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Villager Information

The 'Villager' is the magazine of a close-knit community and we know that everyone will be watching out for any neighbours who might need some assistance. We are circulating these details to help in these difficult times by offering some key points of contact. If you need to stay at home to self-isolate with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or on medical advice, below is a list of local businesses and people who may be able to support you in the villages of Horsington and South Cheriton.

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Notice Boards near Horsington's pond and in South Cheriton. This is a good time to make regular use of these notice boards. We'll try to update them regularly with general information and local news for those who are not digitally connected. Do not hesitate to leave there your messages, your requests, your ideas, anything you need to or want to share with the community. We're hoping it will keep people connected and will offer a good excuse for a stroll outside!

And remember the **old telephone box** in South Cheriton, where you can pick up a good book or DVD. Or where you can drop yours for anyone to take; to avoid contamination, you should stick a note on top of it with the date and time you deposited the item as it will be totally germ-free to pick up 24 hours later!

The new landlords at the **White Horse in South Cheriton**, Justine and Andy, are offering a Take Away meal service in the current lock-down. There is a choice of about seven basic meals, or jacket potatoes, also beer/cider/lager at £2 a pint (bring your own containers) and a selection of teas and coffees. There is a menu outside the pub. Telephone 370394.

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The more local broadband customers that apply, the greater the chances of an improved service in our area.

If enough people make a request and are willing to sign up to new services, then initial set up costs will not apply.

Gregg Pyne

Thank you

My husband and I would like to thank our village emergency team who so kindly responded to my telephone call on the 20th March when my husband was taken ill. Within five minutes two very nice men (I'm sorry, I can't remember your names) were on our doorstep with the defibrillator; and waited with us until the ambulance arrived, which was within 15 minutes of my call. They waited until the paramedics had checked my husband and I can only say a big thank you to them and all the volunteers who cover this area. It is something you don't think you will ever need, but in our case could have been a lifesaver. My husband was taken to Yeovil Hospital, and after a few hours there, was released, and is now awaiting further tests.

Jo Anderson (South Cheriton)

“Salute the Soldier” Savings Campaign 1944, **Horsington’s Contribution**

Throughout the Second World War there were several National Savings campaigns, such as War Weapons, Navy and Wings for Victory. The week from 22nd to 29th April 1944 was designated the “Salute the Soldier” Week. The purpose of these Campaigns was to encourage the public to buy War Bonds and National Savings Certificates, the money so raised being put towards the War Effort.

For Salute the Soldier Week the Wincanton Rural District Central Savings Committee was given a target of £150,000, Horsington and South Cheriton’s share of that target being £5600. How did you buy your Bonds, Certificates or Stamps? The obvious way was at a Bank or Post Office. Presumably your address revealed the name of your Savings Group so that your purchase could appear as part of that Savings Group’s efforts. (The surviving papers show that £90-worth of National Savings Stamps had been bought by Horsington/South Cheriton residents at the Post Office in Templecombe). One could also buy them at a Selling Centre, that in Horsington being at the office of the West Country Creamery by permission of Mr. G. M. Robertson.

National Savings stamps were available at either 6d [Sixpence or a “tanner” in the vernacular](2½p), 2s 6d [two shillings and sixpence or “half-a-crown”] (12½p) or 5s 0d [5 shillings or “five-bob”](25p). National Savings Certificates seem to have been available in multiples of 15s 0d [fifteen shillings] (75p). One could also purchase 3% Defence Bonds, £5 and upwards.



Further cash was raised during the week by putting on various events.

On Saturday 22nd April at 7.30p.m. there was a concert in St. Margaret's Hall. Admission was Five Shillings (25p), 3s 6d.(17½p) or 2s.0d. (10p) (*What advantages prevailed if you bought a dearer ticket?*). Profits of £35 were destined for Templecombe Hospital.

The Hall was the venue 3 days later for a Whist Drive. This raised £16.10s.0d for the British Legion Benevolent Fund. And on the Friday at 6.45 p.m. there was a Baseball Match by American Troops at the Cricket Field, along with a Punch & Judy Show. Admission was Adults 6d (2½p) and children half-price. On sale during the week were Badges and Official Programmes. Holders of the former were permitted free admission to the Baseball Match.

