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Events Diary July 2016

| Day/Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|----------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fri 1st | 10.00am | Art | Village Hall |
| Mon 4th | Lunch | Ladies' Lunch Group | Kingsdon Inn, Kingsdon |
| | 6.00pm | Pilates | Village Hall |
| Tue 5th | 2.30pm | U3A talk 'My Life on the Fairground' | Henstridge Village Hall |
| Wed 6th | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | Village Hall |
| | 8.30pm | Music Night | Half Moon Inn |
| Thu 7th | 10.00am | Art | Village Hall |
| | 7.30pm | WI | " |
| Fri 8th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Sun 10th | 3.00pm | Concert by the 'Pepys Ensemble' | St John's Church |
| Mon 11th | 6.00pm | Pilates | Village Hall |
| Wed 13th | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |
| Thu 14th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | " |
| Fri 15th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Mon 18th | 6.00pm | Pilates | " |
| Wed 20th | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |
| Thu 21st | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Fri 22nd | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Fri 29th | 7.30pm | Wincanton History Society Talk | Wincanton Memorial Hall |

School Term ends 20th July and starts 1st September

Events Diary August 2016

| Mon 1st | Lunch | Ladies' Lunch Group | Black Dog Inn, Chilmark |
|----------|--------|--|-------------------------|
| Wed 3rd | 8.30pm | Music Night | Half Moon Inn |
| Wed 10th | 7.30pm | Opening of New facilities & Celebration Buffet | St John's Church |
| Thu 11th | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Thu 18th | 7.30pm | WI | North Cheriton V/Hall |

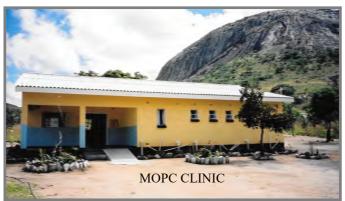
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A ZIMBABWEAN JOURNEY CONTINUES GETTING THINGS DONE THE MOPC WAY!

by Christine Pratt

At the end of February 2001 I arrived at Mother of Peace Community (MOPC) to be welcomed by around 300 people: children, workers and anyone else who happened to be there! My car had been seen in the local town, a telephone call made and everyone stopped what they were doing to give me their traditional warm welcome. Singing, dancing, ululating, laughter and drums and the children covered my car with flowers! To be surrounded by so much love, laughter and happiness is truly beautiful.

The two women running the Orphanage at that time were Jean and Stella Cornneck. Zimbabwean sisters and both nurses. They had been amongst the first people to start MOPC in 1994 and had given up their homes and previous lives in response to the AIDS pandemic that resulted in manv SO children being orphaned. There were 130 children resident when I arrived in 2001.



A Clinic had been built with donations from a German Rotary Club at MOPC the previous year. It had a very large treatment room, two wards, two bathrooms and shower rooms, storage cupboard and large verandah which was the waiting room! The building had not opened as a Clinic because the money to buy equipment etc had only come through in January 2001. Almost the first thing Stella said to me when I arrived this time was "I feel like running away because the Clinic is due to be opened in six weeks' time and it is not ready, you will have to do it!"

We all went up to the Clinic to see what needed to be done and found the building had been broken into, one ceiling was down due to leakage of water and anything that could have been unscrewed and removed had been, from window catches to all the lavatory seats and it was filthy!

Lists were made and the next day I met with George the builder to discuss what needed to be done. We agreed that the basic building had to be sorted out first and that we would all have to work quickly to complete before the opening date. The list of equipment was drawn up for beds, cots and bed linen, sterilizer, surgical instruments and examination beds, cabinets, cupboards and trolleys, lavatory seats, shower curtains and filing cabinet etc. etc. It was a huge list. Stella and I went into Harare several times to view and order everything and I made a start on making the 16 pairs of curtains required for the windows.

George and his workers started immediately but I soon noticed that although every time I went up to the clinic they were busy, the progress was extremely slow! I soon realised that the reason for that was the moment I left, work stopped and everyone sat down! Discussion with George resulted in me taking the sewing (treadle!) machine and material to the clinic while the chaos of repairing, making wooden cupboards and painting throughout went on around me! This naturally caused much amusement but the work progressed far more quickly than it had previously done! I also offered a modest bonus to all workers if the project was completed on time! Bribery can work!

We managed to get the Clinic ready for the opening day – just! On the actual morning I had still not been able to find any lavatory seats to buy! I came up with the idea of going round the community and unscrewing all the seats needed just for the day!

