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www.wincantonwindow.co.uk and click on the 'Villages' link.

Events Diary - September 2019

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
	Lunch	Ladies' Lunch Club	Nuova Italia, Ilminster
Tue 3rd	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
Wed 4th	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Mon 9th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 10th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 12th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art	"
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Concert by The Templecombe Ladies Choir	Horsington Church
Mon 16th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 17th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 23rd	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 24th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society	Wincanton Memorial Hall
Mon 30th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"

Somerset Art Weeks Festival 2019

This year's event takes place from Saturday 21 September to Sunday 6 October. It will celebrate the twenty fifth year of this popular and varied occasion with group shows, new commissions, projects and visual arts activities in more than 100 locations across Somerset. The theme 'Silver' will reflect this anniversary. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the work of our own local artists in their chosen collective venues as well as to explore further afield. The focus alternates each year between Open Studios and Exhibitions/Events.

Look out for the Festival Guide which details all the venues and events, and then follow the SAW signs on the roadside to enjoy the diverse arts and culture of Somerset.

The Balsam Centre

By Paul and Sarah White

People often ask me about the Balsam Centre (Paul and I have been Trustees for a number of years) – such as: *What is it, what does it do, who is it for?* Here is an attempt to answer these and other questions.

The Centre is a local charity which aims to provide health and social care services; opportunities for arts and education; and – above all – support for mental and emotional health and wellbeing.



The philosophy of the Centre is that of health via social inclusion. Figures for the area show unacceptably high levels of depression, anxiety, self-harm, social isolation and loneliness. The Centre provides preventative, early intervention and ongoing support to improve mental and physical health and promote social networks and a sense of belonging. In 2015, a Social Return On Investment study of the Centre's wellbeing project showed that for every £1 spent, £3.21 of social value was created.

The Centre exists for everyone in the area of benefit, which includes Wincanton and surrounding communities within a radius of 10 miles, so it takes in parts of Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. It works with people of all ages and interests. Those using the Centre often say that they feel safe and welcomed; it feels friendly and has a vibrancy and energy of its own. Every day is subtly different and shaped by the people and activities taking place, from quiet conversation and mindfulness to song, dance, or the hubbub of the weekly café for older and isolated people.

Here are a few of the activities currently taking place at the Centre through our many Volunteers:

IT Support For those who struggle with new technology such as a smartphone

or tablet. From setting up a Facebook account in the most secure way, to having a problem with your device, volunteers can help you.

Creative Craft Group

Painting, quilling, inking, scrapbooking, creative writing and drawing all take place, with the chance to meet others and have some creative fun. Attendees exchange their own skills and ideas.



Games Group

Games such as Scrabble, Rumikins, Uno and other card games are played, with the opportunity to chat and meet other people in this friendly group.

Health Walks

These are led by trained walk leaders who will support and encourage. Walks vary in length and difficulty and start from various places on different days.

The Men's Shed

This group is as much about the camaraderie as it is about the woodworking. The group have been making small items for sale and wood-turning the winning platters for Wincanton Racecourse.

Lip Reading

Those who struggle with hearing in busy places can learn how to lip-read, which may help. There are also classes in sign language.

Loose Ends Café Tuesdays

A time to meet a variety of interesting people over a delicious, healthy lunch.

If you (or anyone you know) are in need of support at a difficult time in your life, you can talk to someone in confidence and find a group which might help. Alternatively, perhaps you can help us in some way, either by volunteering or by becoming a Friend.

If you would like to know more, go to the website **www.balsamcentre.org.uk**

Horsington School News

I hope you are enjoying the calm around the village as the school has its well-earned Summer break. As ever, the year was extremely busy.

Thank you so much for all your support throughout the year, whether it is coming to the Village Fete, being a school governor or lending us a goat!

This year we have been holding a coffee morning every half-term; we would love to see you there. I have children trained and ready to serve refreshments and our parents make simply the best cakes ever! Watch out for dates.



This academic year we would like to have three of the classrooms re-decorated as they are looking rather shabby. To try and achieve this, we are launching a crowd-funding campaign starting at the beginning of term. We are using an organisation called DonateMySchool as they will reclaim the tax back for us and make donations go even further.

If you are able to help we would be extremely grateful. If you would like to visit the school, please do ring Judith Ham in the office and she will organise a time.

We are proud to be Horsington Church School and we are part of your community.

Mary Alexander

Finger Post Restoration Completion

The project team refurbished the three Finger posts along the A357 last year as was reported in the November edition and this was funded by the Parish Council. To complete the project, the sign to Templecombe opposite the White Horse Public House which broke off while being cleaned prior to painting had to be repaired. We are indebted to Edward Faithfull who offered to carry out the repair at no cost and the signpost is once again complete. It was also necessary to remove and repair the Meade Lane (Stowell) sign which had been hit by a car many years ago. This job was finally completed by Cerdic Foundry in Chard who shot blasted all parts and supplied the required new parts including casting a new Stowell finger sign. The repaired post was reinstalled with the help of Ben Rendell who came with his post auger and “mini digger” and did the heavy lifting at no cost to the community. The whole thing was then repainted and now stands like new!!

Some £900 pounds was donated at last October's village dinner. Subsequently many other village members have generously contributed and we were able to cover the Cerdic Foundry invoice of £1290.

Thank you very much to all contributors for their generosity and to Edward and Ben for their skills and labour !! It has enabled us to complete a really worthwhile and satisfying project.

These historic signs are part of our heritage and it has been a privilege to preserve them.

Robin Worsley, Tony Parsons and David Clayton.

South Cheriton completed



Meade lane hole drilling



Team at Meade Lane signpost





‘Anything goes’ at Horsington WI

Committee members having a good time during the Strawberry Meet evening on 4th July in St Margaret’s Hall.

