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Events Diary November 2015

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	Lunch 6.00pm	Ladies Lunch Group Pilates	Half Moon, Sherborne Village Hall
Tue 3rd	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 4th	10.00am 8.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing Music Night	" Half Moon Inn
Thu 5th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art WI	Village Hall "
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 9th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 10th	10.30am 7.30pm	Upholstery North Cheriton Gardeners' Society	" N/C Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 11th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
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	Upholstery Film: The Theory of Everything	" King Arthurs
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 18th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 21st	10-1.30pm	Home Farm Trust Annual Christmas Bazaar	Wincanton Mem. Hall
Sun 22nd	3.00pm	Talk on the Battle of Waterloo & Cream Tea	Horsington Church
Mon 23rd	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 24th	10-4.00pm 10.30am	Wincanton Christmas Fair Upholstery	Wincanton Racecourse Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 25th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 30th	6.00pm	Pilates	"

Future Events:

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| • Bake off Competition | Saturday 5th December |
| • Horsington Church School Christmas Fayre | Saturday 5th December |
| • The Wincanton Choral Society Christmas concert | Sunday 13th December |
| • Candlelit Carol Service | Christmas Eve |

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The History of Fireworks

by Steve Hawkins



Some sources say that the discovery of fireworks occurred about 2,000 years ago, and other sources place the discovery sometime during the 9th century during the Song dynasty (960-1279). A Chinese monk named Li Tian, who lived near the city of Liu Yang in Hunan Province, is credited with the invention of firecrackers about 1,000 years ago. The Chinese people celebrate the invention of the firecracker every April 18th by offering sacrifices to Li Tian.

The firecrackers, both then and now, are thought to have the power to fend off evil spirits and ghosts that are frightened by the loud bangs of the firecrackers. Firecrackers are used for such purposes today at most events such as births, deaths and birthdays. Chinese New Year is a particularly popular event that is celebrated with firecrackers to usher in the New Year free of the evil spirits. Generally Marco Polo is credited with bringing gunpowder back to Europe in the 13th century, although some accounts credit the Crusaders with bringing the black powder to Europe as they returned from their journeys.

Once in Europe, the black powder was used for military purposes, first in rockets, then in canons and guns. Italians were the first Europeans who used the black powder to manufacture fireworks. Germany was the other European country to emerge as a fireworks leader along with Italy in the 18th century. The English were also fascinated with fireworks. Fireworks became very popular in Great Britain during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. William Shakespeare mentions fireworks in his works, and fireworks were so much enjoyed by the Queen herself that she created the position of "Fire Master of England." King James II was so pleased with the fireworks display that celebrated his coronation that he knighted his Fire Master.

Bonfire night in Great Britain.

In 1605 Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament with 36 barrels of gunpowder in the cellars of Westminster Hall. On November 5th, Fawkes was arrested and Parliament saved. Guy Fawkes would have been hanged, drawn and quartered but he threw himself off the gallows before his executioner was able to cause the planned agonising death. That night is celebrated as Bonfire night by filling the sky with exploding fireworks and by burning an effigy of Guy Fawkes on a bonfire. Fireworks first became available to the public around 1785; these were generally rockets, serpents, wheels and fountains.

Nowadays fireworks are used to celebrate many occasions in all parts of the world. The largest manufacturer of fireworks is China, which produces over 200,000 tons of fireworks each year! The Spanish, Italian and Maltese are generally regarded as the best quality available. In Britain only one manufacturer remains, as opposed to around twenty after WW2.

Since my first experience of fireworks in the 1960s, many rules and regulations have been introduced to improve the safety of consumer fireworks. Many types such as helicopters and jumping jacks have been banned due to their unpredictable flight pattern and many associated injuries. Bangers have also been banned, a sign of the times I suppose. Some may say a good thing, but I have to say I enjoyed many happy days during the build-up to November 5th, with boxes of bangers and the mischief that went with them!

Parish Council Report by Angela Clayton

In August we welcomed our two new Parish Councillors, Charles James and Mark Tucker. Charles (unable to attend the photo shoot – but well known in the Parish) has re-joined the Parish Council after a short break. For a number of years, amongst other things, he successfully managed and maintained the horse pond.

Mark has lived in Horsington for 8 years and knows the area well, having grown up and been educated locally. He is the co-ordinator of the Village Emergency Telephone Scheme (VETS) which takes care of the defibrillator installed in the Horsington phone box. We now have an even mix of three councillors living in Horsington and three in South Cheriton.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Agendas and Minutes are displayed on both village notice boards and can also be viewed on the Horsington Village Hall website: horsingtonvillagehall.co.uk.



Back row left to right: David Chapman (Parish Clerk), Mark Tucker, Ian Snowdon (Vice Chair), Steve Hawkins.

Front row left to right: Angela Clayton, Jackie Pyne (Chair), Belinda Mann.

Bake off Competition in aid of the
Horsington Defibrillator Fund
Saturday 5th December



With a category for everyone, this will be a great opportunity to show off your cake baking, bread baking, biscuit making & icing skills and help raise money for the Horsington Defibrillator fund.

