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Events Diary May 2017

| Day/Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|-----------------|------------|--|-------------------------|
| Mon 1st | | BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY | |
| Tue 2nd | 10.30am | Upholstery | Village Hall |
| | 3.30pm | Ladies' Pub Lunch | Cole Manor Tea Rooms |
| | 8.30pm | Badminton | Village Hall |
| Wed 3rd | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |
| | 8.30pm | Music Night | Half Moon Inn |
| Thu 4th | 10.00am | Art | Village Hall |
| | 7.30pm | WI - AGM + Talk | " |
| Fri 5th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Mon 8th | 6.00pm | Pilates | " |
| Tue 9th | 10.30am | Upholstery | " |
| | 8.00pm | Badminton | " |
| Wed 10th | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |
| Thu 11th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | " |
| Fri 12th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Sat 13th | 10.00-4pm | Yarlington Plant Fair | Yarlington |
| Mon 15th | 6.00pm | Pilates | Village Hall |
| Tue 16th | 10.30am | Upholstery | " |
| | 7.15pm | Charlton Horethorne & District Garden Club Talk | C.H Village Hall |
| | 8.00pm | Badminton | Village Hall |
| Wed 17th | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |
| | 10.30-12pm | Coffee Morning in aid of the Children's Society | Half Moon, Horsington |
| Thu 18th | 10.00am | Art | Village Hall |
| Fri 19th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| | 7.30pm | A Talk on the First World War | Horsington Church |
| Mon 22nd | 6.00pm | Pilates | Village Hall |
| Tue 23rd | 10.30am | Upholstery | " |
| | 8.00pm | Badminton | " |
| Wed 24th | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |
| Thu 25th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| Fri 26th | 10.00am | Art | " |
| | 7.30pm | Wincanton History Society Talk | Wincanton Memorial Hall |
| Mon 29th | | SPRING BANK HOLIDAY | |
| Tue 30th | 10.30am | Upholstery | Village Hall |
| | 8.30pm | Badminton | " |
| Wed 31st | 10.00am | Adult Tap Dancing | " |

Did you spot the April fool's joke in last months edition?

Starship Silver Grey

Written by two pupils from the School.

Horsington School's production The Starship Silver Grey was very successful. During the lead up to the play, a lot of rehearsals were involved as well as hard work from the students. Aliens, Robots, Crew and Earthlings costumes were made by the children at home.

In the play four children were chosen to join the Captain of the Starship Silver Grey on a tour of the Universe. As they travel, the Earthlings grow fond of the crew, a Gobbledegook stowaway and a chosen robot named X4423. They experience Planet Roboticcus, x-ray vision and a time machine disaster. The earthlings were selected to ride in the Professor's time machine, but by finding their own time they ignore the Professor's warnings, press the red button and vanish, upsetting the crew and especially the Gobbledegook.

The parents, teachers and especially the pupils enjoyed this experience. Special thanks to all the parents who helped make costumes. Also to the teachers who helped the students in the making of the play.

The children found it very nerve-wracking, as some had quite a few words to say in front of a big audience. It was lovely to see the younger children able to participate in all of the songs. They were all really brave.



MOTHER OF PEACE COMMUNITY (MOPC) CHILDREN'S HOME ZIMBABWE

by Christine Pratt

On St. Valentines Day I set off to Heathrow in the snow for a three week visit to the Mother of Peace Community children's home. Each year I travel to Zimbabwe there are new challenges! In January 2009 the Zimbabwean dollar reached a record 3 trillion to the pound and was replaced by the US dollar! This seems to have worked well until 2016 when the banks began to run out of physical money because huge amounts of dollars had been 'moved out of the country'. There were endless queues of customers outside banks waiting to withdraw money from their accounts and, when finally served, only being allowed a maximum of US \$50. The situation worsened throughout 2016 until November when Bond Notes were introduced alongside the USD. In itself the Bond currency is worthless but it enables people to trade in the usual way. What a mad world we live in!

