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www.wincantonwindow.co.uk and click on the 'Villages' link.

Events Diary - September 2021

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thu 2nd	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 3rd	10.00am	Art	"
Mon 6th	6.30pm	Ladies' Lunch	Podimore Arms, BA22 8 JF
Tues 7th	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Thu 9th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 14th	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	
Fri 17th	10.00am	Art	
Tues 21st	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	
Thu 23rd	10.00am	Art	
Fri 24th	10.00am	Art	
Tues 28th	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	
Thu 30th	10.00am	Art	



Sincere Thanks

The Villager Committee would like to offer **Jackie Pyne** our belated but sincere thanks for her long-term support for the Villager magazine in her capacity as Chair of the Horsington Parish Council.

During the eighteen years of her tenure, owing to her extensive local knowledge, Jackie weathered many a political storm with tact, diplomacy and firmness.

Both she and her expertise will be sorely missed.

We wish her well in her retirement!

Somerset Open Studios 18 September – 3 October

This year brings us one of the largest Open Studios events to date, with work from more than 300 Somerset Art Works members in over 200 studios and spaces across the county. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet artists and see behind the scenes. You can also discover artists' unusual working places and explore right across the county using the new Open Studios App. Close to home artists can be visited in Wincanton, Bruton, Castle Cary and Yeovil. The September/October edition of Evolver Magazine will give you all the information you need to plan a fascinating day out.

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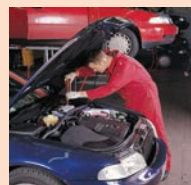
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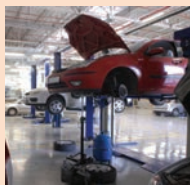
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MPO is back with a special concert performance of THE ARCADIAN

Milborne Port Opera will emerge from its lockdown hibernation with a one-night-only "concert performance" of its postponed production "The Arcadians". The performance will be on Saturday September 25th in Milborne Port Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The original production was postponed 2 weeks before its opening night in April 2020 when the country went into lockdown.

Due to Covid precautions, the opera will not be fully staged. The chorus will perform as a socially distanced choir, on a plain stage, with only the principals costumed. But the minimalistic version will enable the audience to enjoy the superb music of Lionel Moncton and Howard Talbot (the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice of their era).

Director Linda Mumford has created a cut down version of the show which simplifies the plot while retaining the best musical numbers and the abundant humour.

For health reasons the audience has been limited to 100 people. Seats are unreserved but there will be capacity for sensible social distancing. The cost is £10 per ticket. Book online at www.mpopera.co.uk.

The company is planning its next show for April 2022 – Franz Lehar's "The Merry Widow". Rehearsals start in October. If anyone wants to take part, front or backstage, the company will give them a warm welcome. See their website – www.milborneportopera.co.uk. Rehearsals are weekly, on Thursdays, so the time commitment is manageable.

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The Jubilee



About 20 years ago I was trying to contact an acquaintance (to discuss what life was like after retirement!) to be told that he was on a tall-ship, taking disabled people on a voyage. I had always wanted to go on a tall-ship, but had no sailing experience, but once I had tracked him down I was hooked, and a few months later found myself as part of the crew on an eight-day voyage.

The Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) was founded in 1978 as an

organisation to enable disabled people, of any age over 16, to attain their maximum potential on a purpose-built three-masted sailing ship. On each voyage there are about 20 disabled crew-members, of widely varying degrees of disability, each one partnered by a "buddy" who helps them as much or as little as necessary. There is a permanent professional crew of 12 to advise and instruct the disabled and their buddies. Buddies and their charges are naturally of the same sex as far as possible.



The day before my first voyage I was rung up by the JST HQ to ask if I would mind being buddied with a girl in a wheel-chair. I said that I didn't mind as long as she didn't mind. The voice on the other end then very correctly asked if my wife would mind. My wife Jane said, not at all, it would give her a break!

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info@horsingtonmagazine.co.uk

WE WELCOME: John Ryder and Di Ely, who moved to Meadowbank in Broadmoor Lane some months ago. John has been involved in farming all his life and Di is a musician who runs Dorset Music Services, aimed largely but not entirely at younger children. As well as being a violinist she also teaches the Ukulele! Welcome also are Gillie Guy and her son Ben who have moved to Lower Lodge Horsington. Gillie works in cyber-security but plans to retire before long. Like Di, Gillie is a very keen gardener.

We always like to welcome newcomers, so if you hear of anyone who has recently moved in to our villages please let the Villager know.

