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Horsington Village Fete - Ferret Race

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## **Events Diary September 2011**

Day/Date 7	Гіте	Event	Venue
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>		WI Members outing to Athelhampton	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	St John's Ladies Lunch Group	The Chapel at Bruton
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm	Children's Dance	"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Mums/Tots	"
	2.00pm	Cricket Match - Gillingham Hockey Club v Horsingt	ton Cricket Ground
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm	Children's Dance	"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Mums/Tots	"
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Scout Group Live Rock Night	Yenston
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.45pm	Film: The Kings Speech	King Arthurs
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.45pm	Children's Dance	Village Hall
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Art	"
	1.30pm	Art	"
-	10.00am	Art	"
	2.00pm	Mums/Tots	"
	7.30pm	St Margaret's Village Hall Annual Dinner	"
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Pilates	"
	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
	3.45pm	Children's Dance	"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	10.00am	Art	"
	10.30am	-	emplecombe Rec. Club
	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
	10.00am	Art	"
	2.00pm	Mums/Tots	"
ĺ	7.30pm	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance	Henstridge



Photographs on cover and on Page 6 : Paul White

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A Young Girl Wno.. By Ellie Hawkins, Age 11 I have Latin and Ballroom dance lessons at the Allen School of Dance in Yeovil. I have been dancing for about 3 years and have made lots of friends. My dance part-ner is called Chloe (there is a shortage of boys!) She has older and younger sisters who also dance. Chloe is a tomboy so is happy to be the boy!

The juniors (teenagers) from our dance centre are amazing to watch, and at compe- $^{\circ}$  titions they are allowed to wear heels and have beautiful dresses. They look so glamorous and their dancing is really fast and exciting, just as good as watching

Strictly Come Dancing. We have entered some competitions; I came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Ballroom at the UKA Maurice. Finals and made the Semi Finals in the Latin. At Len Goodman's Dance Festival Goodman who was very funny), we made it to the girls finals. We are We have entered some competitions; I came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Ballroom at the UKA National (we met Len Goodman who was very funny), we made it to the girls finals. We are the South of England. Last year division 2 came runners up and then went on to compete in the National event and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

The competitions are in places like Blackpool, North Wales of Competitions, which have a set of the The competitions are in places like Blackpool. North Wales or Camberley and are



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At Len Goodman's Dance Festival, I am in blue, Chloe is behind me and her sisters are on the right of Len in the photo



Me at the UKA National Finals



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## Bird Watch By Keith Davies

September is the month when many of our summer visitors either start to migrate back to Africa or prepare for their long migration journey by feeding steadily to build up their fat reserves. Many of the warbler species will now come into gardens so it's a good last chance to see Whitethroats, Chiffchaffs, Willow Warblers and Blackcaps. Also, you never know what might pass through at this time of year as rarer birds, such as Wheatear and Whinchat, which nest on our northern and Scottish moors often stop off in the most unlikely places before continuing their journey.

Swallows can be seen in large numbers swooping low over Horsington Marsh and the fields down to the River Cale. They are also assembling on telegraph wires. Juvenile birds are numerous, as with many other species there is a high mortality rate. Only four out of ten swallows born this year will survive to return here next year. The survival rate for adults is not much better. Whilst the maximum recorded age for a swallow is eleven years the typical lifespan is just two years. Fortunately they breed when they are one year old. So as the month nears its end with our summer visitors rapidly departing and winter visitors yet to arrive our resident birds have things to themselves for a while.

Three of our resident species are Owls and all have bred here this year. One Little Owl raised a brood within a few yards of the busy A357. Little Owls can easily be seen as they roost out in the open during the day. A Tawny Owl, which is rarely seen in daytime, was heard feeding young one night on Stowell Hill. The best place to try and see a Barn Owl is in the fields that border Batchpool Lane all the way down to Battspool Bridge which is on the T junction with Moor Lane. Whilst they are largely nocturnal they can sometimes be seen during daylight. The hour just before sunset and the hour after are often best and they can be viewed from the road.





Barn Owl Little Owl



Fete Accompli By Sue Howell

The village fete, like the Christmas Eve carol service, is one of those annual events where exiles return, families reunite and you can be sure to meet someone you haven't seen for ages.