For the past three years there has been a very serious drought in all the southern African countries but this season the rains, although late, have been spectacular! It was a joy to fly over northern Zimbabwe and to see the green land and the dams full again. I drove the 150 kms from Harare to MOPC marvelling at the lushness of the land and seeing plenty of maize growing, cattle and goats looking fat and healthy and plenty of long grass for thatching!

At the height of the AIDS pandemic in 2004/5 there were 160 children at MOPC; now there are 53. The introduction of Anti-Retroviral drugs around 2003 has completely revolutionised the impact of HIV and most of those who are HIV-positive survive, which means many fewer children are being orphaned. The Gates Foundation in the USA has been hugely responsible for this so 'Thank you Bill and Melinda, you truly are Miracle Workers.'

I arrived late and did not see the children until the next day when they greeted me with singing, dancing, big hugs and much amusement to see how much shorter I had got since they saw me last year! There was also much celebrating because the 'O' Level results had just arrived and Ngonidzashe Ngoni got top marks with 5 A's 5 B's. Ngoni wants to be an aircraft engineer and a place where he could study the subjects needed for his 'A' levels had to be found. Two weeks later off he went with new uniform and backpack to board at a United Methodist Mission school. I was taken back fifteen years to when Ngoni was admitted as a tiny, malnourished two-year old who had been found abandoned in the bush. I took it in turns with two House Mothers to feed him every two hours for several days/nights until he became strong enough to eat and play with the others. He has no known relatives.

The day starts around 5am with workers arriving from the local kraals, house mothers waking the children, water being fetched from the river, fires lit to cook breakfast and the elder children helping the younger ones to get ready for school etc. No sleeping in for anyone!

School starts at 7.30 am and all the children walk to school; the Primary School is 3 kms away and the Secondary School is 8 kms distance. The government cannot afford to pay for the number of teachers needed so the school numbers are divided in half, half in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. I have a very old friend who is a Primary School teacher in Mutoko; she invited me to her home and told me she has 70 children in the morning class and 70 in the afternoon and no teaching assistant!

MOPC has been trying to build up its Income Generating Projects (IGPs) towards self-sufficiency for some time and eggs, milk, vegetables, meat and most of the maize requirements are now being produced on the farm and the surplus sold. The challenges of unpredictable rains, erratic electricity supplies affecting irrigation, food, financial and political uncertainties are ever present and it is humbling to witness that, in spite of all these, everyone remains optimistic and able to share what little they have with a visitor.

Formerly the UK Charity funded many of the IGPs, such as the 'Springfield Layers' poultry project, the Charity now pays all school fees and an additional amount to the Child Welfare Department. The Austrian MOPC Charity helps with some farm projects and general financial support. Sadly, the International Donor Communities also face domestic challenges such as asylum seekers, homelessness and political uncertainty and are not financially able to commit as before.

MOPC Zimbabwe however continues its dedicated care of the children and is an inspiration to all who visit. My input continues to be that of a friend and supporter with the hope that others (younger!) may feel encouraged to also visit! Each of us has something to offer and you will be warmly welcomed and the experience very worthwhile! Please get in touch with me if you would like to know more!



A full dam spilling water over the spillway





Coffee morning in aid of the Children's Society

On
Wednesday 17th May
10.30 a.m. -12 p.m.
At the
Half Moon Inn, Horsington



Cake and plant stalls, bring and buy and raffle

Contributions for the various stalls most welcome
It would be a help if collection box holders could bring their boxes with them
If you need further information, telephone 01963 370586

We look forward to seeing you there.