The Children's Society

This year the box collection raised **£567.79** which is an amazingly generous sum. Very many thanks to all box holders who contributed to this result. The amount has been increasing each year and the Society is extremely grateful. The Children's Society supports vulnerable teenagers, who certainly need all they help they can get.

If there is anyone who would like to have a box to put in their small change, please let me know as I have some spare boxes!

Sallie Vallins

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Sailing Trust

The voyage crew are divided into four watches, port-aft, starboard-aft, port-for'ard and starboard-for'ard, each under the watchful and instructing eye of a Watch-leader. The Watch-leader is a crew-member who has taken part in a number of voyages, been picked out as Watch-leader material by the permanent crew, and has been on courses of instruction and is an experienced leader.

I really loved the voyage, and the subsequent ones that I did. My charge on my first voyage, Carol, was severely disabled with a progressive muscular disease, and it was hard work, pushing her in her chair everywhere (the ship has special lifts and disabled facilities, and anchor points on the deck so the wheel-chair doesn't slide around).

Each watch is on four-hour shifts, which move forward each day. So one day one might be on Watch from 4pm-8pm., and the next day from 8pm –midnight, the next day from midnight-4am and so on. Everybody, disabled and buddies, is expected to do as many of the ship's duties as they can, (I recall peeling a dustbin-full of potatoes one day) including going up the masts and along the yards (they are the horizontal spars from which the sails hang). Even the wheel-chair users (maximum of six per voyage) are winched up the mast unless they prefer not to.

At the end of the voyage Jane and my son met the ship. I was extremely tired by the exertions, (I had been ship's doctor as well) and having been collected from where we docked just below Tower Bridge slept all the way home and woke up in Horsington. Seeing my enthusiasm Jane asked if I thought she'd be able to do it. I replied with a firm "yes", and she came on the next two voyages with me, to Nice and Corsica, and to Antigua, and ended up as enthusiastic as I was, even climbing the masts although she was terrified at first!

Taking part in a voyage counts towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award for young people. At least one resident of South Cheriton has been on a JST voyage, and if anyone wants more information – and I could write so much more – please feel free to get in touch with me. I guarantee that a voyage would give you a terrific buzz. *Bob Jones*



HORSINGTON OPEN BLASTS OFF ON SEPTEMBER 4TH

It's that time of the year again! The famous "Horsington Open" is back in September. This annual fun golf tournament in aid of local charities will be played at **Henstridge Golf Club** on **Saturday September 4th 2021**. Last year it raised over £1250 for St Margaret's Hospice and the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. Organisers Richard Gaunt and David Blake are hoping to beat this (again) in 2021.

The 9-hole competition is open to all comers. Ladies and non-handicappers are welcome. Entry is £20 per player, including green fees. Individuals and teams of up to 4 can enter. The prize (as befits an "Open") is a claret jug (to keep for a year), plus many other prizes generously donated by local businesses.

The field normally includes some really good golfers, some desperately bad golfers, many ladies and several beginners. The result is normally a cliff-hanger, and it's always fun. The Horsington Open is now in its eleventh year, although this is actually the tenth competition (we had a year off). It started as a fun Boxing Day competition and promotion for the Half Moon. The first real competition was played in dreadful weather in October 2010, and since then we have progressively moved the competition into better weather, with great success. Last year there were 72 competitors, which is the most the nine-hole Henstridge course can accommodate at one time.

Sadly the Half Moon is out of the picture for the foreseeable future, but the White Horse in South Cheriton has been unstinting in its support for the competition.

This year they will be running three divisions – one for those with low handicaps (25 and under) and the other for high handicaps (26 and over), which will make the distribution of prizes fairer. There will be a further division for those without a handicap (but it's easy to get one - see below)

The easiest way to enter is to book on line via Facebook or the Horsington Blog (Google it). Pay on the day. Or you can enter at the golf club or the White Horse, South Cheriton, which is generously sponsoring the event.

Or you can get more information from Henstridge Golf Club, ALL WELCOME! The competition is organised by Horsington's Richard and Libby Gaunt, with former residents David and Tricia Blake.

Handicaps are now increasingly important in golf, following a complete overhaul of the system by English Golf.

How to get a handicap in time for the "Open" Join Henstridge Golf club as a "flexi member". The cost is currently £100 for membership up to the end of February 2022, but will reduce pro rata week by week. This entitles you to half price golf, seven days a week, plus use of the practice range. Put in six nine-hole cards or three 18-hole cards and you will be given an English Golf handicap, which is valid on virtually every course in the world. Or join as a full member and you need pay nothing more. Henstridge Golf Club is on 01963 362789. Call to book a tee time or discuss membership options.

