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Summer Fete

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Events Diary September 2012

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 3rd	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group	Three Horseshoes, Batcombe
Tue 4th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
Wed 5th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 6th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
		WI Outing (Members Only)	
Fri 7th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 10th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 11th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners' Society	N.C. Village Hall
Wed 12th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
Thu 13th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 14th	10.00am	Art	"
Sun 16th	4.00pm	Concert and Cream Tea	Horsington Church
Mon 17th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 18th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 19th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	Film: The Iron Lady	King Arthur's
Thu 20th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 21st	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 24th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 25th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 26th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 27th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 28th	10.00am	Art	"

Future Event: Race Night 13th October - 7.00pm at the Village Hall



FEEDBACK

It has been brought to our attention that one of the photographs on Page 4 of the July/Aug issue was incorrectly labelled. Our Jubilee queen was in fact Jessica Dunford, apologies to both Elysia and Jessica for this error. Apologies also to Justin Liddle and Charles James who became John and Charlie!

Cover and Page 6 photos by: Paul White

Fishing

by Jess Eastment

I have been interested in fish and fishing for as long as I can remember. At the age of 10 I used to fish with my brother in the rivers of Yorkshire, travelling miles to do so. Years later, my interest in fish unabated, I took a degree in Ichthyology, following this with a Ph.D.

Let's get to the joys of fishing. As a youngster it was always coarse fishing although the odd trout and salmon fell to opportunities presented when meat was still scarce after the war! As I grew older and stronger, the attraction of beach fishing (again with food in mind) reared its head and I fished with a 22ft Kent rod very successfully, (if anyone knows where I can obtain another, I'm in the market). For the last five years or so I've become an aficionado of fly fishing. Once the domain of the well off, the advent of stocked fishing lakes has brought this within reach of all. With my wife and three local friends, we fish at a lake at Hermitage, sometimes travelling further to Devon or Hampshire.

Nowadays, some of the hard core coarse fishermen are turning to fly fishing for their quarry with surprisingly effective results and the fly is being applied to sea fishing too.

Fishing has proved to be the gateway to another world of peace and tranquillity, making the fisherman at one with nature, observing many animals and birds and has proved to be very therapeutic both mentally and physically.



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Garden Watch by Muddy Wellies

Well what a summer, I think the only ones that have had more than a passing chance to enjoy our gardens have been the slugs and snails! Thank goodness for the distraction of the London Olympics.

It has however, been a good year for my favourite fruit, raspberries, the summer fruiting variety, they have been large and full of flavour, fruiting for well over a month with regular picking. Talking of raspberries, once they have finished fruiting, tie in young canes, they will give you fruit next year, cutting down those that fruited this year, to allow light and air into the young growth giving them time to mature before the winter. This cutting back of old canes also applies to blackberries and loganberries once fruiting is finished. Complete summer pruning of apple, pear and plum trees, together with wall trained peach and nectarine, tie in replacement shoots. Was anybody luckier than me and my neighbours and had some pears, my tree is completely devoid of fruit, my plum tree has only three fruits!

Remember to pick apples as you need them; for the moment they keep better on the tree. Cooking varieties are ready if you twist their stems and the fruit comes off easily. Peaches and apricots are ready when the fruit softens slightly to the touch. Pears and plums should be picked just before they are fully ripe if you want to use for cooking, but obviously need to be ripe for eating. Quinces shouldn't be picked before October, once they are yellow and aromatic, crabapples are generally picked September/October. Pick autumn fruiting raspberries once they are ready, and dark in colour, they should be good this year with all the wet and warm weather.

Keep harvesting your crops, don't let them deteriorate in the ground after all your hard work. If you are away invite and insist your friends and neighbours come and pick in your absence. The more they pick more will be produced and there may even be more maturing for your return! As the month progresses, the nights usually really cool down, so I suggest you cut down outdoor tomatoes and bring indoors any unripe fruit for ripening.

Keep taking semi-ripe shrub and hardwood cuttings of deciduous and evergreen shrubs, rooting them in a sheltered place outdoors, or in pots in the cold frame. Philadelphus need their top growth thinning out, with all the wind and rain we have had, make sure young trees and climbers are well tied in, supported against further damage. Tie in new long shoots on climbers horizontally to encourage side shoots and better flowering next year, this applies especially to climbing roses and it really will prove worth the effort next year. Continue deadheading, keep mowing the lawn as weather permits.