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

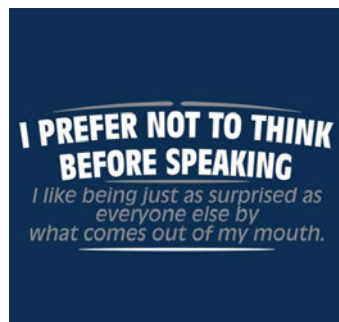
Tuesday 16th May @ 7.15pm
Refreshments served from 6.45pm

At our May meeting on 16th we shall welcome back the ever popular Neil Lovesey who will speak on ***The history of the Cottage Garden***. Neil, an enthusiastic, hands on gardener and nurseryman, is always interesting. No doubt Neil will bring some plants for sale, but we shall not have our usual plant swap/takeaway, as we plan a plant stall for the Village Feast Day on June 24th, so please save up any surplus flowers, shrubs or vegetables for that.

At the meeting you will also have the opportunity to sign up for our car share visit on the afternoon of 8th June to Cherry Bolberry Farm (entry £5.00 to include tea or coffee – cake extra!)

And finally – do start planning for the Village Summer Show on August 12th.

Jane Maxwell, Chairman



Heavenly scent

I'm sat in the garden writing to you today. The sun is glorious, the sky is blue, Mr M is sowing seeds in the veg patch and the hens are busy with the fresh crop of dandelions I've just dug up. My children have built a den out of some cricket stumps and blankets and there were negotiations over the clothes pegs – it is of course a perfect drying day too.



This weekend, my front garden is getting a proper full-on, very overdue makeover. Overgrown and neglected, it is now ready for an injection of excitement, colour and scent. When it comes to gardening, I'm not one to make snap decisions, I like to ponder and visualise until I have the perfect plant for the perfect place. It may seem like a really obvious choice, but this is actually quite a bold move for my garden – there were so many established large plants growing there and we've had to clear the lot to make way for the arrival of a very special new resident. The plant in question? Wisteria. Big, blousy, heavily scented and a real head turner, I've really no idea why I didn't plant one as soon as we moved in 10 years ago! Ah yes, we had a 3 month old baby and a ton of work to do on the cottage, that was probably it...

There are around 6 species of Wisteria, but the most widely grown are *W. sinensis* and *W. floribunda*. The most obvious differences between these two are that *sinensis* twines in an anti-clockwise direction and its shortish flower racemes appear long before the leaves; *floribunda* twines in a clockwise direction and its longer flower racemes and leaves appear simultaneously. This makes *W. sinensis* ideal for training up walls and *W. floribunda* perfect for covering a pergola or other structure where the flowers can hang freely and be fully appreciated from below. Given the right encouragement and cultivation, Wisteria can also make a fantastic free standing standard.

Wisteria are pretty easy to look after, but to ensure a fabulous floral display, it is essential to get the pruning right. Prune it a couple of months after it has flowered to remove the wispy stems back to around 5 or 6 buds. In January cut the same stems back harder to around 2 or 3 buds. These short spurs will produce the flowers the following spring.

For me then, I'm looking for a deeper coloured Wisteria *sinensis* which will stand out from the pale stone walls of my house. I'm going to choose a healthy plant which has either been grafted or grown from a cutting – seed grown plants can be unreliable when it comes to flowering. And if at all possible, I'm going to buy it when it is in flower so that I know exactly what I'm getting. Sturdy wires are already on the south facing wall, the soil is weed free and has been given a boost of very well-rotted horse manure, so we are good to go! Shopping for food and clothes really doesn't interest me, but shopping for gorgeous plants? Well, that is another matter entirely!

Affectionately yours, Millicent MacGregor

St John's Church Horsington

From the Rector, Greetings.

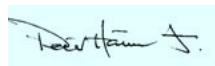
I am writing this on the Monday of Holy Week. We've just enjoyed a really hot week – summer has come early. And now – although it's much cooler, the weather lady pointed out that we are still above average temperatures for this time of the year.

