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Events Diary - November 2020

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 2nd	Lunch 5.30pm 6.45pm	Ladies' Lunch Club Pilates Pilates	Fox & Hounds, East Knoye Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 5th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 9th	5.30pm 6.45pm	Pilates Pilates	Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 12th	7.30pm 10.00am	Parish Council meeting Art	Village Hall Village Hall
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 16th	5.30pm 6.45pm	Pilates Pilates	Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 23rd	5.30pm 6.45pm	Pilates Pilates	Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Mon 30th	5.30pm 6.45pm	Pilates Pilates	Village Hall Village Hall

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Village Hall

The Village Hall has reopened. As of the second week of August the Hall has been accepting bookings.

In the present climate, there are numerous limitations. Covid restrictions will apply and hirers will be expected to follow the Government guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus.



For further information please contact the Bookings Secretary, Emilie Gordon or the Committee Chair, John Macdonald.

Horsington and Guy Fawkes

Hanging in the church is a list of the ratepayers for Horsington in 1694. At this period the parish was responsible for supporting the poor of the parish, and ratepayers were assessed by the value of the land they held. The list consists of 56 names, some of which such as Hanham are still prevalent in the village.



The name that caught my eye, however, was Mrs Farwell who was one of the richest people in the village, being assessed at £3 7s 2d for one of her properties. I had come across the Farwell family before, when carrying out some research on Holbrook House.

The Farwell family were living in Holbrook from at least 1600, and had a brush with fame in 1605. John Farwell had 5 sons, who were at loggerheads with each other. It came to a head during dinner at Holbrook when brothers Richard, John and George Farwell attacked their father and their brother James with their “daggers drawn in their hands cadging and swearing by many fearful and horrible oaths”. They did “assault, beat and wound James” and left their father kneeling upon his knees and “almost dead with the sudden amazement thereof”.

One of the sons, John Farwell, mixed with some rather dubious company. He was a young lawyer at the Inner Temple in London and at dinner there one evening a fellow lawyer Ludovick Tresham made some insulting remarks about the Farwell family. John was keen to defend the family honour and in a field near Lincoln’s Inn got into a fight with Tresham who wounded him until there was a ‘great quantity of blood’. Tresham was assisted in a further attack by Robert Catesby and the two of them set upon John Farwell with swords and pistols. John Farwell ran to a little doorway where he thought he could hide, but Tresham and Catesby came after him with Catesby egging Tresham on to pull the trigger. John Farwell managed to escape, and went back into the Temple House for dinner but Tresham followed him and struck and stabbed him. Farwell was then (rather unfairly I think) barred from the dining room for a short while.

Who were Tresham and Catesby? Two of those who worked with Guy Fawkes to blow up parliament on 5th November 1605! When James I became king in 1601, it was hoped by some that he would take the country back to being Roman Catholic, after the Protestant years under Queen Elizabeth. However one of James’s first moves was to expel all Jesuits and Catholic priests, showing that the Protestant Church was here to stay. Catesby, Tresham and Guy Fawkes were all Roman Catholic and intended to blow up parliament during the state opening with a plan to capture the king and forcibly return the country to the Roman Catholic religion. The plot was supposed to have been on 20th July, but because of an outbreak of plague the opening of parliament was postponed to 5th November 1605. So next time you celebrate Bonfire Night have a thought for John Farwell who had lands in Horsington and who suffered under the hands of Catesby and Tresham.

Susan Maltin



There is a new delivery service in the area, bringing products from local shops to your house. It is a nice alternative to supermarket food for people who are avoiding going to shops or don't have time for it.

The mastermind behind this new scheme is Carolyn Hopkins, owner of 'The Truckle Truck'. You might have seen her recognisable blue and yellow ambulant cheese shop in local towns' markets or in Wincanton Market Square on Fridays *. The young and enthusiastic lady from Gillingham used to work for a deli in Shaftesbury before setting up her own business in a van in 2018, selling a wide selection of cheeses that she buys directly from local cheese makers or from small and selective European wholesalers. Her regular customers know that she supplies an incredibly fresh and tasty Gorgonzola, the Italian cheese becoming her bestseller all year long (and believe me, it is really good!).

