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Events Diary - March 2022

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tues 1st	7.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Thu 3rd	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 4th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 8th	7.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	"
Thu 10th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 11th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 15th	7.00pm	Yoga	"
Thu 17th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 18th	10.00am	Art	"
		Film: The French Dispatch	VH Milborne Port
Tues 22nd	7.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Thu 24th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 25th	10.00am	Art	"
	7.30pm	Wincanton History Society	Balsam Centre

Horsington & South Cheriton Street Party

in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 Sunday 5th June 2022 - 12 noon to 3pm
 Sunday Roast - Bar facilities within a marquee area
 outside the Half Moon pub
 Entertainment by Sherborne Town Band

Tickets £15 per head - accompanied children under 12 free.
 Tickets available from John Sansom (07974 662145)
 or Andrew Tarling (01963 370140)

Lloyds Mobile Bank

Some readers may not be aware that Lloyds Bank, Gillingham resumed its mobile banking service to Wincanton back in December 2021.

Currently the service operates from its Memorial Hall car park site on a Wednesday every fortnight between 12.30 and 13.30. The published future dates are March 9th and 23rd, and April 6th and 20th. Thereafter at fortnightly intervals. The status of this service can be ascertained by phoning 0345 601 6943 and listening to a recorded message.

Bobologism 33

I've just been reading about the Battle of Agincourt, where in October 1415 the English army overcame a French army which outnumbered the English by about 2:1. We might remember from our history lessons at school that the English victory was largely attributed to the skill with the longbow of the English and Welsh archers.

The range and the accuracy of the longbow inflicted huge losses on the French, both armed noblemen and horses falling to the arrows. It is thought by many that the archers were told to shoot their arrows high into the air, resulting in a rain of lethal sharp and barbed arrows onto the unfortunate French.

The archers used the forefinger and middle finger to draw back the bowstring, and it was quickly recognised that without these two fingers the archers were helpless at their craft. So if an archer was captured it was only necessary to remove those fingers to render him useless. I would think that there were no niceties in the removal of fingers from your enemy. One quick chop, job done. (Sadly human nature hasn't improved: during the Bosnian war in the 1990's opposing sides were known to amputate the trigger finger of captured snipers)

So if an archer wanted to demonstrate that he could still use his bow he would hold up his index and middle fingers in an act of defiance. A gesture which persists to this day, and not the politest one by any means.

Incidentally a noted historian who studied the Battle of Agincourt was (Sir) John Keegan. For years a lecturer in military history at Sandhurst he later became the Defence Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. He was the son-in-law of my predecessor in General Practice in Wincanton, Dr. Tom Everett, who some may remember. Dr. Everett was proud to be a long-time resident of Horsington and lived in Broadmoor Lane.

Bob Jones

Book Review - If Not for You

Georgina Lucas's unvarnished and, at times, heart rending, account of the twenty one days of her son Grey's short life, is not only most beautifully written, but something much more rare. Writing this book may have helped its author - it will certainly have helped many of its readers - but it is foremost a tribute, with the fundamental triumph of turning tragedy into the power of love. Georgina's spirit shines from the first page.

"If Not For You" is a book about unadulterated love. It is a beautifully constructed, beautifully written book. It chronicles every moment from Georgie's unexpected catapult into labour at thirty one weeks on a family break to Kent, to the tragic consequences twelve days later.

But this is not a tragic book. It is a very inspiring book. And above all it is a book of love. There is so much love here. There is love and support on all sides of their extended families for, and from, Georgie, her husband Mike, and their fifteen month son Finn. Georgie's extraordinary mother is their rock and lynchpin, unobtrusively keeping the ship afloat. There is gratitude too for the kindness that surrounds them on all sides, offers of board, help with washing clothes from an already busy mother, and much other. The kindness of strangers.

This is the story of the premature and short life of Grey Atticus Fox Grumbridge. He was born at thirty one weeks and spent his twenty one days of life in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of a Kent hospital.

In her book, Georgie describes every moment of the precious days of her, Mike's and their family's time with their intubated baby. We meet the kind, wonderful and tireless NICU nurses, doctors and other staff, unfailingly sensitive and helpful. We accompany Georgie and Mike through hope to despair, willing Grey to improve, and are with them at the awful diagnosis that there can be no tolerable unsupported future for their tiny boy, and their decision, for his own sake, that the intubation which has been keeping him alive, should be discontinued.

The book is divided into three sections. The first part takes us day by day through Georgie's sudden, unexpected, premature and painful caesarean section at the local hospital, through days of hoping and waiting, to the devastating results of sophisticated tests. The second section, entitled *The Memory Box*, is about Grey and his life between diagnosis and the almost unbearably moving experience of his death in Mike and Georgie's arms.

The final section covers Grey's funeral in Kent at which are not only Georgie and Mike's entire families, but the NICU nurses and doctors who had cared for, loved and celebrated Grey. Grief is love says Georgie.

At the end of the book, and back in their London home, we learn that Georgie was summoned for an apology about missed signs of abnormality in an early pregnancy scan. I think she and Mike would tell you that, however painful, they would not have missed knowing their second son.

