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Events Diary July 2015

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 Tai-Chi	"
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 6th		Ladies Lunch Group	The Acorn, Evershot
	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 7th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 8th	2.00pm	Horsington Pins and Needles	Springfield, Horsington
	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 13th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 14th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners' Society	N/C Village Hall
Wed 15th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
Thu 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	"

Events Diary August 2015

Sat 1st	3-5pm	Open Garden	The Grange, Horsington
Mon 3rd		Ladies Lunch Group	Chetnole Inn, Chetnole
Wed 5th	8.45pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 6th	7.30pm	WI Gluten free cookery	Village Hall
Thu 13th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"

School Term ends 17th July and starts 2nd September

Future Events:

Village Hall Committee and Villager Magazine Coffee Morning
on Saturday 5th September in the Village Hall at 11.00am

Talk on First World War on 4th September in Horsington Church
at 7.30pm

Cover photo and photos on pages 10 & 11 provided by Paul White

Broadband Connection

by Penny Nagle

I live at Feltham's Farm on the Marsh, and here we have download speeds in the afternoon of 0.94Mbps and upload speeds of 0.36Mbps. This is very poor compared with the average actual speed for UK residential fixed line broadband connections which is 22Mbps (Ofcom November 2014).

The good news is that we are in the "Connecting Devon and Somerset Programme" which aims to give 90% of the area superfast speeds of 24Mbps by the end of 2016 and everyone will have 2Mbps. The bad news is that the soonest they will evaluate us and the "cabinet" is Jan – June 2016. The other issue is that the "cabinet" is a box owned by Openreach, a private company, and they will not tell us where the cabinet is because that is "commercially sensitive information".

You can test your internet connection and speed by accessing:-

www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/where-when/

There are a number of factors the Programme will take into consideration in deciding whether to install fibre optic superfast broadband. I have learnt that our "cabinet" will not be upgraded if we don't have enough people to justify the cost. Those who are too far away (more than 2Km) from the cabinet will not receive the benefits in any event. So I would like to ask the community three things.

1. Can you help us locate the "cabinet"? Nobody knows (or would tell me) what it looks like or whether it's metal or another material. It probably has an Openreach tag on it somewhere. However, once we know where the cabinet is we will be able to tell which houses will be unlikely to receive the benefits of superfast broadband because we are more than 2km away from the cabinet.
2. Would you sign a petition to say that the village is super keen to have faster broadband? We can give the signed petition to "Connecting Devon and Somerset". There will be a paper petition to sign in the Church Porch and in the Half Moon pub and also the White Horse. To sign a digital petition please email me at pennynagle@gmail.com and write: "We really want to have superfast broadband here in Horsington Village".
3. Would you sign up to your interest in superfast broadband by registering at www.wessexinternet.com/register? Wessex Internet is a company that installs wifi towers in those areas which are not being supported by the government rollout of superfast broadband. Once they have 80 confirmed expressions of interest they will consider installing their own wifi tower in an area (this is what Charlton Musgrove is doing), and then we can access better broadband from them than we receive at the moment for approximately the same price I am told. This will be a good back up option if we are not part of the Programme OR too far away from "the cabinet".

Thanks for your help and I very much look forward to hearing from you.

St John's Church Horsington

From the Rector, Greetings.

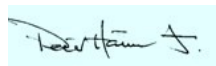
I have been reading the Century Trilogy by Ken Follett. It traces the history of the 20th century through telling the story of a number of families – from Britain, Germany, the USA, and Russia. It is a way of telling a story that I first met with James Michener and some of his magnificent novels. I am not an academic historian, and find this a good way of engaging with history. Of course, you do have to remember that these are novels. But they do remind us that history is a story, and historians are story tellers.

I am currently about half way through the third volume, which is telling the story of the last part of the 20th century in which I have lived. It places one of the characters by the Lincoln Memorial when Dr Martin Luther King Jr gave his great “I have a dream” speech.

A little while back, for reasons I can't quite remember, I downloaded and listened to the whole of that speech. I was amazed at how stirring it still is, and how relevant. There is not space here to repeat that powerful series of prophetic aspirations – but here is one: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.” That has an incredible relevance today – and applies in areas of life other than racial prejudice.

