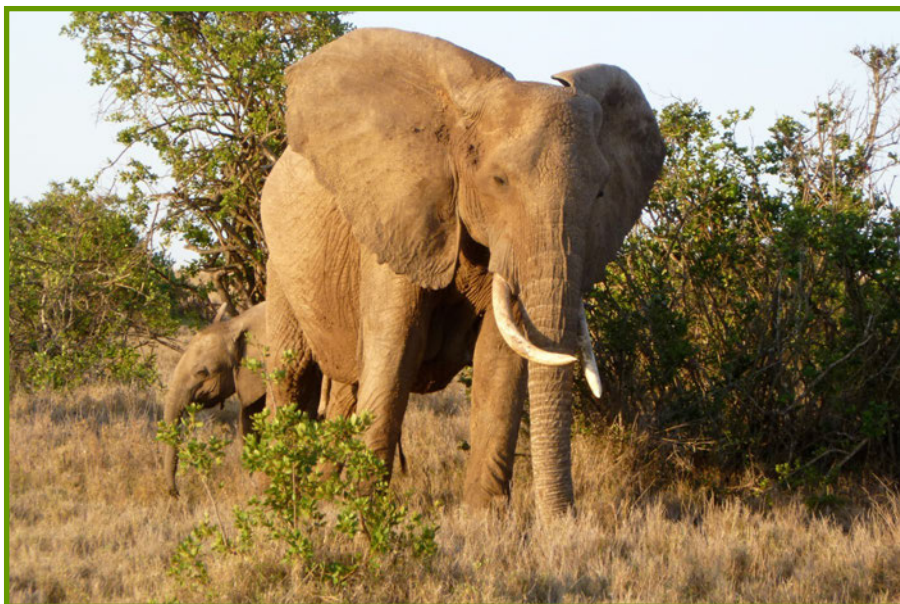


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Events Diary April 2017

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 3rd	Lunch 6.00pm	Ladies' Pub Lunch Pilates	Three Horseshoes, Batcombe Village Hall
Tue 4th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 5th	10.00am 8.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing Music Night	" Half Moon Inn
Thu 6th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 7th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 10th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 11th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 12th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 13th	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting	"
Mon 17th	6.00pm	Pilates	"
Tue 18th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 19th	10.00am 7.30pm	Adult Tap Dancing MPO - Into The Woods	" Milborne Port Village Hall
Thu 20th	7.30pm 7.30pm	WI - Teaching in Kathmandu MPO - Into The Woods	North Cheriton Village Hall Milborne Port Village Hall
Fri 21st	7.30pm	MPO - Into The Woods	"
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	MPO - Into The Woods	"
Mon 24th	6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
Tue 25th	10.30am 8.00pm	Upholstery Badminton	" "
Wed 26th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 27th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 28th	10.00am 7.30pm	Art Wincanton History Society Talk	" Wincanton Memorial Hall
Sat 29th	7.00pm	Film: A United Kingdom	Milborne Port Village Hall

Future Events:

May 13th - Yarlington Plant Fair @ Yarlington House 10am - 4pm.

May 19th - A talk on the First World War by Patrick Mileham, 7.30pm
at the Church.

The Tusk Foundation...talk in St John's Church, Horsington 10 February

by John Vallins

It is a rare pleasure in these days of gloomy news to encounter someone who is disposed to focus on the positive rather than the negative. It is always a privilege to meet someone with supreme expertise and absolute mastery, in any field..., better still if that person is a good communicator. Those of us (and it was a good many) who were in Horsington Church on the evening of Friday 10th of February had the good fortune to be addressed by a man who was all these things. When he talked about vultures, which we usually regard as filthy, sinister scavengers and harbingers of death, he saw them as precious and marvellous creatures, supremely adapted to their crucial place in Africa's ecology as nature's most efficient recyclers.

Dan Bucknell is executive director of TUSK, a trust founded in 1996 in response to a poaching crisis and dedicated to finding ways to halt the decline in Africa's heritage and reduce the conflict between humankind and wildlife. TUSK takes a balanced and generous view; whilst dedicated to protecting endangered species, it sympathises with the position of farmers whose livestock and livelihood are threatened by predators such as lions. Education is one of TUSK's most potent weapons. Over 50,000 students, some very young, have taken part in TUSK's PACE (Pan African Conservation Education) project.

