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NEWS FROM WINCANTON

With regards **eateries**, since our last article in March, there are a lot of new additions to the takeaway offer, so much that you could almost order a new meal every day of the week or to fit any occasion!

"The Nog Inn" pub is now open for take-aways on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 9pm, with a delivery fee of £5 outside Wincanton. Their menu is accessible on <u>www.thenoginn.co.uk</u>. They have also recently introduced Sunday roast meals between 12.30 and 2.30pm (with orders taken at the latest on Thursdays). To book, call 01963 32998.

"Bootmakers" is now making fresh and delicious wood fire pizzas every evening, between 6 and 9pm. They have a special pizza of the day every day. Text on 077757490896 to order yours.

The "Seed Café" is also now open for plant-based take-aways. Call 01963 33886 or email <u>hello@hubatno3.com</u>

"Cat's Kitchen", the new vegetarian and vegan café meant to open on the site of Just Dance Studios, is offering take-aways (expect your usuals but veggie style). It costs ± 10 for two meals, including next day delivery. The meals are delivered frozen onto your doorstep. Call 07532208308.

Wincanton Tandoori, Wincanton's favourite Indian restaurant, has a new takeaway menu. They are opened 7 days a week, and can deliver within a 6.5miles radius around Wincanton. Consult their menu on <u>www.wincantontandoori.co.uk</u> and call 01963 31033.

Victoria O'Brien, the catering company newly relocated to Wincanton and mainly specialising in weddings and other events, is producing ready-made meals, pies and cakes, also supplying many food shops around. Their afternoon tea party package, to celebrate VE Day, has been so popular that they had to close the orders. Call 07815551586 and visit <u>www.victoriaobrien.com</u>

Not in Wincanton, but highly recommended for the quality of the products and the creativity of the cuisine, is the Sherborne gourmet restaurant "The Green" take-away menu – available on their website. (The owner, Sasha, lives in North Cheriton). They will deliver to your door for a £3 fee, or free of charge for orders over £40. Available Thursday to Saturday 6.30 to 9.30pm. Call 01935 813821 or email info@greenrestaurant.co.uk.

For those of you who have the possibility to use Facebook (I have to say: a sometimes usual source of information nowadays as things are changing quickly and businesses prefer to communicate through social media than updating their website), Wincanton has its own **"Support Group"** page, with all the latest guidance and information nationally and in the area.

The Word, Wincanton's recently created monthly magazine, is for the time being only accessible online. <u>www.thewordwincanton.com</u>. It is a good way to keep up with local news and moods.

The Balsam Centre has set up a group of volunteers to help people who need it. They also keep offering support and advice on well-being, mental health and other issues, linked or not to coronavirus, through Zoom or phone line. They have currently launched a jigsaw swap. If you are interested, contact Annette on 07395326932 or send an email<u>annette@balsamcentre.org.uk</u>.

Wincanton Seed market, which used to meet once a month in Market Square, has launched a **Wincanton Knitwits** group at the beginning of April. One of the ideas behind it is to get people to crochet and decorate the town centre. If you can, go and see some of the colourful works done in Market Square. *Jeanne Mortarotti*

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VE DAY CELEBRATION

The village greatly appreciated the generous gesture of Andrew and Philippa from the Half Moon in providing a socially distanced glass of Pimms and a delicious ice from the Ecco Gelato bike outside the pub on Sunday for all who took their daily exercise through the village. A lovely and memorable moment on a beautiful day as we celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day.



The Road to Horsington

We lived in a pretty little cottage in Virginia Water, a decent walk away from Windsor Park and the Savill Garden. Aircraft from Heathrow avoided us and flew over Windsor Castle, leading the spouse of the Mayor of New York to express surprise to Red Ken, on a visit, that "...your Queen would have it built right under the flight path." We were surrounded by beautiful tall trees on all sides, the mobile phone signal was unstable at best and the Russian Oligarch just up the road had ensured that Google Earth had a big fuzzy bit almost covering our place.

Wentworth golf course caused bedlam on the nearby A30 (take note) whenever Tiger Woods turned up with his mates for the Open and ex-pat Americans had adopted the local church and produced a monthly magazine resembling Vogue. But we loved it. We had a little garden, packed full of plants, which was our passion.

For reasons I will not bore you with, we also owned a flat above some shops by the bridge over the River Wharf in Wetherby, North Yorkshire, which had no garden at all. Monday mornings at 5 o'clock as the day begins (cue for song, hands up who gets it) would see us setting out from Virginia Water for the M1 and the North, to return Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Our commitments to the North came to an end, and semi-retirement beckoned. Let us sell both properties and buy a place with a large garden and appropriate weather, we said. After more than a year of searching, we bought and moved into Meadow View, Horsington, in April, just two years ago.

