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#### **Events Diary - March 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	Lunch	Ladies' Lunch Club	Kingsdon Inn, Kingsdon
	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 3rd	10.30am	Upholstery	"
	2.15pm	U3A	Henstridge Village Hall
Wed 4th	8.30pm	Music Night	Half Moon Inn
Thu 5th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 9th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 10th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 12th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	II.
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 16th	5.30pm	Pilates	"
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 17th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	WI	North Cheriton Village Hall
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
	7.00pm	Moviola - Judy	Milborne Port Village Hall
Mon 23rd	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tue 24th	10.30am	Upholstery	"
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	11
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	11
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society	Wincanton Memorial Hall
Mon 30th	5.30pm	Pilates	Village Hall
	6.45pm	Pilates	"
Tues 31st	10.30am	Upholstery	"

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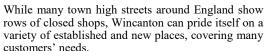
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#### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW WINCANTON?

New things are happening all the time in Wincanton. And mostly great things! There is a new vibe in town, propelled by a few new and old residents who have decided to give a sense to the word "community" and to join their efforts, making Wincanton a better and more attractive place.





First of all, are you aware of the recently launched Wincanton magazine called "The Word"? Founded by a group of volunteers and funded in part by the town council, it publishes, among articles and practical information, lists of monthly events and is distributed for free around town. You can get a copy at the Library, the Post Office and other places.

In the past few years, cafes have become a common feature in high streets and Wincanton is not foreign to this trend. But do you know them all?

Cale Park Kitchen. The park has now a café open every day with a nice outdoor space in the summer. On its first floor, "Mini Town Imaginary Play" welcomes young children for four sessions a day for creative indoor play. The café organises through the year a range of activities mainly aimed at children or parents, like Mini Bakers on Thursday mornings. In March: Sunday 22nd, 12-3pm - Mother's Day afternoon tea (with a free gift of flowers included!) www.caleparkkitchen.co.uk

**Bootmakers Workshop**. Offering arts and crafts activities using recycled materials, for children but also adults (look out for their adult creative workshops and special community events like their monthly clothes swap evenings), the space includes a small café and a traditional pizza oven. Every Sunday, there is a drop-off activity for children, with a different theme every time.

**Seed Café**. Located on Market Square, the café and the shop next door named "Number 4" are the creation of the feminist activist Lynne Franks. Think organic products and plant-based meals, as well as regular events like music or poetry performances, wellbeing retreats and workshops, movie nights.... www.hubatno3.com

**Lovington Bakery**. Now an institution in town, this place is popular for its freshly baked bread and pastries (the best foccacias!), as well as light brunches and lunches.

**Hooga**. Inspired by the comforting and intimate Danish cafes, Vicky and her team are serving fresh and original food, regularly trying out new recipes and launching new ideas, like Sunday yoga courses followed by brunch, cocktail nights, knit and natter group (last Friday of the month) or a clothes pop-up shop.

**Number Sixteen**. The latest in town, previously "Divine Wines". Tracey, the new owner, has refurbished the beautiful Georgian building, still serving drinks, cakes and light lunches as well as developing a delicatessen counter selling local food and alcoholic drinks. Open until 8pm on Friday evenings!

Unfortunately, most of the places listed above are as yet using only social media to publish their events, so go and visit them to receive the latest news! Or check "The Word".

I should also mention **Lemon Tree Delicatessen**, though its future is uncertain as it has finally been bought. I should investigate it further...

And I am not listing all the other places where you can share a cuppa and a cake on a daily or weekly basis, like The Balsam Centre, Community Centres, Church coffee mornings, pubs and many more I might not know about.

To remain on the same theme, let's talk about markets and food stalls.

**Wincanton Country Market**. Now a regular in town, on the first Friday of each month (next one 6<sup>th</sup> March), 9-11.30am. Located in The Barn, between 31-32 High Street, local producers meet to sell food and decorative items.

The Applegarth Emporium, with its inside courtyard now renamed "Cole's Yard", after the couple who are shaking and reviving Wincanton by opening not only a fruit and vegetable shop but also a healthy food and sustainable products shop selling items by bulk called "The Whole" (bring your own containers!), a gift and home decoration shop and a toy swap area – to start with. And they don't stop there, they are behind many great initiatives. Like the Youth Market taking place in the yard on the 3rd Saturday of the month, where children sell their own goods and look after their own stalls.