The latter part September is a good month to empty pots of summer bedding and clean them before winter replanting begins. Far nicer to do this tedious and slightly sad job outside before the weather turns chilly. Replanting for the winter containers can then be done at your leisure, undercover if too chilly or wet outdoors. Broad beans, spring cabbage and carrots can all be sown under cloches at this time as well.

Don't panic if you can't get out into the garden to clear up towards the end of the month, there is always next month!

Horsington Church of England Primary School

Summer Fete

by Sue Young PTFA Chairperson

The Fete, as always, was a great afternoon for the family, despite the weather! We had 'fun' putting the tents and gazebos up in the summer *breeze* on the Friday night, only to get into school early on Saturday morning to find that two large ones had been blown down and bent beyond recognition. So the race was then on to move tables and squeeze as many stalls into the remaining tents (and send my husband off to Yeovil to purchase another gazebo!!)

On the afternoon we had a few showers but that couldn't dampen the Horsington spirit. Our school samba band opened the proceedings and got us all into the mood. Hotdogs, cakes and ice creams were consumed, along with the odd pint of cider. Fun was had by those who took part in the sumo wrestling and those who tested their throwing and catching skills so as not to get egg on their faces!! The ferrets were with us again (back by popular demand) and the Pevling's pony gave great pleasure to the children.

I would like to thank everyone who helped or contributed to the fete, and also everyone who came along to support it (you all know who you are).

All in all, the hard work organising the event was worth it.....so what's next.....oh..... the Race Night in October – watch this space for details.



Setting up for the Ferret Race



Egg Throwing Contest

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

Simply the Best Award



Shirley Price retires after 23 years as an invaluable and dedicated classroom assistant in Horsington school. Here are some responses from the pupils who were asked to nominate someone in their school for the '*Simply the Best*' award.

I think Mrs Price should win this award because I think she is Simply the Best. She is so helpful and funny and just a joy to be around. She is amazing, if you're stuck she will help you out and explain everything to you. She just has a way about her that makes you love her. I don't know how I would cope without her. She has such a big heart and puts everyone before herself. She is really encouraging. She is a true star. She would do anything for you and will always be there when you need her. That is why I think Mrs Price should win this award.

Thank you!

By Katie Allen

I think Mrs Price should win because she is very pretty and kind. She is very thoughtful. Some teachers are strict and annoying but Mrs Price isn't any of these. Her glasses are red, which is my second favourite colour!

Mrs Price has a good sense of humour and is always fair and never cheats! Even though Mrs Price does SATs she makes them fun. Sometimes I feel I never want to leave and I should make the most of every hour with her.

By Mary Bee Preston

I have voted for Mrs Price because she is a fun lady. She seems like she is only 20 years old. She is the cleverest, if you ask her what 1956x2571 is she has done it even before you finish saying it. She is also a computer genius; she can type so quickly I am surprised her fingers don't drop off!

She must have a great jewellery pot because she comes to school with very, very nice earrings on.

Mrs Price is the best person in the whole school and she is leaving next year. This is why you should vote for her.

By Lewis Hawkins

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Birdwatch

by Keith Davies

There was excitement for Somerset birders when three White Storks were found in flood meadows at Abbey Ford Bridge, a couple of miles from Horsington. These fields usually flood only in winter but in June the River Cale could not cope with the monsoon conditions and burst its banks. The Storks should have been in central or southern Europe, but were feeding on these fields for several weeks! As the floodwaters receded the soggy fields provided a bonanza feeding opportunity and the Storks were joined by several hundred Herring Gulls, Lesser Black Backed Gulls and Black Headed Gulls. There were also a few Yellow Legged Gulls and twenty five Mediterranean Gulls which is a record number for Somerset. It was more like a scene from the Camargue river delta in southern France than a quiet corner of Somerset!