What led you to Horsington, I hope you ask. Apart from an apparent inane desire not to abandon the A30 (the other house we had on our shortest short list was between Stockbridge and Salisbury – again close to the A30) we were beset by a Strange Phenomenon.

Our criteria for the move, in a nutshell, required us to move south and west, and have around half an acre to garden. During the year or so we searched, an invisible line running from north to south moved stealthily westwards just ahead of us. We almost captured it near Romsey with Stockbridge to the north, then at Marlborough running south to Ringwood, then it dashed away across the Salisbury Plain and lay taunting us from between Devizes and Wimborne Minster. We finally nailed it at Shaftesbury, slipped past it, and put our bid in for Meadow View.

What was this line, this Strange Phenomenon which beset us? Has it evaporated away, or does it remain to foil the plans of prospective Movers-West-for-a-Big-Garden?

It is called 'We've-Got-a-Big-Garden-Let's-Build-a-House-in-It'. Now, do not get us wrong. We think, depending on people's circumstances, doing such a thing can have much to commend it. The remarkable thing about it was the movement westwards of this active infilling process over the best part of a 20-month period.We found ourselves needing to search farther and farther west to find the garden space we desired attached to the size of house we wanted to buy.

In the end, we are so pleased the Strange Phenomenon led us to find Horsington, its friendly people, delightful countryside, fascinating histories and lunatic jackdaws. One night, during our wonderful two years here, I understand the line caught up with us, slipped by and was last reported a tad to the west of the Crewkerne/Glastonbury meridian. *Andy Bufton*



Cottage Garden at Virginia Water



Work begins at Meadow View



And continues.....

Thanksgiving Week, 1945

This week, held between 3rd and 10th November 1945 was the next (and final?) Wartime Savings Week. Thereafter National Savings Weeks were held, but without the razzamatazz and urgency. The National Savings Movement continued in operation until 1978.

Again, the Rural District target for the Week was set at £150,000. The Wincanton Group of Parishes were targeted with £48,500 and Wincanton being the largest Parish had the largest individual target of £18,600 with Templecombe next at £8,000 to be followed by the usual £5,600 for Horsington & South Cheriton. Other Parishes in the Group had targets ranging from £3,400 at Charlton Musgrave to a mere £900 at Bratton St. Maur.

Horsington & South Cheriton quickly called a meeting and elected a Committee. The Horsington members were Mrs. F. David and Miss C. Roberts, whilst the corresponding members from South



Cheriton were Mr. Haines and Mr. Candy. Acting in an advisory capacity were Major Bostock, H. Francis and Mr. Baker. Capt. S. G. Williams from Horsington Hill was appointed Chairman & Organiser and he agreed to also undertake the duties of Secretary and Treasurer.

Major Bostock, along with Miss Roberts, agreed to issue War Certificates and to control the Selling Centre. Mr. Robertson from the Creamery allowed the Committee to again use his premises as the Selling Office and "volunteered" his Clerk to issue Savings Certificates.

The organisation of the planned Concert was put into the hands of Mr. Haines and Mr. Francis whilst Mr. Candy and Mr. Baker would look after the Whist Drive. Mrs. David, with assistance from other Committee Members, would sell the Badges and Programmes.

The "profits" from the Concert, along with the proceeds from the Badges and Programmes sold, were to go to Templecombe Hospital. Those from the Whist Drive were destined for the Templecombe and Horsington Branch of the British Legion Benevolent Fund.

One of Capt. Williams's first efforts was to write to the C.O. at the Royal Naval Air Station at Henstridge asking if the R.N.A.S. could give a film show of Air films, especially those not seen before. He went on to request that films be 16mm. and that the Show should last about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. He explained that the Village Hall was fairly large, as Village Halls go, and had a Stage and 230 volts electric light, but there was no screen available but a sheet could be supplied if required.

Illustrated is the front cover of the Wincanton Group's programme of events and one of

the pages which shows the events being held in Horsington. Holton was holding an event each day of the week but most of the other Parishes were holding just one or two.

The Cinema Show on the Saturday was preceded by an Opening Address by Mr. Gabriel. who was а Deputy Commissioner of National Savings (Horsington aiming high!), the theme doubtless beina that Savings levels were needed to be kept high in order to help finance reconstruction now that hostilities had ceased.

So how did the various functions go, financially? Horsington School raised £1.15s.0d, (£1.75) bv selling badges and programmes with The White Horse raising a further 14s.6d (721/2p) for programmes. The prize for the Winning Programme, a 15s (75p) Savings Certificate, went to S. Hicks. The films at

At HORSINGTON and SOUTH CHERITON

In St. Margaret's Hall

SATURDAY, November 3rd.

