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## Events Diary December 2013

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	Lunch	<b>Ladies Lunch Group</b>	White Lion, Bourton
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
<b>Wed 4th</b>	3.00pm	<b>Tea and Chat</b>	Half Moon Inn
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dance	Village Hall
	8.45pm	<b>Music Night</b>	Half Moon Inn
<b>Thu 5th</b>	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	<b>WI Christmas Party</b>	"
<b>Fri 6th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 9th</b>	6.00pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tue 10th</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	<b>NC Gardeners' Society Christmas Party</b>	North Cheriton Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
<b>Wed 11th</b>	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	<b>Film : Quartet (2013)</b>	King Arthurs
<b>Thu 12th</b>	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	"
<b>Fri 13th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 16th</b>	6.00pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tue 17th</b>	8.00pm	Badminton	"
<b>Wed 18th</b>	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
<b>Fri 20th</b>		<b>Horsington Primary School term ends</b>	
<b>Tues 24th</b>	6.00pm	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	St John's Horsington

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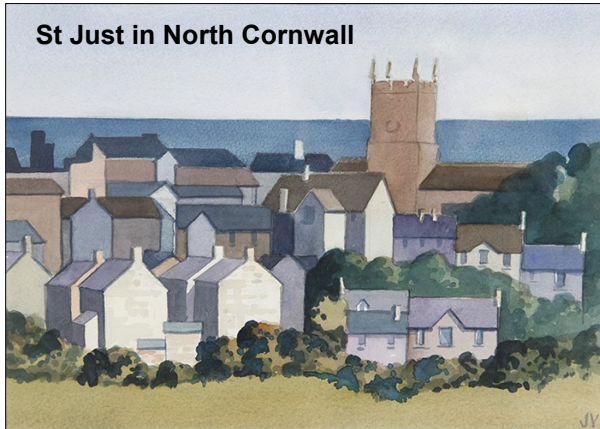
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Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thu 2nd	7.30pm	<b>WI Christmas/New Year Dinner</b>	Village Hall
Mon 6th		<b>Horsington Primary School term starts</b>	
	Lunch	<b>Ladies Lunch Group</b>	King's Arms, East Stour
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 7th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 8th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.45pm	<b>Music Night</b>	Half Moon Inn
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 13th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 14th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 15th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 20th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tues 21st	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	<b>Film : Les Miserables (2012)</b>	King Arthurs
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 22nd	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 23rd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 27th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 28th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 29th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 30th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 31st	10.00am	Art	"

The Villager would like to wish all their readers and contributors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to receiving further input from everyone in the coming year.

## Horsington Artists

by John Vallins



I first tried watercolour on a brief trip from Manchester to the Lake District. The School Head of Art lent me some brushes, paper and paint and I bought a book called 'How to paint watercolour landscapes' from W.H Smith's. Much later, when we came to Somerset, I was fortunate enough to join classes run by Ron Jesty, distinguished watercolourist and fine teacher, who is still a great friend and strong influence. I like subjects that offer a contrast between the disciplined drawing of formal shapes like buildings and the freer movement of the brush in cloudy skies or varied foliage, and I enjoy the challenge of painting water. It would be good to move towards more abstract ways of working but so far I have not managed it.



## Horsington Artists

by Deirdre Loftus



**Pansies**

In Somerset I have had three sessions with Mark Coreth on making accurate armatures and have learnt with Sukey Erland's son Ben. I have learnt stone carving at Shute Farm with Fran Britten. My flower painting technique I learnt with Doreen Barlow. I acquired my City and Guilds teacher certificate in 1983 and have taught adults in W.I. and in Milborne Port, here in the Village Hall and at home. I specially love teaching beginners, hoping to act as their springboard, knowing that we depend on the shoulders of the artists who have gone before.

When my daughter Lucy was young I went to Margaret Palmer's studio every Tuesday for 12 years where there were constant models for drawing and painting in oils which is essential for "Still Life". I briefly learnt pastel drawing with Sheila Tysoe and have pictures of both my daughters in this medium. As my husband Geoff's illness progressed, I joined his "Landscape class" with Jon Paterson.

