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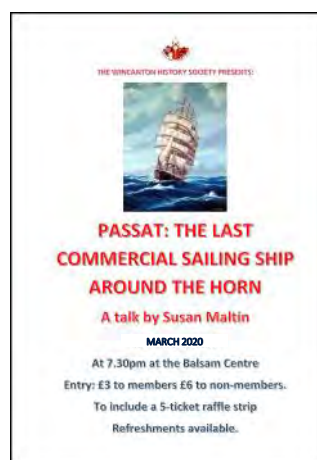
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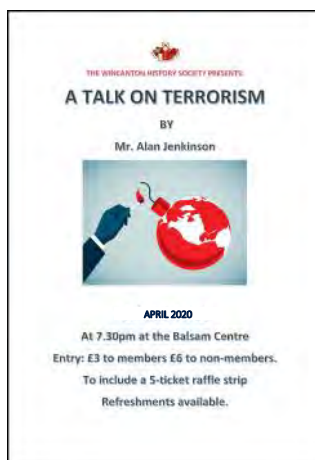
Events Diary - February 2022

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tues 1st		Ladies' Lunch	White Lion, Bourton
Tues 1st	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Thu 3rd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 4th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 8th	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	"
Thu 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 11th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 15th	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	"
Thu 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 18th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 22nd	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Yoga	"
Thu 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 25th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Film: Limbo	Village Hall Milborne Port
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society	Balsam Centre



Wincanton Museum and History Society

The Wincanton Museum and History Society has come back to life after a quiet Covid induced period, with talks organised in February (see page 11), March and April 2020.



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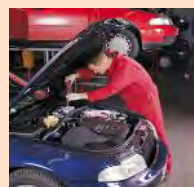
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THE LADIES' LUNCHES

What a strange year we have had! The Ladies Lunches were in abeyance during the various periods of lockdown, but resumed this autumn. For those who have never been to one, a group of us decided in 2007 that it would be fun to meet regularly in a pub for lunch, and we have been doing so ever since, on the first Monday of each month. The numbers have varied over the years, as have the names of those who regularly attend. The lunches have always been open to all – we are not a club with a membership. Some people come to most of the lunches, some to just one or two a year. We visit a different pub each time, within a half hour drive, and each pay for what we eat, so some have two courses, some just one, some a little glass of wine, though the group's favourite drink for a long time was lime and lemonade, and tonic water with angostura bitters has been a new favourite taste for many of us. We talk, we laugh, we gossip, occasionally we have serious discussions, but mostly it is just good fun with good food and good company.

At our last lunch in December, when it was incredibly difficult to find anywhere to have us, as so few pubs now open on a Monday, it was decided to move our regular day to a Tuesday, and also to change it from being monthly to every other month. So, we will be meeting for lunch on the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December in 2022.

If you would like to try one of the lunches, don't wait for a personal invitation, just contact Rosemarie Wigley on 371478 or rosemariewigley@hotmail.com so that you can be included in the booking and she can also arrange a lift for you if you like, as we try to take as few cars as possible.

Regular ladies: please note the change to Tuesdays and to every other month!

Bobologism 32

We recently looked at how many place-names, especially in the north-East, are of Viking origin, and one of them was Starbeck, a little suburb on the edge of Harrogate, and named after a stream. Some of the local families were named Starbeck or Starbuck after the village.

Some of the early immigrants to North America were Quakers, seeking religious freedom, and among these was a family from Yorkshire called Starbuck. They became successful whalers, based on Nantucket Island near Cape Cod. (In the 1820's an island was discovered by whalers in the Pacific, and named Starbuck Island.)

In the 1840's a chap called Herman Melville wrote a novel about whales and whaling, the ship in question being called the Pequod, based in Nantucket. The book was Moby Dick and Melville named the First Mate of the ship **Starbuck**, after one of the families in Nantucket who he admired.

