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Horsington and South Cheriton Jubilee Street Party

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Events Diary July 2012

Day/Date	Time	Event	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	6.00pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tue 3rd	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 4th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
	8.45pm	Music Night			Half Moon Inn
Thu 5th	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI - Strawberry Evening: Mr	r M Botteri	ll and his Guit	ar "
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art			"
Mon 9th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group	Bec	kford Arms, I	Fonthill Gifford
	6.00pm	Pilates			Village Hall
Tue 10th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 11th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thu 12th	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting			"
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art			"
Mon 16th	6.00pm	Pilates			"
Tue 17th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 18th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing			"
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	1.30pm	Art	"
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art			"
Mon 23rd	6.00pm	Pilates			"
Tue 24th	10.30am	Upholstery			"
Wed 25th	2.30pm	Tea and Chat			St John's Church

July 23rd--August 31st School Holiday

Events Diary August 2012

Wed 1st	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thur 2nd	7.30pm	WI - Holiday in Mauritius - Margaret Ke	elly Village Hall
Mon 6th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group Cr	own and Victoria, Tintinhull
Thur 9th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Sat 11th	2.00pm	NC Gardeners' Society Horticultural Sho	w N. Cheriton Village Hall
Wed 29th	2.30pm	Tea and Chat	St John's Church

Cover, and Page 4 photos by John Leaning

The Jubilee Street Party

First of all we must give a big thank you to all those involved in the organizing of the excellent street party in Horsington on Sunday June 3rd, and there certainly was a lot of work going on under the watchful eye of joint main organisers Andrew and Philippa Tarling,

The seating was cosily placed in the road between The Half Moon and the "T" junction below. There were rows of tables decorated with designs of the Union Flag making a very festive appearance. Never mind the weather, most of us were sheltered by long awnings anyway.

In the parking area beneath the pub beef and hog were gently roasting on a spit (carefully tended and basted by the Bailward family), while Jim Morgan was busily sizzling sausages on a grill just opposite. Beyond that were plates of tempting crackling, sauces, roasted vegetables and salads – more than enough to feed the 300 plus people who had come to celebrate. That was then followed by various desserts and cakes.

The church bells were ringing out as folk began to arrive in the bunting bedecked Duck Lane just after 12 noon, where events got off to a good start with the first drink 'on the house' at The Half Moon. More people arrived to watch the proceedings as the afternoon progressed and they too were able to enjoy a drink as they listened to the band (followed by a quartet of singers with more traditional instruments) playing on the grassy terrace outside the pub. It did rain on and off, but not enough to dampen the fun.

It had the effect of bringing together lots of people from the villages to eat and chat with one another, to see old friends and meet new ones. Congratulations and thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it happen.

Thank You

From Andrew and Philippa Tarling

To all those volunteers without whom the street party would not have happened:

Tents, Tables and Chairs – John Sansom and the team from Somerset Mini Marquees **Meat Cooking** – Chris Bailward and family, Mr and Mrs Alec Davies

Setting Up – Mark Tucker, Phil Bennett, Nigel Mattravers, Nigel Cockerell, John MacLean, John Liddle, Damien Orton, Ian Snowdon, Mardi Bennett, Belinda Mann,

Paul Mann, Charlie James, Steve & Jill Miles

Publicity - Richard Gaunt

Cooking – Ted Banks, Jemmima Mann, Stella Mattravers, Charlie Mann, Leanna Salter, Joan Palmer, Jim Morgan

We hope we haven't missed anyone – we apologise if we have. Most thanks should go to everyone who made the effort to turn up on a dull day and make it a success. We raised just under £500 net to put towards our *Time Capsule* and *Monument* – watch this space!

Crowning Glory - Jubilee Concert in St. John's Church By Jane Jones

Strode Music Theatre Society, a choir of about 20 strong with their pianist, gave a rousing and varied concert on Saturday 26th May. Vivaldi's Gloria began the programme. We were then entertained by some poems, some Gilbert and Sullivan numbers and to begin the second half, Handel's Zadok the Priest. There was some beautiful solo singing and some popular and lively songs too. It was altogether a good evening to add to this celebratory year's events.