Further information:

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Early last week my son in Italy and his family walked through a 15th century tunnel between Italy and France (it was only about 75 metres long!), dug to transport salt and other goods from France into Italy. Salt has always been vital to health, and this was recognised millennia ago.

The Romans used to give all their soldiers an allowance of salt. And **sal** being the Latin for salt, this allowance was called a **Salarium**, from which we get the word **salary**! Really just salt-money.

The Roman writer Pliny the Elder theorised that the word *soldier* came from the *sal dare*, meaning to give salt. Could be, but you might want to take that with a pinch of you-know-what...



Talking of Italy, the word **Bank** comes from an old Italian word for bench, as money-lenders used to sit behind a bench in the market place to do their deals. If a money-lender failed to make good on one of his arrangements his bench would be ceremonially broken, and the old Italian word for a broken bench was *banca-rotta*, or bankrupt.

Bob Jones



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- * First run in 2021 was a great success – raises £380 for the Friends
- * 142 runners from age 6 – 80 turn out for charity.

The first Communitfit Charity run of 2021, sponsored by Greenslade Taylor Hunt, was a great success.... Craig Hardaker, who organised the run, in support of the Friends of the Yeatman Hospital, was delighted with the result.

“To attract 142 runners from age 6 to 80 and raise £380 for the Friends in such awful weather is a great success. It was our first Sherborne run in 20 months and is a truly remarkable achievement. I have to thank all of our runners, their supporters who lined the route to encourage them at every step, and the team from our sponsors, for their promotion and presence on the day.

David Hayes, Chairman of the Friends of the Yeatman Hospital, who participated in the 5 run, thanked Craig and the Communitfit team for their hard work.

‘On behalf of my fellow Trustees I thank all of the runners who took part in Communitfit’s first run this year. Thanks also to Craig and his Staff for selecting the Friends of the Yeatman Hospital as the Charity for Sunday’s run, and for organising the event so successfully with all the due diligence that such public undertakings demand, but particularly in line with the current C-19 Restrictions.

‘We are very respectful of Communitfit’s objectives, which so effectively promote fitness, good health and wellbeing within our local community. Clearly Communitfit continues to draw participants from a broad age range which is highly commendable, particularly to ensure our younger generations learn to consider exercise and fitness training to be part of their daily routine. We also note and have affinity with your work for the elderly in Care Homes and elsewhere in order to maintain their activity levels, towards retaining healthy life styles.”

Further information:

Friends of The Yeatman Hospital:

Tony Meehan 07768 850 855

Craig Hardaker – Communitfit
07991 30877



David Hayes, Chairman of the Friends of the Yeatman Hospital, turns the corner in his first Communitfit 5K run this year. The event raised £380 for the charity.

THE TENTH
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poster by Ian Osman

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HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

The event had been quite surreal. There we were talking with Jesus in the flesh, when he started to become airborne before disappearing into what looked like a cloud. We thought we were dreaming or seeing a ghost, until we became aware of two men telling us that Jesus would return in time in the same way as we had just seen him disappear.

Perplexed and confused, we returned to safe ground – the room that we all met in so regularly with Jesus. We had good memories of this place and it felt like a secure place to re-group and talk about the events of the last three years, trying to make sense of them all for quite some time.

But then one day, without warning (or so we thought at the time), the room was filled with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, but without the effect of the wind. Divided tongues of fire then appeared out of nowhere and began to settle just above each of our heads, but without singeing our hair or harming us in any way. And a warm comfortable feeling filled us – giving us a sense of peace and a joy that we only ever experienced when Jesus had been physically close to us. All the questions and doubts seem to fade as the events of the last three years suddenly all began to make sense.

As the wind died down, and the tongues of fire faded, we had courage like never before to go outside and tell whoever we found that Jesus was alive; that he is with us in the form and power of the Holy Spirit and that he will come again in the flesh. We had to laugh though, as many who heard us thought we were drunk, even as each heard us telling them about Jesus in their own native languages!

And as the weeks and months rolled on, we never lost our zeal. We saw and performed many miracles, just as Jesus had done, as we spoke and enacted this transformed and redeemed way of living life God's way again. As a result, we saw many, many, people coming to faith in Jesus.

I pray that you too will experience the joy and peace, despite circumstances, that we receive when we choose to live life God's way and are filled with this same Holy Spirit. To find out more, do get in touch or join us on Sundays in the Church building at 10.30am.

With kind regards, Rev Kevin

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