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2nd Templecombe Scouts en route to Australia

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Events Diary May 2016

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tue 3rd	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
	2.30pm	Blackmore Vale U3A	Henstridge Village Hall
	3.00pm	Ladies Lunch Group - Tea	Cole Manor
	7.30pm	North Cheriton Gardeners Society	
		Discount Shopping Event	Castle Gardens, Sherborne
	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 4th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 5th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 9th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 10th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 11th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 12th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 14th	10-12pm	Children's Society Coffee Morning	"
	10-4pm	Yarlington Plant Fair	Yarlington House, Yarlington
Mon 16th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 17th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 18th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	7.30pm	Film: 45 Years	King Arthurs
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 21st	10.00am	North Cheriton Gardeners Society Plant Sale	"
Mon 23rd	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 24th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 25th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	"
Tue 31st	10.30am	Upholstery	"

Future events:

- South Cheriton Music Festival & Craft Fair, 4th June at the White Horse from 12-11pm
- Horsington Summer Fete, 11th June in the School field

2nd Templecombe Scouts go down under for the Australian Jamboree

by Leah and Alice Macey

On a cold wet wintery morning in late December we set out to travel to Australia to attend the 24th Australian Jamboree. After a long, long flight we arrived the following evening in Sydney where we were met by 1st and 3rd Engadine scout leaders.

For the first few days in Australia, we stayed at Heathcote Scout Centre and did a bit of sightseeing. First we visited the local zoo and met some of the local wildlife, koalas, kangaroos, echidnas and dingos, and of course we had to see who could take a selfie with a roo! We then travelled to the Blue Mountains and spent the day exploring the area. Being scouts we had to be adventurous and so we braved the skywalk, a glass bottomed cable car over the deep ravines, and then travelled in the steepest railway in the world which plunged down the mountain side. New Year's Eve we headed into Sydney, and wandered around Darling Bay, took a ferry ride in the harbour, before settling down in Circular Quay, to wait for the Harbour Bridge New Year's Eve fireworks. The wait was over 8 hours long but it was worth it as the fireworks were fab! An experience we won't ever forget.

Before we knew it we were travelling again, this time with 35 other scouts from the New South Wales Jamboree Troop D705, to the jamboree site at Cataract Scout Park. This was to be our home for two weeks, along with 12,000 scouts. Once we had set up camp and met a few of our neighbours we headed off for the Opening Ceremony, where Antony, from 2nd Templecombe, proudly carried the Union Flag for the UK contingent and we also starred in the opening ceremony welcome film. The following morning we were up early to feature in Channel 7's national weather report, we became local celebrities and we can now be found on YouTube.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR8PrnGr_PY)

During the Jamboree, we leapt into adventure, by challenging ourselves doing many adventurous activities which included climbing, abseiling, canoeing in Botany Bay, navigating around Sydney, endurance orienteering through the bush and so much more. The weather itself challenged us, from very hot and dry to monsoons and thunderstorms, we were tested to our limits. Super Saturday was market day where the scouts had to market their crafts to other scouts and the gates were opened allowing 10,000 parents, cubs and visitors to flood on to the site to experience the jamboree fun.

Our scouts also had the chance to meet other scouts from around Australia and the world as they explored the Jamboree, making friends as they went, they exchanged badges with them and soon realised that any badge from the UK was worth a lot which gave them better bargaining power. Before we knew it we were packing up and heading off to the closing ceremony, once again a few of us featured in the round up films, so they knew we were there! That night was warm and dry, so the troop decided to sleep out under the Australian sky.

The following day we were back in Heathcote, saying goodbye to the troop as they left to go home with their parents. We still had a couple of days left, so we set out to explore Sydney again. We visited: The Rocks, the Custom House, the Harbour Bridge and China Town; we also took a ferry out to Manly and paddled in the sea and of course we saw the Opera House.

Our adventure slowly came to an end and did we want to come home?... No! This was a once in a lifetime experience where we met amazing people and were made to feel part of a big scouting family. When asked “How was the Jamboree?” every time the scouts will reply “AWESOME!”





Horsington Church School

HORSINGTON SUMMER FETE

June 11th 2016

by Lucy MacKay



It's that time of year again when the PTFA are busy organising Horsington Village and School Fete. This year the fete will be held on Saturday 11th June on the School Field. The PTFA are aiming to theme this year's fete as 'It's a Knockout' and provide an inflatable obstacle course for everyone to enjoy.