11am came and so did the visitors. Ten people from the German Rotary Club who had donated the funds, the Minister of Health ++, German Ambassador ++, Press and Television from South Africa and Zimbabwe ++, Three local Chiefs ++, local Councillors ++, WHO Regional Director ++, local MP, those who just wanted to see what was going on and a free meal, Staff and most important of all the children. About 600 people in all!

The day was very happy and successful and the Clinic was open for business the next day!

P.S Since January 2016 the Ministry of Social Welfare has banned all photographs being taken of the children, so sadly I am unable to show any here.



MOPC Clinic Adult Ward (Bed covers were made in Stow View Day Centre, Sturminster Newton)

SOUTH CHERITON MUSIC FESTIVAL AND DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

A huge effort was made by John Sansom to organise and run the latest Village Festival. Knowing the costs that John incurred, with advertising, the cost of his staff to erect and take down all the marquees (that he provided free of charge), the costs of the Bands and other costs involved and knowing what was taken at the gate, I would estimate that this event was subsidised by John's personal finances. It is a great shame that such hard work was so poorly supported by the Villagers.

The event was run to add to the coffers of the Defibrillator Fund. Previous events were keenly supported by the Village, to raise the initial costs of purchasing and installing the Defibrillator. However, ongoing costs are involved - it costs an average £300 per year to keep the Village Emergency Telephone System running, coupled with bi-annual first aid refreshers for the Responder Team, replacement defibrillator pads and batteries.

Taking into consideration the fact that our existing defibrillator has a useable life span, we are looking at a need to replace it within the next five years. Although our present funds will support the ongoing costs of our existing equipment for that period of time, it will leave us with a surplus of less than £100.

We will need to raise the purchase costs of a replacement defibrillator within that timescale, or be without one. Now you may feel that we do not need a defibrillator, BUT if you or someone you know needs one, and it is not there, then this could be a matter of "life or death" for that person!

If these events are not better supported in the future and the bank balance not increased to replace it when needed, then we will lose the Defibrillator at the end of its life span. This would be a huge shame after the effort taken to set up and run the existing scheme so successfully.

Please support us in the future and a big THANK YOU to those of you who did on Saturday.



I am a Seenager (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's licence and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long. Why be scared And I don't have acne?

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.

HORSINGTON VILLAGE FETE 2016

by Sara White

Saturday 11th June began with heavy rain but by 1.30pm the rain had stopped and the rest of the afternoon was fine; it was cloudy but cool, ideal weather to enjoy being outside without the worry of either roasting or getting drenched.

The fete was opened by Brendan Rendell, a local man supporting a Malawi charity and the "Getoutside" initiative run by the Ordnance Survey. Watch for him on social media as he runs 25 marathons in Malawi.

The school field was full of people by 2.30pm, and everyone, young and old, from the school or the village or further afield, enjoyed a gossip as they looked around the stalls and activities going on. We had visitors from the old Barnardo's Home, grandparents and even a Japanese family tasting a village fete for the first time.

Entertainment came in the form of music from the recorder group, the King Arthur's Band and Polly Perry, as well as a fashion show from the sewing group of North Cheriton, (including a very exuberant boy in his proudly made trousers).

Stalls on the field ranged from mouth-watering cakes to a bouncy castle; we had a children's tent full of crafts and games, outside stall-holders selling lovely-smelling goodies, a stand showing plans for the future of the village pond, and the usual skittles, plate smashing and an assault course for all ages.

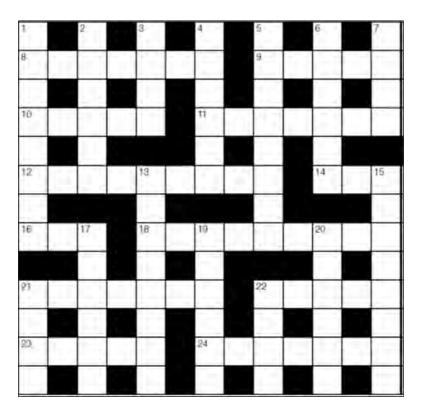
In the adjoining playground there was more: a hand-operated organ, beautiful plants and the church's bric-a-brac. The tea tent was well patronised, and cream teas were consumed by many who wanted to rest for a while. There was also the sweet tombola to attract the children, and a table set out with entries for the "animal vegetable" competition.

Thanks are due to so many hard-working members of the PTFA, struggling to find a new Chair and other members; as well as to all who supported the fete. Their help is gratefully acknowledged, especially our main sponsor Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd; the Half Moon pub for the hot dogs and beer; John Sansom for the marquees and the Scouts for help in erecting them; and all who donated prizes and those who came to support the fete.



