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Events Diary February 2018

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thu 1st	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 2nd	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 3rd	2.30pm	National Trust Association Talk	Digby Hall, Sherborne
Mon 5th	Luncĥ	Ladies Pub Lunch	The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill
	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 6th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 7th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 8th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 9th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Film: Dunkirk	Village Hall, Milborne Port
Mon 12th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 13th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	7.00pm	Beer and Cheese Evening	The Orangery at the Grange
Wed 14th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
Thu 15th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 19th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 20th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	6.30pm	Charlton Horethorne & Dist. Gar	dening Club Charlton Horethorne VH
Wed 21st	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	Village Hall
Thu 22nd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 23rd	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton Museum and History	Society talk Wincanton Mem.Hall
Mon 26th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tues 27th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 28th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"

BEER AND CHEESE EVENING

TO BE HELD IN THE ORANGERY AT THE GRANGE ON SHROVE TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 7pm for 7.30pm

Including a Talk on Brewing by Mark Woodhouse of Hall and Woodhouse (Brewers)

Beer - Local Cheeses - Pancakes £8 per head (payable at the door)

Proceeds to the Play Area and R.D.A.

Five minutes of fame

by Susan Maltin

'I saw you on TV' is something that people still say to me, a year after my five minutes of fame.

It all began when I received an email from Billie of Who Do You Think You Are or WDYTYA as I now call it. I am a freelance researcher in the National Archives specialising in legal records and Billie asked if I would be prepared to look at a transcript of an 18th century legal case and help them understand what it was saying. After many emails back and forth, particularly as they had missed some crucial parts, Billie and her colleagues met me. They must have been impressed with my explanation of the complicated legal documents, as they asked me to appear in the programme to explain it to their celebrity. The case involved a Huguenot escaping from France after sending a lady friend to England with all his money. He finally arrived in England some years later to find she would only give him his money if he married her as promised. He claimed that no such promise had been made. All good stuff, but at this stage I had no idea who the celebrity was.

On a cold February morning I duly turned up as requested at the beautiful ancient hall at Lincoln's Inn, dressed in my best TV clothes, slightly nervous for my first national appearance. WDYTYA people were bustling about, lights were being set up, cameras lined up, people were fetching cups of very welcome coffee, and those overseeing the proceedings were busy with clipboards. No sign of the celebrity as we then went through the script. I call it a script, but really I was asked to lead the celebrity on to ask all the right questions, and to express the right sort of sympathy for his ancestors. On reading both sides of the legal story it was possible to sway one's opinion either way - one of them was obviously lying. Without a huge amount of evidence the TV team had picked out the 'truthful' one (remember this is TV not a factual history) and my job was to lead the celebrity down the predetermined path of sympathising with the truthful one, the man who was his ancestor. This would have been easy if the celebrity had been part of the earlier discussions, but he hadn't seen the script.

Suddenly a buzz went through the room. He had arrived. It was Derek Jacobi. Hurriedly all the papers were turned over so that he shouldn't see anything before the cameras started to roll. This part surprised me. I had assumed that the celebrities knew exactly what to expect, but they really don't, each new document is a complete revelation to them.

With the lights on us and the filming having started, I turned the document over with a flourish and gave a short explanation of what it was about. As planned, he then started to read from the typed transcript of the document. I was so impressed. Legal documents have no punctuation, and this one dated from the early 1700s so was not even in normal English. However Derek Jacobi is a real professional. He read it, with expression, as though he had been reading this sort of document all his life. Very obligingly he also expressed just the right amount of sympathy with the 'truthful' man, and was horrified at the 'lying' woman.

Although I had been told to allow all day, we were done and finished in about 2 hours. But no, I didn't understand the intricacies of filming, and after a break to warm up a bit in this very cold room and for some gloves to be found for Derek Jacobi who was finding it all a bit chilly, we then had to re-film bits of it from different angles. Again the professionalism shone through, each re-reading and reaction was just as good as the first one.

There was quite a bit of hanging about and so we spent a lot of time talking. He was thrilled to know that I had enjoyed watching I Claudius many years ago, and that I was a fan of Last Tango in Halifax in which he was then starring on television.

My final task was to 'meet' him. We went outside and were filmed walking up to greet each other as though complete strangers. With a thank you from the WDYTYA team, my day was over. And I waited for the programme to be aired, and for friends and relations to enjoy my five minutes of fame.

Horsington Summer Fete 2018
by Horsington School's PTFA Committee

Recently a new PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) committee has been elected at Horsington School after a few months vacancy. The PTFA funds a variety of school activities (swimming lessons, committee has been elected at Horsington School after a few months school trips, leavers' presents etc.), organises events to the raises money to enable the school to purchase equipment when needed. In school trips, leavers' presents etc.), organises events for the children and the light of continuous government cuts, it is more important than ever to support our local schools in providing the best education possible for the children.

