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Events Diary October 2015

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thu 1st	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 2nd	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 5th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Group	Fox & Hounds, East Knoyle
Tue 6th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 7th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 8th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 9th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 12th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 13th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	2.00pm	Horsington Pins and Needles	Springfield, Horsington
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners' Society	N/C Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 14th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	Film: Interstellar	King Arthurs
Thu 15th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 19th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 20th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 21st	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 22nd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 23rd	10.00am	Art	"
	10.00am	Horsington Open Charity Golf day	Henstridge Golf Club
Mon 26th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 27th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 28th	6.15pm	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 29th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 30th	10.00am	Art	"

Creating a School in a South African Township

by Jules Curtis

In 2007, statistics showed there were 200,000 AIDS orphans in South Africa. The educated guesstimate anticipated there would be over 3.4 million by the end of 2012.

In light of this atrocious situation, Nomawethu Tunce and Lindiwe Mfeketho decided it was time to take action and make a difference in their community. Being mothers themselves, they had an overwhelming need and urge to help the children they saw suffering all around them.

After much hard work, scrimping and saving, the ladies managed to raise R5000 (about £250) to build a tin Wendy-house, and soon the project was born. Intyatyambo (which means “the flowers” in isiXhosa) was officially registered in June of 2006 and soon they had 32 children coming for love, attention and day care each day.

Whilst living in Horsington, I visited Cape Town and, by chance, was approached by the ladies and asked for money to support the children. I drove out to Khayelitsha, south Cape Town, to see for myself what the ladies were trying to achieve. What I found changed my life.

The 32 children were asked to say “Grace” for a meal they couldn’t afford to feed them. There was a little girl of 18 months gumming on barbed wire and they all slept on the hard floor with no blankets to keep them warm. I just couldn’t leave. For the next 3½ months I went out to Khayelitsha every day to help look after the children and try to ensure they got good food, some education and started to tell everyone I could about the work these incredible ladies were doing.

Word spread and we soon had a few sponsors helping us out sporadically, with food and general running costs. At the time the children were fed three meals a day for R2.65 (13p) per day – now that’s what you call budgeting!



After meeting a lady from Africade Productions, we were chosen to feature as a pit-stop during the semi-final episode of “Amazing Race – Asia”. The show asked to paint the outside of Nomawethu’s house as the challenge for the contestants, which we readily agreed to. As a result, the crew’s sponsors made a generous donation to the orphanage to help us on our way which also played a part in the show.

On Friday 13th July 2007, we experienced a horrific attack by five armed men who wanted to rob the orphanage. Miraculously, not one of the ladies was badly hurt. Three days later, I went back to the UK for three months, did some fundraising and emigrated to South Africa on a permanent basis.

We tore down the tin shed and replaced it with three converted shipping containers. We were then registered as an Edu-care Centre for 24 children and we were finally a sustainable social enterprise and no longer a begging bowl charity!

Despite only being given funding for 24 children, we were asked to look after 83 and we said yes. Our facilities were far too small for this though so our next mission was to raise R2 million (£100,000) to build a new school on a plot we purchased opposite our existing project.



This new facility allows us to extend our Edu-care services to 100 children, aged three months to six years old, in the community but we were without funding until January when Social Development re-registered us in our new property.

The downstairs of the property comprises two classrooms, kitchen, laundry and office and upstairs we have two classrooms for the youngest children, a cot room for babies, a sick bay and a staffroom.

We can finally give the children the play space they so desperately need. In the old property, our outside space was only 4m x 4m which was not sufficient for the children to play properly. Now they have a wonderful jungle gym that we have been donated so the children can really spread their wings and expend all that spirited energy.



A vegetable garden at the back of the new property will mean we will be able to grow fresh, healthy produce to supplement the children's diets and we can use it as a teaching tool about where food comes from and the importance of eating healthily.

We filmed the whole building process from ground breaking to completion and are having a video made.