One particular English teacher in Seattle loved the book, and with two friends decided to open a coffee-shop. What to call it? **Pequod** after the whaler! But they decided not to call it that, so instead hit on the name of that First Mate on the Pequod, Mr. Starbuck. And thus that little stream in Yorkshire, became the name of one of the most famous coffee brands in the world.

Bob Jones

REPAIR CAFE

IN WINCANTON

A repair café is a place where skilful volunteers offer to fix or help fixing broken items brought in by local people. First initiated in Holland, they have flourished everywhere in recent years, and Wincanton is no stranger to that trend.



Behind the Repair Café in Wincanton is Jane Langton, a very active member of the town's community. She set up the Café thanks to the initial financial support from the Town Council, followed by a recent grant from Wessex Water, and it has now been going on for months, whenever Covid restrictions have allowed for such meetings to take place. It is scheduled once a month, usually on the 4th Saturday of the month, from

10am to 1pm, and is currently located at the Quaker Barn on 31/32 High Street, Wincanton, opposite the butcher.

Repairs can be done on items of clothing, leather goods, porcelain, jewellery, wood objects or mechanical items (like toys or clocks) and hopefully soon electrical items if a qualified electrician would volunteer to join the team (Please do contact them if you could be that person!). Other volunteers run the reception desk and the café, making it a social spot for the community. A



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lady teaches crochet on the day to whoever is eager to learn. There are no fees requested but donations are welcome to cover the running costs, and people have been very generous so far. The main aim of the Repair Café being to save space in landfill, all items repaired are weighed; since June, more than 113 kilos have been saved!



The Repair Café in Wincanton is part of a bigger network, the One Planet Wincanton, an association describing itself as "a community group set up by residents of Wincanton and the surrounding area working towards a sustainable future".

Led by Janice Blackwell, it covers several projects in and around Wincanton, like planting plants for pollinators or looking after Cash's Copse and Park, and keeps people informed on ways to live more sustainably, especially on its well-detailed website www.oneplanetwincanton.org.uk.

I recommend you join its Facebook page to be kept updated with all the latest news and events. And if you want to support their work, you can make a donation by clicking on the link on the website's home page.

Jeanne Mortarotti



REPAIR CAFE

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BOOK WORM

State of Terror

A geopolitical thriller

I bought *Living History*, a memoir by Hillary Rodham Clinton, some years ago, but found it a rather intense and challenging read so it joined the 'to be read another day' pile by my bed.

Then a couple of weeks ago I saw her and her friend, the Canadian author Louise Penny, on *The One Show*. I've not read any of Louise's many mysteries but the two women sounded very engaging and I love a political thriller so I bought their collaborative novel *State of Terror*...

A terrorist with access to nuclear materials has been freed from house arrest by the outgoing US President, whose successor arrives in the Oval Office as bombs start going off across Europe.

Newly appointed Secretary of State Ellen Adams had been looking forward to repairing bridges after the 'near-criminal incompetence of the former administration,' (sound familiar??) but now finds herself pitched into a maelstrom. She must discover who is responsible for the carnage, and whether further attacks are planned for her homeland.

It is suspected that there are those in the US who would welcome, and even facilitate, terrorist atrocities in their own country as a means of ousting the new President and reinstating the previous incumbent. To complicate matters further, someone at the heart of the US government is a traitor.

Accompanied and assisted by her best friend, confidant and counsellor, Betsy, whom she's known since they met at school aged five, Secretary Adams criss-crosses the world in a race against time to track down those responsible and prevent more bloodshed.

Secretary Adams is in her late fifties, medium height, with a good dress sense and Spanx disguising her weakness for eclairs. She is straight talking and happy to exploit the fact that many of the men she encounters both at home and in the international political sphere underestimate her.

The tension builds as we accompany Secretary Adams on and off Air Force Three, as she calls the jet she uses, in and out of meetings with heads of state



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A TALK BY

Mr. John Sansom



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The role of a governor is to contribute to the work of the Governing Committee in providing a high-quality education and improving outcomes for all children at the school. This involves providing a strategic view for the school, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability. Governors are there to represent the best interests of the school and all its children.