White Storks



Mediterranean Gull

Parish Council News

by Councillor Angela Clayton

Millennium and Diamond Jubilee – Photograph Album

Some of you will recall the Millennium Photography Project instigated by Bill Candy, when residents of both villages were asked to take photos of themselves outside their houses and these were then incorporated into one large album. The project was not completed and, having resurfaced very recently with several empty pages, now would be an opportune moment to include photographs from the Jubilee Celebrations. So if you have any photographs we could add to this unique document, either taken at the Street Party or elsewhere in Horsington or South Cheriton, then please contact David Chapman (370527) or Angela Clayton (371257). The Album will then be put on display for everyone to reminisce – how we have changed 12 years on from 2000!

Phone Box Update

By the time you read this, hopefully work will be in progress on converting the phone boxes into Book Swapping Centres. Rules and Guidelines regarding borrowing and returning items will be displayed and it would be very much appreciated if these could be adhered to. Stock will be replenished on a regular basis and there will be a range of reading material to cater for all tastes and ages. A big thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work.

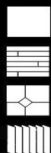


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Dear Friends, *greetings*. As you would expect, our Roof Appeal continues to be a major part of the life of the Parish Church. I was able to report in the last edition of *The Villager* that we were within £31,000 of meeting our appeal target. I am pleased to say that has now reduced to £20,000 - still a way to go. We continue to apply for grants. And it is still not too late to support our appeal. As I said back in July, relatively small amounts given on a monthly basis add up to significantly larger amounts than most of us could afford to give straight out. Over four years £10 per month adds up to £480 - and if gifted aided this increases to £600 at no additional cost to you by courtesy of HMRC. Similarly, £20 per month produces £960, or £1,200 with Gift Aid; and £5 per month £240, or £300 with Gift Aid.

Big houses are made of little bricks - and big oak trees grow from small acorns! All gifts - large or small - are welcome, and gratefully received. Together we can raise the money we need and leave this place of prayer, meditation and worship in good condition for the generations that follow us. If you'd like to know more do ask either Anne Jones, or Rosemarie Wigley, our churchwardens, or John Fleming our treasurer for an information pack.

We expect the work to begin in the latter half of October. The crazy thing about this sort of work is that it costs huge sums, and at the end of the day nothing looks different!! But the important thing is - that in spite of appearances, it is.

By the time you're reading this autumn will be fast approaching. What a strange but in many ways a glorious summer. I didn't expect to enjoy the Olympics - but I did - I loved the infectious joy of those folk who won gold medals. I felt for those athletes who did not - I hated the journalists (doing their job, I know) who stuck a microphone under the noses of folk seconds after their victory or failure. I admire the dedication and courage of those who get to this level of competition - and especially those who take part knowing they're not going to win. They just want to be the best they can be. What better aspiration is there than that? *Peter Hallett - halatvic@btinternet.com*

St John the Baptist, Horsington

2 nd Sept	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
9 th Sept	11am	Morning Prayer
16 th Sept	9.15am	Holy Communion
23 rd Sept	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
30 th Sept	10.30am	United Benefice Service



Horsington Churchwardens:
Mrs Anne Jones – 370626
Mrs Rosemarie Wigley -
371478

St Nicholas, Henstridge

2 nd Sept	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) -	11am	Sing Glory! Worship for all ages
"			6.30pm	Celebration Evensong
9 th Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion		
16 th Sept	11am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm	Evensong
23 rd Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion		
30 th Sept	10.30am	United Benefice Service at Horsington		

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

2 nd Sept	11am	All Age Worship
9 th Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion
16 th Sept	11am	Morning Praise
23 rd Sept	Back to Church Sunday - 9.30am	Holy Communion
30 th Sept	10.30am	United Benefice Service at Horsington

There will be significant works taking place in Henstridge Church after the middle of September. We hope this will not disrupt Services - but it might.

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South Cheriton United Football Club

by Sue Howell

South Cheriton United Football Club's twentieth year has been its most successful yet.

We are running nine youth teams in the Yeovil Youth and Mini Leagues, with 131 playing members aged from 7 to 16, and an adult side in the Blackmore Vale Sunday League.



End of season results included one of the Under 10s teams winning their divisional Champions League trophy; the Under 13s winning their League and Cup, remaining undefeated all season; the Under 14s winning their Division, losing only one game; the newly-formed Under 15s winning their League and Cup double, losing only two games, and the Under 16s were runners-up in their divisional cup.

The senior side won the Blackmore Vale Division One, were unbeaten all season, and reached two cup finals, winning one of them.