This year, on a day punctuated with unwelcome violent showers, the public wore stiff upper lips and anoraks. Seeing the number of parked cars, you would imagine the event to be incredibly well-supported. At times this was hard to believe, just a few hardy souls strolling under their umbrellas, until you realised that the majority were crammed into the beer tent or under the covered stalls, emerging with the sunshine.

The children were having a whale of a time, darting around with that peculiar sense of freedom that comes from being in school out of hours and out of the ordinary. And in many wonderful ways it was, as it should be, a very child-orientated occasion. The variety of sideshows and games catered for all tastes: circus skills, facepainting and tattoos for the exhibitionists, crafty pursuits for the artistic and the pirate trail for the adventurous. (My only regret was that I was too old to ride on the pedal tractors!)

It was great to see some traditional favourites amongst the stalls, the coconut shy, the stocks and that perfect de-stresser, the plate smash! Ferret racing and skittles provided excitement and drama, and the sales tables a little soothing retail therapy. The inner man was well provided for with all the fete essentials, ice creams, teas, the beer tent and the barbecue. It felt like a *proper* fete, with something for every-one, its success due to thoughtful preparation.

So that's it, another important date ticked off on the village calendar. Now, how many days is it till Christmas Eve?

# Aorsington Church of England Primary School

### Horsington Fete 2011

By Rebekah Jamieson and Alistair Johnson

Horsington Fete is and was a great success for all. This Year's special guest, Ron Dawson, the author of 'Scary Bones', opened the fete and judged the competition. This year's theme was, of course, Pirates! and this time the competition was to draw a pirate. The winners were: Ella Smith, Earth Class, Zoe Smith, Fire Class, Gaia Deverell, Air Class and Rosie Lambert, Water Class. Congratulations to all.

Around the playground and field different stalls were open. My favourite was the Sweet Tombola though! As well as that there were the Stocks, Ferret Racing, Bouncy Castle, Circus Skills, Ice-cream, Coconut Shy and lots more!

It was good fun for kids and adults. There was a lot to do for all ages. Even the rain didn't stop people's enjoyment.

From the first fete planning meeting in March to the actual event, it was all go! Drumming up volunteers, sourcing tents and tables, choosing which attractions to use and trying to include something for everyone!

Well, the rain fell – again and again – and putting up tents and distributing tables and chairs between the downpours all added to this years' fete being what it was – a great success!

Ron Dawson, our guest author, was a great hit and he found the pirate competition very difficult to judge with so many fantastic entries from our children. The ferret racing was a new addition this year and appealed to all ages, with 'Stumpy the ferret and his mates' making their racing debut. All in all, the fete was very well attended and we have received some lovely feedback.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped and everyone who attended in making our village fete another roaring success - *Sue Young PTFA chairperson*.

On behalf of the 'Villager' we would like to extend a big thanks to you Sue and your team for organizing a very successful Village Fete. We greatly appreciate the work needed to co-ordinate all involved in this whole village activity.

# Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsingtonat 8.45 pm on Wednesday 7th SeptemberFurther details from Anna 01963 370749

St Margaret's Village Hall Annual Dinner - 24th September

The Village Hall Management Committee invite you to join them for a Patriotic Olympic-themed Dinner at 7.30 for 7.45



Reservations can be made by calling Julie Gripper on 01963 370282

## The Wincanton Film Society Presents "The Kings Speech"

\*Tuesday 20th September 2011 - 7.45pm

\* Performance Centre, King Arthur's School, Dancing Lane, Wincanton Drama Starring: Colin Firth, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director Tom Hooper

A little known aspect of British pre-war history based on the impromptu ascension to the throne of King George V1 and the speech therapist who helped the King become worthy of it.