I rejoice in the assertion of Paul in the New Testament: *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.* If only the church, if only our world could live to this standard, the history of the 21st Century would be so different from the last one.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



Children's Corner

An area in the church has been furnished for children with books and toys, playthings and children's seats.

We hope this inviting corner will be used by the young people who come to the church during a service or at any other time.

Jean Handy



July Services

St John the Baptist, Horsington

5th July, 9.15am: Holy Communion with Sunday School

12th July, 11am: Morning Prayer

19th July, 9.15am: Holy Communion

26th July, 8.30am: Holy Communion (BCP)

Horsington Churchwarden

Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

5th July, 11am: Morning Praise

12th July, 9.30am: Holy Communion

19th July, 11am: Holy Communion

26th July, 9.30am: Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Henstridge

5th July: 11am Morning Worship; 6.30pm Evensong

12th July: 9.30am Holy Communion

19th July: 11am Morning Prayer; 6.30pm Evensong

26th July: 11am Holy Communion

August Services

St John the Baptist, Horsington

2nd August, 9.15am: Holy Communion

9th August, 11am: Morning Prayer

16th August, 9.15am: Holy Communion

23rd August, 8.30am: Holy Communion (BCP)

30th August, 10.30am: United Service at Templecombe

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

2nd August, 11am: Morning Praise

9th August, 9.30am: Holy Communion

16th August, 11am: Morning Praise

23rd August, 9.30am: Holy Communion

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2nd August: 11am Morning Worship; 6.30pm Evensong

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16th August: 11am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Evensong

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**Open Garden
at
The Grange Horsington (BA8 0EF)**

on Saturday 1st August from 3 – 5pm

Enjoy the Gardens, Tombola and Raffle
Entertainment for the children

Popular music played by David Jones
(former resident and pupil of Horsington School)

Donations to St John's Church, Horsington funds

Suggested donation £2.00 - Children 12 and under free.
Refreshments for sale.

Entry from A357. More information from **01963 371478** and **370626**

Vale Trails Mountain Bike Club

Vale Trails is a new social Mountain Bike Club meeting every Saturday at 11am outside the Half Moon pub.

Take the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside we are lucky enough to live in with rides out to Corton Denham to enjoy the magnificent views from the top of Corton Ridge or out to Stourhead and its miles of fantastic forest trails.

The rides will predominantly be on bridleways, forest tracks, and quiet lanes. The rides will vary in length between 20 – 35 miles depending on how much road riding is required to get to the trails. Due to the nature of the terrain the rides will not be technically challenging however a reasonable level of fitness and a mountain bike is required.

We will aim to be back for 3pm at the latest for all rides but sometimes punctures and mechanical issues can cause unforeseen delays so if you need to be back for a certain time please allow for this.

You will not require any special equipment however a suitable cycle helmet is mandatory for all club rides. We would advise you to carry a spare inner tube, puncture repair kit, water, and a snack.

If you are interested in coming along please contact Keith Lavelle email: keith@canine-kit.com or Mobile: **07711 350124**



Parish Council Report

by Angela Clayton

During particularly windy weather last September a large branch fell from the oak tree which stood next to Horsington pond. For safety reasons early in the spring of this year and following a survey a tree surgeon was appointed. The old tree was removed and replaced by a new Holm Oak or Evergreen Oak as it is also known. Its botanical name *Quercus ilex* refers to its likeness to holly as the young leaves and leaves on the younger branches resemble spiny holly leaves. Male & female catkins are found on the same tree so within a couple of years it will develop acorns. These are smaller and usually more pointed than the typical acorn and mature into a dark-red, brown colour.



Please note that as the Parish Council does not have its own website copies of the Council's Agendas and Minutes can be viewed on the Horsington Village Hall web site as well as the notice boards in both villages.

Horsington and South Cheriton Parish Council :

Vacancies for two new members:

There are currently vacancies for two new Parish Councillors so if you are interested in joining us please apply in writing or by email to David Chapman our Parish Clerk by Monday 6th July. David's contact details are as follows:

Address: 7 Slades Hill, Templecombe e-mail: horsingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk

Tel. No. : 01963 370527

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Remembrance Image Project **Talk on 4th September at Horsington Church at 7.30pm**

Simon Gregor is a freelance photographer and a member of the International Guild of Battlefield Guides. He has a project to photograph a selection of WW1 sites at about the time of the 100th anniversary of the war.