The "Gate" at the Baseball Match was £3.11s.6d (£3.57½) which was sent to the British Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund. Sales of Badges and Programmes made £5. 3s. 0d (£5.15p) and after Expenses, £1.18s.6d (£1.92½p) which was passed to Wincanton Area Entertainments Committee. The programmes were printed by Latcham's Printing Works at 4 Market Place, Wincanton, the Punch & Judy Show cost £1.11s.6d (£1.57½) and the Hall charged £1.25 for the evening plus 50p for Refreshments. Some of these costs appear to have been absorbed personally by Major Bostock of Horsington Hill. The Major seems to be the leading light in these Savings Campaigns for Horsington and South Cheriton.

So. How do Horsington & South Cheriton do towards their £5600 target? The Grand Total raised in the week came to £10,049, of which nearly £270 came through the Selling Centre. Using an average £ comparison rate to today's value of about 43, this means that the Parish raised the today's equivalent of just over £432, 000. An amazing amount, but not in my mind not as boggling as the thought of a Baseball Match being played on the Cricket Field!

John Roake

THE CREATIVE KITCHEN IN TIME OF COVID-19

While some basic food products tend to be scarce, and trips to the supermarket should be reduced to the bare minimum, here are a few tricks to replace some much needed ingredients in many recipes.

No more flour ?

First option: Blend porridge oats into a fine flour that you can use in the same quantity as your wheat flour.

Second option : Use dry beans, like chick-peas or red kidney beans, well-cooked and mashed (probably work better if tinned). You can do the same with cereals, like quinoa or barley.

Third option, to use mainly in baking : ground nuts, like almonds, walnuts or hazelnuts. 50g of them is enough to replace 100g of flour as their calory intake is very high.

No more eggs ?

Use corn flour : it brings texture and lightness to any recipe. To replace one egg, mix a tablespoon of corn flour with two tablespoons of water or milk.

Another option : seeds, like chia seeds (used whole) or linseed seeds (used in powder), frequently used in vegan recipes. Dilute two tablespoons of seeds with two tablespoons of water and let it rest for a few minutes before adding to your recipe.

Also, fruit compote or mashed vegetables, used respectively in sweet or savoury recipes. They will bring moisture and lightness to your preparation. Count 50g to replace 1 egg. Half a mashed banana works perfectly in cakes.

No more butter ?

Replace with vegetable oil : 80g of oil for 100g of butter.

There are other options : to replace 100g of butter, you can use 100g of peanut butter (or any other nut butter), 100g of mashed banana or 50g of mashed avocado.

No more baking powder?

In that case, the best replacement is bicarbonate of soda. One teaspoon is the equivalent of 1 sachet of baking powder. Ideally, add a teaspoon of lemon juice or vinegar to cover the bitterness of the bicarbonate ; but take off the salt from the list of ingredients as bicarbonate is already salted.

If you don't have any bicarbonate of soda, beaten egg white can bring lightness. Also, often used in vegan recipes, there is « aquafaba », which is the juice contained in tin of chick-peas beaten like egg white.

No more cream ?

You can replace it with any other dairy. For example take milk, thicken it in a pan with a little bit of corn flour or flour, with an extra bit of butter. You can also use some yoghurt or fromage frais as long as you don't need to boil your preparation (or it would curdle).

No more sugar?

Think of any other sugary product, as long as you maintain the right quantity. To replace 100g of sugar : 50g of honey, 50g of maple syrup or 50g of agave syrup. Some apple compote or some mashed banana works also very well!

No more milk?

Simply replace with the same quantity of water. You can also add an egg, some yoghurt, some cream, some vegetable oil or even a banana if you need the creaminess.

No more solid chocolate ?

Just use cocoa. To replace 50g of chocolate, mix 6 tablespoons (40g) of cocoa with two tablespoons of vegetable oil or butter, and potentially 4 tablespoons of sugar if your cocoa is bitter.

Unfortunately, I haven't found yet how to replace yeast in bread or dough recipes – one of the rarest commodities at the time of this article. There is talk of using beer (or wine yeast), make your own yeast (with much care and patience) – or simply bake breads that don't need yeast, like sourdough bread. I challenge any keen cook around, and would love to hear about your own tips!

