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Events Diary - July 2021

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thu 1st	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 2nd	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 5th		Ladies' Lunch	Halsey Arms, Pulham
Tues 7th	6.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 14th	6.30pm	Yoga	"
Thu 16th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 22nd	6.30pm	Yoga	"
Thu 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 25th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 29th	6.30pm	Yoga	"

Parish Council Update

After a very long absence, it was both a welcome and strange experience when the Parish Council were able to meet in person for the first time in May. It was a busy evening as we needed to combine a regular monthly meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. It was also nice to see attendance at the Public Forum to talk about topics as diverse as the pop-up camping site, super-fast broadband and a school fair.

We were sad to see Jackie Pyne step down from the Parish Council at the end of April. Jackie has made a huge contribution to the village during her time as a councillor and latterly as Chairman - on behalf of the parish we would like to express our thanks for her hard work and commitment. I know that we will miss her knowledge, guidance and experience.

The council now comprises Mark Tucker (Chairman), Adrian Pratt (Vice Chairman), Angela Clayton, Judy Hodges and Belinda Mann. David Chapman remains our clerk. At the time of writing there are currently two vacancies for councillors, but we hope that these will have been filled by the time this edition of The Villager hits your doormats.

We are hopeful that we will be able to continue to meet physically as the country starts to return to normality and look forward to serving the parish through the summer and beyond.

Mark Tucker

Events Diary - August 2021

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd		Ladies' Lunch	Beckford Arms, Fonthill Gifford
Tues 3rd	6.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Tues 10th	6.30pm	Yoga	"
Tues 17th	6.30pm	Yoga	"
Tues 24th	6.30pm	Yoga	"
Tues 31st	6.30pm	Yoga	"

Bobologism 27

I'm not writing as much about words this month as about what I think is a fascinating bit of history. I've lots to say so I must try and be brief, not something I'm usually noted for.

George Washington, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, had an elder half-brother and mentor called Lawrence. Lawrence Washington was a British marine who served under one Admiral Edward Vernon, for whom he developed a very high regard. Lawrence was serving under Vernon when the latter seized a strategically important port called **Guatanamo** in Cuba. Such was Lawrence Washington's admiration of Vernon that he re-named the Washington family estate, previously called Little Hunting Creek, **Mount Vernon**. So George Washington's house was named after a British admiral. I was brought up in an outer suburb of west London called Northwood where there was a hospital called Mount Vernon Hospital, named for sure after Washington's residence.

I had never been to the United States until good friends of Jane's and mine, Bob and Mary Money, once of south Cheriton, invited us to visit them in Washington DC where Bob was on the staff of the Naval Attache at the British embassy. It was a bit of a homecoming for Mary as she was the daughter of a US Admiral, and her parents were living near Washington. It was a wonderful and eye-opening 10 days for me and Jane, and amongst other notable places Bob and Mary took us to Mount Vernon.

We also visited Mary's sister and her husband who had a property in Virginia on the site of a Civil War battlefield. They were often finding artefacts from the Civil War, and amazingly, *the Confederate army uniform buttons were made by the same button-maker in London as those on Bob's Royal Naval uniform*. "The button-makers Firmin and Company are still in business, and supply buttons of every shape and size to all the UK Armed Forces, and are one of the oldest manufacturing companies in the world."

Bob Jones

Tales of the Garden Exhibition at Longleat **28th May-12th September**

Over the last few months, I have been hard at work creating an exhibition at Longleat that will span the summer months. Showing also are works by artists Rebecca Macdonald and Penny Spedding. However, here is a little bit about each of the installations I created which is all under my work and maiden name, Charlotte Austen. All in my studio in Castle Cary.

Working closely with the archivists at Longleat House, and in response to a collection of old photographs, I put together a series of sculptural installations depicting stories from the history of Longleat House and Gardens. I was asked to create 11 sculptures in total made from a range of materials including jesmonite, aluminium, steel, wood, key filings from local key cutters and pressed local foliage from the Horsington hedgerows put into giant handmade flower presses. Horsington village folk that I roped in included my lovely friend, Liela Moss, who helped me style the figures in vintage clothing, and Rory Shaw, my wonderful and patient husband. Rory assisted me all the way through the project which I am hugely grateful for as we only had two months to create this entire body of work. I couldn't have done it without him!