While in Guildford I had joined a large class of sculpture and learnt many techniques. I was taught by Dorothy Arthur whose film director son, Colin, made a never ending story for which Dorothy sculpted the monster!



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## Farm Watch

by Chris Bailward

It's not often that you'll see this in print but, all in all, **it's not been a bad year for farming in South Somerset**. After a slightly dodgy start to the year with a dozen days of rain in January we had a benevolent Spring which allowed us to plant late Winter Wheat and Barley and then the rain and sun came at the right time to allow the crops to flourish, resulting in a very respectable grain harvest. The price of grains reflects a plentiful supply so a slight decrease on last year but I'm not complaining. The main shortfall has been in grass for conservation. Because of a cold spring and lack of grazing, fodder stocks that were left over from last year were used to supplement the poor growth of grass and fields that should have been set aside for silage were grazed because, at the end of the day, the cheapest form of feed for a cow is grazed grass. Consequently many farmers have less silage in store than they would have wished. Fortunately the autumn has been mild and regular rain has given a late flush of grass that will help. However I am writing this the morning after the "Great Storm" that the media managed to blow up out of all proportion to what we have experienced. Yes, trees have come down and power and phone lines have been damaged but we see as bad in many winters and October is notorious for flooding on Horsington Marsh. Time will tell if this is the start of weather bad enough to bring the cattle indoors and it may be a long and cold winter that will quickly deplete silage stocks and mean that we shall have to buy in fodder. Cattle prices are staying very strong so fatteners are hoping that beef prices remain good and, indeed, increase. It's often hard to see the justification for such high store cattle prices but, again, as a producer of store cattle, I'm not complaining.

The last of the pigs went a month ago: it's oddly silent in the farmyard. Normally a visit to the yard set off squealing and grunting in the anticipation of food but no pigs, no noise. We're sorry to see them go but maybe we'll buy in the odd one for the freezer. Pigs are efficient users of surplus and waste vegetation so it's worth having one or two around. They're also quite cathartic: somehow you can blow off steam at a pig or pour out your woes to them in a way that purges the soul without fear of reprisal. It brings to mind a poem that has been attributed to many different people :

'Twas an evening in October, I'll confess I wasn't sober,  
 I was carting home a load with manly pride,  
 When my feet began to stutter and I fell into the gutter,  
 And a pig came up and lay down by my side.  
 Then I lay there in the gutter and my heart was all  
 a-flutter,  
 Till a lady, passing by, did chance to say:  
 "You can tell a man that boozes by the company he chooses,"  
 Then the pig got up and slowly walked away.'

***Best wishes for Christmas and a prosperous 2014.***

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## Wincanton Raiders take the Horsington Open

by Richard Gaunt

Over 20 golfers battled it out at the first ever “Horsington Open” golf tournament, in aid of the church roof, on Monday November 11th at Henstridge Golf club. Competitors competed over 9 holes for the Horsington Claret Jug trophy, kindly donated by Charles James of Ottery Antiques, and Richard Gaunt.

The “S & D Open” (after the old railway line) might have been a more appropriate title for the competition, as golfers came from Wincanton to Stalbridge. Further afield, one player was from Warminster, another from Lincolnshire (which also boasts a Horsington). Between some very good low handicap golfers it was a tight competition. Peter Gripper, aided and abetted by his step father-in-law Chris Bennett, and David Blake from Horsington narrowly failed to beat a challenge from George Wagland from Henstridge (playing for the Half Moon) and the Claret Jug was carried off by Chris Dibben from Wincanton, who won the competition overall with a 26 points! Chris Bennett from Lincolnshire, David West from Yenston, Phil Bennett (no relation) and Andrew Tarling all put in creditable scores.