If you want to get involved, you can do so by donating at www.icpkids.org.za or directly into the following bank account:

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Branch: Wincanton
Account No: 2866 8868
Sort Code: 30-65-21

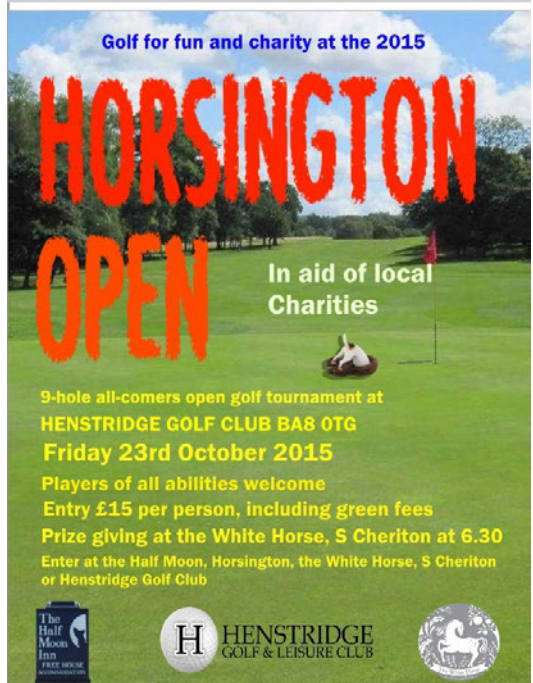
With your help, we really can turn this incredible dream into a beautiful reality – a place for our special children to really learn what childhood is all about.

“Horsington Open” Charity Golf Day now in its 3rd year

The third “Horsington Open” will be played at Henstridge Golf Club on Friday October 23rd 2015, generously sponsored and supported by the parish’s two pubs – The Half Moon and the White Horse.

The 9-hole charity competition is in aid of local charities, and is open to all comers. Ladies and non-handicappers are welcome. Entry is just £15 per player, including green fees. It’s a great opportunity for friends and neighbours to get together for a fun day of friendly competition.

The Prize (as befits an “Open”) is a claret jug, plus many other prizes generously donated by local businesses and suppliers to Horsington’s Half Moon and South Cheriton’s White Horse pub.



The competition tees off just after 10am. The prize giving will be held in the White Horse at 6.30pm, when there will also be a charity raffle.

Entry forms and further information can be obtained from the Half Moon, the White Horse, Henstridge Golf Club, or downloaded from the Horsington Blog. (www.horsington.co.uk/blog). The competition is organised by Horsington’s Richard Gaunt, with the help of George Wagland and Phil Bennett.

Henstridge Golf Club is close to Henstridge Airfield, a ten-minute drive from Horsington.

Further information: Richard Gaunt Tel 01963 371572 gaunt@idnet.com

St John's Church Horsington

From the Rector, Greetings.

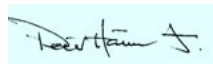
We're doing Harvest differently this year. We've always celebrated Harvest Festival – but it has been in the morning replacing whatever the 'normal' Service would have been. This year we are having our Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the evening – at 6.30pm on Sunday, 27th September. It will follow a traditional Evensong pattern and have traditional Harvest hymns. We hope you'll come and join us for this celebration.

We are very pleased that Rob Walrond will be our guest speaker. As well as being a working farmer, Rob is the Diocesan Rural Life Adviser. He is more than aware of the joys and trials of agricultural life. We will be offering refreshments after the Service, which will give you a chance to talk to Rob if you'd like to.

By the time you are reading this, the new Leader of the Labour Party will have been chosen. If the bookies are correct Jeremy Corbyn will be at the helm to the joy of some, and the despair of others.

People's confidence in politics and politicians was severely dented by the 'expenses scandal.' We had the right to expect a higher level of integrity from those who were elected to high office. The electoral process by which Labour has chosen their new leader raises huge questions. They took the brave/foolish decision (?) to allow folk to sign up to vote for the new leader. People signing up had to declare their support for Labour and its principles. There is clear evidence that folk who did not support the Labour Party infiltrated the process. So much for integrity in our national political life. Perhaps we get the politicians we deserve!

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

4th Oct	9.15am	Holy Communion, & Sunday School
11th Oct	11.00am	Morning Prayer
18th Oct	9.15am	Holy Communion
25th Oct	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Horsington Churchwardens

Mrs Anne Jones 370626

Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478

St Nicholas, Henstridge

4th Oct	<i>Harvest Festival</i>	
	11.00am	Harvest Worship for All Ages
	6.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Harvest Supper and Sale of Harvest Produce
11th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
18th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm Evensong
25th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

4th Oct	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving (followed by Tea & Cake)
11th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
18th Oct	11.00am	Morning Praise
25th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion

Jean Handy
by Adrian Pratt



On 14th August friends from far and wide filled St John's Church in Horsington for the funeral of Jean Handy who died on 6th August aged 76. Although she had only lived in Horsington for 8 years, Jean made a huge impact by involving herself with great energy in a wide range of local activities among which were service on the parish church council and deanery synod, Chair of the North Cheriton Gardening Club and Horsington WI and tireless fund-raising for many charities.