Over the last months, she has seen the delivery system taking more and more importance in people's buying habits. While in lockdown, many local businesses have offered a delivery service to compete with supermarkets and to help their customers access fresh and tasty products. But for small independent shops, deliveries are taking a lot of their time and resources, adding to the difficulties of trading as a small business. So, Carolyn suggested creating one delivery platform for all shops in the same town to make the system more efficient. In Wincanton, she has partnered so far with The Fruit and Vegetable Shop in Cole's Yard, Lovington Bakery and Number 16 to offer a box scheme with a selection of fruits and veggies, bread, eggs, milk and cheeses delivered regularly to your door. The online platform has just been set up and there are plans to partner with more shops and cafes in Wincanton as well as offering a wider range of products on the website. At the moment, there is only one option on offer: a £40 box for a couple or a £70 family box containing a variety of fresh products in season. Soon it will be possible to select products and to access a bigger choice of set boxes. Keep checking the website for further exciting news: www.thedoorsstepdeliveryservice.co.uk

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can sign up for an automatic weekly, fortnightly or monthly delivery, reducing the delivery fees to £2.50 each time.

Carolyn has big plans to save the high street and the local shops. Eventually she would like to develop a similar scheme for other small towns, so they too benefit from an alternative to big supermarket chains. Not only does it help to protect the environment (and most of the items are wrapped in sustainable packages) but it keeps the high streets alive and supports local producers by bringing their products to the customers' tables. What's not to like!

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**The Truckle Truck visits Wincanton every Friday. Orders are also possible online thetrucklettruck.com*





The Villager is sad to record the recent death of Angela Burton who provided the autumnal cornucopia of 'Blackberries' for the cover of last month's magazine, together with these two fine examples of her excellent work .





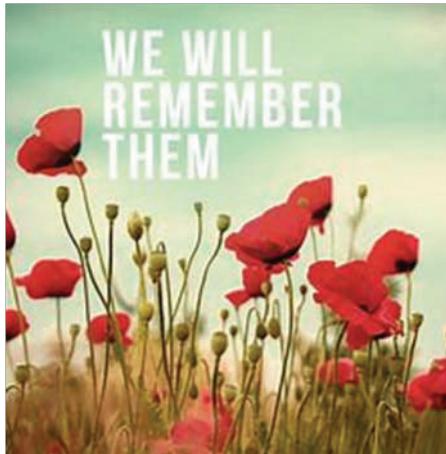
One way for me to survive well during lockdown has been to go out regularly for walks to escape a busy house and be provided with fresh air and exercise. As movement was limited to immediate areas, I quickly got bored of walking the same paths every day and started to walk with my phone listening to Spanish podcasts or TED Talks. From there, I stepped into the world of podcasts, which have grown incredibly over the last months to cover almost all fields of interest.

Recently, a friend introduced me to “Somerset Stories”, a podcast dedicated to the lives of people living in Somerset, and I soon got the opportunity to meet with the founder, Lewis Webb. Having fled London with his young family to move to Wincanton a few years ago, he came up with the idea of the podcast while commuting at the time from London, where he worked, to Somerset. All this time spent driving was made enjoyable by listening to podcasts. But as none seemed suitably fitted to the journey home, leaving the city behind for the green hills and peaceful countryside, he decided to celebrate the region by creating a podcast which would outline the creativity and energy of people living here. One encounter led him into another one, with so many passionate people happy to reveal the reasons behind their choices and lifestyle.

Series 1, composed of 14 episodes, is already accessible. You can listen to cooks, beekeepers, gardeners, cheese makers, artists, writers, musicians – I can’t mention them all - conversing with Lewis about their work and life in Somerset. A series 2 is on its way, coming out around mid-November. The podcasts are free and easy to access, directly from the website somersetstories.com, on Spotify, Google and Podcasts Apps on your phone (just look for “Somerset Stories”).

For a little under an hour, it feels like friendly people have entered your house to enjoy sharing a conversation that celebrates everything human, away from the politics and other issues of the world. It just feels good living in Somerset.

Jeanne Mortarotti



St John's Church Horsington Remembrance Sunday 8th November

We hope to be able to commemorate Remembrance Sunday, unless Government Coronavirus Guidance changes before then. Please access the church website for up to date information nearer the time.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10897/>

We plan to meet at the War Memorial at 10.45am for a short commemoration followed at 11am by the two minute silence then afterwards in the church for our Remembrance Day Service.

The current rules will apply at the War Memorial as well as the church. Please maintain social distancing of 2 metres and the rule of six will apply.

Once again, our silhouettes and the histories of those names on the Memorial will be displayed in church. If you are unable to attend either of the ceremonies, the church will be open all day, so please feel free to visit.

People must not be part of a group of more than six unless they are from the same household or support bubble.

No singing

The law allows for multiple groups of 6 people to participate, provided that these groups do not mingle.