**Best Team** The Winky Seniors, Wincanton

**Best lady golfer** Gail Barbutt, Mere and Ginty Malcolm, Templecombe

**Nearest the pin** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole Graham Soper, Stalbridge

**Longest drive** on the 7<sup>th</sup> Frank White, Wincanton



Janet Coles gets ready to caddy for Brian Tunnicliffe, who came 17th despite her assistance

The Horsington Open is open to everyone, regardless of ability and experience. The organisers introduced a fun element—a cricket competition on the side. If you hit your ball over the green without touching the ground, score 6. If you hit your ball across the green, and off the other side, score 4 byes. The Old Bakers & Bowmakers (Phil Bennett, Paul Mann, Brian Tunnicliffe, Graham Soper) scored a staggering 98 runs, way ahead of everyone else. The individual high cricket score went to Chris Bennett, who scored 36, but also came 4<sup>th</sup> equal in the competition! At the bottom of the table, Horsington’s three worst players, Ted Banks, Paul Mann and Richard Gaunt carried off booby prizes, two chocolate golf balls and one Sudoku Toilet roll! Richard saved face by being presented with a surprise award –“Best turned out golfer”– which won him six golf balls and a kiss from Ginty Malcolm. Richard is confused because, not having any golf clothes, he turned out in shooting breeches and a flat hat! Henstridge Golf Club was a very good venue, with excellent facilities and a very welcoming team. Thanks to Andrew and Philippa Tarling of the Half Moon, Steve Love of the Arch, Sherborne, Paul Mann, Ginty Malcolm, Libby Gaunt, Chris Bailward, Ted Banks and Henstridge Golf Club for generously donating prizes. The competition is set to become an annual event. The organisers hope more Horsington Golfers dust off their clubs and start practising.



The Half Mooners – Andrew Tarling (12=), George Wagland(3) and Ted Banks (20=).

We have to win the trophy back from the Winky Seniors, who are as determined as they are skilled. And we have plenty of local causes to support.

# St John's Church Horsington

## St John the Baptist, Horsington

1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.15am	Advent Sunday – Holy Communion with Sunday School	
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Holy Communion	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve – Festival of Carols and Lessons	
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Christmas Day – Holy Communion	
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	United Service in Templecombe Parish Church	

## St Nicholas, Henstridge

1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	11.00am	Advent Sunday – Morning Worship	
	4.00pm	Messy Christingle followed by	5.00pm Christingle Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion	
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Eve – Crib Service, come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings, Mary and Joseph	
	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Christmas Day – Holy Communion for all the family	
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	United Service in Templecombe Parish Church	

## St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	11.00am	Advent Sunday – All Age Worship	
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion	5.00pm Christingle Service
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Morning Praise	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Festival of Carols and Lessons	
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.30pm	Christmas Eve – First Communion of Christmas	
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## St John the Baptist, Horsington

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*From the Rector....*

Greetings: It is inevitable that we have to write stuff, like this letter, well ahead of when you are reading it. This edition of *The Villager* will be the Christmas/New Year edition – but I am writing this on Remembrance Sunday. At the moment life is extremely hectic. I guess, when I look forward, it isn't going to ease off this side of Christmas.

In many ways that's a shame. I often comment on the fact that we get so busy at these times, that we almost neglect the event itself. The busy-ness of shopping, getting ready for family gatherings, and other parties. And yet the two events at the heart of it all slide past. One event is 'religious' and the other 'secular'.

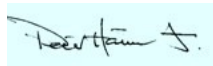
New Year is a secular, or civil, event marking the beginning of a new calendar year. Fireworks, and parties – beginning in Sydney and travelling west – will mark the beginning of the New Year. I have never quite figured out why! I used to enjoy New Year's Eve – not for the parties – I used to love Clive James's programme on the TV as he reviewed the year past. I loved that dry cynical wit he had. I guess that dates me! I don't think there's anything quite like it now.

Although it is a secular/civil event, it does have religious overtones. Many churches have Watchnight Services. In recent years we've started having them at Henstridge. We welcome the New Year with the Bells; and then gather for a short Service dedicating the New Year to God.

