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Events Diary - May 2022

Day/Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tues 3rd	7.00pm	Yoga	Village Hall
Thu 5th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 6th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 10th	7.00pm	Yoga	"
Wed 11th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	"
Thu 12th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 13th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 17th	7.00pm	Yoga	"
Thu 19th	10.00am	Art	Village Hall
Fri 20th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 24th	7.00pm	Yoga	"
Thu 26th	10.00am	Art	"
Fri 27th	10.00am	Art	"
Tues 31st	7.00pm	Yoga	"

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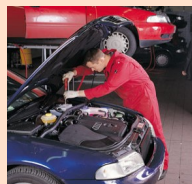


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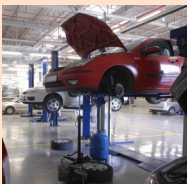
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David Heath - Talk at St John's Church on March 25th

David Heath, who represented us with devotion and distinction for four terms at Westminster, fascinated us with his highly personal (and splendidly illustrated) account of what it means to be elected to parliament, the enormous privilege and responsibility, splendid opportunities and sapping demands.

David, born at Westbury-sub-Mendip and with his home at Witham Friary, is a Somerset man through and through. Before standing for parliament, he had been chairman of the Avon and Somerset Police Authority and, at the age of 31, famously the youngest ever leader of a County Council.

He won the Somerton and Frome constituency at the second attempt and by a whisker after several recounts in 1997. I remember a victory speech in which he said that, as a Liberal Democrat, he had just borrowed the seat from the Conservatives and had nothing so vulgar as a four-figure majority. Arrival at Westminster had been bewildering...no office, no staff, no telephone or facilities of any kind for dealing with the bags of mail (it was before email) that arrived, demanding answers, every day. In time one had a tiny cubby hole for an office, and, left largely to one's own devices, the kit and resources essential to the performance of one's basic duties to one's constituents. And then there was the business of finding affordable accommodation in one of the most expensive parts of the capital.

The miles of mazy corridors of the palace of Westminster were desperately hard to navigate, with no personal guide or Satnav equivalent, and how could a newcomer know what kind of room lay behind each of the multiplicity of doors? There was, however, the blessing of the library, wonderful source of every kind of valuable information where one could research a topic and work.

It was, David clearly felt deeply, an enormous privilege to have the opportunity to speak in the chamber of the House, heart of a democratic nation's legislative body. A member must not contribute to debate until after making a maiden speech. But it was a challenge even to get a seat, (there are far fewer seats than members), and then one must ask the Speaker (it was Betty Boothroyd when David started) for an opportunity. The business of divisions was archaic and clumsy with clerks physically counting heads at the entrance to the Aye and No lobbies. Maybe Covid might have one good consequence in pointing the direction to electronic voting. The Bars and Tea rooms were, for David (he characterised some of his attitudes as maybe puritanical) potential distractions from the work to be done. And another view was that the MP's job is one that cannot properly be mixed with others: it demands, or should properly demand, he believed, a more than full time commitment.

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And perhaps the most important part of that work started on Saturday morning after getting home, sometimes exhausted after late night sittings in the House on the night before, when one could engage with the folk one represented at surgeries to be conducted throughout the constituency. Somerton and Frome is an enormously widespread constituency with hundreds of villages as well as its towns, so much travel to village halls to listen to the problems, and maybe complaints and demands, of constituents was the relentlessly demanding heart of the MP's task of effectively representing the people. David felt, he said, that one's children were the great losers in the deal. And, profoundly as he had valued his role as an MP, the first Saturday after he had stepped down, he woke to the blissful realisation that, with no constituency surgeries, he had the chance to be at home and with his family.

At Westminster, David had clearly relished being where history had been made as well as where current legislation was being developed. There was a romance about the place exemplified by a visit to the archive where ancient scrolls embody the legislation of centuries. It had been a remarkable thing to handle a scroll which carried a statute from the reign of Henry VIII... maybe the last person to handle it had been one of that King's courtiers.

