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**The Monarch's Way**

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## Events Diary May 2019

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Wed 1st</b>	8.30pm	<b>Music Night</b>	Half Moon Inn
	7.30pm	<b>WI AGM</b>	Sue & Chris McCairns' House
<b>Mon 6th</b>		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
<b>Tue 7th</b>	9.30am	Coffee Morning	Horsington School
	Lunch	<b>Ladies' Lunch Club (tea at 3pm)</b>	Pyt House, Tisbury
	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
<b>Thu 9th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	"
<b>Fri 10th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 13th</b>	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tue 14th</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
<b>Thu 16th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Fri 17th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 20th</b>	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
<b>Tues 21st</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
<b>Thu 23rd</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Fri 24th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Mon 27th</b>		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
<b>Tues 28th</b>	10.30am	Upholstery	"
<b>Thu 30th</b>	10.00am	Art	"
<b>Fri 31st</b>	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	<b>Wincanton History Society</b>	Wincanton Memorial Hall

### VILLAGE NOTICE

#### Wheelie Bins

It beggars belief that some tea-leaf has taken the Village Hall rubbish bin and replaced it with their damaged bin.

Unfortunately, I was unable to persuade South Somerset District Council to identify the culprit via the serial number of the damaged bin (the joys of the Data Protection Act).

The purpose of this minor rant is to let villagers know that SSDC will replace damaged or missing wheelie bins within ten days free of charge!

You do not need to go to the Village Hall to get a new bin.

Nick D'Arbyn aka John Macdonald.

## The Monarch's Way by Sally Packer

One of the local footpaths we use most frequently is the one which runs from the A357 High Road down to Lower Road, emerging close to the school and the War Memorial. Often tenanted by sheep and friendly horses, this is a most beautiful stretch with fantastic views across the gently sloping field and the woods beyond up to the ridge at Cucklington and the silhouette of Alfred's Tower. It is also part of the Monarch's Way and there is a reminder on the post at the lower end of the field that this is a 615 mile long distance footpath following Charles II's route escaping after the Battle of Worcester. The footpath symbol, inside a helpful arrow indicating the direction to follow, has a silhouette of the oak tree with a golden crown superimposed on it, with the ship on which Charles left the country above it.

The story of this escape has been very familiar to me since my father spent many happy holiday breaks exploring different sections of this route for a slide-illustrated lecture he compiled in the 1970s. I think his quest began after reading the plaque on a house in Broadwindsor in Dorset which reads 'King Charles II slept here September 23/24 1651.' Living in Brighton, I also witnessed

the inspiring sight of the fleet of boats setting off on the yearly yacht race to Fecamp, 'The Royal Escape', recalling the end of Charles' journey. So it is a pleasure to find that a section of the Monarch's Way path goes through our villages .



When my father worked on this, he was researching in libraries and tracking down books in secondhand booksellers. He also wrote to the present owners of the houses involved in the story in order to visit and photograph the sites. One of his favourite stories was of a visit to Trent, near Sherborne, to attend the fete at which Trent House, one of the most significant of Charles' hiding places, would be open. He got into conversation with the lady behind him in the queue, who turned out to be a descendant of the Penderell family who won fame as being instrumental in helping the King in the early stages of his escape.

Last year Charles Spencer published a lucid and exciting account in his book 'To Catch A King' which sets the flight in context, beginning by chronicling the years of Civil War and the various journeys and escapes involving Charles I's wife Henrietta Maria and his children in the years 1645 onwards. The battle of Worcester is described in detail and is followed by the close account of the risks

of the journey of escape, derived from what was recorded by Samuel Pepys from the King and others after the Restoration.

Charles was aged 21 when he was forced to seek escape from the country following the Battle of Worcester in 1651. He spent six weeks travelling, trying to find a ship in Bristol, then in Charmouth and finally leaving on the 'Surprise' from Shoreham. The section of his route which crosses Horsington and South Cheriton is near the beginning of the final sweep, when he abandoned Charmouth for a second stay at Trent before heading east to Brighton and ultimately to Shoreham. Charles Spencer relates the part of the journey relevant to our part of the route: "On Monday 6 October, Charles had set off from Trent House with Juliana Coningsby, Wyndham's servant Harry Peters and Colonel Phillips. They had ridden for forty miles, over back roads, towards Heale House, the home of Katherine Hyde, near Salisbury. En route they passed through Wincanton, and lunched at the George Inn at Mere. Charles was quietly amused when the innkeeper, Christopher Philips, raised a glass to toast the king."



So, today's footpath crosses our villages, from outside Charlton Horethorne at the bottom of Hull Lane and continuing on to Wincanton. The detailed route was devised by Trevor Antill to include all the known places where the King actually passed; it is marked on the Ordnance Survey's Landranger and Explorer maps.

To follow our section of the route, turning left onto the road from the stile by the War Memorial, you find a discreet Monarch's Way symbol directing you down Behind Hayes Lane to the stile at the end where you cross the fields to take the footpath which runs parallel to Marsh Lane, crosses the old railway line and goes on past Maltkiln Farm out towards Wincanton.