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

Allow me to introduce you to Jonah, or if you already know him, to reflect on his response to God. Jonah was minding his own business when God asked him to warn a rather large city that they were on a collision course with God. God wanted to give them a chance to change their ways.

Jonah heard God. He considered the assignment and promptly ran the other way. He boarded a cargo vessel taking him as far away as possible from this city. But God had other plans. He caused a great storm to engulf and threaten the ship, its crew and all its cargo. When the ship was in danger of sinking, Jonah admitted that his disobedience to God had caused this storm. He asked to be thrown overboard.



Jonah developed that sinking feeling as the waves engulfed him. But just as he was about to drown, a large fish (a whale?) swallowed him whole. Poor Jonah had to live in that fishy stench of those sloppy, sticky gastric juices in the fish's stomach for three days. So how did he survive? He prayed like never before. He was so sorry for not obeying God.

On day three, the fish vomited him up near the beach. The stench does not bear thinking about! Once Jonah cleaned himself up, he hit the road back to that city and warned them to change their ways so that they could avert God's just anger towards them.

Jonah really didn't think they would listen to him let alone the warning, and that from God. But they did! Jonah should have been relieved. But he wasn't. He was so fed up with himself, with God, and with this city, that he hoped they would be punished.

Jonah ran away again, this time into the desert. But God caused a plant to grow up overnight to provide him with shade. Was Jonah grateful? Yes, but he was still cross with God for ruining his life. The next day, God caused a worm to eat this plant so that it died. Was Jonah upset? You bet!

In the end, God confronts Jonah on his hypocrisy. Jonah gets upset about a plant dying that he didn't even plant. How much more so was God concerned about this large city with so many people living so vilely and suffering so as a result.

The moral of the story: God cares about us. He will go to any lengths to rescue us from our corrupt and rebellious ways, even sending his only Son, Jesus to rescue us and give us a new way of living.

Kind regards,
Rev Kevin Rogers

Bobologism 21

As a change from words, I thought I'd try to write a bit about numbers this month. In the 11th Century there lived in Italy a mathematician called Leonardo of Pisa, who later became known as **Fibonacci**.

He drew attention to a sequence of numbers which became recognised as the Fibonacci sequence. (The sequence was actually recognised in India in about 150 BC). Starting with 0, then 1, you can make up a sequence of numbers where each number is the sum of the two preceding numbers.

For example $0+1=1$ $1+1=2$ $1+2=3$

And so it goes on. $2+3=5$ $5+3=8$ $8+5=13$

You can go on for ever, and you then get **1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89** etc.

The interesting thing is that each number is approximately **1.618** times the previous number. For example $8 \times 1.618 = 12.944$ -very nearly 13, and the ratio gets nearer 1.618 the higher you go.

Believe it or not, I'm trying to keep this simple!

This figure of approximately 1.618 occurs in nature in many ways. The so-called “perfect rectangle” which is easiest on the eye has sides in the proportion of 1 : 1.618. Most classical pictures are of these proportions, and the Acropolis in Athens, thought to be the ultimate in perfect proportions, has the same ratio. The same occurs in music but I don't wish to complicate this little article too much by trying to explain it.

Most flowers have either 3, 5 8 or 13 petals. The arrangement of the seeds in a Sunflower head is of these proportions, as is the spiral of a snail's or Nautilus' shell. Above our heads, if seen with a telescope at night, the swirl of the Galaxies is again of these proportions.

I could go on and on but do not wish to confuse or spoil anyone's sleep. But it is I think very interesting, and fun. You can look into it further on Google or Wikipedia if you wish.

New coaching Team for Wincanton Tennis Club

Starting from half term Wincanton Tennis Club will have a new team of coaches. Contrary to the information given in the October issue our affiliates LA Tennis, founded and led by Luke Andrew will kick off with two tennis camps at half term on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th October at the WTC courts. The camps are open to all juniors of any standard whether members of the club or not so why not get your children or grandchildren out of the house into the fresh air and if they bring a friend you get 10% discount! Enrol as soon as possible to be sure of getting a place; all details on our website: <http://wincantontennisclub.co.uk/coaching-programme/>.



Luke is also looking to start Cardio Tennis, Adult Team Training, Rusty Rackets and Junior Pro Hits so do contact him if you are interested in any of these.

Although the nights are drawing in, the courts at Wincanton are floodlit so club social sessions continue through the winter on a Monday and Wednesday evening. If you are interested in joining the Club do come along and join us at a session where you will find a committee member on duty or check on our website for membership information.





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