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Events Diary March 2019

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Fri 1st	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 4th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
	Lunch	Ladies' Pub Lunch	The Ship, West Stour
Tue 5th	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
Wed 6th	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 7th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 8th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 11th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 12th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 14th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 15th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.00pm	Moviola	Milborne Port Village Hall
Mon 18th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 19th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 21st	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 25th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 26th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 28th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 29th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society Talk	Wincanton Memorial Hall

Future Events:

April 5th Friday 7.30p.m. in St. John's Church Horsington.

There will be a talk by Bishop Rob Martin called 'Beyond the Tarmac',
Life as a Missionary Bishop in N. Kenya.

In aid of funds for Marsabit and Horsington Church.

Entrance, donations to the charities mentioned above, refreshments included.

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The Villager needs more proof readers to help out our existing team.

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"WALKIES ANYONE?"

by Jane Wilson

Not an enquiry that inspires much enthusiasm in my family - apart from the dog, who gets wildly over excited. But then it was one of my children who walked through my front door at the beginning of a weekend saying "Please don't take us on any long walks." (A remark which still causes my heart to ache a teensy teensy bit.) I might get the response "What sort of walk?" And that, of course, is a good question. A stroll? A constitutional? A ramble? A route march? They're all walks of different types. My own preference is for something between a constitutional and a ramble. But often on the right sort of not too hot summer day a route march is called for.

Company on Walks: Yes, well, that varies too. Brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, friends, fellow walkers, fellow villagers, a dog . . . I'm not fussy. Because to be honest it is always more fun to have a companion than to be alone - even if he/she does have annoying habits like wanting to go home after three quarters of an hour, wanting to take short cuts across deeply rutted and muddy fields or wanting to stop at every pub we chance upon (not the dog obvs.) Or one friend who threw down the remark "I don't walk uphill" like a gauntlet. I managed it once (the brilliantly named Levels, which told me everything), but never again; Who knew Somerset was so hilly? Another friend, whenever she saw even the most gentle downward slope, would set off in that direction, ignoring all my cries and shrieks that downwards would sooner or later inevitably lead to upwards.

Conversation on Walks: I think it was Harold Nicholson in an essay (which I cannot find and is titled, I believe, 'Going for a Walk') who summed up conversation on walks as consisting of: "That's a fine oak." "Yes, very fine." followed by twenty minutes nerve wracked silence as you scan the horizon for another subject. The dog, of course, has no subjects for conversation - or none that I understand. I do understand "You don't seriously expect me to find a way through that hedge, do you? Well, "Yes, actually." "I'm not lifting six and a half stone of chocolate Labrador over this stile." But I often wish I understood more - "Foxes here", "That nasty brute from Lily Lane has been down this way", "Badger do, yuck", "Them's cows or them's bullocks, what do you think?" "Shall I stand between your legs and you can protect me?" It would be an endless stream of enlightening chatter.

Family can be strangely silent. Perhaps there are too many subjects to be avoided like the grandchildren's education or so-and-so's divorce. On the whole I believe fellow village friends with their village gossip are best. One finds out absolutely everything that is going on in Horsington - from events at the pub and village hall to who's moving, who's giving birth, who's building, where someone's developing, who's got a good gardener? On and on - conversation never runs out and one gets home tired but wiser.

The Seasons: Some walks are seasonal. The ridge above Corton Denham is a total no-no on a windy winter's day and the railway line and Horsington Marsh are best kept to summer. Fine sunny days are certainly better than bitter winter ones, but the latter do offer good views – houses are no longer hidden by trees and you can get a jolly good look at some stranger's garden and conservatory.

Dangers: Walks are not without dangers. I once found myself supine in a (mercifully dry) ditch staring at the sky and wondering whether I had brought my mobile phone with me. Though now never without one, the latter are often not as much use as you would hope: in deserted areas there can be no signal and that is just where it is needed in case of an accident. Also, I now never ever go anywhere without a map. It is easier than you think to get lost on a walk even if you have done it dozens of times. A grubbed out hedge or one wrong field and you no longer know where you are. I was lost last summer on a walk I have been doing for twenty years. New technology maybe, but Google Maps is still a map, and it got me back to the car.

Animals: And walks are certainly not without animals. The wild variety are one of the advantages of walking alone – there isn't the noise of two people chattering to frighten them off and one can occasionally come upon them unawares – stand completely still and deer will just go on with whatever they are doing. Animals such as stoats and weasels will often treat a solitary (and silent) walker as just another bit of the landscape. Birds of all kinds are a constant delight.

Domestic stock are another matter entirely and more of a danger to walkers, I believe. Cows/heifers/bullocks can be surprisingly aggressive and I have often leant on a fence for quite a while deciding whether slow walking, a big stick or discretion and taking another route would be the best course of action. Personally I find horses nervewracking. Once one came rushing up to me, turned, and aimed at my head with his back legs: the first I knew of it was a rush of air. I was told later that people were in the habit of feeding him and my failure to do so caused the trouble! I much preferred the bull I came across suddenly who was straddling the footpath of an L-shaped field. (I walked very very slowly towards the nearest hedge thinking I could throw myself into it or onto it in a sort of prickly suicide attempt.)