If there is a religious overtone to New Year, at first sight it cannot be said that there is a secular connotation of Christmas. But it doesn't take too much reflection to realise how untrue that is. After all – what are we remembering? The birth of Jesus. This Jesus who is the king of the Jews with its political significance for King Herod in Jerusalem and Emperor Tiberius in Rome. Christians worship and follow Jesus not as some other-worldly spiritual leader, but as the King of Kings, and Ruler of Rulers upon earth. The life he calls us to is very 'this world'

At its worse, the Church has sometimes colluded with the powers that be – and has often sought and exercised tremendous power in the affairs of the nations. At its best, it has also stood up against tyrants and oppressors. It has been the instrument through which much progress has taken place in our civilisation. If it's known in the first place, it is too often forgotten.

As I draw these comments to a close, I want to do so by simply wishing you all a very Joyful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.



*Peter Hallett - halatvic@btinternet.com*

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## RIDING FOR DISABLED (HENSTRIDGE GROUP)

by Fiona Harvie-Clark

Riding for Disabled takes place at Pevlings Farm Riding School every Monday and Wednesday courtesy of Alison Tytheridge, her team of workers and not least her ponies. We are very grateful to Alison and the facilities she provides which enable us to operate our RDA Group.

Since I last wrote an article in the Villager in one of its first publications, our group, under the Chairmanship of Tessa Woodhouse, has more than doubled in size. We now have 58 riders, 42 of these are children. The majority of these children come from Yewstock and Marchant Holliday Schools. Of the adult groups Thorngrove are still with us after so many years and it is always lovely to see Ginny Deverell from South Cheriton who is a regular rider with us. None of this could be achieved if we did not have enough volunteer helpers and after a recent advertisement in the Blackmore Vale Magazine I am delighted to report we now have 50 of these on our books. There is always room for more and if anyone is interested please get in touch with either myself (371252) or Tessa Woodhouse(32421).



We have also been very fortunate in our fund raising as so many local people have been extremely generous. This has enabled us in the last few months to purchase

a wonderful new hydraulic ramp as well as an additional mechanical horse. We already had one mechanical horse called Bob and this new one is called Florin. These mechanical horses are so useful in so many ways. They in no way substitute the real animal, but can accommodate those who do not wish to or are unable to get on a live horse. It also means we do not have to cancel in bad weather, so a big thank you to anyone who has donated. We were also very fortunate to have Deb Criddle who is a gold and silver paralympic medallist come to cut the ribbon on the ramp. She spent a lot of time with many of the riders and gave encouragement to us all.



## Visit of 2<sup>nd</sup> Templecombe Scouts to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Australian Jamboree

by William Pullen

Led by Scout Leader Geoff Crabb and Beaver Leader Maria Wigham, Korban, Jordan and I travelled to Australia earlier this year for the Jamboree in Maryborough, Queensland. Our trip can be dedicated to our relationship with 1<sup>st</sup> Engadine (Sydney), from whom we received the invite. The majority of countries invited to send contingents to AJ were from the southern hemisphere, thus it was a huge privilege to attend. Our journey to the Jamboree started at 3.am. The flight to Sydney was in two stints, with a welcome two hour stop in Singapore to break the monotony of hours of playing games on the Airbus A380's entertainment system! Our hosts set us up for the night in their scout hut when we finally arrived in Sydney, but just six hours after arriving we had to undertake the 17 hour coach journey north to Maryborough.

Upon arrival at the Jamboree site, our first impression was something along the lines of 'wow' – 14,000 scouts, venturers, rovers and leaders, and we were among a group of 23 representing the UK! We had to immediately set up our camp, which, in over 40 degrees heat and following nearly 48 hours of travelling, was far from easy! The Jamboree was divided into a number of sub-camps: the Outback, the Billabong, the Desert and the Highlands. We were camped in the Outback with Troop 044. The troop comprised 6 leaders and roughly 35 scouts from the groups 1<sup>st</sup> Engadin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sutherland, 1st Prairievale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canterbury, 1<sup>st</sup> Woollahra Paddington and, of course, 2<sup>nd</sup> Templecombe. The Jamboree had full facilities – even a fully equipped field hospital – to keep the scouts and leaders healthy and functioning. As the system worked, two of the six leaders were posted on activities, which allowed Geoff to squirt scouts with a water pistol all day!