\*\*For further information contact Les Graney on 371668



Horsington Race Night Venue: Horsington Village Hall Saturday 15th October at 7pm Sponsored by local businesses 2 Course meal & prize for the best dressed race go-ers

All proceeds to:- Horsington School PTFA & St John the Baptist Church, Horsington Tickets £5.00 Available from: Jean Handy 01963 371720 and Sue Young 01963 31915 or the school office

Harvest Supper: A combined benefice Harvest Supper and Barn Dance will take place in Henstridge Village Hall on September 30th at 7.30pm *Tickets* £8 available from *Richard Scambler* Tel: 363919 richard.scambler@btinternet.com



#### By Muddy Wellies

Why is it that the English weather is never quite right for us? It hasn't been a bad summer with some rain as well as lovely warm sunny days, together with those typical English overcast ones. In fact nice enough that we have, again, had to water regularly in an attempt to get our produce to a decent size and like us your water butts probably ran dry, necessitating grey water to be used on the garden. Tap water being a last resort and done in secret when the deputy gardener is not about as we are metered nowa-days! Somehow he never understands that pots often need watering even after rain, their foliage tends to prevent the rainwater reaching the soil, an ongoing point of discussion between us.

September brings another busy month, summer pruning of apple, pear and plum trees needs to be completed, together with wall-trained nectarines and peaches, which will then need their replacement shoots tied in. This should give the wood time to heal and mature before winter. Soft fruit such as blackberries, loganberries and summer fruiting raspberries (leave the autumn fruiting ones alone) should now have this year's fruiting canes cut down to just above ground level and the young canes, next year's fruiters tied in. Take hardwood cuttings of blackcurrants. Pick apples and pears and enjoy them, alternatively if for storing, they should be picked before they are fully ripe and stored so the individual fruits do not touch. Keep picking autumn fruiting raspberries, all soft fruit will freeze with little trouble and can be used for jam when you have more time. Strawberries are the only one that I would not serve aux natural, due to their high water content they collapse when defrosted, so use them for jam (delicious) or combined in a pudding. Stone fruit such as plums can be frozen uncooked but are best stoned and halved first, whilst peaches and nectarines I find are best lightly cooked and frozen in a light syrup, should you be so lucky as to have a glut of them. Alternatively most fruits can be used to make fruit liqueurs, such as fruit gins, which are simple to make and a great reminder of all your summer labours during the dark winter evenings!

Towards the end of September new evergreens and heathers can be planted, preferably during showery weather. Rhododendrons and azaleas can also be transplanted. Climbers and shrubs should be mulched with organic matter. Continue to take semiripe cuttings of shrubs, along with hard wood cuttings of deciduous and evergreen shrubs, and root in a sheltered part of the garden in pots or a cold frame if you have one. Roses can be fed with Sulphate of Potash to harden off new wood, tie in new shoots horizontally to encourage more flower bearing side shoots for next year. Now is a good time to prepare soil for rose planting, digging in plenty of well rotted manure. Continue dead heading to prolong flowering this year.





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#### Dear friends,

I was recalling the words from a song that I associate with Louis Armstrong : "Summertime, and the living is easy....". I can remember when that was true and all the usual pressures eased off over the summer months, and I was able to catch up with things. Not now, though. We seem to live such crazy pressured lives. We all seem to recognise it - think it should be different - and then things continue as they are or get worse. I was listening to a radio programme yesterday that proposed that for one day a week we should not turn on our computers, not turn on our mobile phones, and have a 'Sabbath' from all electronic communication. My reaction was quite paradoxical saying "YES!", and at the same time being filled with quite a dread. How many emails would I find in my inbox when I turned my computer on??

I am looking forward to going on holiday to a place where it is so remote that I won't have a phone signal, and certainly no internet. Indeed, we can barely receive a radio signal, if I remember rightly! Last time we stayed in the cottage we are going to, about 10 years ago, there wasn't even electricity. It was the year of the petrol shortage - so there wasn't any petrol either! We coped. I remember nodding in agreement with my brother when he once said, folk always asked him if he was refreshed and raring to go when he returned from a holiday. His honest answer was, no! Not many days after a holiday, back in the midst of things, holidays quickly become a distant memory. So, I am trying to learn to enjoy the moment, and not see a holiday as simply something that should make me work better when I get back!!

A wise person once said - there's no one so rich as one who is content. May God grant us that contentment, that we might live at a pace that lets us remember our humanity.