JUBILEEBy Anne Schembri-Wismeyer

A heartfelt thank you
To Andrew and team,
Who made it look easy,
Or so it would seem.
With bunting and crackling
And puddings galore,
Up went the shout
"Please get me some more".

The band was terrific
The turnout was great
Easily better
than some village fetes
The weather contrary
But who cared a fig
"Please sir I did "
Squealed the poor little Pig







Elysia Tarling by permission of Andrew Tarling

The Making of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Notice Board By Ottery Antiques

The great storms of 1987 sadly felled some wonderful specimen trees, one such tree which we acquired from a large estate in Wiltshire was a wonderful oak tree over 300 years old. The bulk of the timber once dried was used to make a library bookcase for Bowood House. The remainder of the tree that we had has been in storage waiting for that special project to be used on. The Jubilee notice board was to be the very item this timber had been waiting for.

We set about designing a notice board to incorporate the necessary features, dates, parish, and of course the occasion it was marking.

Having worked for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for some years and carved various crowns before, the final design naturally flowed and the crown supported by "C" scrolls was settled upon, being careful of course to carve the Queen's crown as the King's crown is of a different design. The main carcass of the board is dovetailed, the joints hidden by the posts and the lap of the top and bottom rail (to prevent water ingress into the joints) despite being hidden from view, hand cut dovetails were used.

Our young Chris Hiscock (now 30) did the carving; he is a meticulous worker which shows in the neatness of the end product. I think you will agree that his passion for carving is evident in his work. 22crt gold leaf was applied to the crown.

The doors although simple in design were kept slim, timber swells on the width of the grain but not the length so by keeping the rails slim we reduce the amount of swelling in wet weather that can occur, the simplest parts are carefully thought about, a weather seal is fitted behind the doors to keep out the rain; the oak posts used have been centre drilled and again although not visible this allows the timber to shrink and expand internally, and hopefully will prevent the characteristic splitting that you will often see in solid timber of this size, the post edges finished with a small chamfer just because it is neater, and what else could adorn the top of an oak post other then an acorn.

A lot of thought and design has to go into an item such as this in an attempt to construct a notice board that will stand our great British climate, and at the same time be pleasing to the eye. I hope we have achieved that. Time will tell.

The funding of the notice board has come from the Parish Council, with assistance of a grant; Ottery Antiques are pleased to have sponsored the remainder of the costs.

Charles James
Ottery Antiques 01963 371166
June 2012







Photos supplied by Charles James

Cricket in Horsington on 4th June By Phil Bennett

Lucky with the weather again, but not with the game! The captains agreed to play a similar format to last year with both teams batting twice for 15 overs. The Tabard Pilgrims batted first and Luke Rendell struck early, but after that the bowlers were smashed to all parts of the ground conceding 111 - 1 off 15 overs. Wippet undefeated on 56 (his first ever half-century!!). In reply, Horsington struggled to 67 - 7 with Charlie Bennett top-scorer with 24.

In their second innings the Pilgrims totalled 91-4, with Nick Mattravers, Nigel Cockerell and Matt Howell all claiming wickets. Nigel could only bowl spin, as he damaged his back loading chairs onto Sansom's trailer the night before at the Jubilee street party! Chasing 140 Horsington closed on 100-5 with Luke (23) Stu Lane (17) Nigel (17) all batting well. So we lost by 39 runs – better luck next year?

Special thanks to Rob Hoddinott for preparing the wicket and cutting the outfield. The ground looked won-



derful. Also Mardi Bennett, with Shannon Cockerell's help, for the delicious teas and Richard Gaunt for photographing the event. Afterwards, both teams retired to The Half Moon to sample quality beers and excellent food provided by Andrew and Philippa Tarling. Again, an excellent and enjoyable day for all. We look forward to getting our revenge next year.

