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Poppy field in Flanders

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Events Diary - November 2019

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 4th	Lunch	Ladies' Lunch Club	Fox and Hounds, East Knoyle
	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 5th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	2.30pm	UA3	Henstridge 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	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 12th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 14th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	"
Fri 15th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 18th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 19th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 21st	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 25th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 26th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 28th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 29th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society	Wincanton Memorial Hall

GET CHRISTMAS OFF TO A GOOD START!

This year's Candlelit Service will be held on
Christmas Eve (24th December) at 6pm in St John's Church, Horsington.

Why not get twice the enjoyment by joining our choir for the occasion and gain
 a ringside seat and worldwide fame,
(You don't have to be a great singer - just willing)

If you are tempted, phone Sheila and John on 370249

The Ethiopian Wolf and other snapshots

An incident-crowded trip to Ethiopia has left a great deal to reflect on in the days after returning. Hence it seems best to focus on some memorable moments while the impact of the whole journey sinks in. The country has a history going back through medieval times to the early Christian era and yet further. Today the population is nearing 100 million people, and 70 percent are below the age of thirty. The roads are constantly crowded with animals and people on the move, with welcoming, smiling faces greeting travellers on their way.

The Ethiopian Wolf

Our decision to visit the Bale mountains was based on its reputed beauty and richness of birdlife. The travel guides talked of the Ethiopian wolf as the rarest of the 37 canid species in the world, but we took little notice. Our second day the mountains, however, found us with a guide on the sunlit flats of the Sanetti Plateau: a real moonscape, treeless and covered in a silver grey heather-like shrub. Tranquil pools reflected the blue skies and hosted blue-winged geese, ruddy shelduck and busy, elegant sandpipers bobbing at the water's edge. It was a pleasure to tramp across the level, dry plateau, 14,000 foot high and thickly carpeted with *Alchemilla* and other tiny Afroalpine flowers. The flats were alive with the movement of mole rats, skittering across from burrow to burrow. There was no cover for larger animals, so we quickly found we could track the wolves across the plateau and up the slopes beyond: graceful, elegant and alert, their bright brown coats vivid against the chalky scrub. The sun shone, we acclimatised to the cold and the guides produced flasks of coffee so that we could sit on the rocks and watch the wolves quarter the ground, listening intently before the frantic scramble to catch and despatch their prey. This was a totally unexpected close encounter with a beautiful animal ranging at will across a wild and eerie landscape.



Mud!

Our pre-trip briefing said 'it could rain so do pack a lightweight raincoat/cagoule'. We knew we would be in Ethiopia at the end of the rainy season, but... We encountered mud at the very beginning of our travels, when the path leading between two sixteenth century painted churches proved to be in deep undergrowth, booby-trapped with rocks and roots. At the end of our trip we found ourselves on the only road between the mountain lodge where we had been staying and Addis Ababa where our flight home awaited. The upward slope led to a bend with a deep, muddy, lorry-shaped trench between us and our eventual destination. Fortunately our drivers seemed to relish the challenge – one chose to drive straight through the trench and the other to slip and slide round its sloping edge. We got through. Deep mud was clearly a fact of life



for villagers in their huts, as we experienced on a visit to a Dorze weaving cooperative high in the mountains. Our drive was enlivened by dashes across the road by local boys doing the splits and demonstrating their mastery of the all-important hip-wagging local dances. At the village, plenty of friendly hands kept us on our feet as we slithered to the weaving shed and on to a village hut and garden. It took some persuasion to get our shoes cleaned of inches of deep red mud when we returned to the marble halls of our immaculate lakeside hotel.

Treasures

Ethiopia's ancient civilisations have left the country with a huge repository of treasures from the past. The archetypal one is the Ark of the Covenant, said to have been brought from Solomon's temple in Jerusalem and now kept under lock and key in Axum. We could stare at the outer wall of its resting place, but only its one official guardian is ever allowed to see it. A fascinating secret at the heart of Ethiopian Christianity. Many, many other treasures were on display in their home churches, with 500 year old illuminated books taken out of old cupboards to have their richly decorated pages turned for visitors to admire. A treasure from a much earlier period is Lucy, the skeleton of *Australopithecus afarensis*, 3.5 million years old but only discovered in 1974, proving that walking upright had been achieved 2.5 million years earlier than had been believed. Down in the basement of the National Museum, at the centre of a detailed exhibit on early man, the crowds peer reverentially at the case displaying what is merely a replica of the all-important skeleton.