There are escapees as well. I have read recently of the trouble they are having at Stourhead with wild boar wrecking the gardens. Stourhead to Horsington? A quick trot for a wild pig. I have never seen one, but if anyone has, I would love to hear about it.

So you won't be bored (or boarded) out there. Spring is on its way. Enjoy your walkies. I wish I had a talking dog.

The blanket of snow

Dear Readers, Greetings from St. Nicholas Church.

My brother, who lives in Canada, is always gracious and patient with my excitement at the arrival of snow, and of course the accompanying cold. Only on the odd occasion has he reminded me that cold is not -3 degrees but -17 degrees and that 2 inches of snow is merely a dusting in comparison to their several feet of it!

Whenever it snows, it reminds me of a wonderful promise made by God to us, given through the prophet Isaiah, “Come now, let us settle the matter;” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool”. With the new year now well under way, and the good intentions and resolutions crumbling, it is good to recall that all our failures and mistakes can be covered with the forgiveness that Jesus offers so freely. As we admit our role and part in our mistakes and failures, we are able to receive this blanket of forgiveness. As we do so, we can confidently say with the Psalmist, “as far as the east is from the west,so far has he removed our transgressions from us”.

Sometimes, however, we are our own worst enemy and best critic in that we hold on to our failures and mistakes. We may be too proud to come to him, or feel that we don’t believe. We forget too readily the invitation Jesus gives to us all, no matter what we think or believe, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”.

May we know the welcome and the love of Jesus as we bring all that are, all that we are going through, all that we have done, to the one who gave his all so that we could know his forgiveness and freedom from guilt and despair, like a blanket of snow.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Rogers

St John the Baptist, Horsington

3rd Mar	9.15am	Holy Communion	
6th Mar	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St Nicholas	
10th Mar	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
17th Mar	9.15am	Holy Communion	
25th Mar	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
31st Mar	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion at St Mary’s Templecombe	

St Nicholas, Henstridge

3rd Mar	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
6th Mar	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	
10th Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion	
17th Mar	11.00am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
24th Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	
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St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

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HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL
IS RATED A GOOD SCHOOL!

by a governor

On Thursday 24 of January 2019, Horsington Church School was inspected by OFSTED. The inspection was a short one, lasting only one day, with the outcome stating that “The school continues to be good” (the previous inspection took place in May 2015).

The inspection was rather a positive experience as the inspector was very thorough and respectful, showing very good manners with staff members, governors and children equally.

The report (publicly accessible on the OFSTED website) is all in all very positive, reflecting the view of parents who expressed the same thoughts through the OFSTED parents’ survey. Talking with the children and observing their behaviour, the inspector noted that “The pupils are proud of their small school. They are respectful of each other and are very confident as they move around and go about their day”. He added that “Pupils are welcome at Horsington Church School, whatever their strength, talent or needs. Teachers and Teaching Assistants adapt their approaches to ensure that pupils’ experience at school is happy and challenging”.

He praised the work of the governors and the Headteacher, Mrs Alexander, “who carefully balance the need for consistency and challenge (...) and value staff and pupils as individuals”.

When asked about the OFSTED inspection, Mrs Alexander said “I am delighted about the outcome. I would like to thank all the staff, governors and parents for their support, and most of all the children. We are a very happy school community.”

“The school remains a happy place in which to work, learn and play”.
– OFSTED 2019

Ticky Judd (born 9/1/34) and Peter Judd (born 11/10/29)

24th August, 2005

Peter and Ticky Judd came to Horsington School on 17th November, 1940. Their mother was obliged to bring her 9 children from Coventry by train, as her husband was in barracks in Horsington House. Peter was the oldest and at the age of 12 had 2 years at the school. There were 3 classes in the school at the time, and for them, when they left Horsington School at 14, that was the end of their school life. Because of an influx of evacuee children from Southampton, the newcomers had to have lessons in St Margaret's Hall (which was divided into 3 by screens), until there was room in the school itself.

They lived in Hearne Cottage and walked to and from school, about a mile and a half. They got their water from a well. Their mother would burn whatever was available on the range – wood from the surrounding area, old boots etc. They would walk to Wincanton with a heavy accumulator to have it recharged.

They were allowed 20 half days a season to help in the fields. They would pick apples for 6p an hour. There were vegetables to pick.

Mr. Scuse was the Headmaster at the time. He was a short, bald man, and his wife was taller. She was the driving force and stricter than he was. There was caning everyday for various misdemeanours, but the children would not get any sympathy from their parents – on the contrary. They would probably get another clip round the ear for having behaved badly so as to deserve the cane. So they would probably not tell their parents.



A country dance competition, 1956. The Horsington team are seated in the front row

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

We held the club's AGM and dinner in February. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 12th in Charlton Horethorne Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45 pm, when tea and coffee will be served, with the talk starting at 7.15 pm.

This month's talk is HOW YEOVIL IS PLANTED FOR SUMMER EFFECT, by Steve Fox, South Somerset District Council's principal horticultural officer. **The talk is free to members, £2.00 for Non-Members.**

In addition, we'll be handing out free plug plants for members to grow on for the Charlton Horethorne Summer Show in August.