Born in Yorkshire and brought up in the finest traditions of plain speaking, an endearing quality she was never to lose, she ventured south to train at Goldsmith's College as a primary school teacher where she met John, a fellow student, whom she married. Teaching posts took them to schools in London, Northampton and Sussex and finally to Stevenage where they worked in separate schools. Both were active members of the National Union of Teachers; when the teachers went on strike, John would drop Jean off at the picket line at her school before driving through the picket line at his own school. Being a headteacher, he couldn't strike himself!

Tragically John died suddenly in 1983 leaving Jean with two lively teenagers, Joss and Jonathan. It was a savage blow but Jean took life by the scruff of the neck and applied for her own headships. Within a year the family moved to Okeford Fitzpaine in north Dorset where Jean worked first in Blandford and subsequently in Wyke Regis until her retirement in 2001.

Jean was enormously kind, generous and was blessed with a strong faith but her Yorkshire upbringing meant that she would willingly challenge things that didn't make sense and she had no time for sentimental piety. She was one of life's 'Doers' and could well have been the inspiration for the proverb "If you want something done then ask a busy person". Despite her forthrightness, she had an infectious sense of humour and was always able to laugh at herself; it is no wonder that she had so many friends.

She touched many lives whether at 'Tea and Chat' or when arranging a children's area in the church or when she organised the 'Race Nights' jointly with the school PTFA in the Village Hall to raise funds. She will be missed but, just to have known her, was a rare privilege.

At the risk of sounding irreverent, it is hard not to imagine Jean using her Yorkshire charm on the good Lord himself. It would be no surprise if the rain that fell throughout her funeral service was a little touch of her mischief; a mild soaking notwithstanding, she will be remembered for the good friend that she was.

(With grateful thanks to the Reverend Canon Dr Michael Brierley whose touching eulogy for Jean was the source and inspiration for this obituary).

Horsington Church School

Profiles of the Governors

Helen Smith – Parent Governor - Term of office ends November 2017

Helen has 3 children, all of whom have attended the school. Only her youngest is still at the school and enjoying learning in Earth class currently. She works part-time in the Bursary at a private school. Part of her role is supporting the clerk to the governors, by collating papers and taking minutes at meetings. She has been a Governor since September 2006 and a member of several Governor committees. She continues to enjoy the challenge of the role and working alongside the great team at Horsington.

Ian Rumbelow – Headteacher

Ian has been Headteacher of the school since September 1998. He has guided the school through 3 successful OFSTED Inspections. He has a particular interest in developing a holistic approach to teaching and learning.

Vicky Franklin – MAT¹ appointed Governor – term of office November 2017

Vicky lives in Horsington and helps her husband and son run the local garage. Both she and her husband were born in the area and see the school as an essential part of the local community. Vicky has worked in the local secondary school and town libraries and has a passion for encouraging children to read. She has recently become a grandparent so her interest in primary education has become even more relevant.

Caroline Suri – MAT appointed –Term of office ends August 2016

Caroline is a mother of two teenage children, Scott and Matthew, who have moved on from Horsington and settled well into secondary school. She works part-time as Associate Programmer for Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival, and her specialist area at the Festival is arts and education, working closely with pre-school and primary school aged children. She feels very privileged to be part of the Governor team at Horsington and really values the excellent educational experience that the school gives to its pupils.

Sarah Holmes – MAT appointed Governor –Term of office ends February 2017

Sarah became a co-opted governor in February 2013 and was elected as Vice Chair in September 2013. She has 2 children at the school and works part time as a horticulturalist for the National Trust. In her previous career, she worked for a large Telecommunications company in an HR and training role.

Isobel Wood – MAT appointed Governor – Term of office ends November 2017

Isobel is relatively new to the area, but not to education since she has three children, two of whom are young teachers. The youngest is looking forward to following suit after completing her degree in music. Originally trained in Psychiatric Social Work, Isobel later became an Early Years Professional and was the head teacher of a Montessori nursery school in Surrey until 2009. She has a particular interest in encouraging excellent Early Years provision within the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

¹ MAT (Multi Academy Trust)

Stephen Beckey – Parent Governor – Term of office ends November 2017

Steve has 4 children, 2 of which currently attend the school. He is keen to use his project management skills to contribute positively to the governor role.