**Seed Market**, on Market Square. A monthly market where creative people and small businesses can sell their products. Held usually on the same day as the Youth Market mentioned above. Next market on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**The Truckle Truck**. This funky and bright truck, home to a nomadic cheese shop, is now coming to town every Thursday, parking on Market Square between 10am and 3pm. Its varied and exclusive selection of cheeses is highly recommended by all.

A quick mention must be made of Mike's Hardware, located opposite the now-closed Clementina, which surprisingly manages to sell all-you-need in a rather small place, and the two florist shops along the high street. As for Clementina, it now hosts the artist-in-town, Zac Greening's atelier and transforms into an art gallery, a movie theatre or a public workshop whenever local people come up with ideas to promote the town centre.

And of course, there are many other shops and restaurants that you probably know already or must go and discover by yourself. By the way, the Co-op is open every day from 7am to 10pm, including Sundays! Info worth sharing for sure.













Jeanne Mortarotti

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#### Milborne Port Opera presents the Arcadians

It's that time of year again. Milborne Port Opera, nominated for no less than FIVE awards for last year's blockbuster show "Anything Goes", are busy rehearsing their next production "The Arcadians" by Lionel Moncton (music) and Mark Ambient (words).

Most readers will not have heard of this show or its two authors. In its day, "The Arcadians" was the third longest running West End show up to that time (1909). It is regarded by scholars as the finest example of the genre. The historian Richard Traubner calls it "indisputably the greatest



Members of the cast of MPO's "The Arcadians" gather at Henstridge airfield for a publicity shoot. In front of the wing: Richard Gaunt (Sir George Paddock), Alison Ruddy (Maria Smith) and Ben Grundy (Jim Smith). Yes, that's Chris Bailward standing by the propeller.

operetta (or musical comedy, if you will) of the Edwardian age".

The plot concerns the exploits of an adventurous aviator and philanderer Jim Smith, the rich owner of a successful hotel in Pall Mall. He decides to leave his wife and go off exploring in his aeroplane.

He crashes in Arcadia, a country populated by virtuous innocents, who lead a rural, romantic life.

The Arcadians have no idea about London life, fashion, jealousy or lying. They transform Smith into an attractive, young Arcadian on pain of losing his youthful looks if he ever tells a lie.

The Arcadians spirit Smith and two beautiful companions back to London with the mission to "Set up truth and banish the lie".

They are of course chaotically unsuccessful. The plot twists and turns with some delightful musical numbers. Act 1 starts as pure operetta, and by Act 2, the show has morphed into a musical comedy, with some great characters and situations.

Composer Lionel Moncton may be familiar to some MPO audiences. His music was heavily arranged and adapted by Neil Edwards for his three musical comedies premiered by MPO – The Lost Continent, The Murder at Shakerley House and Spring Fate – all great successes.

The show stars all the usual suspects from the MPO, which has enjoyed enormous support from Horsington over the years.

The show runs the week after Easter (15-18 April) Tickets go on Sale on March 1<sup>st</sup> and early booking is advised. The Half Moon will be running its usual theatre outing on Thursday April 16.

How did MPO do in their awards? The presentation is not until after this edition is published. Look out for announcements on Facebook.

Richard Gaunt

#### School News

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Fire Class finally managed to complete their walk from Charlton Horethorne. It was a beautiful, if somewhat chilly day, and a good time was had by all. This walk usually takes place termly but had to be cancelled three times last term as the weather was too bad. The Reverend Kevin showed great skill in cow control!



Again, many thanks for supporting our Crowd Funding Campaign. Fire Class will be refurbished during the Easter Holiday. We will have a grand opening at the beginning of the Summer Term. Hopefully, in the next issue, I may be able to give you a date for this - all welcome.

Please watch out for our half-termly Coffee Mornings. We have changed the time to 9.00-10.30 a.m. Our PTFA really do bake the best cakes ever.

A new venture for the school this term is a two night residential trip to Mill on the Brue Activity Centre for our Year 4 children. I visited with Miss Hardwill last week and the river looked particularly cold. The water has a little time to warm up before the end of February!

Please note, the date of the Village Fete has been changed to June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes to all.