These will be images taken in France and Belgium and his talk will share some of the remarkable and moving stories behind them.



Canadian Memorial - Vimy Ridge



Douaumont Ossuary



Novel way to make chips: In Melbourne



No more Mr Nice Guy: A Philadelphia restaurant

Silly Signs, supplied by Adrian Pratt

An Inspector Calls!

by Helen Smith Chair of Governors

After a long wait of almost six years, Horsington Church School received an Ofsted inspection early in May. Notice of the inspection (all 18 hours of it) brought some relief, because we were no longer on 'stand-by', but also panic, not because things were left undone but over the worry about two days of intense scrutiny and grilling.

The inspection looked at all aspects of our school and involved sitting in on lessons, looking at school work, school policy, paperwork and data, as well as speaking with teachers, governors, parents and the children. With so much ground to cover, it made for two very long days.

The outcome, however, was very pleasing. The school has again received a grading of 'Good', which is no mean feat. The inspector noted that there are elements of our school provision noted as 'Outstanding', and in fact there is little scope for improvement (which makes the report somewhat repetitive to read).

Behaviour and Safety of Pupils was graded 'Outstanding', key to providing an excellent learning environment. The inspector remarked on how friendly and caring the children are to one another, something that has been at the heart of the school's ethos for many years. Other notable positives were the exciting curriculum provision, how keen the children are to learn and the delight they take in their work and achievements. The report notes the high attainment reached at the end of Key Stage 2, as the children move on to start the next stage of their educational journey.

The nature of Ofsted inspections is always changing, and it's no secret that this is a source of stress for all schools. We recognise that most of those priorities are important and are intended to ensure that all children have access to the best education. At the same time the rate of change can be daunting and the ever-higher bar is not always easy to reach. This all makes the outcome of this report something to be very proud of.

If anyone would like to read the report it can be found on the ofsted.gov.uk website. On behalf of all the governors, I would to thank all the staff for their hard work, as this report is a great reflection of their care and dedication. I would also like to thank the families of children at the school for their ongoing support.

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Horsington School and Village Fete

by Lucy McKay

On Saturday 13th June, Horsington Church School's playing fields and playground were filled with people, stalls, and music. We were fortunate that the weather was kind and the sun shone on us all. This year's fete was opened by Syrie Swire (great great granddaughter of Dr Barnado). Syrie made an opening speech and was welcomed by the school and the Barnado's reunion who meet at the event every year.

This year the committee decided to push their imagination and organisation skills and incorporate a festival theme to the event. The centre piece of the field was a stage which was kindly donated by South West Mini Marquees and was decorated with colourful flags and bunting, courtesy of the pupils. Polly Perry, Reece Blake and King Arthurs School band took to the stage to entertain the crowds. The music was well received and the audience sat on the hay bales kindly donated for the event. Alfredo the Pirate magician wowed the children with a superb magic show and ballooning; the children were mesmerised by the act and the balloons.

Outside traders supported the stalls provided by the committee and the church. This year the cake stall became competitive with a guess the weight and a prize for the best cake. Mums and pupils creative skills were a delight to see! A plant stall run by some of the mums along with an assault course and cream teas filled the playground.

With so many people through the gate we are hoping to have raised a substantial amount of money which will go towards the children at school and the 'Amazing Space' which we are currently raising funds towards.

A huge thank you goes to the Tour of Wessex who were the main sponsor of the event; the committee who worked incredibly hard around employment and families, along with families and pupils at the school who helped set up and run stalls on the day. Thank you to John Sansom for the use of the stage, marquee and tables; Templecombe Scouts for the use and putting up of a marquee; the musicians and band who performed on the day and to all companies and individuals who donated prizes and made contributions to the event. Our list is endless and we will thank you all in person.

