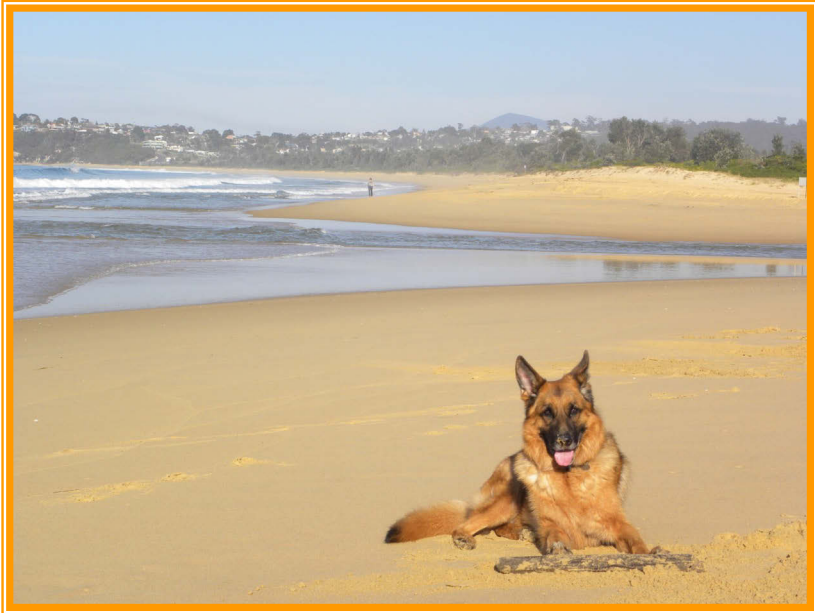


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Cato relaxing on Aslings Beach, Eden, New South Wales

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Events Diary March 2015

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	Lunch 6.00pm	Ladies Lunch Group Pilates	Stags Head, Yarlington Village Hall
Tues 3rd	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 4th	6.15pm 8.45pm	Adult Tap Dancing Music Night	" Half Moon Inn
Thu 5th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art WI	Village Hall "
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art Womens' World Day of Prayer	" St Mary's, Templecombe
Mon 9th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 10th	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Upholstery North Cheriton Gardeners' Society Badminton	" North Cheriton Village Hall Village Hall
Wed 11th	2.00pm 6.15pm	Horsington Pins and Needles Adult Tap Dancing	Springfield, Horsington Village Hall
Thu 12th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Parish Council Meeting	" "
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 16th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 17th	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Upholstery Film: Mandela Badminton	" King Arthurs Village Hall
Wed 18th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 23rd	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 24th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 25th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 30th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 31st	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

at the **White Horse**, South Cheriton
on **Sunday 8th March at 7.30pm** - all welcome.



Future Event: Milborne Port Opera's "Spring Fate" by Neil Edwards, 8-11 April

TRAVELS WITH MY DOG

by Jessica Beveridge

In September 2011, after 25 years in Australia, my husband and I returned to our native country and Europe for a few years. Retirement, and a favourable exchange rate made it possible. Our three children were independent - one was living in the UK at the time – but we did have a 4 year old German Shepherd dog. Cato had been re-homed once by a previous owner, and had recently been diagnosed with a chronic eye condition – Pannus, which required daily topical medication to prevent him going blind. I would not re-home him again, and so he came with us.



Cato with Horsington Church in the background

If you follow the Pet Travel Scheme, bringing a dog into the UK is relatively simple. No quarantine is required provided you start the process 6 months (in 2011) ahead of travel with the insertion of a microchip, rabies vaccination and a following blood test. The flight for a large dog costs almost

as much as a business class seat for his owner, yet he flies in a crate in the hold, without food for 24 hours. Water is topped up once en route when the flight refuels. The hold for the animals is pressurised and kept at a constant comfortable temperature, and there is some light. The dog does not have to take the same flight as yourself, and ours did not. I was concerned how Cato would cope with the journey, as he had always suffered severe car sickness, hated travelling in a car, and no sedation is allowed. However, he stepped off that aircraft jetlagged (later that day he fell down the stairs at my daughter's cottage), but in otherwise great shape. He has not suffered car sickness since!