The earlier section leaving Charlton Horethorne follows a footpath to the right at the bottom of Hull Lane, climbing the hill to emerge past Sandhills at the bend in Cabbage Lane. A stile at the bend in the road 200 yards to the right along this brings you to a series of stiles crossing green fields and ultimately emerges on the A357.

Today the Monarch's Way is a peaceful and secluded route across the Somerset countryside, a reminder that the King's party would seek out back ways and less popular lanes to avoid detection. The path gives us good views across our area and is well worth exploring. As Charles' original route to shelter at Trent brought

him from Wells to Castle Cary and South Cadbury, other stretches of the Monarch's Way are within easy reach of us too.

When I started researching the Monarch's Way story last autumn, I noted that the stiles at both ends of the field path between High Road and Lower Road were badly damaged. I found the interactive map on the Somerset Council footpath website was easy to use and precise, so I reported these problems and was pleased to see that both stiles had been repaired at the beginning of March.

Unfortunately, at the same time, laminated notices appeared on the Monarch's Way route out of South Cheriton towards Wincanton, stating that the footpaths have been temporarily closed until 7 March 2021 (two years' time) because of an unsafe bridge. At the end of the guidebooks to the Monarch's Way, the walk compiler, Trevor Antill, briefly records his frustrations, disappointments and happy and lasting memories. His frustrations: 'Somerset. A beautiful county whose rights of way network leaves a great deal to be desired. I lost count of the times I had to amend my planned route because of the many totally impassable rights of way.' The situation does not seem to have improved since this was written in 1995.



Horsington Village Fete

Welcome to the **Rainforest**

**Saturday 15th June**

**12 - 3pm**

**Entry £1 per adult**

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If you can donate please drop donations into the office at  
Horsington Church School, or contact the school on (01963) 370358  
and the school PTFA will arrange collection.

**Thank you**

**Following the successful coffee morning in February,**



Horsington Church School invite you to their  
Summer term community coffee morning  
**Tuesday 7th May from 9.30 to 11.30am**

Come along in the school hall to have a cuppa  
and a chat. Toys available for young children.  
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## **Horsington Church School**

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We meet on Thursday evenings six times per year.

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

Dear Readers,

I have taken great delight in seeing our garden begin to take shape with the care and work that has gone into it in recent weeks – thanks to my wife and the wonderful help of a friend. Spring has triggered the growth that, if not checked, will become overgrown and unwieldy. And so, as old wood is cut back and weeds removed, plants that were once smothered and struggling to survive, begin to thrive once again, bringing their colours, scents and textures back into the garden. Pruning in some cases seems harsh, and yet experience tells us that it is necessary to enhance the fruit and flowers. Plants we didn't even know were there, are making their appearance in grand style.

Life can sometimes be like this garden too. Our lives can become beset with problems and we can too easily find ourselves off balance and out of kilter. We lose perspective and find ourselves searching for peace, for meaning, for purpose. The weeds, those things in our lives that seem to choke us, despite their promise of freedom and excitement, leave us empty. And we long to have the space again in our head and in our environments to dream and to be all who God created us to be.

At Easter, we thanked Jesus for being willing to rescue us from this overgrown and unwieldy state. We reminded ourselves of all that he went through on that first Easter so that we would not have to. And his resurrection from his certain death, has empowered us to begin to thrive and blossom in his love. Our minds have been freed from guilt, anxiety and hopelessness. Not only did over 500 people in his day see, touch and hear him in different places over a 40-day period, but we today now know his presence with us, closer than a friend.

Like the Spring bringing in a new sense of joy and life, so we too experience afresh the joy of life again, despite our circumstances, knowing that Jesus, the Gardener, is sometimes pruning, sometimes watering, sometimes admiring, and always present to provide the right conditions for us to thrive. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly". (John 10:10)

Wherever you are in the garden of life, do feel able to join us at any of the Services and events we advertise – there is no criteria for attendance or participation as all are welcome, always!

Yours in the name of the Gardener who loves us,

Revd Kevin

## **St John the Baptist, Horsington**

5th May	9.15am	Holy Communion	
12th May	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
19th May	9.15am	Holy Communion	
26th May	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
30th May	7.00pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> - Holy Communion at Queen Camel	

## **St Nicholas, Henstridge**

5th May	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evensong
12th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	
19th May	11.00am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
26th May	11.00am	Holy Communion	
30th May	7.00pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> - Holy Communion at Queen Camel	

## **St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe**

5th May	11.00am	Morning Praise	
12th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	
19th May	11.00am	Holy Communion	
26th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	
30th May	7.00pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> - Holy Communion at Queen Camel	



## **Beyond the Tarmac**

St John's Church welcomed Bishop Rob Martin for a fascinating talk about the diocese of Marsabit, an Anglican diocese in the far north of Kenya. This huge area has a diverse population of different tribes: Boran, Burji and Gabra in the North, with Rendille, Turkana, Meru and Masai in the South. We saw pictures of these different groups of people and of the varying facilities for worship. It was clear that this is a very challenging area, with drought and famine as well as tribal fighting and banditry, poverty, illiteracy and harmful African traditional practices. Bishop Martin and his wife gave a vivid account of their lives there, and displayed with pride pictures of the first tarmac road which has now been laid through the diocese.