Mary Alexander



Thursday March 19th at 7.30pm North Cheriton Village Hall

#### **Dementia Friends** by Trish Foers

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#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 Blackmore Vale U3A

Chris Tripp from

# **Dorset Diggers Community Archaeology Group** talks about their work in and around Dorset

Henstridge Village Hall doors open 2.15pm talk commences 3pm Members £1.50 Visitors £2.50 refreshments included **Everyone welcome** 





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

Friday 27th March at 7.30pm Wincanton Memorial Hall

Victorian Chimney Sweeps by John Sansom

£5 for non-members or £2 for members. Wincantonmuseum.org.uk

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#### Half Moon Inn Music Night, Horsington

#### At 8.30pm on Wednesday 4th March

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)

Date: Friday March 20th

Film: **Judy** (12A) (2019) 118 mins

Staring: Renee Zellweger



Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland (**Renee Zellweger**) arrives in Swinging London to perform a five-week sold-out run at The Talk of the Town. It is 30 years since she shot to global stardom in *The Wizard of Oz*, but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through.

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).

# THE ANNUAL YARLINGTON PLANT FAIR

Will take place at

Yarlington House, Yarlington, Nr. Wincanton BA9 8DY On Saturday 16th May 2020 - 10am till 4pm

A large selection of plant stalls by specialist growers from all over the South West Coffee, tea and light refreshments are available. Admission £3.00

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#### HORSINGTON CHURCH

#### From the Rector

Humans always have something or someone that they value. What or who this object of value is receives our attention and resources. Whether consciously or subconsciously, we make sure that this something or this someone is nurtured and receives priority attention.

I was once challenged by a friend to carefully keep a mental note of where I spent my money, where I spent my time, what I read, what I watched, what internet sites I visited and what apps were on my phone. This, he said, would help me see where my priorities lay. In some cases, I was not surprised, but in others, I really was. Areas I thought were a priority received little time or resources, and areas that I thought were less important received far more of my time resources that they deserved.

Jesus spoke quite clearly into this predicament. He was only too aware of how easily we can be distracted into the unimportant. His answer was to put first things first, to keep the main thing the main thing. Like putting pebbles, representing the most important, into a jar, representing our life, and then adding the sand, representing the less important. Put the sand in first, and there is little room for the pebbles!

Jesus suggests that prioritising our relationship with him is like putting the pebbles in first. Putting time and effort into getting to know him is like training before race, like preparing before doing, like putting ink into the printer before printing, like putting the seat belt on before pulling away. So obvious, yet so easily overlooked is the importance of spending time with Jesus, getting to know him.

May you find the rest, contentment and joy we long for in our growing relationship with Jesus.

Yours in Christ, Kevin

#### St John the Baptist, Horsington

1st March	9.15am	Holy Communion
8th March	11.00am	Morning Prayer
15th March	9.15am	Holy Communion
22nd March (Mothering Sunday)	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
29th March (United Service St Mary)	10.30am	Holy Communion

#### St Nicholas, Henstridge

St Menoras, Henstriage			
1st March	11.00am	Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Prayer
8th March	9.30am	Holy Communion	
15th March	11.00am	Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evensong
22nd March (Mothering Sunday)	11.00am	Holy Communion	
29th March (United Service St Mary)	10.30am	Holy Communion	

#### St Mary The Virgin, Templecombe

1st March	11.00am	Morning Praise
8th March	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd March (Mothering Sunday)	9.30am	Holy Communion
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## St John's Church Horsington

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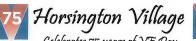
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#### **Bobologism No 16**

by Bob Jones

Most of us know, and probably use, the word "charlatan". My dictionary defines it as "a mere talking pretender, a quack".

It comes from a combination - strictly speaking an "elision"- of the Italian words "ciarlare", which means to natter or gab away, and the beautiful Umbrian town of Cerreto. (The first letter in both words pronounced 'ch'- as in church) Cerreto allegedly produced a lot of smooth-talking salesmen ("cerretani"), who in English came to be known as charlatans.

And talking of quacks (no comments please) my dictionary defines it as a medical charlatan, from the obsolete Dutch word *quacksalver*, meaning a hawker of salve, or ointment.

So having had a go at the medical profession, why not the lawyers? A shyster became the US slang for an unscrupulous lawyer (1843), probably from the German Scheisser, meaning an "incompetent worthless person", from the rather rude word Scheisse. (Translation, if needed, on request).