Now armed with an EU Pet Passport we left for France, just two weeks after touching down in London. Crossing by ferry to Dunkerque, the idea was to travel until we found somewhere we liked and stop. However, I think my sailor husband had a personal GPS directing him seawards, as despite my best efforts to explore further, we ended up in Brittany. During the next six months we pounded up and down those magnificent French roads between Rennes and Calais to Britain numerous times as well as exploring Brittany and as much of western France as we could with the onset of winter. The dog who hated travelling had become the travellers' dog.

Many times we were very grateful for Cato's deep growl and suspicion of strangers. None more so than when staying outside St. Emilion. I had booked a room in a rather dilapidated 18th Century mill in the countryside. We walked through the ancient mill machinery room, over the mill stream and along various corridors to the back of the building. The 'jolly miller' was edgy, the place was dark and sinister, and although we met a living wife, there was an overwhelming smell of rotting or curing meat. My husband, Bob, is not given to imagination or fear, but this so troubled him that he declared to me that we could not stay, fearing that something untoward might happen to us. We discussed our options over dinner in the nearest town, and resolved to secrete Cato in with us for protection, even though no dogs were allowed, it being really too late in the day and too difficult to find somewhere else to stay. Cato was also uneasy, growling and restless, so the night passed uncomfortably, but the miller did not come seeking his next victims. The large number of flies buzzing round our window in the early morning light hastened our departure nonetheless.

After 6 months, we returned to the UK to spend more time with family and happened by chance on Horsington while searching for somewhere half way between Cornwall and Sussex, where our respective parents live. Thus began two and a quarter very happy years. We loved the footpaths and the wide range of walks, and the beautiful Somerset and Dorset countryside, and Horsington and South Cheriton folk are just the best!

Apart from enjoying Horsington and environs and family, we travelled throughout England and Wales, generally staying in a Travelodge which always allows dogs in the room for a small extra fee. However, in June this year our time was up, and we returned to Australia – initially to Eden on the south coast of New South Wales. It is much more complex, stressful and expensive taking a dog to Australia, and there is a quarantine period of ten days. Cato travelled with 17 other dogs, which I found reassuring. Again, he seemed in great shape, just thinner, when we collected him from kennels, and the Quarantine staff I spoke to were just delightful so I felt he had been in good hands.

I do not regret bringing him with us; although in some ways he limited the experience, he enriched it far more. I would rather he had not had to endure two long distance flights, but I am very glad to still have his company, and I think he mine, especially with the sailor being back at sea!



Cato at South Cheriton village library

TALES FROM THE GARDENING CLUB

The year ended with a workshop presented by a couple from Thorngrove Nursery in Gillingham. They demonstrated how to make a Christmas Wreath, showing us how to wire the greenery so it wouldn't fall to pieces and how to attach the decorations and ribbons from a huge selection they brought with them. Then it was our turn and everyone managed to make a very professional looking wreath in spite of, or maybe because of a glass or two of wine! You could well have seen quite a few of them adorning local front doors during the Christmas period.



The Club has a break in January and starts its New Year with the AGM in February and after the official business has been dealt with we find out what people enjoyed during the previous year and what we have planned for the coming months. It is also the time for collecting the annual subscriptions, for the modest sum of £8.00 per year members can enjoy a varied programme of speakers, discounts from Castle Gardens of Sherborne and Thompson & Morgan seeds. We are a small but friendly group and would be delighted to welcome new members, or if you would like to come to a meeting that appeals to you but don't want to commit to joining, you would also be welcome for a very small fee. Details of our meetings appear in this magazine.

As I write this it is still January and it is raining and blowing a gale outside but by the time you read it in March the exciting signs of Spring should be appearing and we can look forward to sowing our veg and flowers and enjoy another gardening year.

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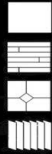
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

By Angela Clayton

The definitive public footpath map can now be found on the Horsington Village Hall website, see **Local Footpath Map** under the "Local Authority heading". New copies of the map have also been put up on all the notice boards in Horsington and South Cheriton.

Early spring is a good time to start exploring the footpaths before the vegetation takes hold although later in the year we will be reminding you to take your secateurs out with you. If you encounter any problems regarding access, or wish to report obstructions or repairs needed to signposts and stiles, then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on:

horsingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk.



