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Events Diary - October 2019

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tue 1st	10.30am	Upholstery	Village Hall
Wed 2nd	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 3rd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.30pm	WI	"
Fri 4th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 7th	Lunch	Ladies Lunch Club	Stag's Head, Yarlinton
	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 8th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 10th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 11th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 14th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 15th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 18th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 21st	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 22nd	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 25th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society	Wincanton Memorial Hall
Mon 28th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 29th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 31st	10.00am	Art	"



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Stowell Hill Stud - the intervening years

When Sally Packer asked if I would write an update on Stowell Hill Stud I couldn't believe that it was 2014 when I first wrote an article for the Villager. The stud is named after the former home, of owners Bob and Jeanette McCreery, now based at Throop Farm ; sadly Bob passed away in 2016, his wife then taking over the reins !!!

Stowell Hill is a commercial thoroughbred stud, breeding potential flat racehorses. The majority are offered for sale, with the occasional filly being retained to race, hopefully good enough to win races and return to Stowell Hill as a broodmare.

The 2014 article focused on a foal born that Spring sired by FRANKEL (the highest ever rated racehorse - unbeaten in 14 races, 10 of which were at the highest Group 1 level). That year was Frankel's first crop of foals so it would be a minimum of 2 years before his first 2 year olds would reach the racecourse. In Clover, the dam of the foal, is a permanent boarder at Stowell, and owned by well known American owner / breeder George Strawbridge. The foal grew very quickly into a tall 'rangy' yearling indicating that he wouldn't be an 'early' two year old but would need time to mature and strengthen. Named Call the Wind, he left Stowell in the Autumn of 2015 to be broken in and then go to France to trainer Freddie Head. As we thought, it wasn't until 2018, as a four year old that he raced - eight races, winning three of them, including a Group 1, and earning his owner in excess of £350,000 in prize money.

The thoroughbred breeding season starts in February - the first day of the covering season is February 14th., so with a gestation period of 11 months - give or take - the earliest foals can arrive mid - January. All thoroughbreds officially become a year older on the 1st. January following their year of birth. It is therefore, an advantage, that the earlier a foal is born the better, especially when racing as a two year old.

The older the horse becomes, so the advantage lessens. Depending on where the new seasons covering sire is based, the mare will either give birth to the foal she is carrying at home, or travel, and foal at the stud farm where she is to be covered. In the wild state, a mare could be covered by a stallion as soon as 10 days after giving birth, when she comes into season at what is known as the 'foal heat'. The controlled breeding of horses is such that we usually miss the foal heat and cover three weeks later at the next heat. After the foal heat, mares 'cycle' every 21 days.

Returning to 2014, we had a 'first foal' out of a mare called Coplow. Having said that 'a race filly has to earn her place as a broodmare by hopefully winning'; there are exceptions to that statement. Coplow herself had raced eight times, never quite getting her head in front. She had though, been placed on three occasions, beaten in two of those races by fillies that subsequently went on to win and be placed in higher rated races. One of them won a Group 3, the other had been second in the 2012 One Thousand Guineas. Coplow, therefore, although never having won was considered worthy of taking her place as a Stowell Hill broodmare. The 2014 filly foal was named Billesdon Bess, and it was decided to put her in training rather than offer her at the Autumn yearling sales.

The following year, 2015, Coplow foaled another filly. This one, as a yearling, was entered in Tattersalls October Sale 2016. A few weeks before the sale she sustained a minor hock injury - our vet was confident that she would 'come right' in time for the sale. The Guv'nor, Bob McCreery, said with no hesitation - 'pull her out' !!! - meaning to withdraw her from the sale, 'and we'll put her in training' !!! The filly was named Billesdon Brook and like her sister, Billesdon Bess, was destined to be trained by Richard Hannon. Billesdon Bess had won her first race in 2016 as a two year old - it looked as though Coplow had started her broodmare career with a half decent filly. We now kept everything crossed in the hope that 'Brook' could emulate her sister and also win a race or two.



Coplow with friends at
Stowell Hill Farm

In 2017, Bess was three and Brook a two year old. Bess was to run in seven races that season, winning three of them and coming second twice. Billesdon Brook surpassed all our expectations and in eight races won three (including the Group 3 Prestige Stakes at Goodwood) was second twice and third twice ; an exceptional start to her career.