Conservation Work at Horsington Manor

By Keith Davies

With increasing pressure on the countryside and its wildlife we are fortunate that so many of our local farmers and landowners choose to undertake conservation work. At Horsington Manor, for example, Phillip and Lucinda Colebatch are engaged in a long-term project to restore and conserve the traditional habitat so that there is a rich variety of flora and fauna. The work started in 2002 when they secured County (now Local) Wildlife Status. This was awarded primarily in recognition of the large number of very old oak trees that dominate their land. About forty of these veteran trees have required special care and attention to maintain their longevity. The Oak is of major importance to biodiversity as it supports the greatest number of insects and lichen of all our native trees. A healthy mature Oak can support up to 284 different insects compared with 64 for a Beech and only 4 for a Horse Chestnut. Since 2002, over 400 new trees have also been planted, including restoring two historic avenues below the house and a plantation adjacent to the village football and cricket pitches.

Considerable lengths of hedgerow have been restored, with new hedges being planted up. Also hedges are now cut on a three-year cycle instead of annually to maximise their use to wildlife. Hedgerows are the main habitat for around fifty species of conservation concern. They are particularly important for butterflies and moths, farmland birds, bats and dormice. They also act as wildlife corridors for many species, including reptiles and amphibians.



Small Copper Butterfly

All these measures, together with the introduction of grass margins around the arable fields, the creation of a new pond, a new wetland area, and the re-creation of an old orchard shown on early Ordnance Survey maps have led to an increase in the variety and numbers of insects including wild bees and butterflies. An abundant insect population is a prerequisite for the future success of farmland birds. Whilst the adult birds are seed eaters the young must be fed on insects to survive. Already there is a good variety of farmland birds, including Reed Bunting, Skylark, Linnet and Yellowhammer. In addition to exploiting the increase in insect numbers these birds also benefit directly from the nesting habitat and winter feed provided by the hedgerows and game cover crops. Walkers are warmly welcomed on the public footpaths and the permissive footpath at



the bottom of Duck Lane leading to the old railway line. These paths offer good views of the conservation work and its benefits. Everyone can help the work by keeping to these paths and avoiding the grass margins that provide a safe haven for ground nesting birds and the pollinating insects.

Village Footpaths

By Les Graney

Fifteen years ago John Cross and Bill Candy, who was the Footpath Officer on the Parish Council at the time, organised a team of intrepid stile and sleeper bridge restorers and clearers to make all the village footpaths accessible. The work took five years to complete. Tools and materials were funded by the Countryside Commission, via South Somerset District Council, and the village Parish Council. In all they built about 40 stiles and 18 sleeper bridges. When John used to lead his monthly walks around Horsington we were able to take advantage of their splendid work all those years ago.

The Parish Council have published two articles on footpaths in The Villager recently. One encouraged residents to take advantage of the footpaths and help to keep them clear. The other explained the responsibilities of walkers, land owners, Parish Council, etc.

Inserted in this edition of The Villager we include a map of the footpaths in the villages (kindly produced by Foxcombe Lane resident Chris Ullman's company Technigraphics Systems Ltd). This includes Monarch's Way which is a 615-mile long footpath that approximates the escape route taken by King Charles I in 1651, after he was defeated by Cromwell at the Battle of Worcester, the final battle of the English Civil War. As you can see from the enclosed map, it passes straight through our villages, passing along Cabbage Lane and Lower Road, near the school. I wonder what properties there are still in existence from that time, apart from the church of course?

After this 'labour of love' John then wrote a booklet that details 10 walks around the villages. This is available, free of charge, from John on 370 249. We will be publishing a series of these walks in future editions of the magazine.

For a full map of our footpaths please see Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Number 129 Yeovil & Sherborne.





John Cross and friends

Monarch's Way by Paul Quayle

Horsington Primary School raising money for Positive Steps

By Sam Nancarrow

Positive Steps is a charity, set up by a friend of mine Jane Cherry, who I did my training with thirteen years ago. The charity provides medical/healthcare and travel aid for patients who require specialist care and indirectly supporting healthcare training. Based in Malawi, it is run by dedicated, unsalaried professionals.

