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Events Diary May 2013

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 1st	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 2nd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	Half Moon Inn
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 6th	6.00pm	Pilates	ິ"
Tue 7th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 8th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Sun 12th	7.30pm	Wincanton Choral Society Concert Wincant	on Sports Centre
Mon 13th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group Kings Arms Cha	rlton Horethorne
		(Please note date change as result of Bank Holiday)	"
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 14th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 15th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 20th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 21st	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	Film: The Help	King Arthurs
Wed 22nd	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
Thu 23rd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 25th	10.00am	North Cheriton Gardeners Society Annual Plant Show	"
		(Please note venue is at Horsington Village Hall)	"
Mon 27th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 28th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 30th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 31st	10.00am	Art	"

Future Events: Village Fete - Saturday 15th June Wylie Valley Art Trail - Saturday 25th May - 2nd June

Cover photo provided by Gill Elston

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The Thursday Art Group by Gill Elston

"You will never look at the world in the same way again" – the words of the teacher at an art class many years ago. Perhaps this is one of the truest reflections of how you begin to see things when you start to paint. What you see develops into patterns of colour, form, space and light. Colour and shape appear where you have never seen them before, and gradually you start to incorporate some of these aspects into what you are trying to put on to paper, canvas, board, or whatever you are using, in whatever medium you are using; in my own case mainly landscapes or flowers in oils. Style, like handwriting, is personal.

We have an art group on Thursday mornings which has evolved from the artist Nick Andrew's classes which he taught at the Village Hall for seven years. Real artists paint because they must and a few of the group are in this category. Most of us are recreational amateurs who love the experience of trying to improve, and, perhaps occasionally, to achieve.

Our New Horizons Group is exhibiting at the Wylie Valley Art Trail, Venue 9, from 25^{th} May to 2^{nd} June. Paintings, prints and cards will be on sale. We would love to see you on any of these days at Mere Lecture Hall, Salisbury Street, Mere, between 10.30am and 5.30pm.

Two of Gill's own paintings are shown below.





Local Artist Gillian Waddington

When I was a young girl I wanted to be an Artist. I actually went to Art School, but gave it up to get married and have a family.

Thirty years later, when my children were grown up and my husband at the top of his career, I took it up again when I was lucky enough to go with my husband to Bermuda when he took the post of Governor.

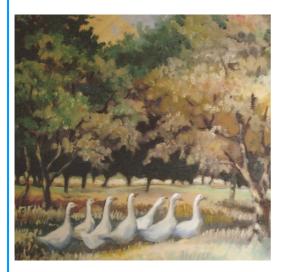
At the time I was a water colourist and remained so when we came back to the UK after five years in Bermuda.

Six years later we moved to South Somerset – what a revelation! Suddenly there was Art all around me, and with great enthusiasm I joined the Sherborne Art Club, the Bruton Art Society and a lovely group based at the Guggleton Art Gallery, but best of all I joined an Art Class called the New Horizons Group (taught by Nick Andrew and based in Horsington).

The best thing Nick did was to take me out of water colour into other media and eventually I have settled on oils. My painting life is greatly enriched.

Recently I have been showing my work and have been lucky to sell some of it and what a buzz that gives an Artist!

Every year I hope to improve and the pleasure I get from painting is never ending.





Horsington Church of England Primary School

<u>Academy Conversion Information Meetings</u> Thursday 6 June 2013, 3.30pm and 6.30pm at Horsington Primary School

In September 2012, the Governing Body at Horsington Primary School voted unanimously to convert to becoming an academy. Since this time, the Governing Body has been working hard investigating the best way for the school to convert. As a small school we do not believe it would be practical to convert alone, so other avenues for conversion have been explored.

On Tuesday 16 April 2013, the Governing Body voted to convert to an academy, as part of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Education's Multi Academy Trust.