Dan stressed the news of animal conservation is not all bad. Whereas the total of 10,000 elephants poached each year for ivory sounds horrific, the figure was formerly 100,000 and it is an important corrective to the common view that poaching is the heart of the problem to recognise that destruction of habitat is the greater threat. The black Rhino population is recovering, with animals bred in captivity now successfully reintroduced to their home territory. TUSK has brought clean water to remote communities and constructed more than 50 schools and education centres.

These are but a very few of the things we heard, there was much, much more, all of it telling and persuasive, The TUSK foundations mottos are:

Protecting Wildlife
Supporting communities
Promoting education

If you want to know more, to join TUSK or to contribute ...look up www.tusk.org



BBC Somerset Radio at Wincanton Library

by Wincanton Library Friends

On Tuesday 7 February, Ben McGrail from BBC Somerset Radio and his team held their daily morning show live from Wincanton Library. The debate was about the importance of libraries in Somerset, questioning their need and reason to exist in modern life. And a debate it surely was as the show started with interviews of three people coming from different parts of Somerset who all confessed that they very seldom made use of their local library, if at all. Luckily, the show moved quickly on towards a more positive side of the story as Wincanton Library began to fill with various activities and several other participants were interviewed. First, Jane Langton, chairwoman of Wincanton Library Friends, made a very good job of promoting the role of the Friends and the part that the Library plays in the community. Then, Penny Ashton and her friends from the Book Club demonstrated their enthusiasm for sharing their love of reading and meeting to discuss their latest book (which was "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep"). A noisy background accompanied the interviews as the "Story and Rhyme Time" group for toddlers met around Shirley the Librarian. Afterwards, a few Mums expressed to Ben McGrail the pleasure they took in coming weekly to the Library with their child to join in the songs and stories. To mark the occasion, the Library was also hosting a demonstration of a 3D printer lent by Taunton Library, illustrating the fact that nowadays Libraries are looking towards the future and embracing it. Throughout the morning, representatives of Somerset Libraries' Management were also present to answer Ben's questions and defend the libraries and their important role in local communities, pointing out that a full organisation is looking at improving services and responding to people's needs and expectations. The intervention of Nigel Fox and Chris Forrester, respectively Wincanton Museum's Chairman and Curator, illustrated how Libraries are moving towards becoming part of a hub of services and cultural places in an attempt to share costs and support each other.

Despite the fact that Ben emphasised rather frequently that numbers of people visiting Libraries in Somerset was dropping, Wincanton Library did very well to demonstrate that Libraries are changing and adapting to new ways of living, attracting more people from all ages and backgrounds. It was proved that morning that Libraries are no longer very quiet and exclusive places dedicated only to books and studying but in recent years have become very social places for people to meet, learn and discover, with access to computers and even sometimes the latest technologies. Librarians, Friends of the Library, Clubs and visitors, all contribute to making the Library a lively buzzing place both proud of, and the pride of, its local community!

Please support your local Library. Wincanton Library Friends would be happy to welcome new members any time, with no active part required, although it would be nice to occasionally offer a helping hand. We now have a Facebook page listing all the monthly events going on in the Library. Because there is always something happening at Wincanton Library!



Traffic Control in the “Horsington Dip”

The Local Authority has finally released information concerning its long-awaited proposal for Traffic Control in the “Horsington Dip”.

Essentially, the plan is to install and operate a 3-way traffic light system on the A357 either side of the “dip”, incorporating the T-junctions at Stowell Lane, Duck Lane and Back Lane with priority being given to traffic on the A357. This is to be known as the Traffic Light Area (TLA).

The lights are to be situated approximately 80 yards short of Stowell Lane on the southern side, 50 yards short of Back Lane on the northern side and 20 yards short of the A357 on Duck Lane. Additionally, Back Lane is to become a one-way street with entry from the A357.

Owing to the proximity of the southern set of traffic lights to the BT/Openreach broadband equipment, there will inevitably be some disruption to broadband services during the installation period. The Local Authority promises to keep this disruption to a minimum.