The Horsington Summer Fete is the most important fundraising event for the school. This year the Summer Fete will be field on summer and we are hoping to get as many people as possible from Horsington and to make it a true celebration of the local the school. This year the Summer Fete will be held on Saturday June 9th South Cheriton involved to make it a true celebration of the local community. We would like to make the Fete one that the community as a whole enjoys and takes pride in.

So, here is our plea to you: put the date into your calendar and share your ideas and comments with us. It would be lovely to get more people from the villages offering suggestions, running stalls and helping with the villages offe organization.

How can you support the Summer Fete? We need stallholders to help make the fete lively and attractive for all ages and purses. If you, or someone you know, owns a small business or has an idea of activities/things to sell, please do get in touch. Talented musicians and entertainers are We will need great prize donations for the raffle (vouchers, gifts, days requested for the stage, so please step forward if you would like to perform. out...) and some equipment for the day like marquees of collections also love to get more help to set up and clear away, as well as running stalls also love to get more help to set up and clear away, as well as running stalls out...) and some equipment for the day like marquees or tents. We would on the day. And finally, we need you, your family and friends to come and enjoy the day and help make the fete a real success!

If you would like to contribute to the Summer Fete, please get in touch with

To contact Horsington school: 01963 370358 / office@horsingtonbwmat.org

Chris Bailward takes to the road again continued

Day 3 was an incident free 78 mile journey along the main coast road with a bit of a climb in the middle. A number of hotels in this area seem to have been converted to refugee centres and I saw several people of middle eastern appearance walking and cycling along the road. Having got this far I hope that they can make a new life for themselves.

66 miles on Day 4, mainly on Strada Statale Jonica 106, the main road from Taranto to Reggio Calabria was not as bad as I had feared. There is a decent hard shoulder most of the way and the traffic was not as heavy as it might have been so I was in Trebisacce by about 4.15pm after a late start. I was able to get off the main road on a couple of occasions to ride along the deserted promenade of some of the seaside resorts that dot this coast.

Sunday, the fifth day of the journey, started overcast but improved as the day progressed. I was on the SS106 for the first 46 miles, indeed I found it impossible to find any alternative, despite signs showing bikes were not allowed. Eventually I was able to turn off across country and found myself on dirt tracks, at one point having to push my bike through a river under a road bridge. Even after getting through that obstacle I was faced with two more road closures before I was able to get back onto tarmac and make my way uphill to Matera, one of the must see towns of southern Italy. It has been used as a backdrop in many films, particularly by Mel Gibson in the Passion of the Christ. It is built into the side of a gorge with cave dwellings excavated into the rocks.

My accommodation was in the middle of the Sassi di Matera with this spectacular view across the gorge and the following morning I was able to wander around the town before setting off for Lavello but not until after I had visited a bike shop to try to remove the wobble in my back wheel which had been caused by hitting too many potholes. The mechanic very kindly did what he could but suggested



that the wheel needed replacing as it had a flat spot that he could not cure.

The interior of Basilicata, the Province I was now in, is sparsely populated and I spent the afternoon passing large fields of harvested corn and lots of unexplained, half built and unoccupied houses in the middle of nowhere. My way into the town of Lavello, my stop for the night, was up a very steep and cobbled hill and I was forced to get off and push as it started to spit with rain: however the rain didn't develop into a storm until I was safely in the hotel.

The next day I was in wind turbine country. They covered the landscape and I wasn't out of sight of them all day on my way to Serracapriola, a 77 mile journey that included being chased by a couple of packs of fierce dogs, one of which made contact with a pannier. This was vendemmia time, the grape harvest bringing a musty smell to the air as heavily laden trailers made their way to the presses. I dined well and washed it down with local wine.

The heavy storm of the previous night had washed all sorts of debris and mud down the hill I took out of Serracapriola on my way to the east coast of Italy. At the bottom I was forced to go through a sea of sticky mud that clung to my wheels and meant a stop to clean everything.



Shortly afterwards I was back beside the sea,

following the *lungomare* or promenade through several almost deserted seaside resorts. I was heading through Arbruzzi province an area famed for the Trabucco fish trap, several of which I passed on my way to my stop at San Vito.

After a couple of steep climbs to start the day, Day 9 was a glorious run along cycle paths beside the deep blue Adriatic Sea although there was a significant head wind during the 75 mile journey. I stayed in an excellent hotel in Pedaso with an

extremely good restaurant so was able to feast well.