On Thursday 6 June 2013, the Governing Body will host two information meetings at Horsington Primary School for parents and members of the local community. They will take place at 3.30pm and 6.30pm (the meetings are being repeated to allow as many people as possible to attend, but there is no need to attend both). At the meetings the Governing Body will explain the reasons for converting to an academy and why they have decided to convert in this particular way.

If, in the meantime, you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email LJAllen1@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you in June.

Lorna Allen, Chair of Governors

SPRING CLEAN of SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Pupils of Horsington Church of England Primary School had a "tidy up" day. Parents helped to tidy, clean and paint some of the outside play areas. They also built a story-telling area with materials kindly donated by Kellaway Building Supplies of Wincanton.



Leila and Adam Syme, Sebastian King, Lucy Nancarrow, Joe Allen, Joshua Nancarrow and Oscar White in the Wheelbarrow.

Elfriede Scharf by Gill Elston

Elfriede Scharf arrived in London on the Kindertransport on 3rd March 1939. She was eleven years old.

Elfriede does not remember the journey which brought her from her home in Düsseldorf, nor the parting from the parents she never saw again. She remembers arriving at Liverpool Street Station and going to the Dr. Barnado's Home in Essex which was to become her home. She was educated at Dr Barnado's own school, and was subsequently trained by them to work in nursery care and domestic service.

Aged 15, Elfriede went to work as a general domestic at the home of the artist Michael Rothenstein, and it was there that friends of the Rothensteins, themselves refugees, spotted her potential and took a personal interest. With their encouragement, Elfriede decided to go into nursing, and, at 17, she started out on the long record of care and concern which we all associate with the Elfriede we know today.

She started with nursing tuberculosis patients, an illness still common in the 1940s, and she trained for two years at Southend General Hospital to become, in 1951, a State Registered Nurse. And it was there she nursed a patient with whom she formed a special bond, was taken into their home, and so acquired a new family.

She then applied to the Charing Cross Hospital in London to do a theatre course, and was soon asked to apply for the job of Ward Sister in ENT. In 1953 she took full British citizenship. Elfriede stayed at Charing Cross for 16 years before moving back to Southend.

In 1972, Elfriede came to the house in Horsington Marsh, where she lives today, to look after Mrs Lavender for her friend Toni Salmonson. She became a Nursing Sister at the Memorial Hospital in Wincanton, and then went on to become Matron. There are people among the hundreds she knows round the area who still call her Matron. She retired in 1986, and has shared her retirement with Toni and their dogs.

While tending to her garden, her hens and her cooking, Elfriede has continued to spend her life in the service of other people, always working quickly, quietly and efficiently in the background, doing whatever is needed, and on call to help. An utterly reliable mainstay of any activity in which she was involved, she has devoted her time to the Wincanton Stroke Club, Horsington W.I., the Village Emergency Committee (no longer in existence) and the Village Hall Committee among many other activities. Her basket always contained the appropriate necessities for any occasion. Her sausage rolls are legendary. Her generosity of spirit and practical good sense does not falter. A fall which seriously damaged her arms was merely a temporary setback! At 85, her courage, determination and positive resolve remain undimmed.

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<u>Village Supper</u> by John Macdonald

The St. Margaret's Hall Committee would like to thank all those villagers who participated in and donated to the St Patrick's day supper fundraiser. We are constantly amazed and gratified by the generosity of our community of Horsington and South Cheriton. Needless to say, we raised a considerable sum for Hall funds which will go in some way to cover some of our recent heavy costs.

Judging by the many notes of thanks I have received the dinner went down well. (Pun intended).

VILLAGE FETE Saturday 15th June 2013 from 2 – 5pm at Horsington School

If you would like to help us set up the fete, please come to the School between 4 - 6pm on Friday 14th June. Any **tombola**, **bottle stall or plant donations** would be welcome and can be dropped off at the School.



WANTED: BOOKS and BRIC-A-BRAC FOR VILLAGE FETE STALL

We are hoping to completely re-stock the stall this year and would welcome donations of both books and items of bric-a-brac before Saturday 15th June.

