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Events Diary May 2018

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tue 1st	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 2nd	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning in aid of Children's Society	Half Moon Inn
Thu 3rd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI AGM	"
Fri 4th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 7th	3.00pm	Ladies' Pub Lunch (Tea)	Cole Manor Tea Rooms
MAY DAY			
Tue 8th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 9th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 10th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 11th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 12th	2.30pm	National Trust Association Talk	Digby Hall, Sherborne
Mon 14th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 15th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 16th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 18th	10.00am	Art	"
Sat 19th	7.30pm	Talk on the Air Ambulance	Horsington Church
Mon 21st	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 22nd	8.00pm	Badminton	"
Wed 23rd	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Thu 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 25th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society Talk	Wincanton Memorial Hall
Mon 28th		SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	
Tue 29th	8.00pm	Badminton	Village Hall
Wed 30th	10.00am	Adult Tap Dancing	"
Fri 31st	10.00am	Art	"

Future Events:

Saturday 9th June - Horsington Village Fete 12.00-3.00
at Horsington Church School

Sunday June 10th at 3pm Organ Recital and Talk by
John McGregor at Horsington Church.

NICE WORK

by Jane Wilson

It's all gone, over, a dream. I can hardly believe that I really did go up and down the Straits of Malacca in a ship of dreams and that the temperature in Rangoon really is thirty-eight degrees hotter than it is today in Horsington as the 'Beast from East' sweeps over Somerset? Thirty-eight degrees? It seems impossible that such differences can exist. I suppose I can only look at the photos of myself in a cotton shirt sweltering in the Shwe Dagon Pagoda last week as I sit and shiver writing this. It was true. It did happen.

Well it is all over now. Silver Shadow (tonnage, I don't know – length, I don't know – I only know that she is gorgeous) has sailed away with Captain Samuele Faille, an Italian who lives in Mexico City, on the bridge and her 300 crew from 190 countries and another complement of 380 lucky passengers, to other warmer seas.

She's an Italian owned ship, and there's *nothing* anyone can teach the Italians about the art of 'dolce fa niente'. And that's what I did assiduously for eleven whole days – sweet nothing. I never stopped – eating, drinking, yoga, gym, spa, line dancing, bridge, a regular pep talk from the ship's nutritionist on diet (no, I didn't, as you ask!) – every hour from eight in the morning till past midnight was packed with leisure activities. (And this was all at the invitation of Margot, a friend who was one of the two lecturers on board.) One could, in fact, go on until two or more in the morning because the ship also carried two dancing partners to keep the single girls (I used the term advisedly) entertained into the small hours - Jay and Art they were – their job description 'social host'. I'm afraid I let Horsington down. I was much too shy and there was always some vision in the back of my mind of a Somerset Maugham-type ageing cougar with too many pearls and not enough clothes, a martini in hand at an angle sharply off the perpendicular.

So to the lecturers. Yes, nice work. Silver Seas (Silver Shadow was the name of my ship) is a top of its class cruise organisation with half a dozen ships and they go all over the world. As they do everywhere, they employed two speakers on my ten-day journey up and down the Straits of Malacca, (calling at Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Phuket, Rangoon and Malacca). Ernie did four lectures in that time and Margot did five. Each lecture lasted for forty-five minutes *exactly*. Tales were told of plugs being pulled by irate entertainment directors, lights being turned off and the singers and dancers trooping on stage to start rehearsals mid-sentence if they overran. However, Silver Seas is far too sophisticated a company to employ such tactics. Overrun, and you would simply not be asked to lecture again.

Three quarters of an hour talking to an attentive and courteous audience four or five times during ten days' sailing. That's got to be the best job in the world – the remainder of the day just following the stream, resting and lying in the sun – cruising in fact. Such a loaded word; implying a world of leisure, fine dining and breakfast to bedtime free champagne. But it was such a world.

