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## Events Diary April 2019

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 1st	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
	Lunch	Ladies' Pub Lunch	Three Horseshoes, Batcombe
Tue 2nd	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
Wed 3rd	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 4th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 5th	10.00am	Art	"
		HORSINGTON SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	
Mon 8th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 9th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 11th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 12th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.00pm	Moviola - Peterloo	Milborne Port Village Hall
Mon 15th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 16th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Tue 23rd	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Wed 24th		HORSINGTON SCHOOL RETURNS AFTER EASTER BREAK	
	7.30pm	MPO- 'Anything Goes'	Milborne Port Village Hall
Thu 25th	7.30pm	MPO- 'Anything Goes'	"
Fri 26th	7.30pm	MPO- 'Anything Goes'	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society Talk	Wincanton Memorial Hall
Sat 27th	7.30pm	MPO- 'Anything Goes'	Milborne Port Village Hall
Mon 29th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tues 30th	10.30am	Upholstery	"

### VILLAGE NOTICE

The Half Moon Inn will be organising a party to "Anything Goes" at Milborne Port on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Transport provided.  
Contact Andrew Tarling 01963 370140.

### For your diary.....

A Mid - Summer Charity Ball to benefit Prostate Cancer. To be held on the evening of 29th June, 2019, on the village cricket pitch, Horsington, starting at 7.00.p.m.

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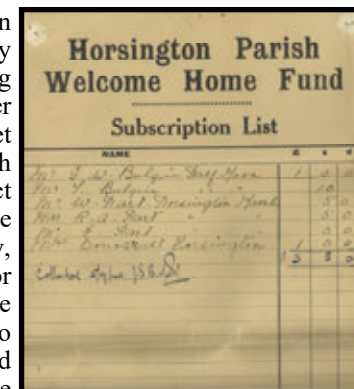
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## **HORSINGTON "WELCOME HOME" FUND**

by John Roake

In June 1945, 16 shillings (80p) was paid to the Western Gazette and £1.2s.0d (£1.10) to the Bridgwater Mercury (*why the Bridgwater Mercury?*), these amounts being the cost of an Official Notice in each newspaper advising that an application had been made to Somerset County Council for registration of Horsington Parish Welcome Home Fund under the War Charities Act 1940. The aim was to raise funds that could be distributed to all returning members of the Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Marine (Male and Female) or to the relatives of those who fell in Service who were resident in the Parish on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 or who became resident in the Parish after that date and joined up from the Parish. The scheme would exclude evacuees and members of the Forces temporarily living in the Parish by reason of the War.



The first meeting of the Committee was held in St. Margaret's Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1945. The meeting appointed Capt. Bailward as the Fund's Chairman with Mr. Whitlock his Vice-Chairman. Two Trustees were appointed to the Fund, Mr. Adams and Mr. Hugh Francis, and as joint Secretaries, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Whitlock. Major Bostock agreed to be Treasurer, but only as far as operating the Bank Account and keeping the records in co-operation with the Trustees. He was not prepared to collect Subscriptions or other money but would receive those monies from the person(s) who had collected them and would issue receipts.

The Committee was formed from those present and by co-opting other people so that all the various bodies in the village at the time were represented on the Committee. It was resolved that there would not be a house-to-house collection, but that funds should be raised by Subscriptions and Concerts, Socials, Draws and Dances. A Social must already have been held, as Mr. Whitlock reported that it had raised £20.12s.6d (£20.62p).

The next Committee Meeting was held in July, where the Rector handed in a list of names of those serving in the Forces, as used by the Church. The Committee added some names and removed others as not meeting the criteria set out in the first Meeting. The result was that the tentative list was 62 qualifying and 6 Fallen. There were in addition a further 18 names to be considered.

Mr. Roberts at the Grange had agreed that a Fete should be held there on 4<sup>th</sup> August and the Committee resolved that Miss Roberts should open the Fete. The Treasurer undertook to arrange for Third Party Insurance in the sum of £1000 (*today one would not dare run a Fete open to the public without at least £2,000,000 insurance cover!*) and to obtain the usual remission of Entertainment Tax. That Fete was to raise a magnificent £141.10s.10d (£141.54); later events were not to be quite so successful. The May Dance raised £26.12s.6d (£26.62), June £30.3s.6d (£30.18), July £16, early August (Bank Holiday weekend?) £98.2s.5d (£98.12) mid-August just £4.10s.0d (£4.50) and the two September Dances £8 between them.