AJ gave its 14,000 scouts a huge range of activities: from a day at Australia Zoo to bench building for the local community. I think Korban, Jordan and I agree that 'Challenge It' was the most exciting and fun! I don't think you will find one single scout who doesn't enjoy swimming and running through waist deep mud! One of the activities – 'Splash It' – had to be cancelled due to the jellyfish and sea lice. Geoff's activity, the waterslide, was great fun (and refreshing). On the hot days, a visit to Geoff and the slide wasn't uncommon, nor was a quick dip in the pool in Troop 044's 'Religious Observance Centre'! As a measure of health and safety, hands had to be sanitised every time you entered your camp from a day's activities - something that we three couldn't get used to at first!

As you know, Australia is an incredibly hot country and our trip was no exception, with a sizzling temperature of 46 degrees (in the shade) being recorded by the leaders in our camp. It was so hot that even our Aussie counterparts were complaining! Unfortunately, and despite the heat, the boys' showers were constantly out of order –even shut during the first few days! One ever so annoying detail that strove to present itself was the extortionately long trek to the toilets –what you had to go through in order to relieve yourself was something that got to all of us on many occasions! The heat also meant that any food that was not consumed had to be thrown away, irrespective of age or quantity. It is something that seemed preposterous to us, especially for Korban!

Naturally, we were extremely popular with the Aussies –whether it be Korban's rugged masculinity, Jordan's size-induced cuteness, or me simply being me – and we have all returned boasting multiple new friends, many of whom we have remained in contact with. Our camp was among one of the closest to the Main arena, meaning we had a comparatively short walk to view the various entertainments hosted - from bands to magicians, dance troops to... (wait for this)...us! All that has to be said on that is that our rendition of 'Big Fish Little Fish' was splendid, and that our attempt at the 'Court of King Caracticus' was brilliant. We performed these with the rest of the British contingent – the first time we had met the others from the UK.

Fourteen days flew past and, with the excellence of the opening ceremony and firework display still fresh in our memories, it was soon time for the closing ceremony. I can assure you that an awful lot

of high spirited dancing took place, not least from Jordan, Korban and myself. It was great fun and we did not care about our stupidity, but we did feel fundamentally emotional that our experience was coming to a close. Following a day of packing up camp, we faced one final night on camp 'sleeping under the stars'. Troop 044 had to be amongst the loudest that night, with various competitions being held – such as 'who can make the most realistic bird noise'? Eventually we did succumb to tiredness, and we woke in the morning to face another 17 hours by bus back to Sydney.

One of the various breaks we had on the journey back hosted one of the greatest spectacles any of us had ever seen. We Brits were ecstatic when it started to rain, but, by the time we got back on the bus, it had developed into a huge tropical thunderstorm which pursued us for a few hours – amazing fork lightning erupting from the sky. Several hours later, we arrived back in Sydney, where many emotional goodbyes were exchanged; before everyone eventually dispersed and we were left to shower and fall asleep! With one more day left in Sydney before our flight home, we took a trip into the city. During our day, which included a walk around Sydney Aquarium, Geoff decided to exercise his local knowledge of Sydney, insisting that we could walk from Point A to Point B in less than 10 minutes – 20 minutes later and still no closer to our destination we eventually hopped into a taxi! It was a fabulous end to an even more fabulous time!

Maria, Korban, Jordan and I are so grateful to Geoff, and Gaz and Tyson of 1<sup>st</sup> Engadine, for giving us the opportunity to meet the people we did and do the things we have done, because it is for sure that, had it not been for them, we would not have been given the chance to visit Australia.

2<sup>nd</sup> Templecombe Scout Group is incredibly fortunate in having longstanding relationships with groups in other scouting nations. The first was established with 31<sup>st</sup> Calgary of Canada some 35 years ago and, since, links with 1<sup>st</sup> Auckland New Zealand and 1<sup>st</sup> Engadine of Sydney, Australia have been made. All keep in regular contact and host visits to each other – the next being hosted by Templecombe for approximately 3 weeks commencing on the 28<sup>th</sup> July of next year. This is greatly anticipated by all, as international excursions always prove hugely fun and educational.