The following year - 2018 - Billesdon Brook was now being aimed at the highest Group races. She only ran four times that year. It was a hot summer with the 'going' rated as 'good to firm' on many occasions. The previous year Brooks ideal track would have been 'good / good to soft'. It was on May 6th. 2018 that she entered the starting stalls at Newmarket prior to the running of the Qipco One Thousand Guineas - she 'jumped out well, was held up towards the rear, made good headway two furlongs out, ridden to lead one furlong out and stayed on well inside the final furlong'. She had WON the first Classic of the season !!! It was jockey, Sean Leveys' first Group 1 Classic winner, so more reason to celebrate.

In the spring of 2019, the Thoroughbred Breeders Association announced the list of award winners for the 2018 flat season. The Silver Rose Bowl for flat breeder of the year was awarded to Stowell Hill 'for the outstanding achievement of broodmare Coplow, who produced 2018 Guineas winner, Billesdon Brook'.

Jeanette McCreery received the award on behalf of her late husband, who had arranged the matings to conceive both fillies and allocated their trainer -
'it really was ALL DOWN TO BOB !!!'

by David Ludlow.

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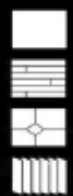
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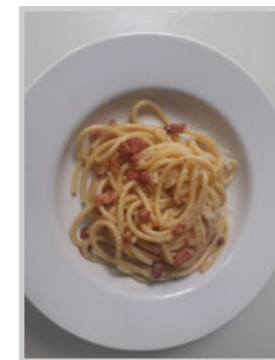
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THE PROPER PASTA CARBONARA

A Roman speciality, this dish is rarely prepared the way it should be outside of Italy. The ingredients are typically Italian, and mostly from the region of Roma, but if you can't find them you can default to ingredients more commonly found in England. But despite what you are often served, there is absolutely NO cream in the traditional recipe.

Ingredients (per person. Just multiply according to the number of guests)

100 g of long pasta (bucatini, or if not available spaghetti)
1 egg yolk (No need for the whites!)
50 g of pancetta (if not bacon) diced
20 g of mature pecorino (if not parmesan)
salt and pepper



In a big saucepan, put a lot of water to boil (the pasta needs a lot of room to cook properly!) with a good pinch of salt.

In a pan, fry the pancetta until golden brown.

Put the egg yolks with some black ground pepper into a big serving bowl (you will eventually incorporate all the ingredients in this bowl) and whisk until paler, light and foamy.

When the water is boiling strongly, throw in the pasta and stir it from time to time during the first few minutes or it will stick together. Cook it for the time recommended on the packet. Do not hesitate to taste it: it is ready when still slightly firm under your teeth, which the Italians call "al dente".

Just a few minutes before draining the pasta, add two tablespoons of the boiling pasta water into the yolks and beat well. This is the secret moment that will create the creaminess you are after, with no cream needed!

When the pasta is ready, drain it and pour into the large bowl with the yolks, stirring well while doing so; add the pancetta and the pecorino while still stirring. Ensure all the pasta is well coated in the sauce.

Serve immediately (pasta doesn't wait!). One last thing: Italians never use a spoon to eat their pasta, only a fork.

BUON APPETITO!

If you'd like to share a recipe you know the secret of, or a recipe you enjoy cooking, please do not hesitate to send it to The Villager. We'd love to share it with our readers!

by Paolo and Stella.

Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

I'm having to write this prior to Alan Power's talk but I do hope that everyone who went along to Milborne Port had a very enjoyable evening. Looking ahead now to our October meeting on the 15th, which is the last one scheduled for 2019, we have a cornucopia of delights. Firstly, free stuff; Castle Gardens are offering free bulbs again this year. We will have 2 or 3 bulbs of narcissus 'Jack the Lad' to give to members on a first come, first served basis. The idea is to grow the bulbs over the winter and compare the results at our meeting in March.

Additionally, the Castle Gardens Bulb Vouchers will be available for all attendees. Present your voucher at the till to get 25% off all spring flowering bulbs.