Qualifications for the job include a strong liver, iron self-control over your calorific intake, and, (the most important by far) a *real* love for your fellow man in all his and her forms. Anyone will ask 'but this must be a holiday for the rich?' Yes, the super-rich, and the merely rich were well represented, but there were many many ordinary working not-so-rich among the passengers. I met an accountant from Essex, a forensic psychologist from Liverpool, a teacher from California and an English civil servant and his wife celebrating his retirement. Then add to this mix all the world's nationalities. The 380 passengers covered America (north and south), Europe, and Australasia. The crew filled in the gaps – Russia, Africa, India. And you have the most cosmopolitan floating hotel imaginable.

A major aspect of the job is that lecturers are expected to mingle with and chat to the passengers – hence the vital sociability. Lurk in your cabin reading a book and you won't be invited back! I was surprised to learn that Margot spent eighty hours plus researching and preparing each lecture. As she said, the work is all done before she gets on board. Her subjects in this particular part of the South China Seas were:- 'The End of the Burmese Royal Family'; 'Sir Stamford Raffles and the Founding of Singapore'; 'Eastern Waters, the story of the East India Company'; 'Buddhism in Burma'; and 'Jim Thompson'. Listening to 'Eastern Waters' I began to realise that it wasn't so easy to compress the entire history of the East India Company into three quarters of an hour. Skill, thought and the ability to precis were required. Ernie's subjects were – 'The Roots of Islamist Extremism'; 'The Lady – Aung San Su Kyi'; 'Hair Matters – why do Muslim men grow beards? Sikhs wear turbans? and Rastas have dreadlocks?'; and 'Singapore's Nemesis – Hirohito, the God who Went to War'.

As you can see, all these talks were designed to give a flavour of and an introduction to the ports where Silver Shadow stopped. And they did – very successfully. I enjoyed them all. They made me feel that I wasn't completely given over to lotus eating and that I was learning something about South East Asia.

What were the highlights? Certainly not the helium balloon in Rangoon – scary. Neither was it Bogyoke Market, also in Rangoon, which puzzlingly only sold jewellery and fabrics. I muttered my way round it "but the jewellery is better and cheaper in Yeovil." Perhaps it was *all* highlights – there were certainly no lows. Food to die for, as much fizz as a body can take, a crew who gave the distinct impression they really *really* were there to serve with a smile, passengers living it up swimming, sunbathing, dancing, lounging around, going to the shows and touring the ports of call.

It's nice work. If you can get it.

WATER COLOURS—Part II

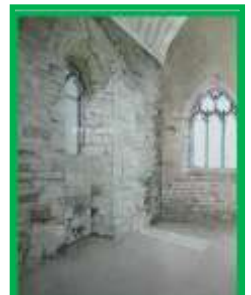
By Colin Gray



Following on from last month's article I mentioned that Weymouth is also another subject that currently interests me.



The paintings in this article include Weymouth harbour, the Royal Hotel, the old Brewery Quay building, Portland and the old chapel at Abbotsbury



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Saturday 9th June 2018
Horsington Church School
12 - 3pm



★ Raffle ★ BBQ ★ Plants ★ Stalls ★
★ CARNIVAL WORKSHOP ★

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with regret that we have to announce the retirement of our erstwhile Chairman after a period of seven years at the helm of the Editorial Committee of the Villager. As you all probably know, the original idea of producing a Magazine for the two Villages was spawned by the effervescent Jane and Bob Jones and this dynamic duo soon enlisted the services of local resident, Les Graney, to head up the Editorial Team which produced the first Issue in April 2011. Since day one Les's level-headed approach to the job has been remarkable and his quiet, calm, re-assuring manner in dealing with all the problems connected with producing a fledgling publication has been quite remarkable. In essence he has always shown impeccable judgement in his handling of the many problems thrown in our wake during these past seven years, and has succeeded in instilling confidence and providing unstinting support to all his fellow committee members. Both the Editorial Team and you the Readers owe Les a tremendous debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts in guiding the Villager through its various teething stages and the fact that the publication continues to flourish is perhaps a testament to the fact that the Jones's original faith in his abilities was not misplaced.