The competition will be held at the White Horse Inn South Cheriton

Categories

Adults (£2 per entry)

Cupcakes – Big Celebration Cake (let your imagination run riot!)
 Savoury bake – Bread

Children (£1 per entry)

Biscuits or Cookies – Tray Bake

(The children's competition will be judged in two age groups: 10 years and under & 11-16years).

All entries are to be in place by 12.00pm and can be taken to the White Horse from 11.00am. Judging will begin shortly after and the Winners will be announced at 2.00pm.

To enter please fill out the registration form on the next page, tear out and hand it in (together with the entry fee) when you deliver your entries to the White Horse on the day of the competition.



BAKE OFF COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:.....

Tel No: Email:.....

ENTRY DETAILS

Please circle the categories below that you wish to enter with the number of entries. You can enter as many bakes as you wish into as many categories as you would like.

Adults £2 per entry/Children £1 per entry. Payment to be made on the day of competition.

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Adults:

Number of Entries:

Big Celebration Cake _____ Cupcakes _____

Savoury Bake _____ Bread _____

Children: Please state your age.

10 years and under _____ 11-16 years _____

Number of Entries:

Biscuits/Cookies _____ Tray Bake _____

Super Broadband Update

by Penny Nagle

Apparently super fast broadband is accessible now in the centre of Horsington village. Check here for your postcode :

<http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/default.aspx?pc=ba8>

We are told that you have to call the company that provides your internet access (ISP) and they will connect you for a fee of about £35.

For the rest of us who are more than 1km from the box at the bottom of Stowell Lane things are not moving at all and it looks like they won't for at least 18 months (from the website).

We sent a letter to Kim Mears, Managing Director, Infrastructure Delivery, at Openreach on the 5th of October. We have 40 households, (56 names) on the list, Horsington School, nine businesses and four farms asking for super fast broadband.

The main argument is that Openreach should not be considering population density for rollout in rural areas, but rather educational and business needs.

I copied in our local MP David Warburton, our District Councillor Tim Inglefield, Connecting Devon and Somerset, Nicky Bailey, the Federation of Small Businesses contact.

We had immediate responses from Tim Inglefield (via the Horsington Blog) and David Warburton our MP, which was good to see.

Tim Inglefield: "as one of your local District Councillors, you are quite right to complain....We are battling with BT, particularly over the tendering process and in my view their incessant and needless focus on Non Disclosure Agreements, which have slowed down the whole process. SSDC has cash to help smooth this through but really we need to hear some economic sense from BT to really give this process a boost."

David Warburton MP wrote "I absolutely agree with what you say about the importance of considering business and educational need as key criteria in the roll-out – and I'll be attending the debate on rural broadband in Parliament on Monday (12 Oct) to do what I can to keep the pressure on".

So, thank you for your support so far, let's keep the pressure up.

- Please add your name to the petition by emailing me saying "We really want to have superfast broadband here in Horsington Village", send to pennynagle@gmail.com.
- Tell me how your work or educational life would be better with better broadband access.
- We are researching alternative commercial broadband options (Wessex Internet wifi tower is one though concerns have been raised about health issues of wifi towers).

Horsington Church School

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for supporting this event either by coming, providing cake or donating tea, coffee and squash. The range of cakes was amazing!

Mrs Morris made an amazing cake for our competition. Who knew you could fit 471 chocolate buttons on a cake?

The children from Earth Class ran the event brilliantly; several visitors commented on the excellent manners of the children. We raised an incredible **£375.00**.



Horsington Church School PTF

Almost through the first half term the committee are in the process of planning the **Christmas Fayre**. Please save the Date of **5/12/15**, further details to follow and offers of help always welcomed. We are also pleased to let everyone know we are currently in the process of having a permanent clothes recycling bank secured at the front of the school. Once this is in place and operational please all feel welcome to off load any unwanted clothes.

Further details to follow and we will advertise on the board.



hft Home Farm Trust Bazaar

on Saturday 21st November – 10.00-1.30pm in the Wincanton Memorial Hall

The very popular Home Trust Farm (hft) Bazaar is back in the Wincanton Memorial Hall on 21st November. **Entrance Fee** is 50p. Come early to get the wonderful bargains from our Delicatessen Stall, Christmas and other cakes, Trash and Treasure, the Kitchen Stall and Men's and Women's wardrobes.

We sell pictures, fantastic handbags, jewellery, children's clothes and books, Christmas decorations, cards and plants, and better books than are on Amazon – all making for great Christmas shopping. Visit our Tombola and when you have finished, collapse into a chair with our delicious refreshments.

If anyone has anything they may like to donate towards the sale please contact either

Gillie Waddington 371662 or Christine Pratt 371215

Talk on the Battle of Waterloo

By Dr Patrick Milehan, former Army Officer, Academic and Historian
Sunday 22nd November, 3.00pm at Horsington Church

Patrick is a member of the Waterloo 200 Committee assisting in the national 200th anniversary commemorations in 2015. He will explain the events of the three days of campaigning leading to the decisive battle at Waterloo, just south of Brussels, bringing peace to Europe following years of conflict. As the Duke of Wellington, British and Allied Commander in Chief said the result was a "close run thing". The lecture will consider why this was so and how difficult it was to defeat Emperor Napoleon of France considered by many to be the supreme genius of warfare. The talk will be followed by a **Cream Tea**. Donations of £8.00 suggested, all in aid of Church Funds.