The Figures:

The Figures of the Garden consist of the two children playing by the fountain and the two standing gardeners hard at work in the Peacock Gardens. The figures were sculpted and life cast from my family and friends in the local community, reflecting the Longleat family and community which they are depicting. The finishes reflect and differentiate the passages of time represented in the various sculptures. Rusted oxidised metals that evolve over time alongside preserved pressed local flowers and foliage adorn the vintage clothes the figures are dressed in, preserving time and place and becoming intertwined in the Longleat landscape of past and present.



Mr Shaw



Mr Watts



Willow



Willow, Wilfred and Myself

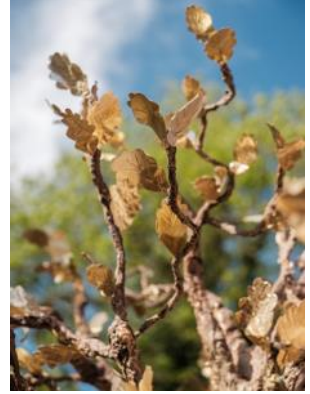
The Oak Trees

‘Grand Oak trees can take three hundred years to grow, three hundred years to live and three hundred years to die. Such knowledge seriously considered, changes the grain of the mind.’ - Robert Macfarlane.

This installation was about the Grand Oak tree that sits next to the tennis court in Longleat which was planted by King George III in 1789.

Each plinth represents this regal tree at different stages of its growth. From the preserved acorn seedling to sapling and then an older, more established tree. The gold leafed leaves, acorn and crowns reflect the regal nature and majesty of this grand oak. The pigment of the bark is made from the very soil it emerges from, here at Longleat, intertwining this majestic tree with representations of its past self, in the place it first started its life.





A Timeline of Landscaping Tools

Plinths decreasing in height and the change of colour gradient within these sculptures represent a timeline of tools used within the gardening landscape at Longleat. Older, sepia tones represent a nod to the archival images referenced in our research. These gradually move towards more vibrant blues and lifelike tones, as if the objects are emerging out of old photographs. Each sculpture is displayed on its own plinth mirroring that of a museum display, to preserve and celebrate each object and its purpose, in place and time.



17th Century Turfing Iron



18th Century Theodolite



19th Century Wheelbarrow
and Ranging Rod



20th Century Rake



Along the Limetree Path and Longleat House

If you are going to Longleat this summer, please go and have a look. Rebecca has made some stunning Peacocks, Kangaroos and Penguins and Penny has made some incredibly beautiful full sized horses out of steel and brass! It was a huge honour to work alongside some incredibly talented artists in such a magical place.

Charlotte Shaw

Photographs by Dave Watts

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Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club

Greetings from Charlton Horethorne! As some of you know, we have a thriving gardening club here, with talks, outings and other events scheduled throughout the year. We have run one talk in the Charlton Horethorne Village Hall this May and, as life gets back to near normal, we look forward to a full programme of events through the summer and autumn. New members are always welcome. Membership is a mere £7.00 a year. If you are interested in joining, do please contact our membership secretary, Jane Watkins, on (01963) 220058 or watkinsjane@outlook.com

Our next 2 events, however, are open to everyone. You do not need to be a member to join our self-drive visit to Frith House on Tuesday, 13 July at 2.30pm. Frith House is very local – between Milborne Port and Stalbridge – but it is open only by arrangement. So, this is a rare opportunity to enjoy 4 acres of garden around the Edwardian House, with pretty walks through woodlands and a well-stocked kitchen garden. The cost is £10.00 per person, which includes tea and cake at the end of the visit. Do please let me know if you would like to come.