At the following Committee Meeting it was decided that the Fund should close on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1946 and that the List of provisional names of beneficiaries should be posted in the Post Offices at Horsington and South Cheriton and on the Marsh (*where?*) with the request that the name of any qualified person missing from the List be notified to the Committee by 30<sup>th</sup> November 1945. The next few Meetings were concerned about the List of beneficiaries; for instance, two late entries were Sir R. McCreery and General Erskine. And the name of Miss Hannam was removed from the List, as “she was only NAAFI”.

On 11<sup>th</sup> June 1946, the Committee held its Meeting at St. Margaret’s Hall to discuss the winding-up of the Fund and paying the money collected to the beneficiaries, of whom there were 8 Fallen and 74 Returning from the War. The amount of money available to be split between the beneficiaries was £602.7s.0d (£602.35, equivalent to about £25000 today, *which is a quite remarkable effort in just over a year of collecting*) and it was decided to give each of them Seven Guineas (£7.35) by cheque along with a card. £7.35 may not today seem much, but it must be remembered that the Agricultural Board’s Weekly Wage for a Farm Labourer at this time was about £3.10s.0d (£3.50), so these cheques amounted in some cases to nearly a fortnight’s wages. And unlike today’s tight regulations on cheque payments, at that time all one had to do was sign the cheque on the back and pass it another person in exchange for goods or even cash. It was anticipated that a small amount of cash would be left over after all the 7 guineas had been paid out, which would cover any contingencies and that any final balance remaining should be passed to the Trustees of the War Memorial, to help defray the cost of adding the names of those who had lost their lives in the Second World War. The Committee also agreed that a Parish Meeting be called, where the Committee would make their final report on the Fund. They further made the suggestion to hold a “special Social” to which all beneficiaries, along with one relative or friend, would be invited and at which the cheques would be handed to the Beneficiaries. Any Profits from this Social would then go towards the children’s Summer Outing. The Rector advised that he had a surplus of £11.2s.0d (£11.10) in his Christmas Present to the Forces Fund, which he would pass to the Committee to help towards the cost of the Social.

After the Social was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1946, the Committee decided to add one more name to the List of Beneficiaries, Mr. R. Judd. In August the Treasurer sent the books of the Fund, along with supporting documents, to Messrs. Mundy, Brewer & Johnson, a firm of Accountants in Bath, for auditing. And later, having received them back without alteration, the Final Statement of the Fund was sent to Somerset County Council, the Registration Authority, on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1946 and the Fund closed.

The files contain some letters arriving after the Fund was closed. One was from Pte. Dennis, whose cheque had gone adrift, asking for and receiving a replacement. Sir Richard McCreery wrote from the Headquarters of the British Army of the Rhine expressing his thanks and enclosing a £5 Donation to the Templecombe Hospital and another £5 towards the improvements at St. Margaret’s Hall. And two very poignant letters were received from fathers whose sons were amongst the fallen, one of them returning the cheque but endorsing it to go towards the War Memorial Fund.

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### Horsington Play Area

The play area is a key village asset and, thanks to the hard work of the community over many years, provides a safe, varied and exciting space for children to enjoy. The Parish Council were therefore distressed when, following an inspection last year, the majority of the equipment was found to no longer meet the required safety standards.



As a public facility, the play equipment must be inspected regularly by an accredited organisation and any defects rectified as soon as possible. A visual inspection and a series of standardised tests are carried out – last year these identified that most of the equipment, the majority of which was wooden, was showing signs of internal rot or some other fatigue. In the inspector's view, most of these defects required immediate resolution or the equipment must be taken out of service.

Following discussions with the original equipment provider and other similar organisations, it soon became clear that the equipment, most of which dated back to 2000, despite being well maintained, had long surpassed its projected ten-year lifespan and that repair would be uneconomical, even where the required parts were still available.

Faced with the possibility that the equipment could fail and that someone could be harmed, the Parish Council took the unenviable decision to remove the defective items. The reaction from users of the play area and the wider community was vociferous but understandable – we had acted in the best interests of the village, had done our best to communicate what had happened and why, BUT we had removed an important facility, one to which many had contributed.

The Parish Council and representatives from the village that had attended the council meeting were united in our view that the play equipment needed to be reinstated; the question was how to fund it. The Parish Council allocates a proportion of the precept - the money we receive via Council Tax payments - to maintaining the play area but this fund, created for running repairs, was never going to come close to the amount needed for a large-scale replacement project. Such equipment, due to the need to meet stringent safety standards, is only available from a handful of approved suppliers and is fearsomely expensive.

It was agreed that a multi-pronged approach would give us our best chance of finding the funds needed.