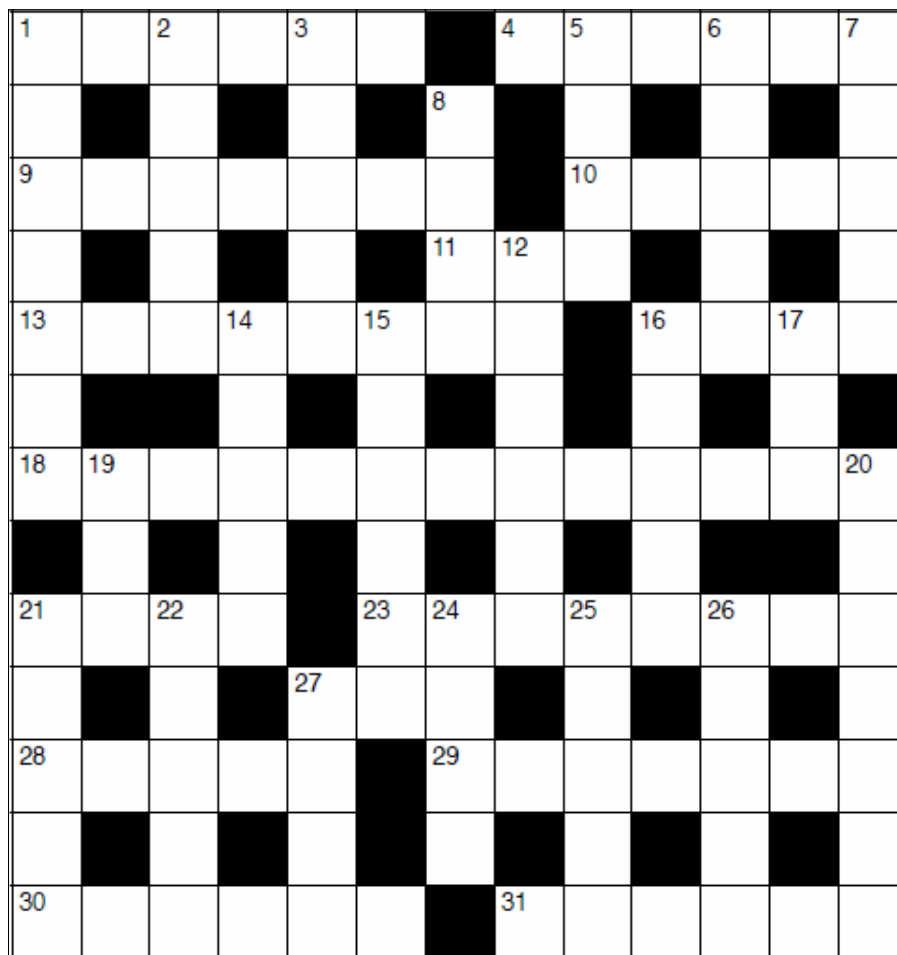
Many thanks to all who supported the event.



Syrie Swire



Crossword by Max



Answers on page 18

Across

1. Muddy a river to get there (6)
4. PC 29? (6)
9. A beast of burden on board it, helps (7)
10. A Hunter stars (5)
11. To supplement Nile explorer loses starting price (3)
13. Bleak German chain is ruler of small country (8)
16. Tea room without tea or a state in it (4)
18. Monumental rock group (5,7)
21. Inside, smother a flying creature (4)
23. Knitting iron bear gets you off the ground (8)
27. Unofficially, the drive away price of a car (3)
28. Headless company on French green is no secret (5)
29. I place officer commanding of a hundred in the back of my mind (7)
30. Navigation hardware leaves South to stand out (6)
31. We hear topless agenda for sex (6)

Down

1. Twice each morning Algy tails off to find a mixture (7)
2. Is rot grated for Swiss dish (5)
3. Victory in European health resort manufactures Mod machine (5)
5. Yankee vagrant loses head, takes drug and makes music (4)
6. First of the leading ladies (5)
7. Rise to anger stupidly in mountainous area (5)
8. American press officer is second hand (4)
12. Romantic gives mouth to mouth to queen (6)
14. New in 21 across gives time of year (5)
15. A trial spinning rope (6)
16. A role to broach we hear (5)
17. The air force flies backward a long way (3)
19. Mrs. Lennon opts in (3)
20. Hanoverian forebear of HM chooses MP's (7)
21. Lowing in the Home Counties reveals animal from the Tundra (5)
22. Timely housing sub in river (5)
24. Half of 16 across is strong stuff (4)
25. Sounds like modern judge for the old bill (5)
26. Mexican Pete tangled up in 15 (5)
27. French version of an international body (4)