David had been an independent minded MP who did not always toe the party line, as successive leaders found, but he nevertheless held a series of front bench roles, served on important select committees, joined David Cameron's government as Minister for Food and Agriculture, and then served as Deputy Leader of the House, with an insight into, and influence upon, the very heart of things. He became a Privy Councillor and is thus Right Honourable.

Incidental happenings had been his appearance on TV with Dolly Parton, and the time when his phone rang but, because he was amongst the noisy supporters of the Leicester Rugby team, who were beating Bath, he could not hear who was calling, and the caller turned out to have been David Cameron inviting him to join the government.

At this particular time, when our politicians are not widely held in high regard by the people they represent, and cynical comment about their role and behaviour is on many lips it was a peculiar privilege and delight to be present in St John's Church to listen to someone whose idealism and unselfish commitment to what he sees (rightly, one would believe) as a specially high calling was evident in all he said. It lifted the spirits.

John Vallins

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Bobologism 35

Two or three months ago John Cross drew my attention to the huge number of collective nouns we have in English. He had received a card with a good number of them, and whilst most of us know some collective nouns there are a lot that I'd never heard of and we thought we'd share them with you.

Most of us have heard of a **murmuration** of Starlings or a **gaggle** of Geese but what about a **crash** of Rhinoceroses?

A **school** of Dolphins or a **Pod** of whales or seals are often talked about but I for one had never heard of a **pandemonium** of Parrots or a **convocation** of Eagles.

And I do like a **loveliness** of ladybirds and a **charm** of Finches. And an **Exaltation** of Larks. As a beekeeper I know a bit about a **swarm** of bees. (Actually catching and hiving a swarm of bees is quite fun, and one of the easier things in beekeeping. But I've never heard of a collective noun for beekeepers. Maybe I should make one up. What about a **pontification** of beekeepers? We always say that if there are two beekeepers discussing the craft, you get three opinions.)

The list of these collective nouns is huge as I said, and our language is rich with them. If you want to sprinkle a conversation with a few surprises you might let drop in a **trip** of goats, an **unkindness** of Ravens or a **lamentation** of swans. I don't think I'd mention a **clat** of worms or a **sord** of Mallard; you might get some funny looks.

Some of the above come from "The Sports and Pastimes of the People of England", first published in 1801, and I repeat my thanks to John Cross for suggesting them as an interesting topic.

Bob Jones

BOOK WORM

Islands of Abandonment
Life in the Post-Human Landscape
Cal Flynn

If you walked through the fields in Horsington during lockdown, the sky seemed particularly blue, the air cleaner and the birdsong louder. No vapour trails or traffic noise. The National Trust reported that wildlife across the country was taking advantage of human absence from city centres – Grey partridges were spotted in a car park in Cambridge, falcons nested in Corfe Castle. There were similar sightings further afield – Kangaroos wandering through residential areas in Australia, Sika deer grazing on traffic islands in Japanese cities and on a slightly less magical note rats all over the place. In a very short space of time native flora and fauna became resurgent. Somebody suggested the pandemic was Mother Nature sending us all to our rooms to contemplate our treatment of the planet...

Shortlisted for the 2021 Baillie Gifford prize for non-fiction "Islands of Abandonment" explores the damage done to the physical landscape by man and the powerful ability nature has to reclaim that land when mankind leaves.

From Chernobyl to Monserrat, Cyprus to Detroit, Cal spent two years visiting "some of the eeriest and most desolate places on Earth". All very different except in one respect, the humans had abandoned the land. In every one of them 'rewilding' is occurring – not the deliberate and engineered rewilding of a Knepp or Oostvaardersplassen but a natural ecological evolutionary reclamation. This is happening not only on a grand scale but also in the abandoned car park or derelict house at the end of your road.

Some accuse Cal of over optimism with too much emphasis on the positive - the 'remarkable ecological recoveries' – worrying that this may undermine the work of campaigners and lawmakers who are trying to effect change. She argues that she is merely pointing to some 'beacons of hope' reminding us of the power of the natural world and the benefits of surrendering control – getting out of the way and letting nature adapt and heal itself. She acknowledges that it is a difficult balancing act.

There is a wealth of scientific information in the book alongside the most beautiful descriptions of time and place.