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There is enough food for everyone in the world, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight. This year's Christian Aid Week tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

You can support Christian Aid Week by looking out for local events, and discover how you can be involved by contacting your local Christian Aid Week representative or by visiting www.caweek.org/article

We will not be having a House to House Collection in Horsington, but you will find a Christian Aid Week envelope with this magazine. You can return it to either John Cross at The Smithy, South Cheriton; or, Jean Handy, Laurel Cottage, Horsington; or, to the church via anyone you know who goes - or, why not come and bring it yourself?

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Peter Hallett - halatvic @btinternet.com

<u>St John the Baptist, Horsington</u>

5 th May	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
12th May	11.00am	Morning Prayer
19th May	10.30am	(Pentecost/Whitsun) United Service at Milborne Port Parish Church
26th May	8.30am	(Trinity Sunday) Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Henstridge

5 th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) - 11am Sing Glory! Worship for all ages
	6.30pm	Evensong
12th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
19th May	10.30am	(Pentecost/Whitsun) United Service at Milborne Port Parish Church
		No Evensong
26th May	11.00am	Holy Communion

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

5th May11.00amAll Age Worship12th May9.30amHoly Communion19th May10.30am(Pentecost/Whitsun) United Service at Milborne Port Parish Church26th May9.30am(Trinity Sunday) Holy Communion

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Bird Watch by Keith Davies

Whilst farmland birds are declining in numbers each year, all but one of our pigeons and doves are thriving. The Wood Pigeon is shot legally throughout the year as it is considered an arable pest. Yet its numbers never seem to diminish. It was once a woodland bird, but it seems to have adapted well to modern agriculture. This may be partly because the increased production of oil seed rape helps its survival prospects over the winter. Also the adult birds feed their young on highly nutritious milk formed from cells in their crop lining. Thus unlike finches and buntings their breeding fortunes are not vulnerable to the increasing shortage of insect life, which is particularly important in a poor spring or summer.

Often mistaken for a Wood Pigeon is the Stock Dove which is smaller in size and looks more delicate. It has a shimmering green neck patch and lacks any of the white plumage of the Wood Pigeon. They are common locally but far less numerous than the Wood Pigeon and are a protected species. Although similar in size and shape the Stock Dove should not be confused with the Feral Pigeon which are domestic pigeons that have gone wild. These originate from the wild Rock Dove which can now only be found in its pure state in the far north of Scotland. Our local towns are relatively free of Feral Pigeons unlike our cities where they can become a major nuisance.

Finally, we have two doves with starkly different fortunes. In the 1960's the Turtle Dove was still a widespread bird with around 140,000 breeding pairs, whilst numbers of the Collared Dove were very low as the species only started nesting in the UK in 1955. Today there are only around 14,000 pairs of Turtle Doves nesting in the UK, whereas the Collared Dove population has exploded to around one million pairs and can easily be seen daily in our parish.

The Turtle Dove is the only one of these pigeon and dove species which is migratory. It winters in West Africa and is hunted relentlessly during its migration through the Mediterranean countries despite this being illegal under European Union law. Its numbers have plummeted by ninety three per cent since 1970 and it is expected to disappear completely from the UK within the decade. The Turtle Dove's gently purring song has long been a characteristic sound of the English summer countryside. But its numbers are already so low that for virtually all readers of the Villager there is now no chance of hearing it.



Wood Pigeon



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Stock Dove

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South Cheriton Youth FC (The Cherries)

by Mark Nancarrow Proud father and Coach of South Cheriton under 11s

It is a credit to Simon Howell that a village the size of South Cheriton has such a growing and successful youth set-up. The Club is officially affiliated to the Football Association, all of the Coaches are qualified and we have a prize winning Groundsman in Simon's dad Colin.