- 7.45 p.m. Opening Address by Mr. H. G. D. Gabriel (Deputy Commissioner of National Savings).
- 8 p.m. Cinema Show. Showing Air Films, Air Combats, Aircraft Carriers in action, etc. By kind permission of the Officer Commanding Royal Naval Air Station, Henstridge, Admission: 2/- Children I/- Pay at the door only. Proceeds in aid of the Horsington War Memorial Fund.

WEDNESDAY, November 7th.

B p.m. to Dance. Prizes and Refreshments. Admission: 2/6 I a.m. Members of the Forces in uniform I/6. Pay at the door only. Proceeds in aid of the British Legion Benevolent Fund.

FRIDAY, November 9th.

8 p.m. Three One-Act Plays by the Wincanton Players. Admission: 5/-, 3/- and 2/-. Tickets available at the Selling Centre. Proceeds to Templecombe Hospital.

THE SELLING CENTRE will be in The West Country Creamery (by kind permission of Mr. G. M. Robertson) and will open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. from Nov. 5th to November 9th (both days inclusive) and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th.

Badges (6d. each) can be purchased at the Selling Centre. The proceeds from the sales of Badges and Programmes will be handed to The Templecombe Hospital.

At HOLTON. In the Jubilee Room

MONDAY, November 5th. 7 p.m. to Competitions. Billiards, darts, fishing, table-skittles, 10 p.m. etc. Small entrance fee. Large prizes.

TUESDAY, November 6th.

7.30 p.m. Grand Whist Drive. Admission 1/6.

WEDNESDAY, November 7th. 7.30 p.m. Dutch Auction of Miscellaneous Articles.

- THURSDAY, November 8th.
 - 7 p.m. to Competitions as on Monday evening. 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, November 9th.

7.30 p.m. Social. Admission: 1/6 including refreshments. Results of the week's competitions. Surplus Funds will be devoted to The Church Organ Fund and The Welcome Home Fund.

the Cinema Show were "much enjoyed by an appreciative audience". Entry tickets raised £4.11s.0d. (£4.55) which at 2s. (10p) for Adults and 1s. (5p) for Children would indicate that 60-70 people must have attended. After expenses, the fee for the Village Hall was 7s.6d. [$37\frac{1}{2}p$], the money remaining was passed to the Horsington War Memorial Fund.

The Dance was very successful, but did involve a few expenses. W.H. Haskell, Baker & Confectioner from High Street, Henstridge supplied 8 dozen "Fancies" for 12s. (60p), H. Hamblin of Long Street Sherborne (he describes himself as Electrical, Radio & Mechanical Engineer) at the cost of £3.10s.0d. (£3.50) hired out an Amplifier, for

Dancing, to include Operation, use of Records. Public Performance Licence and transport. The balance left over was £14.5s.0d. (£14.50) which went to the British Legion.

There is a slight query about the event on Friday the 9th. The programme denotes it as "Three One-Act Plays" by the Wincanton Players, but other surviving paperwork has it as a Concert. Whatever it was, £26 was raised in ticket sales. Expenses included 10s. (50p) for the hire of chairs from North Cheriton with another 12s. (60p) to A. Moose & Sons, Builders, Decorators & General Contractors of North Cheriton for transporting them to and fro. The W.V.S at Horsington received 5s. (25p) for the Hire of Crockery and the Horsington W.I. also 5s. for providing teas for the Artistes. The Merthyr Guest Hospital received £16.14s.9d. (£16.74) from this event.

The total amount raised by the village for the National Savings Campaign was £3767, somewhat short of the target. Capt. Williams must have passed on his concerns to Deputy Commissioner Gabriel, because he received back a letter telling him that although Horsington & South Cheriton missed their target, the Wincanton Area as a whole attained its target, "which is a creditable performance considering the difficulties which the Local Savings Committees are experiencing in this Campaign". Doubtless a war-weary public did not feel the same sense of urgency to save money now that the War was over.

When considering the amounts of money above, the value today is 43 times that figure. So the £3767 that the Parish raised for National Savings in Thanksgiving Week, equates in today's money to £161,981. Add to this the amount collected only 18 months earlier for Salute the Soldier Week, in those two weeks alone Horsington and South Cheriton raised not far short, in today's money, of £600,000. *John Roake*

Bobologism No.18

Viruses, Vaccination, Quarantine – it's all the talk at the moment in these trying times of Lockdown. We know what Vaccination means, but where do we get the word? Well, it comes from the Latin for Cow!

Edward Jenner was a physician in Gloucestershire in the early 18^{th} century, when Smallpox was a major killer, killing about 25% of all adults who caught it, and at least 80% of children. There was a related, similar disease of cattle called Cowpox. Dr. Jenner noticed that farm-workers who had contracted Cowpox didn't seem to catch Smallpox; they seemed to be immune in some way. He then injected some of the fluid from Cowpox sores into volunteers, and in time showed that they seemed immune to Smallpox. Having involved from cows the process was called after the Latin for a cow, which is **Vacca**.