A village fundraising campaign, spearheaded by Kevin Wigley, was hugely successful and raised over five thousand pounds. John Sansom kindly arranged a repeat of his successful beer and cheese evening which, although sadly poorly attended, provided a useful contribution. A grant of one thousand pounds was gratefully received from Blackmore Vale Lions Club. With the support of our District Councillors, William and Hayward, the Parish Council were also successful in obtaining five thousand pounds from SSDC. The remaining nine thousand pounds needed to complete the project came from Parish Council play area and contingency funds.

We now have a brand-new activity tower, seesaw, springer and basketball post. We have also ensured that the play surface and gates meet the latest safety requirements. Further, already funded, maintenance works will also be carried out in due course.


We are delighted that, as a community, we were able to come together and create a positive outcome from a bleak situation. Our play area is once again something of which we can be justifiably proud. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone that contributed, whether financially or with time, ideas or labour, to make the project a shining success.

The icing on the cake would be to provide a roundabout or similar rotary play item as this is the one facility our play area has always lacked. The Parish Council would be very pleased to hear from anyone that would like to make a donation or is prepared to undertake some fundraising to help achieve this goal.

## Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

 The next meeting of the club is the members-only discount evening at Castle Gardens in Sherborne, starting at 6.45pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Come along for an interesting talk and 25% off everything in the garden centre!

 Kate Hill, Chair

 Tel: (01963) 220044 or mchugh\_hill@hotmail.com



Thursday April 4th at the Village Hall

**A talk on Brown Bears in Finland**  
by Angela Pitt

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on  
**01963 370713**

## Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday 26th April at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

**The Life of William Barnes (a friend of Thomas Hardy)**  
**By Charles Buckler**

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

Wincantonmuseum.org.uk

## Bobologism No 9

by Bob Jones

Spending my early childhood during and just after the Second World War, I was always hearing talk of the “Nazis”, the nickname for Adolf Hitler’s National Socialist party. I was told by my parents and at school that the word Nazi was a shortened corrupted form of “National Socialist”, but have learnt recently that this is not so.

The word Nazi had been a term of abuse for many years before the rise of Hitler. It all goes back to the popularity of the name Ignatius, a common name in largely Catholic Bavaria –where National Socialism had roots. Many people in Bavaria were named after St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Nothing wrong with St. Ignatius, but the Bavarians were for many years the butt of jokes in much the same way as the English joke inappropriately about the Irish, the Irish about those from Cork, or my fellow-Welsh about those from Carmarthenshire. Every country has a group that they ridicule; such is human nature.

So the Bavarians were sometimes called by a shortened form of Ignatius, the **Nazis**.

Hitler and his coterie hated being called Nazis because of the mockery.

Fascia is a tough membrane covering some muscles in the body, and it has found a use in binding sticks and other things. It is the Italian word for a hairband, and my Anglo-Italian grandchildren are forever looking for their *fasce*. (So incidentally does my long-haired son).

In the early 1920’s Mussolini chose as his party’s emblem three sticks bound by a piece of fascia, and as a result his party became called the **fascists**.



## Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington At 8.30pm on Wednesday 3rd April

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

Further details from Anna on 01963 370749

## Moviola - Milborne Port (Village Hall)

Friday 12th April 2019

Film: **Peterloo (12A)** 154 mins  
Stars: **Rory Kinnear, Maxine Peake**  
Director: **Mike Leigh**



On August 16 1819 a crowd of peaceful demonstrators gathered in St Peter's Field, Manchester, to demand the reform of parliamentary representation. The end of the Napoleonic Wars had ushered in a period of chronic unemployment and severe deprivation. The government, terrified at the prospect of widespread social unrest, ordered first the Manchester and Salford Yeomanry and then the 15th Hussars to charge into the crowd of demonstrators with drawn sabres. Many were killed and hundreds more were injured, sparking a nationwide outcry but also prompting further government suppression. The Peterloo Massacre was a defining moment in British democracy which also played a significant role in the founding of The Guardian newspaper

**Doors open 19:00pm, show starts at 19:30pm**

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Dear Readers, Greetings!

With the recent storm Gareth, charging through our Village, causing damage and some disruption, we had a brief power cut at the church during a Sunday morning service. Part of a tree was blocking a road into and out of the village.

Without power, the church became gloomy, save for a brief pause of glorious sunshine streaming through beautiful stained-glass windows. The emergency torch was put to good effect, and a willing hand kept the organ blower going manually. Thanks to team work, creative thinking and emergency procedures, the Service could go on. Although we were all quite relieved when the power came back on just in time to enjoy a cuppa and scrumptious biscuits afterwards!