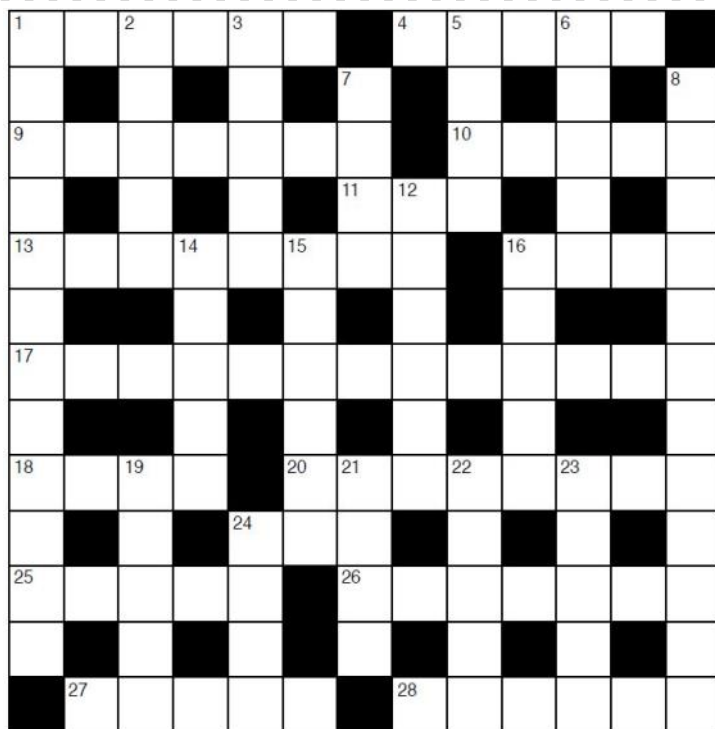
Nor do you need to be a member of the gardening club to get involved with the Charlton Horethorne Summer Show, on Saturday, August 7th. Given the peculiarities of the last 18 months, this year's show will be a celebration, not a competition. There will be no fee to enter, no age limits; all are welcome but you will need to get hold of a schedule and return the entry form to Jane Watkins by 4th August, so that the organisers have an idea of what will arrive on the day. Categories include growing fruit & vegetables, flower arranging, cooking, art, photography and crafts. The full schedule and entry form can be found:

- In the July/August edition of the Charlton Horethorne Parish magazine
- From the Charlton Horethorne Village Shop
- From the Show Secretary, Jane Watkins, on (01963) 220058 or watkinsjane@outlook.com

I hope that lots of you will join us!

Kate Hill, Chair

Tel: (01963) 220044 or mchugh_hill@hotmail.com



Across

Down

1. Catholic father sounds as if he's had a drink or three. (6)
4. Serum to counter virus with credentials. (5)
9. Tree needs heather to find younger version of self. (7)
10. Mother! Mass wastes time. (5)
11. Losing his direction causes Channel swimmer to sink. (3)
13. Casanova less learner is gratis for ultimate liberty. (8)
16. A dog without coke is a bear. (4)
17. Relays across tasks. (13)
18. Affluent among ostriches. (4)
20. Further hidden motive. (8)
24. To employ mistreatment loses rating. (3)
25. Augmenting electronic ruler. (5)
26. Avian vampire stuntman. (7)
27. Forge item in agrarian village. (5)
28. Dances, dances uphill. (6)

1. Headlands for Scots man and Conservatives. (12)
2. Dog with duck could be served with this tea. (5)
3. Formal corpse. (5)
5. Lose the first element of ascent to use this wing. (4)
6. Prelude to nitro mixture. (5)
7. Moulding English ego. (4)
8. Arranged band on Heath. (12)
12. Litter model pad. (6)
14. In a franchised spread. (5)
15. Din made by odd Manx cat. (6)
16. Before the abbot. (5)
19. Terrier altered in car. (5)
21. Heavy metal chief. (4)
22. Peers revised laser. (5)
23. Soak when I'm blowing up explosive initially. (5)
24. Hideous sonic fruit. (4)

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

It was a hot day at the market as we walked through the stalls, when our journey was interrupted by a religious leader bursting through the crowd and falling on his knees in front of Jesus. His daughter had just died, and he was asking Jesus to lay his hands on his little girl, so that she would live. I was moved with compassion by this father's desperation. But equally surprised at his absolute confidence in Jesus' willingness and power to do this.



And as if this were not enough for Jesus, a woman quietly pushed through the crowds, her head and face covered, and very discreetly touched the hem of Jesus' cloak. I would not have given this another thought, had Jesus not suddenly stopped, and asked who had just touched him. I mean, there were crowds pushing and shoving all around, so rather a daft question I reasoned. But Jesus persisted, forcing this woman to emerge, trembling with fear. She confessed that she knew that if she just touched Jesus' cloak, she would be healed, where all other remedies had failed. But all this was so culturally taboo and religiously wrong! And yet Jesus responded with compassion, affirming her faith, and sending her away healed after years of suffering, isolation, and humiliation from her condition.

So brief and yet so dramatic an encounter had almost overshadowed this poor desperate father pleading for his daughter's life to be restored. But not so for Jesus. At the leader's house, he sent the mourners away saying that the girl was only sleeping. A bit naïve I thought, because clearly, there were some professional mourners present who were well acquainted with what death looked like. No wonder they laughed and scorned Jesus. But he was not perturbed. He simply took a few of us inside the room, took the girl by the hand and she got up. Just like that.