Blandine Kindermans

Wincanton Museum and History Society

Please note the cancellation of all History Society talks
until further notice

ANSWER TO CROSSWORD

Down

1. Electric fire, 2. Coral, 3. Casinos, 4. Obsess, 5. Ended, 6. Illicit, 7. Craftspeople
13. Integer, 15. Peak cap, 16. Retain, 18. Artic, 20. Photo

Across

1. Encyclopedia, 8. Earls, 9. Saddler, 10. Talents, 11. Decaf, 12. Iciest,
14. Spites, 17. Fatwa, 19. Example, 21. Regatta, 22. Croup, 23. Arachnophobe

Horsington Primary School News

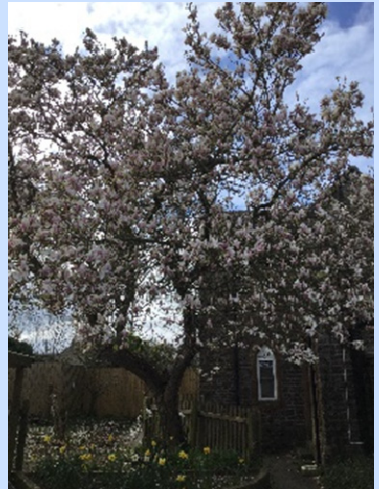
‘Life in all its Fullness’ John 10:10

No, it isn't our lovely vicar, Kevin, writing, it is Mary Alexander, Head of the village school. The reason I have started with this quote from the Bible is because it is our school vision. At school, we wish the children to have this running through them like lettering through a stick of rock.

However, in these interesting times, I have really been thinking about how to do this. How can we strive towards this at the moment? Perhaps we need to suspend thinking of this in terms of ourselves, perhaps we can think in terms of enabling others to have this as best they can. Life in all its fullness now could be: having that lovely walk in the sun; admiring all the gardens bursting with new life; sharing a cheery greeting with those we pass on our daily walk around the marsh; waving at me as I sit in my office; checking our neighbours have what they need; not driving your parents up the wall; being able to buy flour and enjoying the different pace of life.

Serious thoughts over, I am feeling as if my right arm has been cut off! No children, no colleagues. Schools aren't buildings, they are the people who make up the school community. In these technological days, I am so pleased I can see what some of the children are up to through Facebook, email and our online learning platform. Some children have been setting a daily Facebook challenge, I have enjoyed seeing the results.

The magnolia tree in the school grounds looks truly magnificent. You can see it if you are walking out of the village past school. Every year in Autumn we complain about the mess of the falling leaves then, in Spring, we remember why we love it!



Staff will be in school on a regular basis, please wave and shout 'hello' across the socially required distance. If you see me sitting at my desk, please knock on the window and smile at me; it will be appreciated.

Stay safe.

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

Our media take great delight in exposing cover-ups, and we take great delight in these exposures. It was no different in Jesus' day. The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember what that Jesus said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead"'. So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

What a laugh, trying to cover up the resurrection! And it got even more embarrassing when Jesus kept appearing, to over 500 people in different locations over a 40-day period. Some stories just need to be exposed. Jesus lived. Jesus died. Jesus rose again. Jesus will come again. Until then, we worship and adore him.

May the joy and comfort of the resurrection sustain you in these challenging days.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin

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Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm daily

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Monarch's Way: update

When I wrote about the route of the Monarch's Way through our villages, in May last year, I reported that the footbridge on the section going into Wincanton had been declared unsafe and was not due to be repaired until 7 March 2021.

However, I am now pleased to report that the Monarch's Way Association, who provide their members with all sorts of information about the state of this long distance path, have been able to tell their readers that Somerset Rights of Way have replaced the bridge over the River Cale at a junction of footpath WN13/1 which carries the Monarch's Way and footpaths WN30/19 and WN30/21. They advise that any notice indicating that the route is closed should be ignored.

This will be good news for all the people who have asked me about the state of the bridge.

