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EDITORIAL

The sad news of Joe Lovatt's death reached us as this issue was being finalised. Joe will be well remembered for his long tenure as landlord of the Bath Arms. We hope to include a piece about him in the next issue but meanwhile send our sympathy to the family, especially to Paul who continues to be a very active supporter of events in Horningsham.

There are a few absences in this issue from our regular items, most notably there is no Monthly Recipe as Jan Smy, one of our longest standing contributors suffered a fall at home and, at the time of writing is in the RUH in Bath. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I would draw readers' attention particularly to Page 15 about an event marking the sad death of former Pottle Street resident Henry Worsley. His friend Ros Algar (Richardson) is organising fund raising in aid of the play area in Henry's memory. Coincidentally, there is an advert for the sale of Ros's home (*Page 21*), The Vicarage, but I'm afraid you are 60 years too late to get this desirable freehold residence for only £3,500!

Our village buses are under threat because of Wiltshire Council's plans to save money. There is still time to make your voice heard (*Page 25*) but the consultation deadline of the 4th April is approaching. If you value our bus services, then take the time to tell them.

Finally, for Quiz Night lovers how about this one? "What is the connection between Horningsham's Chapel Street and John Lennon's *Imagine*?" A close reading of "Then & Now" (*Page 20*) provides the answer.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Tuesday 15th March.

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CHURCH NEWS



There has not been a service at Horningsham since January, so we are very much looking forward to celebrating Easter. Alison Wadsworth has very kindly agreed to take the service for us. Hopefully it will be a bright, spring morning, the church will be full of daffodils and lilies and we will all enjoy this important festival, followed by refreshments.

Helen Taylor

Church Date

27th March

Easter Eucharist 10.30am

Dear Friends,

As I think about what I want to say in this Easter letter several seemingly unconnected strands of thought are twiddling around in my brain: the things that have come out of our first session on prayer in the Lent course about how prayer is essentially a relationship with God. A God who loves us, and delights in us just turning up to spend some time in his presence, whether that be when we are opened to a sense of the numinous by the glory of the created order or by a piece of music or art, or when we are engaged in seemingly mundane tasks like washing up. How human life is constantly in a state of transition, however much we try to catch hold of it and pin it down. How soon it will be the time to start planting seeds again and watch the miracle of germination and new life unfold once more.



We've been so blessed in our benefice by the Ministry of Revd Di Britten who works incredibly hard as an associate priest here and has been an enormous help and support to me since I arrived almost 18 months ago. Di will retire at the end of July and, as is the normal practice in the Church of England, she will then have a complete break from working in the benefice for 6 months and then come back with what is known as

‘permission to officiate’. This means she will serve as and when she feels called to do so, whilst giving a lot more time, deservedly, to her family and to her many interests.

I want to encourage us to see this time of transition as an opportunity to look at the way we do things in a creative and hopeful way. The Church, like human life, has ALWAYS been in a process of transition; that’s the nature of its calling to be the Body of Christ in the world, holding fast to the certain knowledge that God does indeed love and delight in us whoever we are, and finding new and varied ways of making that truth accessible to every generation afresh. Of course what that looks like will always be changing and growing in response to human need.

We are very blessed that we have people like John Budgen our Licensed Lay Minister and Robert Shuler, Keith Muston and Ian Buik who have recently been commissioned as Lay Worship Leaders at a wonderful and very moving service, not so they can ‘help the vicar’, but so that as a team we can together provide a sustainable pattern of worship across the benefice. We are also blessed in our retired clergy, who when Di retires, will be helping us in leading services of Holy Communion across the benefice.

So here we are with our seeds planted ready and waiting for the new life of Easter Day, for the new life that is constantly emerging and growing as we change and adapt; it’s an adventure! We celebrate each other’s gifts and talents that will surely flourish as we continue to work out what it means to serve God in this beautiful place.

Happy Easter!

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Sunday 13th March 10.00 am Morning Service with Gwyn Stoyle

Carol Cox

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INS & OUTS

Only two 'Ins' to report this month, though I believe there are more in the offing.

Welcome to:

Graeme and Diane Metcalf who have come from Gloucester. Graeme is the new Maintenance Manager for Longleat. They have a son, Daniel, age 19 living with them who is an aspiring film maker, and a 15 year-old son, Timothy, weekly boarding at school in Gloucester. They also have a married son and a daughter and a new grand-daughter. Diane has been working in company admin and as a care-worker. Temporarily living in Chapel Street, they will shortly be moving to 90 Water Lane.