False bananas

I had never heard of the false banana, or *enset*, but we discovered that the tall plant with its glossy green leaves is an essential staple in every way for the Dorze people of the highlands near Arba Minch in the Great Rift Valley. They use sections of the leaf to create their 30 foot high domed huts thatching them with the leaves which dry to a dark grey colour, creating rounded structures with various bulges vaguely suggesting the shape of a beehive or an elephant, thanks to a front entrance extension like a trunk. We were told that the exceptional height of each hut means that it can continue to be used even when the lower edges fall prey to termites or rot. Beyond the smoky hut, in the shelter of the adjacent false banana plantation, we were shown how the stems could be stripped with a large knife to produce a pale green wet pulp, smelling of cucumber. Buried in the soil, this pulp ferments and begins to smell like cheese, when it can be kneaded and flattened on a hot plate over coals, and cooked to produce a thick, fibrous pancake which can be eaten with honey, chilli sauce or a combination of both.



Sally Packer

Oh La La! C'est Noël!

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Route 60+

Somerset County Council Road Safety team run a presentation for older drivers. It is called Route 60+.

The course is aimed at helping to keep older drivers driving more safely for longer. The Safety Team is very aware that when a person who lives in a remote area has to stop driving it presents a difficult lifestyle change. In a talk they cover strategies to help continue driving and offer (for a fee) a driving assessment with a driving instructor.

The course is delivered free of charge to the community. Everyone who attends will get a copy of the highway code and other literature to assist them.

The course lasts for two hours and the Road Safety team try to bring along police and fire services for home safety advice, health professionals and other agencies who can offer advice as we get older.

Alternatively a talk that is part of the course lasts for one hour.

We are trying ascertain whether there is any interest in either the course or the talk. The course would be held in the Village Hall and the talk under the auspices of the WI (all genders welcome) at one of their monthly meetings.

Please contact Jackie Pyne (01963 370713) or John Macdonald (01963 370444) if you are interested in the talk or the course.

HORSINGTON WI REPORT 2019

Horsington WI enjoyed a varied programme in 2018, which included learning about hunting for truffles, the history of privies, the wildlife of Costa Rica and the competitive world of ballroom dancing.

We met alpacas at our joint meeting at North Cheriton and entertained our fellow institutes twice with musical evenings.

Family and friends joined us on our June outing to Powderham Castle and we had great fun supporting members who were in the cast of the Charlton Horethorne panto.

If you would like to join us, we meet on the first Thursday evening of each month, at the St. Margaret's Hall unless otherwise published.



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75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

*Horsington Village
Celebrates 75 years of VE Day*



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Craft Stalls Wanted £10 a Stall

Licensed Bar & Food

To be held in the Marquee Horsington Play Area

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 10:00am to 10.00pmn 2020

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

'THERE BUT NOT THERE' REMEMBRANCE EVENT

Last year we introduced 14 silhouettes into the church as an act of remembrance of those who are named on our Memorial in that war. This was part of the national campaign 'There but not there' to mark 100 years since the end of WW1.

This year we will display the silhouettes once again as well as displaying the histories of the WW1 fallen as we did last year. We will also have the details of the eight killed in the Second World War.

The church is open every day so please make some time in the week running up to Remembrance Sunday to visit and sit amongst the silhouettes and read the stories of the men who probably sat in the same pews and lived in the houses and farms around us.

The aim of last year's campaign, which applies every year, was to bring the names back into the places they left behind. Let's not just remember their names but this year get to know them individually.



Thank you, **Stephen Miles** *Churchwarden*

Bobologism No 14

by Bob Jones

A few months ago we talked about the names of our months, and the Latin word for **TEN** came up –“decem”. One of our commonly used words seems to be to “decimate” but I only realised in the last couple of years the literal meaning of the word. It does NOT mean to reduce the size of something **to** one tenth, but to reduce the size of something **by** one tenth. Originally it was a punishment for mutinous Roman soldiers. If a unit were rebelling one in ten of that unit would be killed. It must have been quite a deterrent.

Talking of the Romans, when they were conquering Southern Europe they spread as far as they could in all directions and when they came to the Atlantic Ocean they could go no further. They thought it was the end of the earth and named it so. End –*finis* in Latin- and *terra*, meaning the earth. And so we got Cape Finisterre in North-Western Spain and Finistère in Western Brittany.

And incidentally, from the same root, our little dogs that like burrowing into the earth and disappearing down holes are **TERRIERS!**

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Time flies by in school and it has been a busy month.

You may have noticed our Year 6 cyclists out and about in the village as they worked on their cycling proficiency. The trainers were extremely impressed by the excellent attitude of the children and by the fact that they managed to stay dry in what was an extremely wet week.



The Reverend Kevin has been into school and worked with the older children on how to lead collective worship. He is always fun to have in school and the children enjoy his assemblies.

Fire Class were set the challenge of building the tallest tower they could with spaghetti and marshmallows. Team work was important and an understanding of structures quickly developed! You can imagine what the floor of the classroom looked like at the end of the session but a good time was had by all.

Our crowdfunding campaign is going well, thank you to those of you who have already supported us. I hear through the grapevine that technology is causing one or two problems so I will just clarify methods of making a donation. On the school website there is a crowdfunding link which will take you straight through to the correct page. Alternatively, you can go onto DonateMySchool, click 'All campaigns' then type Horsington Church School in the search area. Option three is to make a donation through the school office by cash or cheque.