**Korban, Maria, Jordan, Geoff and William**



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## **Emlyn completes 900 mile charity bike ride**

by Georgia Hodges



On the 7th of September Emlyn Hodges started an epic challenge. Starting from John O'Groats, he cycled 905 miles to Lands End doing an average of 100 miles a day for 9 days, finishing on the 15th. The ride itself was more challenging than he first thought. He cycled through high winds and heavy rain, through some of the most breath taking countryside. Each day raised different challenges to be overcome but he enjoyed every second of it.

He chose to raise money for The Dorset Kidney Trust who allocate money to the Yeovil dialysis centre. All the money donated will go towards the purchase of equipment and facilities for the benefit of kidney patients. This specific charity is very close to Emlyn's heart as his mum received 3 years of treatment in the Yeovil dialysis centre before receiving a kidney transplant. He also has inherited the same kidney disease that causes his kidneys to shut down so will require treatment there in later life. Not to mention the fact that his Nan and uncle are receiving treatment there at the moment. The doctors and staff are great and deserve all the help they can get.



Emlyn is still collecting donations online at [www.justgiving.com/emlyn-hodges1](http://www.justgiving.com/emlyn-hodges1) or you can text HDGS85 with a donation of £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070. There is also a sponsorship form at The White Horse Inn, South Cheriton.

Undeterred by this ride Emlyn is already planning his next challenge.



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**at 8.45pm on Wednesday December 4th & Wednesday January 8th**

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**Thursday 5th December : Christmas Party**

**Thursday 2nd January : Christmas/New Year Dinner**

**Contact: Mrs Jackie Pyne: 01963 370713**

**The Wincanton Film Society Presents**

**Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 7.30pm –Quartet (2013) PG-13**

Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins. Director Dustin Hoffman.  
 Beecham House is a home for retired musicians. A rumour circulates that a new resident is due.  
 Toys will be thrown out of the pram in this drama/comedy.

**Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm – Les Miserables (2012) PG-13**

Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway. Director Tom Hooper.  
 Another first – our first musical. Victor Hugo's epic tale set in 19<sup>th</sup> century France. A story of broken  
 dreams, love, passion, sacrifice and redemption. A testament to the survival of the human spirit.

*For further information contact Les Graney on 01963 371668*

**North Cheriton and District Gardeners' Society**

**Tuesday 10th December Christmas Party**

**North Cheriton Village Hall**

Please call Pat Holmes 01963 370017 for further information

(Please note there will be no Gardeners' Society meeting in January)

## 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](mailto:info@horsingtonmagazine.co.uk)

### KNIT for AFRICA

Last year myself, friends and members of the W.I. knitted for babies in Kenya. Due to improved medical care, babies have an improved prospect of life and they now need different items. This year I am making an appeal for small cardigans, hats, blankets, teddy bears or any items you would knit for babies. If you would like to join us, I have patterns available. Any donations of wool would be welcome if you are not a knitter. It should be double knitting wool in bright colours. We will collect them together on Mothering Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for a blessing.

*Please contact Jean Handy on 01963 371720*

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## **Horsington Church of England Primary School**

### Horsington Race Night 2013 by Lucy White

The joint venture between St John's Church and Horsington Church of England Primary School PTFA has turned out to be a rather successful annual event! This year it was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall with some very familiar faces turning up to participate in the fun. We decided to hold this event again following last year's success and, as we found no major hurdles, we all trotted off to organise sponsors and enlist helpers to cook cottage pies and desserts. Soon, we found ourselves at a canter as September arrived and ticket selling began in earnest. Everything fell into place in October and we were soon galloping towards the day itself. We took the final corner at a pace and, once the racegoers had arrived, we settled down for a great night's entertainment as we approached the finish line.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event including all of the sponsors. We raised over £1400 that has been divided between the Church and the School PTFA.

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