From the Rector, Greetings.

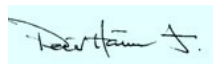
This is *the* month when we Remember. We have commemorated various anniversaries over recent months: the beginning of WWI; Battle of Britain; VJ Day — even this month the Battle of Waterloo! At our Services of Remembrance we will read the Rolls of Honour, remembering those who died, especially in the two World Wars. Increasingly we remember not only those who died, but those who were injured. And rightly we are now offering greater support to those who live with the consequences of having been involved in conflict in the defence of this nation and its freedom and values. In a debate I was listening to recently it was confidently asserted that the first duty of any government is the defence of its citizens. Who could argue with that? Certainly not me. However, we may have deep disagreements as to how that should be fulfilled.

The debate I was listening to was on *Question Time*, and in response to Jeremy Corbyn's declaration that he would never "push the button." The ultimate defence of our country, it was argued, was the willingness to use nuclear weapons — always as a last resort, but nonetheless the willingness to use them. For myself - and this is a very personal comment - I do not understand people who want to defend me by my being evaporated in a nuclear conflagration. Or, should I be unlucky enough to survive that, to die slowly and horribly as a consequence of nuclear winter. I could do without such defenders.

In the meantime, I honour those who sacrificed their lives for my freedom; and pray that our political leaders, national and international, will have the wisdom to enable our world to live in peace.

May the Prince of Peace bless and keep you.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington - November Services

1st – All Saints Day	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
	3.00pm	A Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving for Loved Ones Departed
8th – Remembrance Sunday	11.00am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
	11.15am	Service of Remembrance in Church
15th	9.15am	Holy Communion
22nd – Christ the King	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
29th – Advent Sunday	10.30am	Benefice United Service hosted by Templecombe URC

St Nicholas, Henstridge - November Services

1st – All Saints Day	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	A Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving for Loved Ones Departed, in Horsington Parish Church.
		6.30pm Evensong
8th – Remembrance Sunday	10.55am	Service of Remembrance
15th	11.00am	Morning Prayer
		6.30pm Evensong
22nd – Christ the King	11.00am	Holy Communion
29th – Advent Sunday	10.30am	Benefice United Service hosted by Templecombe URC

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe - November Services

1st – All Saints Day	11.00am	Morning Praise
	3.00pm	A Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving for Loved Ones Departed, in Horsington Parish Church
8th – Remembrance Sunday	10.00am	Service of Remembrance
	11.00am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
15th	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd – Christ the King	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th – Advent Sunday	10.30am	Benefice United Service hosted by Templecombe URC



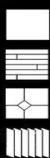
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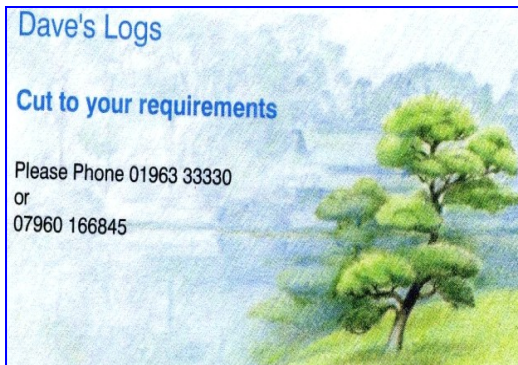
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at 8.30pm on Wednesday 4th November**

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

Free, apart from drinks.

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



Thursday November 5th @ 7.30pm at Village Hall

Life as a Live Aboard on a small yacht

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

The Wincanton Film Society Presents

The Theory of Everything (12)

Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.30pm

A look at the relationship between the famous physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife.

Director: James Marsh. Stars: Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, Tom Prior

For further information contact Les Graney on 371668

NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' SOCIETY

TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER – 7.30PM IN NORTH CHERITON VILLAGE HALL

Talk on Shrubs by Jolene Morse

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Friday 6th November, 9.00–4.00pm

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THE 2015 WINTER CONCERT



The *Wincanton Choral Society* Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday 13th December 2015. The Christmas concert is a Feast of Festive Music including seasonal music and Carols.

More details on times etc. will be published in December issue.

WINCANTON CHRISTMAS FAIR 2015

AT

WINCANTON RACE COURSE

ON

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – 10.00–4.00PM

ENTRANCE FEE – £3.00

IN AID OF CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST



Blackmore Vale U3A
Tuesday 3rd November @ 2.30pm
HENSTRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

"NO KNICKERS"

A talk by Jenny Peet

Members £1.50 Visitors £2.50 Includes tea and cakes
 For more information about U3A call Jean Lindley 01963 251256

u3asites.org.uk/blackmore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Including: *Births * Deaths * Birthdays * Weddings * Anniversaries * Congratulations*

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