The proposed work is scheduled to start in August 2017 and is expected to last three months, weather permitting.

Traffic lights are not being installed at the Stowell Lane junction nor at the top of the access road to Horsington House. Instead, electronic sign-boards will be situated at these junctions; these will show traffic light sequencing and direction of traffic flow. Similarly, for safety reasons, smaller boards will be made available to any resident within the TLA accessing the A357. Applications for these indicator boards can be made through the usual channels.

During and after the installation work the following regulations will apply:

No horses or horse-drawn carriages will be permitted in the TLA.

All pedestrians and cyclists are to wear high-visibility clothing within the TLA.

Furthermore, to avoid complications to traffic flow, the bus stops are to be re-located outside the TLA. Any inconvenience to bus passengers is regretted.

Detailed information may be obtained at [www. SSDC.org.uk/traffic-planning](http://www.SSDC.org.uk/traffic-planning). Alternatively, a full set of plans may be viewed at St Margaret's Hall from **1st April 2017 (!!!) onwards.**

Where West Begins and how it began from a love of Wincanton

by Penny Nagle

I love Wincanton and everything it has to offer, so much that I want to contribute some of what I do, which is film and culture. Through the Wincanton Town Festival I met Wincanton artist Zac Greening, who introduced me to the first floor of Wincanton Town Hall. If you've never visited the first floor of Wincanton Town Hall, it's where council meetings are held and it hasn't been decorated since 1955 – a jolly good thing with photographs of the good burghers of the town lined up along the walls, a much-used bar in the corner and an old-fashioned swirly carpet on the floor: it feels authentic and real. Perfect for what I had in mind.



I felt there was a need for more film events and culture for children and young people in Wincanton, away from anonymous multiplex showing exclusively Hollywood movies. Since funding was cut three years ago there's not been a lot of youth activity support in the area either. With this in mind I set up a community interest company called Where West Begins and applied to the National Lottery and BFI for the Neighbourhood Cinema Fund. We've managed to secure funding for 35 film events across three venues in 2017/8 in South Somerset (the other two being Westlands Yeovil, and Hauser & Wirth Somerset).

Wincanton will host over 20 film events. We want to introduce a multiplex audience to new films they might not have seen, using speakers to bring them in and to create an event. Where possible we've teamed up with community cultural organisations. We also aim to train one young person from the area to be a projectionist and another a programmer/marketer.

Our first event is on the 1st of April and is a workshop in circus skills from Frome's "Circus Stars", followed by a screening of the seminal Charlie Chaplin film "The Circus" - it's aimed at 3-13 year olds and we will be serving fruit juice and home-made popcorn. Our second film event will be a screening of cult classic "Withnail and I", followed by a talk by actor and Head of Drama at Eton Scott Handy about how the film is peculiarly British and has shaped his life. Expect the first floor to be dressed like Uncle Monty's drawing room. Gin and cider will be served.

Two screenings will follow which are aimed squarely at teenagers in Wincanton (and those young at heart). One is the very modern Swedish vampire film "Let the Right One In" followed by a workshop with Bruton's Youth Cinema Foundation. The second is a screening of the film "The Wave", based on a true story of how a social experiment about Fascism in a high school goes horrifically wrong. Actor and Writer Rhashan Stone talks about the film and what we need to watch out for in a post-Brexit world.

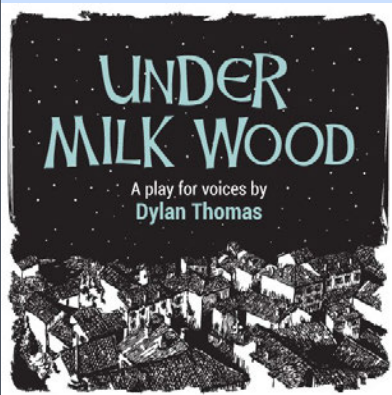
In conjunction with the Angk-Morpark Consulate and to celebrate International Towel Day on 25th May, we shall be screening "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy", along with a quiz set by actor Stephen Mangan (who won Celebrity Master Mind on this very subject), an evening full of surprises.