Her writing is lyrical and atmospheric and the reader walks through many different haunting landscapes with her step by step hearing the sounds, smelling the scents and feeling the pain.

She offers no solutions but her book is a thoroughly researched, beautifully written study of our world, what we have done to it and what might happen after we are gone. Adam Weymouth, Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year 2019 said it is both 'tragic and shot through with hope.' I will be rereading it many times.

Mindy Lucas

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After members raise a glass of bubbly in a toast to our Queen at our Indoor Street Lunch Party, our speaker Dr Francis Burroughes will answer these questions and lead us through the history and making of glass. This will provide an opportunity to handle some of valuable antique glass that he has brought along. So do join us.

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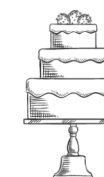
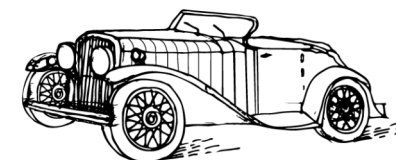
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Horsington Church School

It is time to say goodbye...

After 22 years working at Horsington Church School, Mrs Mary Alexander, currently Headteacher at the school, has decided to leave at the end of this academic year. This announcement has been a shock to us all, as with Mary's departure it marks the end of a chapter.



Mary began her career at Horsington as the year 5 and year 6 teacher, in Earth Class. She inspired many generations of children with her passion for learning and her enthusiasm for education. She has led the music in school, teaching children in all year groups, getting them to be part of a choir or a samba band, singing in church events, performing in school plays, and she has been the piano accompanist for years.

Mary stepped up to become Headteacher in 2018 while still teaching Earth Class one or two days a week. She has successfully led the school keeping it true to its ethos and vision and maintaining continuing links with the village and local community.

However, for Mary, it is now time for a change. The last two years have been extremely demanding in the world of education, and Mary has navigated the school through these challenging times with success, constantly putting the children and the staff well-being at the heart of every decision and action.

Over my time as governor and most of all as a Chair, Mary has taught me a lot about education but most of all about the school values that she embeds so well: Perseverance, Forgiveness, Respect, Kindness and Love.

She will be greatly missed by everyone and we all wish her every success in the future.

Jeanne Mortarotti
Chair of Governors at Horsington Church School.

HORSINGTON CHURCH

From the Rector

Somehow, the season of Spring lifts our spirits with its promise of warmer weather, more sunshine, new plant growth, a greater variety of colour, and the lifestyle that often accompanies this weather – BBQ's, Pimm's, concerts, and picnics. And yet, despite this promise and prospect, the conflicts around the globe, the consequences of climate changes, the increased cost of living, and the continued threat of illness, still loom all too large over the landscape of our thinking.



This was not too dissimilar to the early followers and friends of Jesus, shortly after he was raised from the dead. They had their hopes securely centred on Jesus being their long-awaited king to emancipate them from oppression and institute his just and gently reign. These were great expectations. But when Jesus was crucified based on trumped-up charges their hopes began to wane. But when friends of his reported that he had been raised from the dead, appearing to many in diverse situations, they were disorientated and confused.

Like them, we too may just want to go back home to the familiar and forget about this topsy turvy and quite unpredictable world that overshadows our hopes of something better. And that is what these friends of Jesus did. But on the way, Jesus drew alongside them, answering their questions and giving meaning to all these confusing events and reports. It took them a while to recognise him though, because they were not really expecting him alive, despite reliable reports.

And we too can find ourselves unable to recognise Jesus in the events and circumstances of our often less than ideal situations, but he is with you. He promised this. And he is unable to lie. Perhaps it is a case of slowing down and smelling the roses, looking for the silver lining, and praying. Jesus is listening and his arm never too short that he cannot embrace and steady you, as he offers perspective and hope. And if it helps, do join us at St. John's:

- May: 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9am, and the 2nd Sunday at 10.30am.
Or the 22nd in Henstridge at 10.30am.
- June: 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9am, and the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10.30am

Or, if you need to talk or somebody to pray with you, do give me a ring.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Kevin (01963 363832)