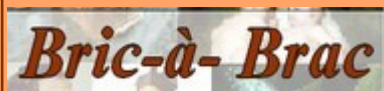
We are currently seeking external traders for the event and prizes for our raffle and tombola which are always a success on the day. All donations can be taken to the school and all help in the run up to the event or on the day will be gratefully received. As always the money raised from the fete will be used to support the school. Further details to follow. We look forward to planning further. Please contact the school office if you wish to speak with the committee.

Many Thanks.

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Books and Bric a Brac needed for the Church Stall at the June Fete. Any books and memorabilia on the life of The Queen particularly welcomed.



Please contact Rosemarie Wigley on 01963 371478

From the Rector, Greetings.

Where do you come from? What is your identity?

I was born and bred in Shepherd's Bush in London. I grew up there in the 1950s. Life was on the street, and it was pretty rough. Not that we knew that - it's just how it was.

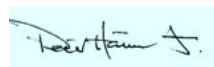
My family moved from there when I was 11 — but none the less, I guess, in some way, that makes me a Londoner. We moved to “Hove actually” where I spent my teenage years. When people asked where I came from my answer was: “Brighton, Hove actually.” At 18 I left Hove and moved to Bristol where I served an apprenticeship at BAC, as it then was.

At 24 I left Bristol to go back to London to Theological College – and then to South Yorkshire for 10 years. I was in Rotherham surrounded by steel works during the years the steel works were decimated. Whilst I was a vicar in the middle of Doncaster the coal strike took place. In those years I felt myself to be a “Yorkshire” man – by identification only, of course.

Then in May 1986 we moved to Henstridge. I have spent nearly 45% of my life here. Where do I come from, what is my identity? This is important to me as I contemplate the Referendum coming up in June. I am a human being; I am a European; I am British; I am English; I originate in the southeast, but by length of residence, I have spent over half my life in the southwest.

Above and beyond that, I am reminded by the great festival of Pentecost, that by the grace of God, I am “in Christ” part of that one new humanity where all these other divisions become meaningless. We are all one in Christ – in the end, that is the key to my identity, who I am. Where I come from shrinks into insignificance – where I am going – *that* is important.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

1st May	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
5th May	7.00pm	Deanery Ascension Day Service at North Cadbury Church with Guest Preacher: Rt Rev'd Peter Hancock, the Bishop of Bath & Wells
8th May	11.00am	Morning Prayer
15th May	9.15am	Holy Communion (Pentecost/Whitsun)
22nd May	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Trinity Sunday)
29th May	10.30am	United Service in Milborne Port Parish Church

St Nicholas, Henstridge

1st May	11.00am	Morning Worship;	6.30pm Evensong
5th May		(Ascension Day) - see Horsington	
8th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	
15th May	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Pentecost/Whitsun)	6.30pm Evensong
22nd May	11.00am	Holy Communion (Trinity Sunday)	
29th May		see Horsington	

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

1st May	11.00am	Morning Praise
5th May	7.00pm	{Ascension Day} - see Horsington
8th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th May	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd May	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th May	10.30am	see Horsington

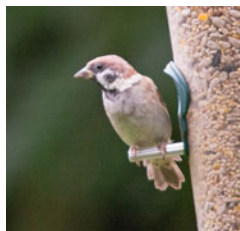
Bird Watch by Keith Davies

House Sparrows and Tree Sparrows are very similar in appearance but one favours proximity to human habitation and the other farmland. House Sparrows are still very common in villages, but there have been huge declines in towns and cities. There are likely to be many reasons for this but a European study is underway to see how important air pollution has been as a contributory factor. So far the study has found that House Sparrows living in highly polluted urban locations have significantly lower haemoglobin and anti-oxidant capacities and it is claimed that this indicates the birds have been exposed to high concentrations of toxic chemicals. Haemoglobin is an important part of red blood cells and in birds, and other animals, it transports oxygen from the lungs around the body. The implications of the preliminary report are that House Sparrows are an early indicator of dangerous air pollution and that this has been overlooked.

There are now thought to be five million pairs in Britain, but in 1970 there were three times as many. Locally they are still very common and in spring their chirping can be heard over much of Horsington and South Cheriton.