The main thing is that this is a community based organisation. If it doesn't work for our community then it isn't sustainable in the long term. So if you like the sound of what you are reading about then please buy a ticket and tell a friend. If you don't, then please let me know what you would like to see. And do let me know if anyone you know wants some paid work experience training as a projectionist or as a programmer. <http://wherewestbegins.org.uk> (please check website for programme and other info).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at St Margaret's Hall 7 pm Thursday 13th April 2017

This is an open meeting for the Residents of Horsington and South Cheriton to hear what Village organisations, including the Parish Council, have been doing during the past year. There is also an opportunity to join your local councillors for tea and an informal chat before the meeting.

SHAFTESBURY ARTS CENTRE 26th-29th APRIL AT 7.30PM



'Under Milk Wood' is the 24 hour cycle of a small insignificant seaside village in Wales. It explores the inhabitants via their interior monologues and their interactions, which are devoid of the social devices and niceties which we all use to lubricate our day-to-day interactions, giving it a surreal and timeless quality. The result is, by turn, ghoulish, scabrous and erotic, but most importantly, it is **funny**. This is, essentially, a poetic comedy fully staged and costumed and featuring many familiar faces

DON'T MISS IT

Book online at <http://www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk/theatre/>
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Milborne Port Opera presents Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's "Into the Woods" at Milborne Port Village Hall from 19th-22nd April 2017 at 7.30 pm. A wonderfully imaginative take on all those fairy stories - Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel and Cinderella. Anything can happen when their stories intertwine in the dark mysterious woods! All set to Sondheim's spellbinding music and performed by the multi-award-winning MPO.

If you go down to the woods tonight... prepare to be entertained!

Wednesday 19 to Saturday 22 April 2017 7.30 pm

Tickets £12 with £10 concessions on Wednesday only.

Award-winning MPO goes from strength to strength

Milborne Port Opera has scooped three out of the five awards for which they were nominated in the prestigious David Beach Awards for musical theatre. Some 33 musical theatre companies across Somerset competed in this hotly-contested annual competition, organised by the Somerset Fellowship of Drama.

Milborne Port Opera's nominations and wins were:

Best Sound (Musical director Caroline d'Cruz) – **WON!**

This is a remarkable win. MPO does not use any amplification at all. The award was for "a pure, beautifully balanced sound".

Best Set Design (Naomi Booth and Trevor John)

Best Actor (Mark Blackham as John Wellington Wells in "The Sorcerer")

The "Show Stopper" award for the best musical number (entire company) **WON!**

Best Small Venue (Milborne Port Village Hall) WON!

The awards were all for MPO's last production "The Sorcerer" by Gilbert & Sullivan, directed by Linda Mumford, which played to packed houses in April last year..

The nominations are made by an expert panel of adjudicators who see individual shows, and the FSD's moderator Ian Hurdman, who sees virtually every show. The process is rigorous and hotly debated, and it is a great honour to have been nominated, let alone win a category.

MPO has form in this area. They have now won the "Show Stopper" award twice and the Best Set award once.

Book now – www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mpo or via the MPO's Facebook page.

From the Rector, Greetings.

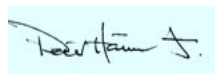
I remember reading some time ago that Easter was described as the *Queen of Feasts*. Feast, of course, in the sense of Christian Festival. All other Festivals and Seasons have to bend the knee, and bow the head to Easter.

It is a very inexact parallel, but Easter is similar to D-Day in our history. It marks the decisive event when the war turns. With the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, God's new age has dawned. This, of course, could just be some nicety of theology. I, for one, am grateful it is not.

C.S.Lewis entitled his autobiography as *Surprised by Joy*; and yet he says (in words to this effect) never was someone dragged kicking and screaming into the kingdom of God. He was the most reluctant of converts - and yet he discovers he is *Surprised by Joy*. Well I remember sitting in my bedroom on a July evening in 1966 reading some leaflets that disarmed all my objections to believing in Jesus, and following him. If Jesus is alive, they claimed, it should be possible to meet him today. As I bent my knee and bowed my head to the Lord Jesus, and committed my life to his service, like Lewis, I was *surprised by joy*.