Ladies in Pink—the plant stall holders

CROSSWORD BY MAX



Across

- 8 Neither song nor tune dissembled a small particle. (7)
- 9 Desert drink supplied by Samoa sisters. (5)
- 10 George leading crowd is spooky. (5)
- 11 Stop play in final act. (7)
- 12 A motherless state, a saint and the queen make gypsum. (9)
- 14 Normal practice is concessionary. (3)
- 16 Used to be backward cuts. (3)
- 18 Watch a bit of history. (9)
- 21 Petite mother does least. (7)
- 22 Tart living near home counties does not write verse. (5)
- 23 One is in the spleen for a rest. (3-2)
- 24 Give pleasure again then pull out. (7)

Down

- A man's rag changes puzzles. (8)
 Build a dome in Acapulco without electricity.
- 3 Worry about 16. (4)

(6)

- 4 Living under canvas shows purpose. (6)
- 5 Rapid rot ruins holiday. (4,4)
- 6 Wilde about statuettes. (6)
 - Wimbledon champ takes drug at tree root. (4)
- 13 Sb 51 appears to be against cash. (8)
- 15 Teacher's head and random experts make excuses. (8)
- 17 Berry, we hear, appears after start of warm season. (6)
- 19 Crazily, Romy and me go back a long way. (6)
- 20 A retired boss and French missile. (6)
- 21 Sounds like postman? (4)
- 22 Walk up to reach loved ones. (4)

Answers on page 14

The Queen's 90th Birthday

by Camilla Cotterell and Lucy Nancarrow

On Wednesday 8th June, the children and staff of Horsington Church School celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday.

All up around the school there were pictures and writing about Her Majesty and Union Jack flags hovered above the playground.

As homework, everyone brought in homemade crowns as a sign of respect to her.

Before the party began, Mr Rumbelow (the Head teacher) had arranged for the assembly to be about the Queen's life in just 90 pictures. After every picture was shown, he told us what it was about, what year it was and what was happening in the photographs.

Next, all the Horsington staff decided that we children should play a few fun games before we sat down to a delicious picnic.

After the fun and games, we all went to our seats and sang the English National Anthem joyfully. Straight after, we all sat down to an appetizing meal.

That was the end of a fantastic day.



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JULY SERVICES

St John the Baptist, Horsington

July 3rd 9.15am Holy Communion with Sunday School Churchwardens July 10th 11.00am Morning Prayer Mrs Anne Jones 370626 July 17th 9.15am Holy Communion Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478 July 24th 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

July 31st 10.30am United Service at Templecombe Parish Church

St Nicholas, Henstridge

July 3rd 11.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evensong 9.30am Holy Communion July 10th July 17th 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evensong July 24th 11.00am Holy Communion July 31st 10.30am United Service at Templecombe Parish Church

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

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St John's Church Horsington

From the Rector, Greetings.

I am writing this right at the beginning of June. Earlier this morning, on the BBC *Breakfast* programme, I learned about the *Cold Blob* – an area of water in the north Atlantic the size of Europe. This will affect our weather. They spoke to an expert about the *Cold Blob* who helpfully explained that this will either mean that our summer will be drier, and hotter than usual; or, it might be damper and colder. So much for experts.

By now we will know the outcome of the EU Referendum. In the weeks leading up to the Referendum we have had experts supporting the arguments for staying in and leaving making their pronouncements. If we stay in it will be disaster; if we leave it will be disaster! So much for experts.

For myself, I hope we have decided to stay in. My view is not based on the pros and cons of the economic argument. On an individual basis I am convinced that we can achieve more together than we can on our own. I accept that that can be true for nations working together as well. I am persuaded by environmental groups, amongst others, of the importance of acting co-operatively to protect and enhance our world.

If we have voted to leave — well, like the rest of us who supported staying part of the EU, I will have to live with it. It was Churchill who said, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others..." The truth of things is not determined by democracy – but the democratic process is the best way we as communities can try to come to a decision peaceably.

Whatever the future for this nation, I pray God's blessing on our peoples, and wisdom for our leaders.

On a completely different topic, I have decided that I will be retiring at the end of April 2017. It's a way off yet but I suspect these next months will rush by quick enough.

Have a good summer

Peter Hallett - halatvic@gmail.com

Toertam J.

INVITATION

The **Archdeacon Nicola Sullivan** is coming to open the new facilities at St. John's Church on Wednesday August 10th at 7.30p.m. Everybody is welcome to the celebration buffet.