That evening, at supper, I asked Jesus about the day. It was so off the wall for me, but seemed so natural to Jesus, as if all part of a day's work. I had so much to learn, but I will never forget Jesus' words to me. 'No-one who comes to me will I turn away. And everyone who comes to me in faith, no matter how small or fragile or incoherent their faith, I will be there for them.'

And it is the same today. To all that receive him, who believe in his name, he gives us the right to become children of God.

Come and taste and see that the Lord is Good.' (Psalm 34)

Kind regards,

Rev Kevin (Tel 01963 363832)

Corporate opportunities to touch the hem of Jesus' cloak:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Saturdays	10am	Home Group	Zoom ID: 869 2053 3261 Password: 982055
Sundays	10am	Service	Zoom ID: 195 548 436, Password: 740915
Sundays	11.15am	Holy Communion	See website: achurchnearyou.com
Wednesdays	2.30pm	Bible Study	Zoom ID 442 929 840. Password: 007292
Every day (except Sundays & Bank Holidays)	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom ID 442 929 840, Password 007292

Fund raising for Horsington Church School

With covid restrictions in place most of last year, Horsington Church School wasn't able to hold the usual big fund raising event that the village supports so well, the Summer Fayre. Also with Glastonbury Festival being cancelled, they missed out on the income that provides with some of our parents taking steward roles for the festival. The PTFA did a great job of coming up with some fund raising ideas that were covid friendly, but not having the two main fund raising events has been difficult.

This year one of the mums from school, Victoria, is raising money by doing a Fundraising Challenge. This will take place in July on the school grounds. The children are deciding the challenges, and Victoria will complete as many as she can for the day. These challenges can be anything (no eating challenges though) and her work (Practice Plus Group) has vowed to match any money raised up to £500. There will be a justgiving page where donations and sponsorship -and any challenges- can be made.



The money raised by the PTFA provides funding for a variety of equipment, including goal posts, musical instruments, play structures and also experiences for the children, subsidising swimming lessons and residential visits. The Just Giving link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/victoria-mitchellhcs>

Horsington School News



It's been a funny old year, exhausting, exciting, funny, and challenging all at the same time. The school community has pulled together to get us all through.

Now we are thinking about next year and how it will look. The school is saying 'Good-bye' to three staff members. Mrs Brady, Ms Epps and Mrs Clarke have made the decision to seek pastures new. I cannot begin to describe how sad I feel about this. I am not good with such changes! These three have brought so much to the school in the many years they have been part of our small school community. They will be sorely missed both as friends and colleagues.

I feel we have been operating behind closed doors this year and we have not had the opportunity to welcome any of the village community in. Hopefully, we will be able to rectify this situation

next year with a coffee morning or two and a Summer Fete.

Someone who has been a regular visitor into school is the Reverend Kevin. He has been leading class worship and, most Wednesdays, is to be found with the youngest children in the church. The photo at the top shows that Ms Barker asked the children to remove their wellies before entering as it had been a particularly muddy walk to the church! The children love these sessions and always come back buzzing about what they have been doing. This year we also benefited from Eid, as three of our pupils shared their delicious celebratory food with us. As we enter the final part of the academic year, it still feels as if there is a great deal to accomplish but we are always mindful of our school vision, "That they may have life, life in all its fullness", John 10:10. With this 'fullness of life' in mind, before the end of term we will have produced a whole school musical; taken Years Five and Six on a residential trip; met all our new pupils for September; held Sports Day; celebrated the school life of the Year Six Leavers, not to mention a bit of learning in between!

I am going to take this opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' to all the school staff for their massive commitment to the daily running of the school this year. The day-to-day teaching is only a part of what they do. Mrs Ham deserves a special mention for her outstanding office management which, this year, has involved daily reporting to the DfE. She also gained the new title of 'Staff Covid-Testing Co-ordinator'!

I wish you all an enjoyable Summer.

Mary Alexander

Earth Class have been researching some of the buildings in Horsington with a view to creating a leaflet for visitors to Horsington. This is an excerpt from one student's writing.