It's hard not to be pleased with, and enjoy the nice weather. But for me, and probably quite a few others, it's also troubling. I don't know if there is a direct relationship – but it reminds me that our planet is warming. This, as I was reminded by the TV program “Horizon” last night, may be a thing indifferent for the planet – but it spells disaster for us. Well, maybe not for ‘us’ – me writing this, and you reading it. It may be a different story for our grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Over the years I have been asked many questions – but I was recently asked one that really surprised me. The person asking noted the lists of church Services in our parish magazines & co. They asked were these ‘private’ or could anyone go? I assured them, and I want to assure all that the Church and its Services are open to all and everyone.

Following Easter, we have the great feast of Pentecost on the first Sunday in June. Amongst lots of other things, Pentecost is about traditional barriers being broken down between race, sex, and age. Jesus died for all — and all are welcome.

Peter Hallett – halatvic@gmail.com



St John the Baptist, Horsington

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| 7th May | 9.15am | Holy Communion with Sunday School |
| 14th May | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| 21st May | 9.15am | Holy Communion |
| 28th May | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |

Churchwardens

Mrs Anne Jones 370626
Mrs Rosemarie Wigley 371478

St Nicholas, Henstridge

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| 7th May | 11.00am | Morning Worship | 6.30pm Evensong |
| 14th May | 9.30am | Holy Communion | |
| 21st May | 11.00am | Morning Prayer | 6.30pm Evensong |
| 28th May | 11.00am | Holy Communion | |

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

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| 7th May | 11.00am | Morning Praise |
| 14th May | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 21st May | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| 28th May | 9.30am | Holy Communion |

Tim Inglefield 1946 to 2017

Tim was born on 3rd November 1946 at Queen Charlotte Hospital Hammersmith. Then four years later his sister Jan was born. They lived in Sunbury on Thames until the family went to Benghazi, North Africa for a two year posting. That is when Tim developed his love of sailing.

Tim went on to Harrow School and then to Imperial College to study for a Chemical Engineering Degree. It was during this time that we met. He then went on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant.

Tim and I married in January 1975 in High Wycombe and set up home in Maidenhead. Shortly after the wedding Tim went to Iran with British Steel and I joined him and we both spent two years working in the desert. We were forced to return to the UK upon the overthrow of the Shah of Iran.



Tessa our first daughter was born in 1978 in Maidenhead followed two and a half years later by Kirstin in 1981 in High Wycombe after we moved to the Hughenden Valley. A further move was made to Penn in Buckinghamshire to improve the commute.

Tim continued to work in London for years. Charterhouse, Lloyds Development Capital and various venture capital projects which continued to play a large part of Tim's working life.

Tim's hobbies were varied, a great love of skiing which saw both Tim, I and the girls enjoying holidays in France, USA, Canada following the snow. He also enjoyed sailing, scuba diving, flying small planes, he completed his private pilot's licence after moving to Somerset.

The move to Somerset happened in 2004. As Tim often remarked that it was the best move ever. Tim became very involved with the area becoming District Councillor for the Blackmoor Vale, also leader of the Somerton and Frome Conservatives, combining this with 5 years working in Woking for an engineering company.

Further hobbies developed, walking, cycling, gym membership and golf, which saw him join Sherborne Golf Club.

His most enjoyable time was spent with his two daughters, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren, which he considered his best achievement.

His wonderful life came to an end on 27th February with a heart attack at home with me by his side. Rest in Peace.

Felicity Inglefield



**Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington
at 8.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May**

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

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



Thursday 4th May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

AGM

A Victorian Head Gardener talk by Dr Francis Burroughes

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

**Yarlington Plant Fair on the 13th of May, Yarlington House, BA9 9DY
10.00am—4.00pm**

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WINCANTON MUSEUM AND HISTORY SOCIETY

Friday 26th May @ 7.30pm—Wincanton Memorial Hall

Talk: **My Life in Wincanton (Part 3)**
by **Gill D'Arcy**

The cost is £2 for members and £5 for non-members.

wincantonmuseum.org.uk

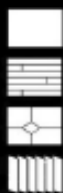


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