We have tremendous potential to greatness, but equal potential to degradation. The account of Judas betraying Jesus, his friend, at the first Easter is a prime example. When Jesus sees through his scheming and challenges him on his motives and actions, he responds, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" And yet, despite the gravity of his degradation to stoop to this level, we are told that Jesus loved him to the end.

Whoever we are, whatever we have done, may this Easter be a time of returning to Jesus, who loves us. Do feel able to come along to any of our Easter Services, just as you are, knowing that Jesus loves you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev'd Kevin

### St John the Baptist, Horsington

7th April	9.15am	Holy Communion
14th April	11.00am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion
18th April	7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Communion
19th April	2.00pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Last Hour at the Cross
21st April	9.15am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion
28th April	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

### St Nicholas, Henstridge

7th April	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
14th April	9.30am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion	
18th April	7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Communion at Horsington	
19th April	7.30pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Passion Meditation	
21st April	11.00am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion	
28th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	

### St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

7th April	11.00am	Morning Praise
14th April	9.30am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Communion
18th April	7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Communion at Horsington
19th April	10.00am	<b>Good Friday</b> Morning Worship
21st April	11.00am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion
28th April	11.00am	St George's Day Parade Service with Scout Group

## THE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

On Tuesday 12 February, Horsington Church School organised their first community coffee morning. It was advertised for all to join, and it has been well attended indeed by people from all parts: parents of course, but also governors, residents from the village and around, prospective parents and our new Reverend and his wife. People gathered in the school hall decorated with a lovely display of some of the children's more recent projects. Pupils from Year 6 helped members of the PTFA, who planned the whole event, to serve refreshments and home-made cakes. Some toys were available for young children to play, and a few people went on a guided tour of the school.



All agreed to say that it was a very pleasant moment for people to meet and for the school to connect with its community. Mrs Alexander, Headteacher, added that it also offered a great opportunity for school children to improve their hospitality skills! (And for keen bakers to showcase their work!)

**Keep the date:** The next coffee morning will take place on **Tuesday 7th May**, from 9.30 to 11.30am. All are welcome so do tell your friends and relatives.

## Milborne Port Opera takes to the sea in a spectacular "Anything Goes"

Milborne Port Village Hall, 24-27 April, 2019, 7.30pm

The last time Milborne Port Opera put to sea was in their award-winning HMS Pinafore in 2011. This year's offering is set on a transatlantic liner in the 1930s with a glittering cast, music by Cole Porter and a book and lyrics by, among others, P.G Wodehouse. Yes, it's **"Anything Goes"**, a very funny musical with some great numbers, including the title song, plus "I get a kick out of you", "You're the top" and "Blow Gabriel Blow".

HMS Pinafore it is not.

The cast are having enormous fun learning new skills – tap dancing, jazz syncopation and delivering comedy lines with a sharpshooter's precision.

The show is full of wonderful characters – Reno, a glamorous evangelist turned nightclub singer, Wall Street fixer Billy, a missionary bishop, gangsters and their molls, the English aristocracy, American millionaires and some of the cleverest stowaways you will ever meet.

The plot is largely irrelevant, but it involves unrequited love, the apprehension of dangerous criminals, a lot of disguises and marvellous singing.

Many MPO favourites are in the cast. The cast includes Horsington's Richard Gaunt as a Wall Street Millionaire and Chris Bailward as the ship's captain. Sukie Read steps up to play the title role of Reno alongside Lloyd Davies as stowaway Billy Crocker, and we welcome several talented newcomers from larger companies. Caroline D'Cruz continues as musical director.

This year the audience will get a big surprise when they walk into the Milborne Port Village Hall, which will be transformed into the SS America on its voyage from New York to London.

The Box office is open. Book online quickly and simply 24/7 at [www.mpopera.co.uk](http://www.mpopera.co.uk). MPO shows generally play to full houses, so early booking is advised. The show plays from April 24- 27 (The week after Easter)

### **Listing information:**

Milborne Port Village Hall, Springfield Road, Milborne Port, Sherborne, DT9 5RE  
 Tickets £12 with £10 concession on Wednesday only  
 Book on line 24/7 at [www.mpopera.co.uk](http://www.mpopera.co.uk). Tickets also on sale at Waynes Butchers, Milborne Port.

*Please note. The seating is "free range" – sit where you want.*

### **Further information:**

<http://milborneportopera.co.uk/home>

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Chris Bailward, the captain of the SS America, is distracted by nightclub singer Reno (Sukie Read) on the bridge. Hope there are no icebergs!