you Easter Greetings - but we are still very much in the Easter Season. Easter is at the heart of the Christian Faith - indeed, I believe that without Easter there would be no Christian Faith!

Following the crucifixion of Jesus, his small band of followers were defeated in every sense of that word. The resurrection of Jesus was the last thing they expected! Initially they didn't believe it. When the women of their band reported an empty tomb, and then started saying that they had seen Jesus, they were judged to be mad! But then Jesus appeared to the menfolk, and they knew it was true. The greatest sceptic of their number, Thomas, could only respond to meeting Jesus by saying, "My Lord and my God!"

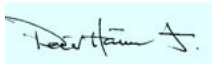
This isn't just good news for Jesus. It isn't just good news for his friends that somehow death had fallen from him. It is good news for the whole of creation. For this is the beginning of God's strange work of making all things new.

Christian Aid Week ~ 15 — 21 May

With this Magazine you will receive a Christian Aid envelope. This year we will not be calling house to house to collect these - but we hope that you will still support Christian Aid with a gift. You can return any donation by giving your envelope to either of our churchwardens, Anne Jones or Rosemarie Wigley, or to anyone you know who attends church. Or you can deliver them to John and Sheila Cross at The Smithy, South Cheriton; or to Jean Handy at Laurel Cottage, Duck Lane, Horsington. You can make a difference.

Peter Hallett

halatvic@btinternet.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

1 May

9.15am....Holy Communion

8 May

11am.....Morning Prayer

15 May

9.15am....Holy Communion

22 May

8.30am....Holy Communion

29 May

10.30am...United Benefice Service at Henstridge
with Preb Rose Hoskins the Rural Dean

St Mary the Virgin, Templecombe

1 May

11am.... All Age Worship

8 May

9.30am... Holy Communion

15 May

11am.....Morning Praise

22 May

9.30am....Holy Communion

29 May

10.30am...United Benefice Service at Henstridge

St Nicholas, Henstridge

1 May

8am.....Holy Communion

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

6.30pm.....Evensong

8 May

9.30am.....Holy Communion

15 May

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6.30pm.....Evensong

22 May

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29 May

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Farm Watch

By Emma Carnell

Now that spring is here, we start lambing. Our ewes lamb in a barn as we feel this is safer for the lambs. Not only does it mean that newborns do not have to cope with extremely cold temperatures, mud and foxes, it is also easier for us to check on them especially in the early hours of the morning.

During the birth itself ewes will be checked every couple of hours for signs of distress. Most manage to give birth naturally and then set about cleaning and mothering their lambs. They lick them vigorously which helps stimulate the lamb and also triggers hormones that speed up the development of milk, contractions and expulsion of the afterbirth in the ewe. Some ewes need assistance with birthing because of multiple births, tangling within the womb, breech births or womb defects.

Once she has given birth each ewe and her lambs are put in individual pens with water and hay. Every ewe stays in her pen until she has fully bonded with her lambs. This can take hours or sometimes days. If we have two ewes lambing at the same time and one has three or four lambs and the other a single we sometimes foster a lamb from the multiple birth onto the mother of the single lamb.

It is important to make sure every lamb drinks some colostrum from its mother. This is the first milk produced, provides the lamb with antibodies and protects it against disease. Some lambs need assistance to feed because they are weak or the mother's udder may be too big and saggy for the lamb to latch on properly. If the lamb isn't feeding successfully from its mother we will feed colostrum from a bottle (2-4 ounces at a time). Two feeds of colostrum is usually enough to give it a good start in life. A man made substitute for colostrum is available if a ewe doesn't produce any.

When both are strong enough we move the ewe and her lambs into a paddock close to the farmhouse where we can keep a close watch on them.



**'Mums and Tots' is back at
Horsington Village Hall!**

Come along for a coffee and a chat on Fridays 2-3.15pm.
All welcome, from tiny babies to pre schoolers.
£1 per family, snacks and activities provided.
For more info call Carly on 01963 371068.


Parish Council Meeting
Thursday May 12th, 7.30pm
St Margaret's Village Hall
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Election to South Somerset District Council (SSDC) & Referendum on the UK voting system
Parliamentary elections

Thursday May 5th (7am to 10pm) in the Village Hall

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CRICKET MATCH
*Sunday May 29th at 2pm,
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St Margaret's Hall, Horsington*



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Come on, you Cherries!