Your support and use of the footpaths ensures that they are kept open and this is very much appreciated.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will be held this year on Friday 6th March at St Mary's Church, Templecombe.

The same order of service is one that is conducted in churches on the same day throughout the whole world.



(Please check church notice boards to confirm the time of service).

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Comfortable chair or small sofa, small carpet, small shelf unit. Children's books, games and small toys would also be welcome.



Please contact Jean Handy (01963 371720) if you think you can help.

MILBORNE PORT OPERA

"Spring Fate" is the next Milborne Port Opera production. It is a comic opera, an original work, written by Neil Edwards who is a member and also the director. It is his third show for the MPO.

Milborne Port Opera has been nominated by the *Somerset Fellowship of Drama* for 4 awards in the annual David Beach awards for musical theatre (Somerset Oscars!). The nominations are for the rarely performed *"Utopia Limited"* by G&S.

Best Cameo: Andrew Armstrong as Mr. Goldbury
Show Stopper: Whole company for "Eagle High"
Best Musical Direction: Caroline D'Cruz
Best Small Venue

The nominations are made by an expert panel of adjudicators who see each show. The winners will be announced at a dinner in Taunton on Saturday 14th March. There are 25 award categories in total and 82 groups across the county competing to win them.

"Spring Fate" will be performed from 8th – 11th April
Tickets go on sale in March. **Tel: 07926 983585**

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From the Rector, Greetings.

Not long ago I went to see the Ridley Scott movie, "Exodus: Gods and Kings". I enjoyed the movie, and could see how they got it from the Biblical account. But if you think it is a film of the Biblical account you might be disappointed. I was a little puzzled by the subtitle, "Gods and Kings". If we think about the story of Exodus, then a tussle with a King is right at the centre. Moses goes to Pharaoh and demands (to paraphrase) "Let my people go!" But Gods? Then I remembered an almost throw away phrase at the heart of the story of Passover. In the Old Testament book of Exodus, Chapter 12, verse 12 we read: "For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night and I will strike down every first born in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; *on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord.*"

As we go through March we observe the Fast of Lent. It leads up to Passion Sunday (22nd), then Palm Sunday (29th) followed by Good Friday (3rd April) and Easter Sunday on the 5th April. When Jesus allows himself to be crucified (even at the simple human level he could have escaped before he was arrested) he was taking on "the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

Jesus takes these powers on, not by playing their own game – but by, in effect, challenging them to do their worst – and they fail. He prays that his executioners may be forgiven. He overcomes with love.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

1st March	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
8th March	11.00am	Morning Prayer with Baptism
15th March	9.15am	Special Service for Mothering Sunday
22nd March	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
29th March	10.30am	United Service at Henstridge
	12.30pm	Baptism in Horsington Church

Horsington Churchwarden
Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478

St Nicholas, Henstridge

1st March	11.00am	Morning Worship; 6.30pm Evensong
8th March	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th March	11.00am	Morning Prayer; 6.30pm Evensong
22nd March	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism
29th March	10.30am	United Service

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

1st March	11.00am	Morning Workship
8th March	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd March	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th March	10.30pm	United Service at Henstridge

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A small group has recently come together on The Marsh to needlepoint, knit, natter and generally create on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm.

We welcome all who may wish to join us. Please come and share your gifts, the more diverse creations the better! We will be meeting at **Springfield on March 11th**.

Anyone interested please tel. **Christine Pratt 01963 371215** or just come along.

THE HORSINGTON MOONWALKERS

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Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."



The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.45pm on Wednesday 4th March**

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

Free, apart from drinks.

Further details from **Anna** on **370749**



Thursday March 5th

Talk on Linin, flax and sailcloth

By Mr Allwood

Contact Mrs Jean Handy on 371720

**The Wincanton Film Society Presents
Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG12)**

Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Director Justin Chadwick. Stars: Idris Elba, Naomie Harris.

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom is based on the life of South African President Nelson Mandela's autobiography of the same name.

For further information contact Les Graney on 371668

NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH – 7.30PM @ NORTH CHERITON VILLAGE HALL

Talk by Edward Parker – Tree Specialist & Wildlife Photographer

Please call Pat Holmes on 370017 for further information.

Date Change: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the **Race Night** has been postponed and will now be held on Saturday 10th October in the Village Hall. *Jean Handy*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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