Edward Jenner had studied at my old Medical School in London, St. George's, and the skin of the original cow on whom he had worked was there in a glass case, in the entrance hall of the hospital. I wonder what has happened to that cow skin now that the hospital has become the Lansdown Hotel.

A descendent of Edward Jenner, Mike Jenner, was at St. George's Medical School with me. I met Mike at a reunion some years ago. He was then a GP in Tunbridge Wells, and his claim to fame, if he needed one, was not so much his famous ancestor as the fact that Mike had had a heart and lung transplant! And was still working.

And "Quarantine"?You may recall from an earlier edition of The Villager that the word comes from the Italian for FORTY, *quaranta*, and traditionally people were excluded from society for forty days if they were thought to have an infectious disease. It was evidently thought that after 40 days they would either have succumbed to their disease, or having recovered be no longer infectious. Keep isolated everybody, and keep well. *Bob Jones*

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

Thankfulness and contentment can so easily elude us when we are under pressure or tired. This reminded me of the following event.

Jesus travelled through a foreign country on route to Jerusalem with some of his followers, when ten people with Leprosy, from this foreign country, approached Him for healing. They had heard about His track record of healing others. Jesus responded by sending them to the priests who alone could verify their healing, and then readmit them into public life again.

As these Lepers went to show themselves to the priests of the day, one of them noticed that he had been healed of this dreaded disease. And so, without another thought, rushed back to Jesus, praising God with a loud voice. When he came to Jesus, he fell on his knees to thank Him for his healing and for his kindness.

Jesus was so impressed with this man's gratefulness, thoughtfulness, and humility, that he blessed him and sent him on his way again. But Jesus could not but notice that the other nine Lepers had not returned to give any form of thanks.

Now, every time I wash my hands, my ten fingers remind me that I can be thankful by doing many acts of kindness and generosity through my day. And not just with nine tenths of my energy, resources, and love, but rather to do so to the best of my ability at the time.

Happy hand washing!

Yours in Christ,

Kevin

The following services are being held via Zoom:

Evening Prayer every evening at 7.00pm Worship Service at 10.00 am Sunday morning

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Chateau de Perricard

In the sixties we used to make an annual trip to the retirement home of a couple, former colleagues, who remained good friends throughout the rest of their lives. They had bought a n d restored, with the help of a convivial group of local builders. carpenters. plumbers and electricians, a



more or less derelict farmhouse on a hillside close to the little town of Fumel in the Lot et Garonne region of southern France.

The Chateau stands at the foot of the hill below their home. It dates from the fifteenth century and had been the seat of local seigneurs. When we knew it, the main part and most of the surrounding land was owned by a family who farmed (fine white cattle called 'Blondes d'Aquitaine') and grew plums which, when dried, became the notable 'Prunes d'Agen'. The harvesting was done by a great shaking of the trees and gathering by hand by all local available friends and helpers.

By the 'partage', a feature of French inheritance custom, a relative of the family had inherited the smaller tower. He was Batiste, and his age impossible to guess...a wiry little man with long and unkempt hair, who lived very happily, it seemed, with no modern amenities at all, in primitive conditions in his circular chamber reached by spiral stair. Refuse disposal was a simple process of jettisoning through a hole in the wall. We were there in warm summers, but winters could be bitter, and his only source of warmth was whatever fire he kindled in his open hearth.

Batiste had become a close friend of our hosts, partly by reason of his quietly uncomplaining and uncritically generous approach to whoever passed his way, but also by reason of his vines. Every few days, at the right time of year, an evening visit to his quarters enabled a refill of a big, plastic container with the lovely red wine that he had made, and which we then sipped as we enjoyed this view from the terrace above.

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Contrary to the numerous Dog Poo Fairy notices posted around our village enjoining that any bin will do, may we at the Village Hall aver and request that dog owners take their pooch packets home with them. Since our episode with the lost bin we have tried to keep the bin relatively clean, but dog owners have persisted in depositing their dog's do do in the bin and frankly the stink in hot weather is revolting. Not exactly the welcome we would like for our patrons at the Hall. After the closure of the Village Hall due to Covid 19 the bin has been kept within the Hall. A dog owner, in what can only be described as a fit of pique, (sounds like a crossword clue here for a pun) decided they would leave a package concealed in the hall porch. Need I say more?

Responsible Dog Owners deposit their dog's poo, double bagged, in their own bin. The South Cheriton United Football Club would like to remind Villagers that the sports grounds adjoining the Hall are private land and not for the use of dog walkers and horse riders.

Rant over. Pooh d'Arbyn, brother of Nick, (aka John Macdonald)



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