The next day started well with more cycle routes along the *lungomare* but I knew that 30 miles into the trip I had to climb the hills around Ancona before, once again, descending to the coast. The climb started in the pretty village of Numana and soon deteriorated into a cross country track up steep inclines and I was working very hard before swooping down to the coast



after 15 gruelling miles. I stopped to buy a drink and a pannini and noticed that the back wheel that was repaired in Matera was now breaking up and, as well as a broken spoke, others were pulling out of the rim. I needed a new wheel. I searched on my phone for a bike shop and found one about 12 miles on. Unfortunately my bike has through axles rather than



the more common quick-release and they had nothing suitable. I limped on to my destination in Fano and tried another bike shop in the town with the same result. I was now in a predicament: the wheel would not last much longer so had to be replaced. Fortunately the wonders of modern telecommunications came to my rescue. I put out a general SOS to my family, including my Sicilian son-in-law, who was able to telephone a bike shop in Forli, where I was due to stop next. Baldoni bikes

promised that they could help and so the next morning I caught the train from Fano to Forli, missing about 65 miles of cycling. By Mid-day Baldoni Bikes had fitted a new rear wheel and posted the old wheel, together with a replacement front wheel to the UK – great service.

This left me with half a day in Forli to rest and have a look around. There was a food festival being promoted by Food Eataly in the main piazza, the sun was shining and so I had a most pleasant break from cycling.

To be continued......

School Days by Denise Halford nee James

'taken from Living Memories of Horsington School book'

Mr. Brice was my first head teacher. I remember him telling me not to carry my "Looby Lou" rag doll around the playground by her hair and I remember taking my dinner money to him in a fish-shaped purse and him making it "jump" around.

We walked to Horsington Manor to see the Hunt meet.

At the end of our final term Mr. Hunt, Mr. Harris and Mrs. Nicholls took us to Badbury Rings and cooked sausages in their VW Dormobile. I can remember learning about decimal coins and weights although oddly I do not recall the coins or weights pre-decimalisation!

The dentist came in a van and I think we went to Templecombe school to see him on some occasions.

We had snow one winter and the Dinner Ladies had to improvise a lunch of soup and bread for us as the meal vehicle couldn't get to us. Mrs. Howell brought her baby in for us to see.

I was not keen to learn to swim but Mr. Hunt persevered and once I got going there was no stopping me! Being able to use the pool in the summer holidays was brilliant.

One Christmas we did an alternative Nativity play and I got the part of the equivalent of the Innkeeper. The frozen milk was placed on or near the huge heater in the infants' class to thaw out.

Shiny orange cardboard folders with letters in them were used to spell words and sentences in the infants' class.

The Catholic school from Wincanton would come along in a bus to use the swimming pool.

Making angels and stars were made out of polystyrene tiles at Christmas, using a heated wire to cut out the shapes, which made quite a smell!

Watching Concorde on the television – I may be a bit confused on that one, it may have been a space flight, but Concorde sticks in my mind.

There was a temporary/part-time lady teacher who drove a Morris Minor and had an English Setter or two.

The Silver Jubilee celebration, but I don't recall anything specific about that, although I still have my commemorative items.

The school was used on Polling Days and we got a day off school. I have an appalling memory. But I do know that I had a wonderful time at the school and realise now how lucky we all were to go there.

Horsington Church School - Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board. This is a challenging but worthwhile job. We are looking for someone with an enthusiasm for the education of children. Skills in Finance would be an advantage as would availability during the school day. The full Governing Body meetings are on Tuesday evenings six times per year.

If you are interested in knowing more please phone the school on 01963 370358

Dear Villagers

We have Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month at 9.15am and we would love to see more children, as they are our future. It will be Ash Wednesday on the 14th February – also St Valentines Day – and there will be a Service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm.

The Carol Service was well attended and it was good to see so many of you. Thanks goes out to John and Sheila Cross for their dedication in organising the Choir and Readers to read the Lessons. I haven't asked them how many years they have been doing it, but I suspect 50 years or more! The Collection totalled £624.50, which is divided between the Childrens Society and Embrace (a children's charity in the Middle East).

The Coffee Morning raised £150 for 'Crisis at Christmas' and thanks go to Andrew for hosting the event in a nice warm pub.

Progress to find a new Vicar is slow. We have to produce a Village Profile, which needs to be in by 4th April. If you would like to have your say, or can contribute anything that will sell the Parish to the new incumbent, please contact Anne Jones or myself. We have to produce a good profile for Horsington and South Cheriton, to go with profiles from Templecombe and Henstridge. If all goes well we might be interviewing in June, but even if the person accepts he or she would be obliged to give three months notice, so it isn't likely we will get a new Vicar before September.