The talk was well-attended and was followed by the usual generous refreshments and the opportunity to buy a range of bead work goods from Marsabit. The sum of £400.00 was raised for the charity.

## **Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club**

I hope those of you who came along to the Castle Gardens evening last month enjoyed Brian's talk and managed to get everything on your shopping lists.

The next meeting of the club is a talk by Terry Stevens, a long-standing volunteer at Tyntesfield. Owned by the National Trust, Tyntesfield is one of the last great Victorian estates to have survived with virtually all of its contents intact, making it an exceptional treasury of Victorian life and culture. Relatively unchanged since 1900, the gardens are widely varied, ranging from large open lawns and formal terraces, to a historic Orangery and working Kitchen Garden. As well as Terry's talk, there will be an opportunity to sign up for our visit to the house and gardens in June. We shall also be having our annual plant swap, so do please come along at 6.45 for 7.15 on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Charlton Horethorne Village Hall. Members free, visitors £2.00.

Kate Hill, Chair

Tel: (01963) 220044 or [mchugh\\_hill@hotmail.com](mailto:mchugh_hill@hotmail.com)



## **TEDx Sherborne** by Jeanne Mortarotti

For the first time this year, Sherborne town has obtained its own TEDx licence, with the final event taking place all day on the **9<sup>th</sup> of May 2019**.

**What is TED?** It is a non-profit organisation, devoted to sharing “ideas worth spreading” as their slogan says. It started in 1984 as a conference in the USA on Technology, Entertainment and Design and has since developed to cover almost all topics in more than 100 languages all over the world. Carefully selected speakers have to follow strict rules and have a maximum of 18 minutes to present a great well-formed idea. Most of the talks are then accessible online. **TEDx events** are local gatherings, independently planned but strictly following TED vision and rules, with the same format of powerful short talks.

The Sherborne initiative is the work of Tony Cook – who introduces himself as “serial founder, social entrepreneur, impact investor, writer, podcaster” – with the help of a group of professionals and thinkers, who have collaborated with Secondary Schools and local interest groups to explore the topic “Fit for the Future”.

Six teenagers and eight adults have gone through a long and thorough selection process to finally present their talk in May in front of a small audience (All tickets were sold out within a week). They will cover such various topics as protecting biodiversity; cycling for social change; mindful reading; the political engagement of the young; being a man in today’s world and many others. The event will be accessible to all as it will be broadcasted live on the day.



Stella, an old Horsington Primary School pupil, has successfully been selected, being at 14 the youngest speaker at the event. Her speech talks about the involvement and the role local communities should have in educating their children, relieving the schools from their all-too-many responsibilities.

For more information about TEDx Sherborne, visit their website [tedxsherborne.com](http://tedxsherborne.com). The details about the free Livestream service will be released on the website closer to the date of the event, so people can enjoy the talks from their homes, village halls or classrooms.



## Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington At 8.30pm on Wednesday 1st May

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

Further details from **Anna** on **01963 370749**

## THE ANNUAL YARLINGTON PLANT FAIR

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£3.00 entrance fee for adults and children under 16 are free.

## Bobologism No 10

by Bob Jones

**QUARANTINE.** A commonly-used word denoting excluding someone or something for a time from society to prevent spread of disease. But where does the word come from?

“Quaranta” is the Italian for forty. And Quarantine meant excluding for forty days, after which it was assumed that the poor excluded one was either no longer infectious, or had succumbed. And “Quaresima” is the Italian for Lent, which lasts forty days.

Talking of numbers let's think about the names of the months in our calendar.

**Septem** means seven, but September is our *ninth* month.

Similarly **Octo-** means eight but October is the *tenth* month, **Nov-** means nine but November is the *11<sup>th</sup>* month, **Dec-** means ten but December is the *12<sup>th</sup>* month.

All this might seem a bit odd (it is really!) until one recalls that Julius Caesar in 46 BC proclaimed the insertion of two extra months, one named after himself (July of course) and the other after **Augustus** Caesar. So they inserted July and August into the calendar from January 1<sup>st</sup> 45 BC, making twelve months instead of ten, and shifting the months after August up two places, so that the old seventh month (September) became the ninth, and so on.

In time this Julian Calendar was replaced by the Gregorian Calendar but the story of that must wait until another time.



**Wednesday 1st May @ 7.30pm**

**AGM Evening at the home  
of Sue and Chris McCairns**

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

## **Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk**

Friday 31st May at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

**Oak Apple Day  
By Philip Hoyland**

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

[Wincantonmuseum.org.uk](http://Wincantonmuseum.org.uk)

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