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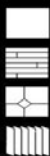
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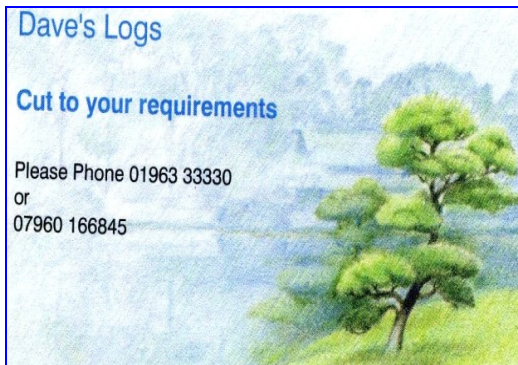
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Thursday July 2nd at 7.30pm
Tai-Chi with Zabeth MacFarlaine
&
Thursday August 6th at 7.30 pm
Gluten free cookery with Chrisy Harries

Contact Mrs Jean Handy on **371720**

NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY
TUESDAY JULY 14TH AT 7.30PM
TALK BY NEIL LOVESEY OF PICKET LANE NURSERY ON
THE BEE FRIENDLY GARDEN


Please call Pat Holmes on 370017 for further information.

Crossword Answers

Across

1. Arrive. 4. Copper. 9. Assists. 10. Orion. 11. Eke. 13. Grimaldi. 16. Cafe. 18. Mount Rushmore. 21. Moth. 23. Airborne. 27. OTR. 28. Overt. 29. Occipit. 30. Extant. 31. Gender.

Down

Amalgam. 2. Rosti. 3. Vespa. 5. Oboe. 6. Prima. 7. Range. 8. Used. 12. Kisses. 14. Month. 15. Lariat. 16. Cameo. 17. Far. 19. Ono. 20. Elector. 21. Moose. 22. Trent. 24. Iron. 25. Becke. 26. Roped. 27. OTAN.

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

Coffee Morning

The **Village Hall Committee** and the **Villager Magazine** will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th September at 11.00 am in the Village Hall. Please drop in. All welcome, especially those new to the villages.



Thank you and request for further involvement

When we started publishing The Villager magazine in 2011, we said that the magazine “would act as a form of communication, information, entertainment and advertisement for the area, covering news and events” and “will aim to be inclusive by covering all residents of the two villages”. We hope you feel we are achieving these objectives.

We also encouraged residents to participate in the production of the magazine in any way they felt able. We have a very active and conscientious team involved in the production of the magazine and we have had articles, advertisements, etc. submitted by a number of residents. Thank you to all who have contributed.

It is always great to get contributions from as wide a base as possible, so please feel free to contact us with any stories, articles, etc. that others in our community may wish to hear about, or if you would like to be involved in the running of the magazine.

The Villager Committee

CONTACT LIST

(all phone numbers start 01963 unless otherwise stated)

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Citizens Advice Bureau, Yeovil		01935 421167
CAT Bus Ring and Ride Service		33864
Doctors Surgeries	Milborne Port (inc Templecombe)	250334
	Wincanton Health Centre	435700
Horsington Church School	Head/Secretary	370358
Governors	Vicky Franklin	370699
PTFA	Lucy Mackay	824866
French/Italian Conversation	Jeanne Mortarotti	370021
Ladies' Lunch Group	Rosemarie Wigley	371478
	Susan Maltin	371400
Mobile Library		0845 345 9177
MP	David Warburton	0207 219 5225
North Cheriton & District		
Gardeners' Society	Jean Handy	371720
Parish Council	David Chapman	370527
Police		101
St John's Church		
Rector	Rev. Peter Hallett	362266
Warden	Rosemarie Wigley	371478
Sunday School	Deirdre Loftus	370091
Scouts	Geoff Crabb	370623
Social Services		0845 345 9133
South Somerset District Council		01935 462462
Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS)		602500
Wincanton Town Council		31693
W.I.	Jean Handy	371720
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Chair	John Macdonald	370444
Bookings	Emilie Gordon	371396
Art	Gill Elston &	370236
	Toni Salmonson	370235
Badminton	Frank Beach	370767
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