God Bless

Rosemarie Wigley (Churchwarden)

Churchwardens

Mrs Anne Jones 370626 Mrs Rosemary Wigley 371478

	St John the Baptist, Horsington			
	4th Feb	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School - Revd John Silk	
l	11th Feb	11.00am	Morning Prayer - Revd Diane Barrett	
l	14th Feb	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion - Revd Ian Coomber	
l	18th Feb	9.15am	Lent 1 - Holy Communion - Revd Diane Barrett	
	25th Feb	8.30am	Lent 2 - Holy Communion (BCP) - Revd Jane Hindle	
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	St Nicholas, Henstridge				
	4th Feb	4th Feb 11.00am Morning Worship - Hugo Barton (LWA)			
l		12.30pm	Baptism - Revd Ian Coomber 6.30pm Evensong - Jane Jeanes (LWA)		
l	11th Feb	9.30am	Holy Communion - Revd Ian Coomber		
l	18th Feb	11.00am	Lent 1 - Holy Communion - Revd John Silk		
l		6.30pm	Evensong -Jane Jeanes (LWA)		
l	25th Feb	11.00am	Lent 2 - Holy Communion - Canon Brian McConnell		

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

4th Feb	11.00am	Morning Praise - Gemma Kiddle (LWA)
11th Feb	9.30am	Holy Communion - Revd Frank Wright
18th Feb	11.00am	Lent 1 - Morning Praise - Sandi Kiddle (LWA)
25th Feb	9.30am	Lent 2 - Holy Communion - Canon Brian McConnell



Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington at 8.30pm on Wednesday 7th February

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

Further details from Anna on 370749

Moviola—Milborne Port

Friday 9th February-Doors Open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm

Film: **Dunkirk** (12A)

Stars: Mark Rylance, Kenneth Branagh

Tickets: £5.00 in advance—£5.50 at door



Exclusively available from Wayne the Butcher, High Street, Milborne Port For more information phone Martin Lancaster on 01963 251858

WINCANTON MUSEUM AND HISTORY SOCIETY

Friday February 23rd @ 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

Talk: 1789 French Revolution by Charles de Salis

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

WhereWestBegins, the non-profit Community Screening Company, is happy to present:

A series of events for children and young adults over the half-term holiday:

- "The Circus" by Charlie Chaplin. Film + workshop by "Circus Stars". Tuesday 13 February 2-4pm. Port Regis School, Motcombe.
- "The Red Turtle", animation movie from Studio Ghibli + creative workshop at Bootmakers Workshop. Thursday 15 February 2.30-5.30pm. Wincanton Town Hall.
- "The Wizard of Oz". Film + dance workshop by Just Dance. Friday 16 February 2-4.30pm. Wincanton Town Hall.
- "West Side Story"by Jerome Robbins and Robert Wise. Film + dance workshop (TBC). Friday 16 February 5-7.30pm. Wincanton Town Hall.

Coming Next Month

• "Suffragette" by Sarah Gavron. Film + talk with panel. 2 dates and venues: Thursday 1st March 7-9.30pm at Westland Leisure Center, Yeovil / Thursday 8 March 6.30-9pm at N4 Market Place Wincanton.

For tickets and info: www.wherewestbegins.org.uk

Blackmore Vale and Yeovil National Trust Association

A talk by Susan Vincent (Member of the Lawrence Society)
T E Lawrence: his life & friends in Dorset

Susan's talk will cover the time T E Lawrence spent in Dorset from 1923 to his death in 1935. She will focus on his time as Private Shaw at the Army Barracks in Bovington, why he bought Clouds Hill nearby and who he had as visitors there, and his closest friends in Dorset, who included Thomas Hardy and his wife.

Saturday 3rd February 2.30pm at Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne £3.00 members or £5.00 non-members, includes refreshments

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

A Happy New Year to all our members!

For the first time we have our AGM and Dinner this year in February, on Tuesday 20th. Doors open at 6.30, when you will be welcomed with a glass of wine* or soft drink before the Annual General Meeting, finishing with the election of the committee. Please let me know if you would like to join us. Dinner will follow, comprising a substantial main course and our fabled choice of puddings. (Let me know if you can contribute one.) We hope to wind up the evening with another challenging quiz! (*Please bring a bottle if you would like a further drink.)

Tickets for the dinner, still a bargain at £6.00, will be on sale from the Village Shop (thank you, Tom, Caroline and team). Please buy your tickets in good time, to give us an idea of numbers, and let me know if you are a vegetarian. You are welcome to bring a guest. Don't forget to bring your ticket with you.

Jane Maxwell, Chairman (251093 or jane.elisabeth.maxwell@gmail.com)



Thursday 1st February @ 7.30pm

Rhinestones and Sequins by Rachel Harding

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on 370713

Is anyone able to accept a traditional riding crop, no longer wanted? If so, please email me at:sarah.508690@icloud.com

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