R.S.V.P. Anne Jones Tel 370626 or Rosemarie Tel 371478

The Children's Society boxes have recently been collected and emptied, and the sum of £230 has been sent in. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Sallie Vallins

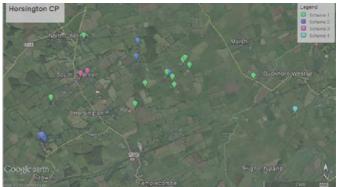
RURAL BROADBAND – Horsington Village now has a Choice by Penny Nagle

Thanks to everyone who has supported our rural broadband campaign, particularly Tim Inglefield from South Somerset, David Warburton MP, and everyone on our list. We couldn't have got this far without you.

The upshot is that we now have a *choice*, and Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) has offered each of us with internet speeds of 2Mbps a £500 voucher to get better broadband. We can use this individually but as a community we are better combining our purchasing power to commission an approved CDS supplier to install infrastructure.

Having talked to all the approved suppliers on the CDS list, Wessex Internet are the most viable and closest option to delivering something this year. Wessex Internet has been commissioned by residents of Cucklington and Stoke Trister to install a "Wireless Point of Presence" (i.e. a wifi dish on a tower) on Coneygore Hill. This opens up options for many of us on Horsington Marsh, and beyond for a quick and easy installation of better, faster broadband.

If your internet speed is more than 2 Mbps you won't qualify for the voucher scheme BUT you can still vote with your feet and leave BT if you are dissatisfied with their service. It's best to let me know NOW if you are in this camp as it determines where booster towers are located in the next round of installation.



The map shows: -

Scheme 1 -green dots - those of us who will be able to connect to the new tower on Coneygore Hill by end of June. They are testing now.

Scheme 2 – blue dots – those of us who need a point of presence booster dish somewhere on the West hill of Blackmore Vale to get wifi signal from a bounce from Coneygore hill. Wessex Internet is looking for a volunteer. You get your wifi free for providing this.

Scheme 3 – pink dots – those of us in South Cheriton who require a connection back to a localised network booster in South Cheriton. A suitable location is required. Again you get free wifi for providing this (and great internet connection).

Scheme 4 – pale blue dots – can already get connection from the Henstridge Tower.

If you are interested in taking up the Wessex Internet Offer and think you qualify for the voucher, please let me know ASAP. You could be online with speeds of 10Mbps or more by the end of the month. If you don't qualify for the voucher but might be interested please let me know because it determines our next steps in siting dishes for the village. Call me, Penny Nagle on 01963 370857 or e mail pennynagle@gmail.com



Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.30pm on Wednesday 6th July & 3rd August

Please come and join us, play and sing whilst enjoying a beer. Free, apart from drinks.

Further details from Anna on 370749



Thursday 7th July

Strawberry Meeting with Music by David Andrews and Guests from the Stavordale Group

Thursday 18th August

Combined Meeting at North Cheriton Village Hall

Talk by Kay Wych on How I became a 16th century kitchen maid at Glastonbury Abbey

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on 370713

WINCANTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Horsington resident **Susan Maltin** will be giving a talk entitled **'My Life as a Researcher'**



On Friday 29th July at 7.30pm in the Wincanton Memorial Hall

Entrance Fee for non- members

'*My Life on the Fairground*'. A talk by Kay Townsend on Tuesday 5th July in Henstridge Village Hall at 2.30pm.



Blackmore Vale U3A members £1.50 Visitors £2.50 refreshments included.

For more information call 01963 371544 or visit our website

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Blackmore Vale U3A open meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th September at Henstridge Village Hall 2.30pm. Come and see what we do and if we can do something you would like to join in with.

Poem written by Sue Howell

(With thanks to Colin Howell and his family who have kindly given permission for the magazine to use material from their archive of Sue's writings and papers)

If I wrote you a poem Would you wear it? Lap you round and about Within and without In the web of my words Hold you fast without doubt?

If I wrote you a poem Could you bear it? Would it feel too much weight Be a burden too great Make you feel that to drown In my words was your fate?

If I wrote you a poem Could we share it? Leaning closely, confide it Or else would you slide it Secretly into a drawer And just hide it?

If I wrote you a poem Will you live it? Feel the bliss, hear weeping Know day-dreams and sleeping, Touched by laughter and love Hold my words in safe-keeping?

1. Anagrams 2. Cupola 3. Fret 4. Intent 5. Road trip 6. Oscars 7. Ashe 13. Antimony 15. Pretexts 17. Winter 19. Memory 20. Exocet 21. Male 22. Pets

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CONCERT BY THE PEPYS ENSEMBLE

St. John's Church on Sunday 10th July at 3.00p.m.

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