Sally Packer

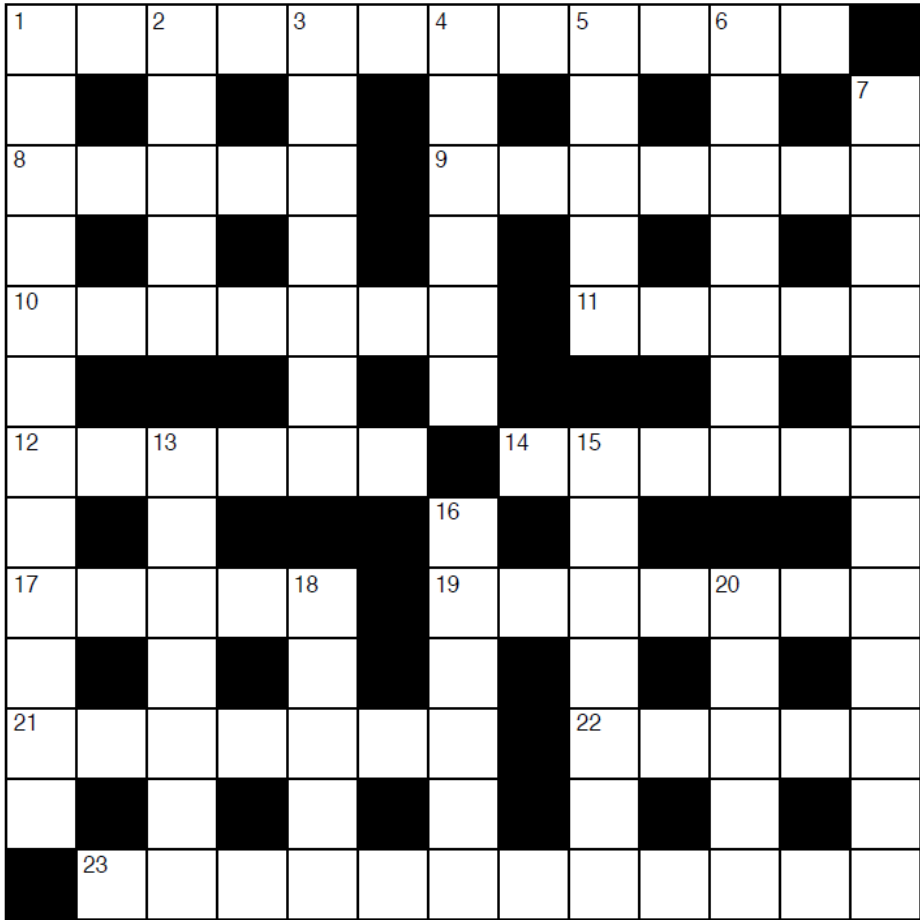
Watercolours by Colin Gray



Dusk view over South Cheriton



Tree at Horsington Pond



Across

1. Unexpected delicacy, open book. (12)
8. They are belted, cultivated variety without start. (5)
9. Ladders exchanged for leatherman. (7)
10. Old coins garnered by gifts. (7)
11. Faced aft to get hot drink. (5)
12. In charge of first European in coldest condition. (6)
14. Within it makes pit especially viperish. (6)
17. Large wife served with a religious decree. (5)
19. Breathe out without aspirate contains politician as illustration. (7)
21. Wouldn't want to get a rat at Henley. (7)
22. Childs breathing difficulty in a cluster with starting change. (5)
23. Artist has two awards and acidic soil so doesn't like tarantulas in his garden. (12)

Down

1. Heater provided by current flame. (8,4)
2. Pink cup first for the mouth. (5)
3. Engineering caisson builds gambling dens. (7)
4. Vacillating bosses tend to do this. (6)
5. Nursed without start wound up. (5)
6. I'm ailing with twitch back that is unofficial. (7)
7. Canny bodies have the skills of a nation. (12)
13. Not a fraction reforms treeing. (7)
15. Top top hat. (4,3)
16. To keep retina requires change. (6)
18. Truck on the ice cap missing the sound of the sea. (5)
20. Snap shortened picture. (5)



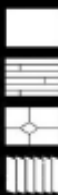
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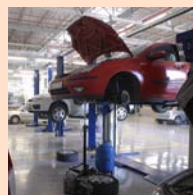
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