So being a governor is not only a way to support the community but also to have a positive impact on the new generation by sharing personal skills and expertise.

There are no special requirements to become a governor - you only need to be over 18- and training is provided when necessary. But positive thinking and a friendly attitude are certainly a plus!

If you want to apply or simply hear more about it with no obligation to commit, please contact the Chair of Governors by email jeanne.mortarotti@horsington.bwmat.org or call the school office **01963 370358**.

Moviola - Milborne Port (Village Hall)

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Exclusively available from Wayne Pullen, Butcher, High Street, Milborne Port, advance tickets are £5.00 each (no concessions). Tickets will be available on the door, priced at £6.00 each (no concessions).

Doors open at 7.00pm, with the show starting at 7.30pm. A limited alcoholic bar will be available selling beer and a selection of wines.

Martin (01963 251217)

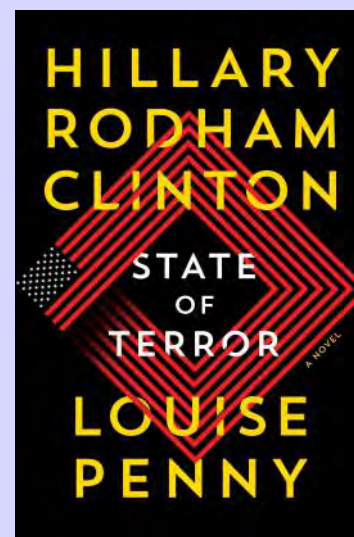


across the world, always with the clock ticking and Betsy in the background helping in any way she can. The sheer volume of information that flows into a Secretary of State's office from different sources is extraordinary and the reader gets a real sense of the stress involved in having to weigh up evidence from experts and make fast decisions that often mean the difference between life and death. The meetings with the major power players, ranging from the Russian President to the Iranian Grand Ayatollah give a fascinating insight into the poker game that is international diplomacy.

Whether it is the claustrophobic atmosphere of a sub-basement meeting room where the attendees have had to pass through myriad security checks and reinforced doors before gathering to try and tease out the truth from layers of information, or the tension in the Oval office before Special Forces are deployed on a secret mission, the writers take the reader straight there.

The 'fictional' supporting cast inhabits an enjoyably familiar political landscape (one critic describes *State of Terror* as 'barely fiction'). A British Prime Minister "his hair askew, as always," who has a penchant for Latin quotations. A megalomaniac Russian President, "a ruthless tyrant, schooled in oppression both subtle and cruel." And Hillary has really let loose on the barely disguised Donald Trump character – the previous President, Eric Dunn.

It is refreshing to read a novel with strong and effective women front stage and centre. The relationship between Ellen and Betsy is beautifully drawn and Madame Secretary is also wonderfully supportive of junior female staff.



Description of place is sparse, internal or external, international or domestic, which is a pity, but at 600 pages, with a complex web of plot and subplots, perhaps there wasn't the space. If you like action and intrigue over immersive descriptions you will certainly find it here.

It is well written - a combination of page turning tension and acute observation that hooks in the reader, but I would probably wait for the paperback rather than rushing out to buy in hardcover...