Jane and Rosy Lloyd (Charities Co-Director) came to our school last term. They talked to the children about Ellen a seven year-old girl living in Malawi who had lost her legs due to illness. Positive Steps have enabled Ellen to have treatment by physically getting her to and from hospital, paying for prosthetic limbs and paying for refits as she has grown. She now walks to school



Jane and Rosy also talked about Ellen's life, family and schooling comparing it to that of our children's at Horsington School. The children were captivated, there were many questions from the children throughout the school ages from 'What cars do they drive in Malawi?' to 'What presents do they get for their birthdays?' Jane and Rosy explained that many children only have £1 a day to live on so some days they didn't get to eat.

Our Year 6 children decided they would like to raise some money for the charity. They organised a non-uniform day, the selling of cakes and an obstacle course for the children. This was very successful. They also arranged for a bag-packing day at Morrisons where the total raised was over £550 pounds, an amazing amount of money and life changing for many children in Malawi. Jane was astounded by this amount of money and extremely thankful. She will be coming back into school in a couple of months to talk to the children again.

As a governor and parent, I would like to thank our Year 6 pupils for the effort they put into the fundraising. Many remarks were made about their good behaviour in Morrisons; they were very polite, helpful and smart, a credit to our school. I am very proud and passionate about our school, and at times like this very thankful to be a part of it. A big thank you and well done to our Year 6 pupils and to all of our children.



For more information on Positive Steps please visit www.positivestepscharity.org.

Jane will be in Malawi for a couple of months over the summer and will report back, to the children and *The Villager*, how the money that has been raised is being spent.

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St John the Baptist, Horsington — Roof Appeal

By Peter Hallet – Rector

We launched our Appeal in the Church on the evening of Friday, 18th May. We are grateful to the 50+ parishioners who came to learn about what needs doing, and how we could raise the required funds.

It was good to welcome the Ven. Nicola Sullivan, the Archdeacon of Wells, who came to express the diocesan support for this appeal. We are grateful to Philip Hughes, our Church Surveyor who came and explained what needed doing - and answered questions raised by those present.

So what does need doing? Space does not enable a full description here - but an information pack is available on request. At heart we need to strip and recover the south aisle and nave roofs. That with the other works will cost about £119,000. We have been promised a grant by Viridor Credits of £40,000 providing we can start the work by November. Because of funds already in hand and gifts and pledges received since our Appeal Launch the balance we need to raise now is £31,064.

We are so grateful for the pledges of support given. But as you see there is quite a way to go yet. We will only meet this target if members of our community give their support. One-off gifts are very welcome – but we have focused on asking people to give by monthly standing order each month for a four year period. £10 per month would raise £480 that way – and if Gift Aided this increases to £600. £20 results in £1,200; £30 in £1,800. Gifts smaller or larger are welcome. Without them we will not meet our target.

What happens if we don't meet the target by November? Well, the work will still need to be done – but we'll be faced with having to raise an extra £40,000! What if we never raise it? It's just a matter of time before the church will not be able to be used.

If you'd like to learn more – and to see how you can help – please ask one of the churchwardens or John Fleming for an information pack.

I finish by thanking again those who came to the Appeal Launch – and all who have committed to support this appeal. Together we can do this.

Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

What a wonderful weekend! I loved the BloggoVision clip on YouTube – I look forward to the longer clip in due course. It was great to see so many people in the villages of our benefice having such a great celebration. And, of course, at the heart of it – our Queen and her humble service of our nation and the Commonwealth over 60 years. I am struck at how young she was when she took on this mammoth role – and that it had to be done in the face of one of the saddest events of her life, the death of her father, King George VI. How grateful we should be not just that she's been our Queen all that time – but for the sort of person she has been and remains as our Queen. We pray that he who is King of kings, and Lord of lords, the only ruler of princes will bless and keep her all the days of her life