Concert by The Templecombe Ladies Choir

Sunday 15th September at 3pm A Concert by The Templecombe Ladies Choir will take place at Horsington Church, followed by Tea and cakes.
Donations in aid of church funds.



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A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Horsington Village Celebrates 75 years of VE Day



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To be held in the Marquee Horsington Play Area

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 6p.m. 2020

Adult Ticket £10 Family Ticket £25

Proceeds raised will go towards new swings for Horsington play area

(Special thanks to Horsington W.I. for their contribution)

If anyone is willing and able to help, please contact John Sansom: jrsansom@hotmail.co.uk



Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Blackmore Vale U3A

Open Afternoon - Free Admission **Come & see what we do**

Henstridge Village Hall 2.30 – 4.30pm
Glass of wine, tea & cake provided



Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington

At 8.30pm on Wednesday 4th September

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

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

VACANCIES

Part time Church Benefice Administrative Assistant to the Rector

Please contact the Rector, Kevin Rogers for an informal discussion and for further information on 01963 363832 or at revkrogers@gamil.com.

New Treasurer needed for St John's Church PCC

We are looking for someone who would be willing to give up some time to support our local church by taking on this important role. The treasurer is co-opted onto, and supported by, the PCC - a small friendly group led by Kevin Rogers, our Rector.

A full handover will be given from our current Treasurer. There is a vast amount of support available from the Diocese (especially for non-financial volunteers) who take on this role, including free training days, access to the use of Diocesan cashbook spread sheet which automatically produces the year end accounts, and support from “champions” who will provide online, phone or personal support to users .

If you would like to know more, please call Kevin, our Rector, on 01963 363832 or via email revkrogers@gmail.com

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector:

Over the Summer break, thousands of young people would have had the privilege of being able to make use of the many and varied Christian Holiday camps around the country. Many an adult bears testimony to the life changer these camps have been to them in their respective faith journeys. There is no doubt that what and how we invest in our children and young people, determines the fruit we see in their adult years.

This is a principle of life. What goes in, what we are exposed to, forms us and influences who we are, what we think, how we act and live our lives, and ultimately how we respond to life events. It like building up a tool kit of knowledge and experience that we draw upon as life happens.

Paul, a godly man of impeccable character, knew this only too well. In one of his letters to his friends, this was his advice to them. It was his advice from a heart of deep love, devotion and respect for his friends. He encouraged and urged them with these words. “Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”

These words of encouragement and advice are relevant to us, thousands of years later, especially with our ease of access, through the internet, to everything from the wonderful and inspirational to the depraved and debauched at the other end. Do we know what our children are being exposed to? Are we aware of what we are exposing ourselves to?

Our church seeks to be that safe place where godly character can be formed and developed through an exciting and vibrant faith. Church is open to everyone. There are no entrance criteria. Just come and be.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin

St John the Baptist, Horsington

1st September	9.15am	Holy Communion
8th September	11.00am	Morning Prayer
15th September	9.15am	Holy Communion
22nd September	6.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
29th September	10.30am	United Service of Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Henstridge

1st September	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Prayer
8th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	
15th September	11.00am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
22nd September	11.00am	Holy Communion	
29th September	10.30am	United Service of Holy Communion at St John's Horsington	

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

1st September	11.00am	Morning Praise
8th September	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th September	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd September	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th September	10.30am	United Service of Holy Communion at St John's Horsington

HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT AT THE NEWT



Bobologism No 13

by Bob Jones

Did you know that the area in which wild ponies shelter in the New Forest is known as their haunt? The ponies move around their haunts according to the seasons and the weather. In the summer they often go to the shade under the same trees each day. Commoners have names for each of these ‘shades’ and will search them out when looking for a particular pony.

The word “haunt” (sometimes “hant” in Scottish Gaelic) comes from the old Middle English word “haunten”, meaning to reside or inhabit.

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I’ve always been fascinated by words. Years ago, during my sons’ school holidays, I tried to interest them in some particular word derivation that had caught my eye. I was told, in the plainest language by one of the boys, that school holidays were meant to be *holidays*, and they weren’t interested in learning anything new at the moment, thank you very much.

Funny then that that son became quite a word-smith himself, much more than me, and his eighth book is being published in September. This book is about the football Ultras in Italy. No pressure...



Thursday September 19th at 7.30pm

History of Traditional Jazz - John Dando

Joint meeting at North Cheriton Village Hall

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on
01963 370713

Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday 27th Sept at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

The British response to the East Africa Slave Trade Brian Garton

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

Wincantonmuseum.org.uk

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

Thank you to all who entered this year's Summer Show. The weather has presented significant challenges to gardeners this year – again! – but we are not easily daunted in these parts and put on a good display regardless.

The gardening year is tipping now from high summer and hints of autumn are in the air. No better time, then, to hear Alan Power, Head Gardener at Stourhead, talk about his world-renowned garden. You may have heard him in past years on Radio 4's PM programme, painting verbal pictures of the trees at Stourhead as the autumn foliage reaches its peak. He is the speaker at an exciting joint event we are holding with Milborne Port Gardening Club on 17th September, at Milborne Port's Village Hall, Springfield Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5RE. The evening starts with drinks and nibbles at 6.45 pm, followed by Alan's talk at 7.15 pm. Tickets are available in advance from Judy Easdale 01963 220984 or Jan Smith 01963 251451 and are only £3.00 for club members, or £7.50 for non-members. I look forward to seeing you there.

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



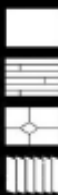
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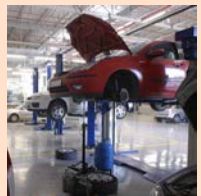
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