By Sue Howell

20 years ago, two local lads, Simon Howell and Jonathan Barnard, made a bet with friends that they could raise a football team from South Cheriton and Horsington and beat Templecombe Rovers.

In borrowed kit, our lads lost magnificently....9-0! Despite their defeat South Cheriton United Football Club ('The Cherries') was born. Or rather, re-born, as there had been a thriving South Cheriton team years ago. Not only was their kit borrowed, for £10 per match an unused pitch at Kington Magna, owned by Gillingham FC, was rented for 'home' games! By the end of that first season SCUFC had acquired a set of shirts in green and white, formed a proper committee and applied to join the Blackmore Vale Sunday League.

When Chris Bailward of the Manor kindly agreed to lease them some land club members (and wives) stone-picked for hours to clear it, drainage was put in and the field seeded. Kit, goalposts, nets, dugouts, floodlights (no, that glow in the sky on certain Winter nights does *not* mean the aliens have landed!), most expenses have been met by subs and fundraising and some welcome local sponsorship. The club is grateful to Mr Colebatch for continuing the lease and his interest in the club.

A co-operative application with the village hall for lottery funds to build changing rooms was successful, and visiting teams are envious of the result. In addition to the adult Sunday side, SCUFC supports youth football, with a multiplicity of teams. Under-7s, under-8s, under-9s, under-10s, under-12s, under-13s and under-15s! Each team has its own manager and coaches, trains one night a week, and plays matches on a Saturday or Sunday. Support from parents is strong. Some members of the original committee still hold key positions. New players are welcome, as is anyone interested in getting involved in a non-playing capacity. Nearing the end of this season we can review some successes and look forward with optimism.

Oh, and if you are passing the ground, next to St Margaret's Hall, you may see a strange hooded figure trundling up and down the field on a mower. No, it's not the Mad Monk of Horsington, it's my husband, Colin, still groundsman after nearly 20 years. Now you know the real meaning of the expression 'grass widow'!



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Thursday May 5th

Please note change of venue

Half Moon Inn at 7.30pm

**WW2 Music, Memories & Myths
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**Saturday 7th May, 7.30pm in
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Coffee Morning May 5th

St. John's and St. Mary's joint coffee morning, bring and buy and cake stall to be held on May 5th at 10.30 am in Templecombe Recreation Club in aid of victims of earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand.

'A Diplomat in Ghana'

Friday 8th April, St John's Church, Horsington

By Jane Jones

Sir Anthony Goodenough, former High Commissioner to Ghana, gave an illuminating talk about the country and its people in St. John's Church on Friday 8th April. What came across strongly was the good nature and humour of the Ghanaians. We saw photos of some magnificent bright coloured costumes and grand head dresses. It seems the special nature of the people has enabled them to avoid the civil wars and genocide that has troubled so many of the neighbouring countries. The history of Ghana is tied up with being an important trading post for gold, cocoa and timber. We saw photos of impressive trading castles, large fort-like buildings, of which there are 60 along the coast. Sadly its other export was the massive trade in slaves to the Americas and the Middle East in particular. The number over the years amounted to 15 – 20 million people. Other interesting facts included the first soldier to be killed in WW1 whose grave is in Ghana. He was killed in a battle in neighbouring German Togoland. Ghana, under the leadership of President Nkruma, was the first African state to gain independence. Ghana has certainly had its share of poverty and deprivation, partly due to maladministration towards the latter years of Nkruma's presidency and thereafter. Sir Anthony then told us about a remarkable character, Gerry Rawlings who is part Ghanaian and part Scottish. He staged a coup in June 1979 and pledged to stay in charge only until the state was tidied up and corruption eliminated. He established a democratic electoral system which saw him become president and saw him refuse a third term according to his own reforms.



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Badminton	Frank Beach	370767	
Children's dance	Claire Else	07590777440	
Dance	Louise Holliday	362689	
Football	Simon Howell	07730314959	
Mums & Tots	Carly Markendale	371068	
Pilates	Carol Pirie	07885798032	
Upholstery	Jean Powell	01747 841126	
Zumba dance	Fatou	371336	