My team, the under 11 section, have just started their first season in the Dorset Division Three League and are currently unbeaten at the top of the League. The team is made up of boys from Horsington, Castle Cary, Charlton Horethorne, Gillingham, Templecombe and North Cadbury Primary Schools and, even though they come from different parts of Somerset and Dorset, the bond is a pleasure to see. The team is coached by myself and Luke Porch and, with the valuable administration skills of Club Secretary (and father of one of the boys) Shaun Mullins and the fantastic support of the parents, we make a formidable team.

Even though the team are unbeaten, we pride ourselves in teaching the boys that winning is not everything – the way the game is played and good sportsmanship is just as important.

So, if you have a spare hour or so at the weekend, why not wander down to the sportsground and cheer one of our teams on. Our matches are played on Sunday afternoons at 2pm and we look forward to seeing you.



Garden Watch by Muddy Wellies

Fingers crossed, May will be the beginning of the summer weather, although I will wait until the end of this month before I plant anything out in the garden, having hardened the plants off over the previous couple of weeks as usual. I shall also plant up my summer containers early in the month and keep undercover to encourage growth.

Once your tulips are finished, if they are later ones and still green, then move them into the ground to die back and build up their food stores for next year. Water and feed them once you have planted them out. Sweet peas can be planted into their flowering positions around wigwam supports if planting in the flowerbed, early in May; they are surprisingly tough, but will need tying in to the uprights. Remove any diseased leaves and spent flowers from early flowering plants, such as primroses. Plant dahlia tubers outdoors at the beginning of May now the soil has, hopefully, warmed up, though you may already have started them off indoors. Some of the best are the water lily types, which do not need staking and their long flower stems and elegant fully-double blooms make them good cut flowers. Keep planting out gladioli corms every couple of weeks to allow for continuous flowering throughout summer; growing in amongst your vegetables is great, particularly if you want to cut them for indoors. If you plan to leave them in the ground over winter, plant the corms at least 20cm (7") deep to protect from frost.

Greenhouse temperatures rise rapidly with even a little sunshine, so sprinkle the floor with water at least once a day in warm weather - damping down helps to cool and maintain the humidity. Use tap water rather than stagnant or rainwater on seedlings and young plants, so as not to contaminate the soil or spread disease. Open windows/vents during the day - some breeze helps toughen seedlings up - but close before temperatures drop in the evening. Pot-on half hardy annuals early in the month.

Vegetable plants need a dose of liquid feed to encourage strong healthy growth. Protect carrots from carrot fly by using fleece. Put your runner bean supports in ready for sowing/planting out time. Once tomato plants are 30cms (12") plant into their final positions/pots, water them in, and thereafter add a half strength general liquid fertilizer each time you water. To prevent flea beetle eating holes in young brassica keep direct sown seedlings (those sown directly in the soil) damp at all times and cover with fleece. Hoe regularly between the rows of crops to keep on top of weed growth. Mulch the base of soft fruit bushes, if you haven't already.

Here's a green recycling tip. Don't pour away any part used bottles of fizzy water that have gone flat, it tastes horrid to us but plants love it. As they do cooled, boiled water along with left over tea, wine, or beer diluted with tepid boiled water, it provides a wonderful tonic for them. We all need an occasional tonic.

Yarlington House Annual Specialist Plant Fair Saturday 18th May 10am - 4pm

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Please call **01963 359109** (Jenny Hearne) **or 01963 210200** (Sue Bosanquet) if you would like more information

The Last Great Cavalry Man by Charles Rutter

On the 10th March in Horsington Parish Church, the author of "The Last Great Cavalry Man", Richard Mead, gave a fascinating talk about the life of General Sir Richard McCreery, formerly of Stowell Hill House, Commander of the 8th Army and regular worshipper at Horsington Church. Sir Richard – known as Dick – was born on the 1st February 1898. After attending Eton and Sandhurst, Dick was commissioned into the 12th Lancers as a second lieutenant and was sent to France, aged 17, where he soon found out that horses and trenches did not mix. Dick was wounded by a bullet which severed his femoral artery and had to have two toes amputated. He returned to England to convalesce before re-joining his regiment again in France in 1918 where he won the military cross for his bravery in "cleaning out" a machine gun post with his mounted platoon.