Go with God

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<u>St John the Baptist, Horsington</u> <u>4th September</u> 9.15am Holy Communion with Sunday School <b>11th September</b> 11am Morning Prayer <b>18th September</b> 9.15am Holy Communion <b>25th September</b> 8.30am Holy Communion	St Mary. Abbas & Templecombe4th September11am All Age Worship11th September9.30am Holy Communion18th September11am Morning Praise & Gospel Gang25th September Back to Church Sunday9.30am Morning Praise
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Earlier this summer, Colin Howell received an award for Groundsman of the Year from Somerset F.A.

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This is the third time he has won the award in the category for smaller football clubs.

Ŵ South Cheriton United is also proud to announce it has just been granted F.A ₽ M Charter Standard, which implies expected and achieved standards of excellence. os M

Ŵ ° M The club has 2 new sides in place for the coming season, a second under-10s, and an under-15s team, now totalling one adult Sunday side and nine . W Ŵ youth teams. Any offers of help or expressions of interest in the club are -M warmly welcomed by Chairman Simon Howell (07730314959).

Somerset Art Weeks (SAW)

Horsington's Sarah White will be exhibiting with SAW for the first time. She is showing her work with four other painters and a potter at Pylle Village Hall. The exhibition runs from Saturday 17th September to Sunday 2nd October and is open daily from 11am to 6pm, at Venue no. 48: Pylle Village Hall, Pylle Lane, BA4 6SZ.

#### WINCANTON THEATRE GROUP

Has vacancies for new members. We go by coach from Wincanton to theatres in Bath, Bristol and Salisbury. For more information or to obtain the next programme please contact: Toni Salmonson, Hearne House, Horsington BA8 0EJ, 370235 or tonisalmonson@aol.com.

**TEMPLECOMBE STATION VOLUNTEERS.** This group of villagers are working to return the station gardens to their previous prize winning standard. A major job will be reducing the height of the trees which will require a professional and will be expensive. To achieve this, the group have entered for a grant from Dikes Supermarket. We are one of three finalists and the winner will be the one who has most votes by the public. If you agree that this group would be a worthy winner, please vote for us. Type Dike & Son into your browser, and then click on "community links". On that page is the invitation to vote on the black strip.

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#### Announcements

Including: Births \* Deaths \* Birthdays \* Weddings\* Anniversaries \* Congratulations

If you have any announcements, articles for sale, baby sitting services etc. you would like included contact: info@horsingtonmagazine.co.uk

Julie and Peter Gripper announce the engagement of their daughter *Nicola* to *Tom Bishop* - They wish Nicola and Tom every happiness for their future together.

2<sup>nd</sup> Templecombe Scout Group *"LIVE ROCK NIGHT" featuring* "Tutz 3" & "FightLikeKids" Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm to midnight At The Pines, Common Lane, Yenston BBQ & other food available Adults £10, Children (under 18) £5 - Discount for families Tickets (limited) available in advance at Westcombe Stores or the Chip Shop, Templecombe

**LOST AND FOUND** ....... In June farmer Les Bennett lost his new watch, probably whilst climbing over a gate at the top of Marsh Lane in South Cheriton. A week later, revisiting the field, he found it where some kind person had strapped it to the gate, having found it in the long grass. Les and Karen would like to pass on their sincere thanks to whoever it was who did this - faith in human nature greatly boosted!

#### FEEDBACK

Bill Candy, long term resident of Horsington has asked us to correct a couple of small errors in our July/August issue. On the cover of the magazine the heading for our photograph was 'The Cemetery Chapel, South Cheriton' This in fact should have read 'The Cemetery Chapel, Horsington' there is a small brook that flows down the side of the graveyard to the left if you are facing the chapel and this marks the division between South Cheriton and Horsington. Paddy Hughes's article refers to the 'River Bow' which flows across the marsh. This is in fact called 'Bow Brook'. We are pleased to be able to make corrections such as these and update our knowledge of the local area at the same time. Thank you Bill!

A **Coffee Morning** in aid of *Macmillan charity* will take place on **29th September**, **10.30am** in Templecombe Recreation Club. Please bring cakes, bric a brac, etc.

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