Last but by no means least, we have a new speaker, Kate Savill. Kate has her own garden design practice in Bristol and, alongside creating a number of gardens for her clients in Somerset, she has designed and built two RHS Chelsea Flower Show gardens: The Jo Whiley Scent Garden in 2017, and the Warner Edwards Garden in 2018. She'll be sharing with us what is involved, practically, financially and emotionally, in taking an award-winning garden to Chelsea. So do please join us on Tuesday, October 15 at 6.45pm in Charlton Horethorne Village Hall, to collect your bulbs and vouchers and have a cup of tea and a chat, before settling down to hear Kate's talk at 7.15pm sharp. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Thursday October 3rd at 7.30pm

Celebration Garlands

by Jennie Barham

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on
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Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday 25th October at 7.30pm - Wincanton Memorial Hall

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Moviola - Milborne Port (Village Hall)

Friday October 25th - Doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm

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Horsington Open raises in excess of £900 for local charities

The seventh Horsington Open on September 7th was a resounding success. This annual charity fun golf tournament at Henstridge Golf Club attracted 49 players – it's largest ever entry, and raised over £900 for two local charities – St Margaret's Hospice and Wincanton Live at Home, which helps elderly people to live independent lives in their own homes. The weather behaved itself, along with most of the competitors.

This was a keenly fought tournament over nine holes, an arrangement which allowed busy competitors to attend to family and domestic matters as well as turning out to play golf. As always, it was a close run thing. The overall winner, Steve Penny from Henstridge Golf Club (and also their captain), played a blinder and managed to defeat Horsington's Phil Warren by just two stableford points. Steve's team, the Henstridge "A" also won the team prize, beating the Henstridge "B" team by 3 points.

Henstridge of course had the advantage of playing on their home ground, and the moral is that Horsington's players should get out and practice more.

Horsington was represented by Peter Gripper and his family, Phil and Mark Warren, David Blake and Sean Riordan, Andrew Tarling with Phil Bennett, George Wagland and Nick Maynard from the Half Moon, John Macdonald, Richard Gaunt and Anthony Yateman.

This last trio broke the course record for the highest number of strokes and the longest time to complete the round. Anthony Yateman was duly rewarded with a superb prize marrow for his efforts.

Foxcombe Lane was represented by the magnificent duo of Andre Blond and Damian Orton, who sadly failed to make a dent in the opposition.



HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We have all survived our first week back! The new Reception children have settled well, and we look forward to them becoming full-time members of our school community.

Fred, Lisa, Harry and Charlie lent us their goats this week so they could chew down our Spinney are for us. The children loved having them in school and the goats seemed to quite like the children!



We have our first coffee morning on *September 24th* and all are very welcome. Although it isn't officially the MacMillan Coffee Morning day, you will be able to make a donation towards this cause.

We have officially launched our crowdfunding appeal. There is information on the school website or through the DonateMySchool webpage. Our target is to raise £5000 by Christmas so we can have a big refurbishment of Fire Class. Please do ring the school office if you would like any further information or feel you are able to help this project in other ways.

HORSINGTON CHURCH

Greetings from the Rector,

As summer turns to autumn, we may each approach this change rather differently. Some lament the loss of daylight and the warmth of the sun (and rain!), whilst others relish the anticipation of cosy fires, candles and stews. Whatever our viewpoint, we know that this change of season is part of our rhythm of life.

As I write the nation is living through a time of extreme constitutional uncertainty as we move towards leaving the European Union – or not! By the time you read this the context could be very different. The certainties of the end of the last millennium seem a long way off. We may well wonder where we are in all this, and where God might be? In our confusion and change it is good to remind ourselves that God does not change and his promises are to be trusted. In the Bible, we read, “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

When we are afraid or disorientated, we don't want to be told that it will be okay at some point in the future. We need someone to be with us now, in the darkness, until it is okay. This is what God promised us. He promised to be with us, through the political uncertainties, through the illness and treatment, through the financial crisis, through the relationship difficulties, through the implications of the exam results.

Thankfully, the truth of God is not dependent on our perceptions of reality. What we see and experience, whatever we are going through, He is the sovereign Lord, who is accompanying us on our journey through life. This is the mystery of faith. When we know it and when we don't, God is with us, for He promises as much, and He is unable to lie.

May you find comfort in knowing that the Lord of all the earth is journeying with you despite your circumstances.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin

St John the Baptist, Horsington

6th October	9.15am	Holy Communion
13th October	11.00am	Morning Prayer
20th October	9.15am	Holy Communion
27th October	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

St Nicholas, Henstridge

6th October	Harvest Festival	11.00am	Harvest Worship	6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving
13th October		9.30am	Holy Communion	
20th October		11.00am	Holy Communion	6.30pm Choral Evensong
27th October		11.00am	Holy Communion	

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

6th October	Harvest Festival	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
13th October		9.30am	Holy Communion
20th October		11.00am	Holy Communion
27th October		9.30am	Holy Communion