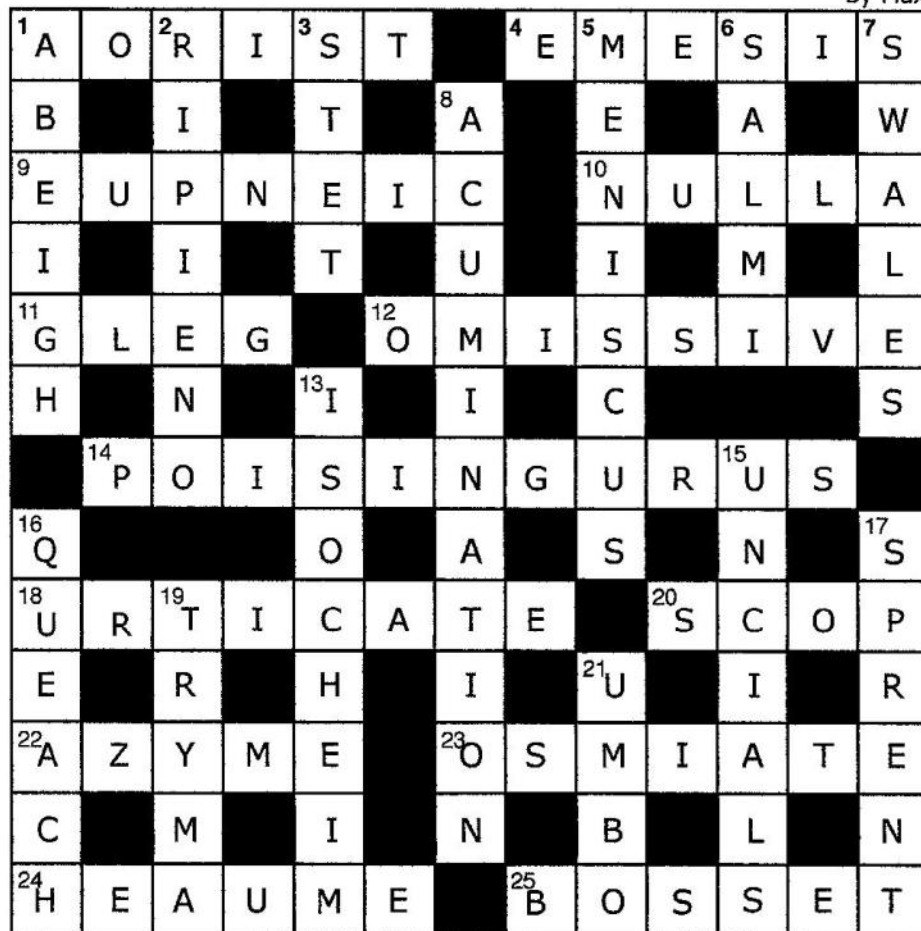
Engaging rather neatly describes not only the authors but the novel itself.

Mindy Lucas

Christmax Prize Crossword

There were only two entries to the Christmax Crossword and both of them were correct. So my heartiest congratulations go to Sally Packer and Tina Wons for their outstanding determination and dogged delving into dictionaries. As a result, in the true spirit of Christmas, I am awarding the same prize to both candidates. **Very well done. Max**

By Max



HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

One of the earliest recorded miracles we read about is when Jesus and his family were attending a wedding at Cana. I am always encouraged by the mere fact that Jesus attended events like this – the everyday events and celebrations that help us mark significant milestones in our journey of life. When the prophets spoke of Jesus being Emmanuel, one with us in the everyday of life, they were not lying. And we know from experience that Jesus is not only present to us in the celebrations, but also in the valleys and drudgery of life, through the Holy Spirit of God.



Back to the wedding. And the wine runs out. And Mary has a cunning plan! She has been through too much to doubt God's promises. She knows who Jesus is. And so she makes this problem His problem. I often long to be more like Mary in this regard. Really knowing Jesus and trusting God in all his promises in my everyday life. The beauty of prayer, of conversation with God, enables us to do just that, make our problems and conundrums His.

And Jesus responds. A bit excessively. Rather extravagantly. Over the top really. Six twenty-to-thirty-gallon stone jars go from mammoth water jugs to wine vats! And the best wine at that. But this is God. This is who Jesus is. Extravagant in His love and forgiveness. Outrageous in His grace. Always wanting only the best for us.

I believe that this year is going to be another adventure with God. Probably another ill-defined path, or a new path, or even a new route. A journey of discovery as we walk alongside God, in the shadow of his protection, and within range of his breathing. For unless we do, we may find ourselves alone and lost. All because we did not covet the Lord's protection and stay close enough to hear Him guiding us through what every day brings. It is about growing our faith, growing in our understanding of Jesus, growing in our worship and service – together.

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Kind regards