This year, Castle Gardens have donated a white-flowering geranium. And if you planted up the free daffodil bulbs from Castle Gardens last autumn, they should be showing signs of life by now. Bring them along to the meeting in March and we'll see whose have done well (and whose less so!).

Kate Hill, Chair

Tel: (01963) 220044 or mchugh_hill@hotmail.com

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Tuesday 5th March 2019

Blackmore Vale U3A

Diane Janes will talk on: **Saint or Sinner?**

The Famous Career of Sir Bernard Spilbury

Henstridge Village Hall 2.30pm

Members £1.50 Visitors £2.50 refreshments included

Blackmore Vale and Yeovil National Trust Association

Saturday 9th March 2019 AGM
2.30pm, Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne

Blackmore Vale and Yeovil NT Association will hold its AGM at the Digby Hall, Sherborne. After tea and cakes there will be a talk by Keri Phillips, General Manager, South Somerset Portfolio of National Trust properties, and Damian Mitichell, Head Gardener, Lytes Cary Manor: *Behind the scenes in South Somerset.*

Find out more about the challenges facing National Trust staff when deciding how to prioritise the needs of the properties in their care. Conservation is defined as the careful management of change. It's about revealing and sharing the significance of places and ensuring that their special qualities are protected, enhanced, understood and enjoyed by present and future generations

Milborne Port Opera Nominated for more awards

Milborne Port Opera, Horsington's favourite musical theatre group, has been nominated for four gongs in the 2019

Annual David Beach awards for musical theatre- (Somerset's answer to the "Tonys"). The nominations are for their 2018 double bill of G&S's "Trial by Jury" and the Coarse Acting version of "Murder at Shakerley House" by Neil Edwards.

If successful, they will boost MPO's considerable trophy cabinet

The nominations are best musical director, best leading man, best stage management and "best small venue". The results will be announced at the Somerset Fellowship of Drama's Awards dinner on Saturday March 9th.

This year's production, featuring a couple of Horsington residents, is Cole Porter's musical comedy "Anything Goes" which plays the week after Easter 24-27 April in the Milborne Port village hall. Rehearsals are going well.

The box office opens on March 1st at: www.mpopera.co.uk.

More in the next issue.

Lloyds Bank Wincanton

Readers may not be aware that Lloyds Bank operates a thrice weekly mobile banking service in Wincanton. The vehicle is positioned at the far end of the Memorial Hall car park and is open for business during the following hours:-

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Moviola - Milborne Port (Village Hall)

Friday 15th March 2019

Film: **Bohemian Rhapsody** (15)

Stars: **Rami Malek** as Mercury, with **Lucy Boynton**,
Gwilym Lee, **Ben Hardy**, **Joe Mazzello**
Aidan Gillen, **Tom Hollander** and **Allen Leech**



Bohemian Rhapsody is a 2018 biographical film about the British rock band Queen. It follows singer Freddie Mercury's life from his joining the band in 1970 to their Live Aid performance at Wembley Stadium in 1985.

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Adrian and Christine Pratt - 01963 371215 or 07811 699912



Thursday March 7th at the Village Hall

Joint meeting with North Cheriton WI

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on
01963 370713

Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday 29th March at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

Lost features at Stourhead in the 1700s by **Emily Utgren**

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

Bobologism No 8

by Bob Jones

Malaria. We all know what it is. It's a tropical disease spread by a certain kind of mosquito which kills many thousands of people every year.

But where do we get the word from? It is actually from the Italian for Bad – **MAL**- Air- **Aria**. Hundreds of years ago the observant inhabitants of Rome noted that people living near the swamps in the outskirts of the city were prone to a fever which could become very severe and often kill the sufferers. So they reasonably called the fever Bad Air –Malaria- because the air **was** bad in the swamps.

Ronald Ross was a British doctor in the Indian Medical Service who discovered the link between Malaria and the Anophelene Mosquito in the 1890's. He was awarded a Nobel Prize for his work, and knighted, and it was shown that drainage of swamps and minimising the amount of still water in an area reduced the incidence of Malaria, as the mosquito larvae need such water to survive.

There is a Ronald Ross Primary School in Wimbledon named after him, and many years ago I worked in the Ronald Ross Hospital in Zambia (previously Northern Rhodesia).



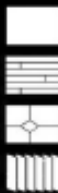
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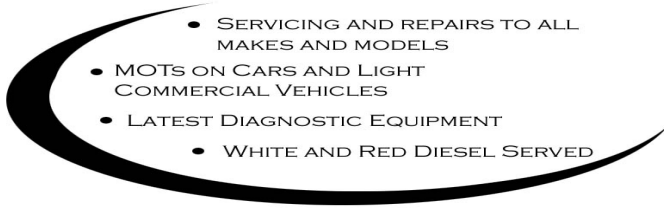
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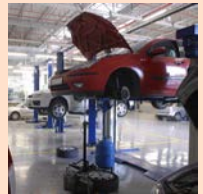
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