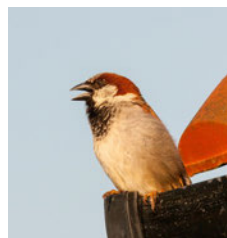
As for the Tree Sparrow, Somerset is right on the far western fringe of its enormous range which extends east as far as Vladivostok. So over the years there have been fluctuations in numbers from abundance to near extinction. But the long term trend has been one of decline and currently there are very few of them in Somerset. The County's 2007 to 2012 Survey found them only at Green Ore, near Wells, and a few sites to the north and east of Shepton Mallett and at all these sites the numbers were very low. Before this period there was a small colony near Moormill Bridge on Temple Lane that runs from Templecombe towards Buckhorn Weston. A small colony flourished here as a result of local conservation work that provided nest boxes and financed the planting of winter crops for feeding and shelter. However the fields were eventually sold off and this ended the conservation work. The Tree Sparrows soon disappeared. It is highly unlikely now that anyone will ever see a Tree Sparrow again locally.

But, just in case! The Tree Sparrow can be distinguished by its wholly red-brown crown and pure white head-side with big black cheek patch. It is smaller and neater than the House Sparrow and its smaller black bib does not expand into a large patch on its breast.



Tree Sparrow

House Sparrow



Yarlington Plant Fair - Saturday 14th May 10.00am to 4.00pm **Yarlington House, Yarlington, BA9 8DY.**

This has been held every May for the past 15 years. 23 nurseries from all over the South West, exhibit from 10am-4pm. It is a fantastic opportunity to see these specialist nurseries, and to be able to buy beautifully grown plants.



Plants have been grown specially for this day, by the gardener at Yarlington House. In 2015, over 900 people attended. The money from this stall, the entrance money and all refreshment takings will go to the Village Hall and St Mary's Church in Yarlington. Entry cost: £3.00 (under 16s free), free parking.

email carolyn.desalis@yarlingtonhouse.com, or ring 01963 440 344 or to take a stand, email becky@gardenbreaks.co.uk

Blackmore Vale U3A

Talk on The Citizens Advice Bureau

Tuesday 3rd May 2.30pm Henstridge Village Hall
 Members £1.50 Visitors £2.50
 Refreshments included

For more information about Blackmore Vale U3A
 call 01963 371544 or visit our website
www.u3a.org.uk

Some Trivia for the day:

PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE



Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

Another complaint received by Thomas Cook from dissatisfied customers:

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."





Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.30pm on Wednesday 4th May

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

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



Thursday 5th May @ 7.30pm

AGM

Deirdre's Buckingham Palace Garden Party

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



The Wincanton Film Society Presents 45 Years (15)

Wednesday 18th May 2016 at 7.30pm

A married couple preparing to celebrate their wedding anniversary receive shattering news that promises to forever change the course of their lives.

Director: Andrew Haigh

Stars: Charlotte Rampling, Tom Courtenay, Geraldine James

For further information contact Les Graney on **371668**



NORTH CHERITON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS SOCIETY

TUESDAY MAY 3RD @ 7.30 PM

Discount Shopping Event at Castle Gardens Sherborne

Please call Pat Holmes on 370017 for further information.

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

Mr Colin Mellalieu of 7 Manor Court, Horsington, wishes to inform all that his wife, Olwen, aged 84, sadly passed away last month. Her funeral took place on the 21st April.

PLANT SALE

To be held on Saturday the 21st May, starting at 10am in Horsington Village Hall. All plants grown by members of the **North Cheriton and District Gardening Club** and priced very competitively. Home made cakes, tea and coffee will also be available, so please come along and grab a bargain!



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For further details please ring:

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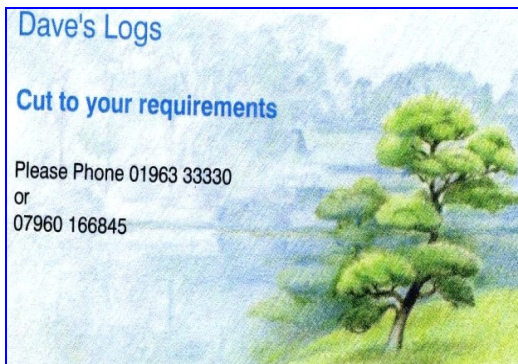
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