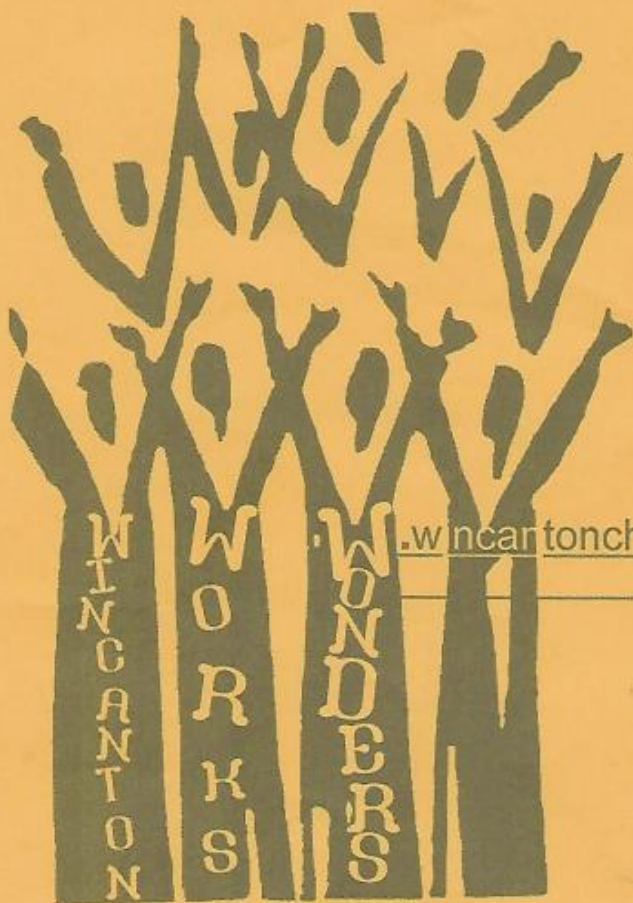
Georgie believes that writing this book has helped her to process this traumatic experience. There is no doubt that in his short life Grey Atticus Fox has affected more people than his family could ever have dreamed.

Gill Elston

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Mark and Mindy would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to The Love Grey Foundation which has been set up by Georgie and Mike to help bereaved parents.

An incredible £323 was raised at our book giveaway and from others who couldn't come but have made donations and we are so very grateful to you all.



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Horsington School Rubbish Scheme



The picture above shows a few of the Year 6 council holding the rubbish we have collected in a week.

The Year 6 Council from Horsington Church School has been collecting all the plastic waste we produce as a school from our packed lunches. We collected 2.5kg in a week. If we multiply this by 38 (38 weeks in a school year), we can see we are generating 96kg of waste each year. This has helped us realise how much impact our rubbish has on the world around us and motivate us to reduce the amount of waste we produce in order to help our planet. We will now think about ways we can reduce single use plastic in our lunch boxes.

By Bertie and Alice (Year 6)

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

A very special lady had started a new job. It met her changing life commitments and circumstances well. And like any new job, a period of settling in and an induction has been accompanied by a period of disorientation and sometimes even feelings of being de-skilled despite being qualified for the job on hand. There are so many questions, systems, processes and logistics to become familiar with.

But not so with Jesus. When he started his job, we are told that he was filled with the power of the Spirit of God as he began his work – teaching people about His Father's love for us, and His longing for friendship with us. In one of his opening discourses about his role, he pulled out an old job description, written hundreds of years earlier, that he was working to - bringing good news to the poor (in every respect), proclaiming release to the captives (in every aspect), and recovery of sight to the blind (in every respect), and to let the oppressed (in every respect) go free, all showing that Father God wanted to show us His generous favour and grace displayed in his love and invitation to be friends with God again.

Jesus continues to work by his Spirit. This still is good news. God never gives up on us. He is always around, teaching us about the Father's love and longing for friendship with us. He does not want us to be poor but to have fulness of life. Jesus does not want us to be held captive by our past or current circumstances or thinking. Jesus wants us to see ourselves as his beloved children and Him as our loving heavenly Father who wants only the best for us. Jesus wants us to be free from the things that hold us back from being friends with God.

And all it takes is a simple 'yes Lord' followed by a teachable heart attitude that enables us to unlearn the thinking and behaviours that have kept us in poverty, captivity, and bound up in misconceptions about ourselves and Our Father in heaven. And when you are ready, come along to a Sunday service or give me call and we can share our stories and questions in this adventure of life with Jesus as our teacher.



Kind regards

Rev Kevin

March forth on March the 4th

Horsington Church School is supporting local hospices by going on a sponsored walk. We will be raising money for three different causes: Our own school, St Margaret's Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are also hoping to get donations from out of school so please donate what you can. Even one pound could make a huge difference!



Moviola - Milborne Port (Village Hall)

Friday 18 March 2022 Showing on our new Big Screen is

The French Dispatch (15)108 mins

A love letter to journalists set in an outpost of an American newspaper in a fictional 20th-century French city that brings to life a collection of stories published in "The French Dispatch."

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)





Henstridge Village Hall, BA8 0QD

Tuesday 1st March

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and

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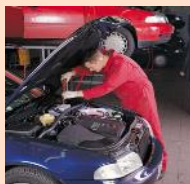


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