However, in bidding a fond farewell to our out-going Chairman we must also couple it with a warm welcome and introduction to our new incoming Chairman, Sally Packer, who herself has many attributes to offer and will obviously contribute a great deal to the future success of the Magazine.



THE ROYAL WEDDING MAY 19TH

We would like to extend our best wishes to
Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on their special day.

AIR AMBULANCE



Talk at *St John's Church Horsington*
on Saturday 19th May 2018 at 7.30pm

£8 to include refreshments

Proceeds to be divided between Air Ambulance and the Church

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING



We shall be holding a coffee morning in the function room of the Half Moon Inn on Wednesday 2nd May from 10am to 12pm. There will be cakes, Bric-a-brac and plants for sale. Please come and join us if you can.



If box-holders could bring their boxes along for emptying, that would be most welcome.

Thanks,
Sallie Vallins

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Thursday 3rd May
AGM
Talk on Costa Rica by Angela Pitt
at the Village Hall

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on
370713

Dear Villagers

Ring out for Peace

An Appeal has gone out to Bellringers around Britain to join a major event in November, to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. Our hopes are that more than 1000 churches and cathedrals will participate at 7.05pm on 11th November. It is understood that 1400 bellringers lost their lives during the First World War.

Are there any ex-bellringers in Horsington and South Cheriton who would like to brush up on their skills to ring at this event? We would love to hear from you – we are a sociable lot. Beginners are always welcome to come along – we need younger ringers to keep the tradition going (Tel. 370479).

We have had a few hiccups along the way in our search for a new Rector. Our Parish Profile is likely to be a month late going in, otherwise the Church is managing very well with retired vicars – variety is the spice of life!

We have a Coffee morning in aid of the Children’s Society on 2nd May at 10.30am in the Half Moon and a Talk on the work of the Air Ambulance on 19th May at 7.30pm in Church.

Best wishes

Rosemarie

St John the Baptist, Horsington

6th May	9.15am	Holy Communion with Sunday School and Baptism
10th May	7.00pm	Ascension Day—Deanery Service, Holy Communion at Bruton
13th May	11.00am	Morning Prayer
20th May <i>Pentecost</i>	10.30am	United Service—Holy Communion at Templecombe
27th May	8.30am	Holy Communion

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Mrs Anne Jones 370626
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St Nicholas, Henstridge

6th May	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
10th May	7.00pm	Ascension Day—Deanery Service, Holy Communion at Bruton	
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St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

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10th May	7.00pm	Ascension Day—Deanery Service, Holy Communion at Bruton
13th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
20th May <i>Pentecost</i>	10.30am	United Service –Holy Communion
27th May	9.30am	Holy Communion



BLACKMORE VALE U3A

Tuesday 1st May —Talk on the

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance

At the Henstridge Village Hall @ 2.30pm



Members £1.50 Visitors £2.50, refreshments included.

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Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

I hope that all of you who came along to the Castle Gardens evening managed to buy everything on your shopping list - and managed not to buy too many things that weren't on the list!

The gardening year is now well underway and our next talk is designed to step us through what we should be doing, month-by-month, for the year. The speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 15th, is Ray Broughton. Ray trained at RHS Garden Wisley and has been teaching a wide range of horticultural subjects for the last two decades. He is currently Senior Lecturer at Sparsholt College, Hampshire.

The May meeting is also our club plant swap evening, so do please bring along any spare seedlings or cuttings that you have. As ever, you are welcome at the Charlton Horethorne Village Hall from 6.45 pm, with the talk starting at 7.15pm.

Kate Hill—Chairman Tel: (01963) 220044 or mchugh_hill@hotmail.com

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a governor of your local Primary School? We have a vacancy on our Governing Board. We are looking for someone with an enthusiasm for the education of children. We meet on Tuesday evenings six times per year.

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

Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday May 25th at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

Roman Life around Wincanton
by **John Smith**

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

Wincantonmuseum.org.uk

Paraprosdokians

Winston Churchill loved them

These are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Here's a few...

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.



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