This year, yet again, Colin Howell has won Somerset FA Groundsman of the Year, in the category relevant to us, with his name going forward to the national finals.

Next year we are also running a Saturday adult side, and an Under 18s team, in the Dorset County League, to enable our youngsters to bridge the gap between youth and adult football.

On Saturday 19th May we held a very successful presentation evening and barbecue at the ground. With about 300 people attending we had to hire a marquee, courtesy of John Sansom, as we couldn't quite fit everyone in the hall! The final event of the season for the Under 15s team was a match against their sponsors, the Old Inn (Holton). It was played with great good humour, and not too seriously, and ended very sociably with everyone returning to the pub for refreshments.

On Sunday 24th June a memorial match was played in honour of Graham Wilkins, the local postman who died last year, and who had been one of the South Cheriton managers. A minute's silence was held before his old team played against a team comprised of his family and friends. The game ended in an honourable draw, much to everyone's satisfaction.

With our thoughts now turning to the forthcoming season, and led by our Chairman, Simon Howell, South Cheriton's committee is, as ever, trying to move the club forward, with ambitious plans for the future. We appreciate the support given to the club by our landlords, Mr and Mrs Colebatch.

**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.45pm
on Wednesday 5th September**

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst enjoying a beer.

Free, apart from drinks.

Further details from **Anna - 01963 370749**



**6th September
Outing - Members only**

Contact: Mrs Jackie Pyne: 01963 370713

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

“The Iron Lady”. (PG-13) - 1.44 min.

18th September 2012 - 7.30pm

Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent, Anthony Head, Roger Allam

Drama: The story of Margaret Thatcher the first female Prime Minister of Britain

**For further information contact Les Graney on 01963 371668

NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

A talk from expert Bob Hendley on 'Growing Dahlias'

On

11th of September @ 7.30pm in North Cheriton Village Hall

Jubilee DVD - The Horsington & South Cheriton Jubilee Party DVD which was shown at the Half Moon Inn on Sunday July 15th is available from Andrew at the Half Moon. It includes bonus tracks on bellringing and the 1953 coronation. There are 10 copies left but more can be ordered. If you wish to view a trailer, google "Horsington Jubilee" then click on the link for Jubilee Video trailer. **All proceeds** go to the **St John's Church Roof Fund**. A big thanks goes to Richard Gaunt who created and edited the DVD.

The Villager would like to extend a big thank you to Chris Ullman of Technigraphics Systems Ltd for providing the Horsington and South Cheriton Map which was included in the last issue.



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

Olympia Show Jumping trip

Coach trip from South Cheriton on Thursday 20th December. Tickets include coach fare and entry to show £47.00 each (first come first served) .

Further details call Pevlings Farm Riding Stables 01963 370990

David Waddington's memoirs 'Dispatches from Margaret Thatcher's last Home Secretary' are due to be published this month by Biteback Publishing, Westminster Tower, London SE1.

Birth - On 22 June 2012, to Ollie and Anna Franklin a beautiful daughter *Alicia Jane*.
Thank you to everyone for all their kind wishes, presents and cards.

A Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan charity will take place at Templecombe Sports & Social Recreation Club on: **Thursday 27th September at 10.30am.**

Bring and Buy and Cake Stall

Trio Violetta in concert at *St. John's Church Horsington*

on Sunday afternoon 16th September at 4pm

Sylvie Barry (violin), *Frances Eustace* (viola) and *Janet Coles* (cello)

With readings from Parson Woodforde's Diaries, relevant to this area.

Reader: *Richard Gaunt*

The concert will be followed by a **cream tea**.

Ticket price £6.00 with proceeds to the church roof fund can

be obtained from Rosemarie Wigley – 371478

and Jane Jones – 370562



Marsh Meadows Nursery children love their hearts and get active

The Pre School has taken part in an activity based challenge as part of the national Arties Olympic scheme organised by the British Heart Foundation. The scheme promotes the importance of maintaining a healthy heart through regular exercise, whilst raising funds for pioneering research into the causes and treatment of heart disease in men, women and children. *Kirsty Andrews Deputy Manager and Organiser* said "Participating in the Arties Olympics Week has been challenging and lots of fun for the children. We would like to thank families and friends of the children for all of the sponsorship raising a staggering **£861.52p.**"

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