As we complete the Lenten Fast, and come to the great Feast of Easter, I pray that many, like Jesus' first disciples, will be *surprised by joy*. May God's blessing of life and peace be yours this Eastertide

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

2nd April	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School	Churchwardens
9th April	11.00am	Morning Prayer, including distribution of Palms	Mrs Anne Jones 370626
16th April	9.15am	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion	Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478
23rd April	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
30th April	10.30am	United Service to include the Churches in our Benefice, together with those from the Milborne Port & Co Benefice	

St Nicholas, Henstridge

2nd April	11.00am	Morning Worship, 6.30pm Evensong
9th April	9.30am	Holy Communion, including distribution of Palms
16th April	11.00am	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion; 6.30pm Evensong
23rd April	9.30am	Holy Communion
30th April	10.30am	United Service at Horsington

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

2nd April	11.00am	Morning Praise
9th April	9.30am	Holy Communion, including distribution of Palms
16th April	11.00am	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion
23rd April	11.00am	Scouts & Co St George's Day Parade Service to include renewal of Promises
30th April	10.30am	United Service at Horsington



Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.30pm on Wednesday 5th April

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

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



Thursday 20th April
7.30pm at North Cheriton Village Hall
Talk: Teaching in Kathmandu

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

MOVIOLA AT MILBORNE PORT VILLAGE HALL

Film: A United Kingdom (12A) 111 mins
Starring: David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike
Director: Amma Asante

Saturday 29th April doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm showing.

Tickets available from Wayne the Butcher and Crackmore Garage £5.00 when purchased in advance. £5.50 when purchased at the door.

Info: www.moviola.org/milborne-port or telephone Martin on 251858

"LIVE" SCREENINGS AT CINEWORLD YEOVIL

Cineworld in Yeovil is one of a nationwide chain of cinemas now screening live theatrical productions and other events. March highlights include:

6 April	Twelfth Night	National Theatre Live
9 April	A Hero Of Our Time	Bolshoi Ballet
11 April	Royal Ballet 2016/17 Season: Jewels	Royal Opera House
20 April	Rosencrantz And Guildenstern Are Dead	National Theatre Live
22 April	Eugene Onegin	Met Opera
26 April	Julius Caesar	RSC

For times and further details: <https://www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/yeovil>

Quiz in aid of Horsington Church.

The next quiz will be launched on **Sunday 2nd April (£1 per copy)** and all entries will need to be returned by **Sunday 23rd April**. Copies will be available from Horsington Church and the Half Moon Inn.

Please remember to buy a copy and support the church restoration funds.

WINCANTON MUSEUM AND HISTORY SOCIETY

April 28th @ 7.30pm—Wincanton Memorial Hall

Talk: **"Sailing in a Brixham Trawler from Cape Town to Acapulco"**
by **Dr. David Hudson**

£5 for non-members or
£2 for members.

wincantonmuseum.org.uk

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

Following the recent closure of the North Cheriton Gardening Club, the Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to any previous members who would like to join us. Our 2017 programme of talks, outings and other events can be found on the Charlton Horethorne website: <http://charltonhorethorne.com>

Membership is £7.00, and anyone interested should contact Jo Slade, our membership secretary, tel: 01963 220816, email: jo.slade66@gmail.com

Our next event is the Castle Gardens talk and discount evening – 25% off everything! It is on April 26 at 6.45pm at Castle Gardens, Sherborne, for members only. We look forward to seeing you there.

CH&D Gardening Club Committee

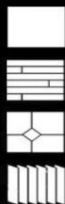


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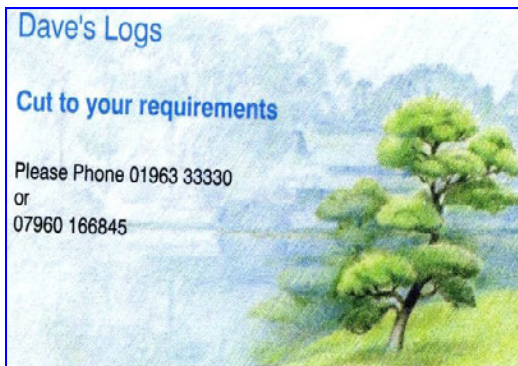
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