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

No doubt, we have been asked by our children to buy that extra can of food or packet of pasta for a harvest collection at some point in recent weeks. And where we have forgotten to buy something suitable, we have probably raided our cupboards to satisfy the desperate plea for something towards that harvest collection. For, come what may, they are insistent that they cannot arrive empty handed. Although this may have been yet another thing to remember, and yet another thing to organise, and yet another expense, we know deep down that it is the right thing to do. We send our children off with a sense of satisfaction that we have enabled them to experience the joy and satisfaction of being able to give.

Harvest season is an ideal time to encourage our children to be generous. It is a vital part of their character development. Giving, and giving generously is also an essential part of our adult life too. It demonstrates a deep trust in God who provides for all our needs. As we use our gifts and talents at work, earning our livelihoods, we remember that God gives us the very breath we breathe and the earth in which to live and work.

Generous giving at harvest time reminds us too of God's generous love for us all. It is a love that is both unconditional and extravagant. Our giving at harvest time is our natural response to this generosity of God. We give and we share, because God gives and shares his very life with us. For God so loved us that he gave his one and only Son.

May we know afresh this generous love of God, this harvest season. And as we do may it release us to be a generous community in all respects, and in all seasons.

Whether or not you were able to join us for any of our harvest services or celebrations in the community, do feel able to come along to any of our Sunday or midweek activities as part of your response to our generous God.

Yours in Christ, Kevin

St John the Baptist, Horsington

3rd November	All Saints	9.15am	Holy Communion
		3.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed. St Mary's, Templecombe
10th November	Remembrance Sunday	10.50am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
		11.15am	Service of Remembrance
17th November		9.15am	Holy Communion
24th November		8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

St Nicholas, Henstridge

3rd November	All Saints	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
		3.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed. St Mary's, Templecombe		
10th November	Remembrance Sunday	10.55am	Service of Remembrance		
17th November		11.00am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
24th November		11.00am	Holy Communion		

St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

3rd November	All Saints	11.00am	Morning Praise
		3.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Loved Ones Departed
10th November	Remembrance Sunday	10.00am	Service of Remembrance
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
17th November		11.00am	Holy Communion
24th November		9.30am	Holy Communion



Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington

At 8.30pm on Wednesday 6th November

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 November 22nd 2019

Film: Tolkien (cert 12) (112 minutes)

Staring: Nicholas Hoult

Tolkien explores the formative years of the orphaned author as he finds friendship, love and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts at school. This takes him into the outbreak of World War I.

Milborne Port Parish Council has again financially supported the Village Hall for the 2019-2020 Moviola season. This has meant we are still able to offer tickets at our 2014 launch price



Tickets: £5.00 in advance - £5.50 at door

Advance tickets are exclusively available from
Wayne Pullen, Butcher of Milborne Port from 1st November 2019.

Doors open at 7.00pm, with the show starting at 7.30pm, at the
Village Hall (located in Springfield Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5RE).



Tuesday 5th November 2019
Blackmore Vale U3A

a talk by Emily Utgren on - **'Lost Features of Stourhead'**
at Henstridge Village Hall 2.30pm

Members £1.50 Visitors £2.50. Refreshments included



Thursday November 7th at 7.30pm

In the Mood

by Dr Francis Burroughes

Telephone Mrs Jackie Pyne for further information on
01963 370713

Wincanton Museum and History Society Talk

Friday 29th November at 7.30pm

Wincanton Memorial Hall

From a rugby game to the Dams

One man's story of aerial reconnaissance in WW2

Janet Fray and Andrew Jenkins

£5 for non-members or £2 for members.

Wincantonmuseum.org.uk

THE WINTER FAIR

in support of
THE BALSAM CENTRE

**Saturday 23rd November 2019
10.00am - 1.30pm**

**NEW VENUE:
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**This year the Winter Fair is on Saturday 23rd
November at Wincanton Racecourse BA9 8BJ
from 10am to 1.30pm and we are fundraising
for the Balsam Centre in Wincanton.**

Entry 50p.

**A free CAT bus shuttle will be running from
Wincanton Memorial Hall - 9.30am to 1.00pm.**

**There are some wonderful stalls of Trash
and Treasure, Deli and Cakes, The Toy Stall,
Jewellery, Books, Tombola, The Bag Ladies,
The Balsam Centre Stall, Art Gallery,
Kitchen Dresser, Pre-Loved Fashion, Gifts
Raffle, a delicious Cafe and a chance to shop
and chat - it's unmissable.**

Look forward to seeing you there!

**P.S. If anyone wishes to discard, downsize etc
please contact me and I can collect too!**

Christine Pratt—01963-371215



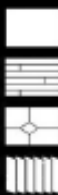
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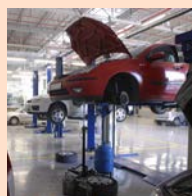
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