Horsington, St John the Baptist

1st July 9.15am Holy Communion with Sunday School

8th July 11am Morning Prayer 15th July 9.15am Holy Communion

22nd July 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 12.30pm Holy Baptism

29th July 10.30am United Service at Henstridge

Templecombe. St Mary The Virgin

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Henstridge, St Nicholas

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15th July 11am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong

22nd July 10.30am Holy Communion

29th July 10.30am United Benefice Service 12.30pm Holy Baptism

Horsington, St John the Baptist

5th Aug 9.15am Holy Communion with Sunday School

12th Aug 11am Morning Prayer 19th Aug 9.15am Holy Communion

26th Aug 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

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July 5th - Strawberry Evening: Mr M Botterill and his Guitar

August 2nd - Holiday in Mauritius - Margaret Kelly

At the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Contact: Mrs Jackie Pyne: 01963 370713

Our total CHRISTIAN AID collection this year amounted to £219.70, which is more than last year. Grateful thanks to all who contributed. Sue Morgan

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June Wet And Warm Does the Farmer No Harm

By Chris Bailward

The old saying that rain on the first of July will continue for the rest of the month is not something to please the farmer who is looking to start harvesting arable crops towards the end of it. Wheat and barley that have flowered in May and early June need damp but warm conditions in June to help swell the grains and produce a bumper crop but July needs to be mainly dry and warm to harden the grains and allow a rain-free harvest between



July and September. The maize crop that was planted towards the end of April and beginning of May when the ground had warmed, needs sunshine. Once the crop is established and growing, heat is all important: cold and wet conditions through the summer months will result in a poor silage crop and reduced milk yields.

A warm and wet June will also help the grass which, as anyone with a lawn knows, will tend to slow down in August before putting on a last spurt in September and October. The cheapest crop a livestock farmer can grow, whether for meat or milk, is grass. Through the summer months the cattle or sheep help themselves, and all that is required is for the stockman to look at his animals at least once a day to ensure that they have enough food and water and are healthy. Regular movement within or between fields is important for the re-growth of the grass and one of the ways of achieving this is strip grazing behind an electric fence which is why you will often see a field that has a defined line across it where the electric fence is situated, dark green one side and straw yellow the other. Each day the stockman will move the fence to allow the livestock enough grass for their needs, until, that field exhausted, the gate into the next paddock is opened to repeat the process, possibly applying artificial fertiliser to the recently grazed grass to promote growth for a second or third "bite" and running the harrows across it to break-up and spread the cowpats.

During the course of the summer grass will be mown and turned into silage or hay which will be fed to the animals through the winter months, all that black, white or green plastic promoting the right conditions for fermentation so that the grass is pickled and remains in a fit condition for winter feeding. Gone are the days when farmers could gather up a heap of waste plastic and put a match to it. Now the plastic has to be separated into different types and removed from the farm by licensed collectors who take it to centres where it is cleaned and made into new products: additional expense for the producer but beneficial for the environment.

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Paul Ratcliffe BSc (Ed)

Local Man cycles in aid of Alzheimers

By Sue Ensley

Keith Lavelle from Horsington is riding his bike from John O'Groats to Lands End to raise awareness and much needed funds for **The Alzheimers Society**. Dementia will touch most of us at some point in our lives and the money that Keith raises will go to help improving the life of someone like Keith's mum who suffers with this cruel disease. Keith is undertaking this massive ride on his own, without any support and camping each night. He has no doubt that it is going to be a long, lonely and tough journey but if it can help improve the quality of life of someone who has dementia then it will be worth it.

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Any donation will be greatly appreciated both by Keith and The Alzheimers Society.





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Sonya and Charles James are pleased to announce the exchange of their wedding rings that took place at Holbrook House Hotel on Friday the 25th May.

Thanks to all for the good wishes and congratulations received.



Horsington Children's Society box holders provided £152 this May, which has been sent to Headquarters. Thank you for your support again. Sheila Cross.

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Sudoku supplied by Ted Banks

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.



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