In Horsington we have a wide variety of old and beautiful places, such as the Market Cross. Gifted to our village by William the Conqueror, it signifies Horsington's ability to hold markets all those years ago. After centuries of standing strong, the top half of the cross finally collapsed leaving the pillar you see today. It may look like just a pole in the ground but the Market Cross is an important piece of Horsington's history.



Another such place is Horsington House. Made in 1839, it was home to the Dodington family for over 100 years. In 1939 it was sold to Malvins Girls' College and later on in 1939 it became a children's home owned by the charity Barnardo's. This historic house has been converted into flats but still stays majestic.

If you are to spend time in our rural village, visit our church. Built in the 15th century but restored in 1880. With its beautiful stained-glass windows and elegant metal work, the church is a must when coming to Horsington.



By Harry Van Loo
Year 6 – Horsington Church School



BBC 3 has recently held a week-long celebration of Stravinsky. You may regularly enjoy the channel's Composer of the Week.

Now continue that Russian theme with Professor Gerald Seaman, a well-known international authority on Russian music. His career gave him a unique insight into the Russian system of music education, being able to visit music specialist schools (an exceedingly rare experience for Western visitors), to attend the Union of Soviet Composers and meet with many outstanding musicians including Shostakovich

Professor Gerald Seaman

My Musical Life in Russia
or



How I Nearly Became James Bond

To hear Gerald's talk, which would normally be held in Henstridge Village Hall, link into the Zoom talk on **Tuesday 6th July at 3pm**. To do this this or if you would like to share your newly acquired lockdown skills with u3a groups please **contact Susan Kidd skiddsbvu3a@gmail.com**.

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Blooming Wild Nursery, Cabbage Lane

Since its inception in 2013 Blooming Wild Nursery's goal has remained the same, to provide our local community with a wide range of high quality herbaceous perennials and grasses.



Now in our second year of trading at our new site in Horsington we feel we have started to get to grips with its specific conditions. Growing through record temperatures and rainfall certainly makes it challenging, but unfortunately this is the new normal in the 21st century. After a delayed opening due to Coronavirus in 2020 we have been very grateful for the reception from plant enthusiasts from near and far, building many good relationships with loyal customers that are keen to recommend us to their friends and family.



Our aim has always been to run the nursery in an environmentally friendly way. This involves using peat free compost, recyclable taupe pots and harvesting rainwater from our barn for irrigation. This year's project is establishing stock beds, providing us with the opportunity to plant a wide selection of our stock as mother plants to use for propagation

and to trial new varieties before offering them to our customers. People will be encouraged to wander the beds and see specimen plants growing in their maturity, giving a true representation of how a plant will look and behave once fully established.

The quality of our plants has always been our priority, using the best materials and husbandry to produce healthy, locally grown hardy plants. We spent the best part of four years building the nursery from the ground up, slowly and mindfully, in order to create a functional and aesthetically pleasing growing/retail space. We have continuous positive feedback from customers which has been very rewarding.

We look back on those difficult years of development, realising that taking our time and persevering was worth every moment.



The demand for plants has been unprecedented across the industry this year so we have found ourselves emerging out of this year's lockdown extremely busy and propagating at much higher levels than anticipated for our second year of trading. We are working with some wonderful garden designers/trade professionals. We look forward to growing for them next season and into the future. We have also worked on some exciting planting projects with customers who are looking to create larger, more naturalistic borders in their gardens.

We feel fortunate to have found a local gardener from Bruton, who is working with us part-time to help plant and organise the new stock beds as well as help maintain the site. As we move into our third season of growing we will be looking to employ someone to help us with propagation/growing long term. We are keen to hear from local people as to whether they have any interest in us running courses here at the nursery. We have had mentions of holding photography days, propagation days etc so please get in touch if you have any ideas. We would love to share our space with the wider community.

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Crossword Answers

Across
1. Papist. 4. Fluid. 9. Oakling. 10. Mater. 11. Ebb. 13. Overfree. 16. Pooh.
17. Transmissions. 18. Rich. 20. Ullterior. 24. Use. 25. Eking. 26. Aerobat.
27. Anvil. 28. Ascend.

Down
1. Promontories. 2. Pekoe. 3. Stiff. 5. Limb. 6. Intro. 7. Ogee. 8. Orchestrated.
12. Bedsit. 14. Ranch. 15. Rumpus. 16. Prior. 19. Cairn. 21. Lead. 22. Earls.
23. Imbue. 24. Ugli.

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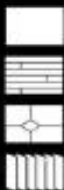
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