After the war Dick's family moved from Sherborne to Stowell Hill House, which they built. Dick's brother Selby purchased a six year old bay mare, Annie Darling, which was to become Dick's favourite horse. In March 1923 Dick and Annie Darling won the prestigious Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown Park. Between 1928 and 1930 Dick went to Staff College and it was during this time that he married Lettice StMaur who was living at Horsington Manor. Lettice shared Dick's love of riding and was a most accomplished horsewoman. They complemented each other remarkably well and it was a very happy marriage. Lettice gave birth to their first child Michael in 1929 and their second son Robert James – always known as Bob – in 1930, followed by three other children.

In 1938 Dick became a General Staff Officer before taking over the 2nd Light Armoured Brigade in 1940. Dick was sent to France to join the British Expeditionary Force; an ill-fated mission that led to the evacuation back to England. In March 1942, Dick went to GHQ Middle East where he became Chief of Staff. Dick was later credited for the solution to the victory at El Alamein and was promoted to command X Corps at Salerno. On the 25th July 1944 at the Tactical HQ of X Corps in North East Tuscany, Dick was knighted by King George VI. Dick does not mention this in his diaries but he subsequently wrote to Lettice "I was knighted during the tea interval, most embarrassing". Dick used a chair rather than a low stool as a concession to his lame leg as shown in the above photograph.

As Commander of the 8th Army, it was Dick's brilliant plan to seize the Argenta Gap which enabled the Allies to drive the Germans back across the River Po into Austria. Dick subsequently became British High Commissioner in Austria, Commander in Chief British Army of the Rhine and British Military Representative of the UN before retiring in 1949. After his retirement, Dick was involved in many local activities. He was Chairman of the School Governors of Kings School Bruton and was deeply involved with the Blackmore Vale Hunt both as a long-serving chairman and as master and joint master. In 1967 Dick's health deteriorated and he died on 18th October 1969. Richard Mead concluded his talk by saying that Dick was not born great or had greatness thrust upon him, but had achieved greatness.

Richard Mead's book is published by Pen and Sword (www.pen-and-sword.co.uk)

Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.45pm on Wednesday May 1st

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst enjoying a beer. Free, apart from drinks. Further details from **Anna - 01963 370749**



Thursday 2nd May - 7.30pm at The Half Moon (Venue change due to Elections) AGM + Miss Angela Pitt - Japanese Gardens

Contact: Mrs Jackie Pyne: 01963 370713

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

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May 25th Annual Plant Show at Horsington Village Hall doors open 10.00am

May 28th - Discount Plant Sale and Visit to Castle Gardens Sherborne at 6.45pm

New members can take advantage of their generous 25% discount off everything, providing they join the Society before this date. If anyone is interested please call:

Sarah Holmes on 01963 34711

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

Air Ambulance Fund Raiser

Thank you to all that braved the cold winds on Saturday 23rd March to help raise money for air ambulance. A big thank you to Bev Wigley and Joanne Cockerell who helped out immensely, also Andrew & Philippa Tarling of the Half Moon who kindly let us run the raffle over to their Easter Quiz Night to raise some extra money, also to Jimbo Bailward and his team who donated their prize money. I will be running another wood party, raffle and coffee stall again in September to try and raise money again for air ambulance. Hope to see a lot more attend such a worthy cause - something that we all might need one day. The total raised was **£202.25**.



Jayne Shrimpton

Invitation to an illustrated talk in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Horsington on Friday 24th May 2013 at 7.30pm by Sir Anthony Goodenough

JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE

Sir Anthony will show slides of sites sacred to Christianity, Judaism and Islam and other places and people in Jerusalem. He will briefly discuss the present relationship and its origins between Jews and Arabs and will conclude with an account of the work of the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, a centre of excellence, providing ophthalmic care to the people of the_Holy Land irrespective of ethnicity, religion or ability to pay.

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