Jeanne Mortarotti - Parent Governor – Term of office ends November 2017

Jeanne has 4 children, 3 of them attending the school for the moment. She teaches French and Italian, her native languages. Teaching children has increased her interest in the education system and she strongly feels the importance of supporting the school in the major role it plays in a child's life.

Sally Shayler-Law – Parent Governor – Term of office ends November 2017

Sally is a mentoring paramedic teaching and supporting new paramedics out on the road. She also still works on a front line ambulance to maintain her own skills. She has a daughter at Horsington Church School and a husband who manages an ambulance station.

Helen Barker – Staff Governor – Term of office ends August 2018

Helen has been a teacher at Horsington School since 1998, teaching Reception and Year 1 children in Water class. She believes experiential learning gives the children a strong foundation on which to build. She had 3 children, 2 attended Horsington School. They now have happy and successful careers in the Army and Education.

Nicola Epps – Staff Governor – Term of office ends August 2018

Nicola has been local authority and parent governor within the primary and secondary sectors. She has a background in teaching and arts development and currently works in teaching and non-teaching roles within the school. Her children both attended Horsington School and are now happy and flourishing young adults.

Jean Boyd-Lee – MAT appointed Governor – Term of office ends August 2018

Jean's career began in science research then moved to teaching. She has been the head of two schools. The most recent a Dorset Church primary school of the same size as Horsington's. She is a committed Christian and her husband is a member of the Church of England General Synod and Archbishops' Council. Her experience in education gives her a wide range of knowledge and skills to use for the benefit of Horsington Church School.

Emma Riley – MAT appointed Governor – Term of office ends October 2018

With a background in community arts education, publishing and fundraising Emma enjoys utilising these skills for the good of the school. She has two children, both at Horsington.



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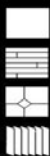
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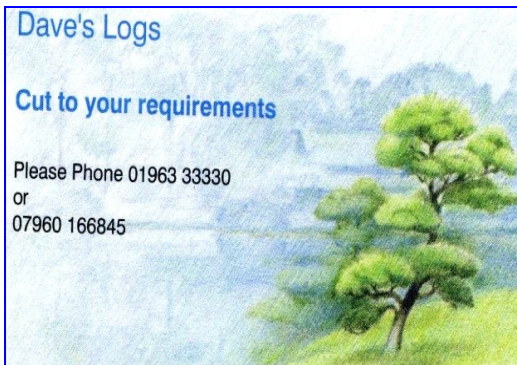
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Thursday October 1st @ 7.30pm

A glimpse at the Galapagos by Mike Spencer

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on **370713**

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

Interstellar (12A)

Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Director: Christopher Nolan.

Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway,
Jessica Chastain

A team of explorers travel through a wormhole
in an attempt to ensure humanity's survival.

For further information contact Les Graney on 371668



Some trivia for the day:

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY'

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

The Remembrance Image Project

by Isobel Wood

100 years after the First World War, an excellent talk on the importance of meaningful remembrance was given by Simon Gregor. Simon is a freelance photographer and the co-ordinator of a project to produce a library of creative photographs which document key battle sites, capturing some of the spirit and emotion of the memorials erected to the fallen and wounded. His talk took place on Friday 4th September in Horsington church.

Much has been said on this topic during the last year or so, but Simon spoke with authority and a great sense of respect for his subject. Focusing on the war on the Western Front in France and Belgium where there was such a huge loss of life on both sides, he showed us some very moving images; among others, humble streets where the fighting had first broken out even before war was officially declared, hillside trenches where the warring sides were just yards from each other and impressive architecture such as the Menin Gate bearing the names of 54,890 soldiers whose bodies were never found – but "Known unto God", as the inscription has it. An image of a Mons street showing a memorial marking the first major engagement of the war in August 1914 only a hundred yards or so from one marking the last major engagement 50 months later, was particularly effective. There were many remarkable stories and anecdotes behind the pictures – and the taking of the pictures – which we were fascinated to hear.

Simon hopes that these images will promote a greater understanding of the war and that people will be encouraged to visit the sites in those countries as well as local war memorials, in order to take and share their own photographs. The project will work best if it provokes the widest possible thought and debate.

NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH AT 7.30PM IN NORTH CHERITON VILLAGE HALL

Talk by Alan Power, Head Gardener at Stourhead on filming the TV programme 'British Gardens In Time'

Please call Pat Holmes on 370017 for further information.

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