Welcome also to Mark Davis and Zena Thomas who have come down from London with their two Chihuahua dogs to live in 67 Church Street, next to the School. Mark is an accountant and Zena has been working as a swimming instructor. They have come here to enjoy life in the country

Maggie Osborne

WELCOME CLUB

Off we go for our 2016 season well and truly launched last month. If you feel you might enjoy a couple of hours of good company, a lovely tea and a raffle, then 2.30 at the Hall in Horningsham on the second or third Thursday of the month (actual dates can be found in our programme) is the place for you!

Our March meeting is on the 17th and will be "Storytime" – hope to see you there!

Our monthly coach trips begin in April – also worth trying – and remember seats are available for everyone.

Chris Short

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PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

Having missed doing my report last month, I will start with the final total rainfall for 2015 which was 33.85 inches compared with 46.43 inches in 2014.

January started with a frost and showers, followed by 1.28 inches after heavy rain on the 3rd. The next few days were cool but dry, but of course we are in January so yet again more rain. By the 9th we had 2.57 inches. Frost followed, in some areas of the farm it was so hard that pipes were frozen. Then more rain so by the 27th we had 4.70 inches. More rain followed plus frosts and at the end of January the total was 5.37 inches, compared with 4.27 in 2015.

February has started in the same vein as January with rain but slightly warmer in the first week but by Sunday we again had 1.73 in a 24 hour period. Now we are in a real grip of cold weather, so wrap up well when going out. Thus far we have had 2.33 inches.

John Whatley

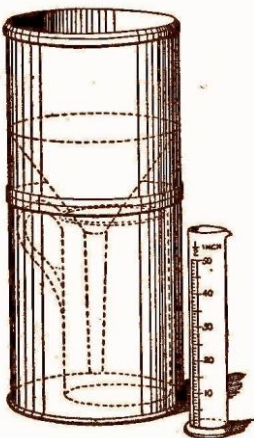


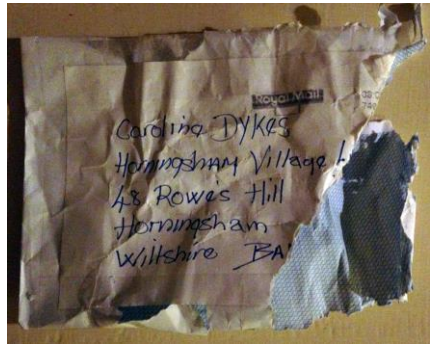
Fig. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

The Fayre Committee met in January for the first planning session of 2016. There was much discussion around timings before we finally settled on **11am to 4pm** for this year's festivities. This will mean a bit of an earlier start for all the marquee volunteers, organisers, stall holders, car parkers, ticket sellers, tea makers and general dogsbodies BUT we'll still be able to pack in five hours of Fayre fun and get down to Elton in the evening if we've the energy. More importantly, so will you. We don't want anyone to miss Elton or the Fayre so it's important we work with Longleat to ensure timings, traffic management and parking have all been considered.

An impressive 8 stall applications have arrived already, not including one eaten by the dog in a moment of boredom. I managed to wrestle half the envelope from her mouth before she gulped down the contents. Does anyone recognise this handwriting?! I have no idea who sent it but hoping someone will pipe up once they realise I've not contacted them. Get in touch if you would like an application form; Simpsons Seeds have already submitted theirs and we would love to have more local businesses involved.



We've bought some new tables (well, new to us) so together with some smart new signage, bunting and our fancy new marquee we hope the Fayre will look fabulous this year. We are also hoping to dress the village hall with bunting and flags. The 12th June is the same day the nation is being asked to hold a street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. We want everyone to be at the Fayre but don't want Horningsham to miss out so we'll be turning our traditional cream teas in the hall into a tea party space fit for a Queen. Does anyone fancy putting a crew together to run this? It could be chintz, china and tea plates or go wild and off the wall with something unusual that would do our Monarch proud. We are looking for someone to run the tea party so get in touch if you fancy getting creative; we'll support you as much as you need with supplies and extra help.

Finally, don't forget the bric-a-brac stall needs stocking again so please think of us if you're Kondo'ing your space this spring (look her up: Marie Kondo). Margaret is always ready to receive.

Caroline Dykes and the Fayre Committee.
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HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



It is a freezing night outside, a crazy time to be thinking of cricket. But it is also only two months till our season starts. So here we go again.

You may remember that fortune smiled on us in our Sunday League last year, as we were unbeaten under Callum Widdow's leadership and won it for the second time in three years. I am not sure how that happened, as we are probably the smallest club in the competition, and have as much trouble raising 11 live players on for a game as anyone else. Our first league match of the new season will be against Dorchester, here in Horningsham, on April 24th. We have never met them before. I expect them to thrash us. Please come and watch!

About 10 years ago we entered the Cricketer Village Cup, a national knock out competition with the glamorous allure of a final at Lord's. Needless to say we were walloped in our first game. This year we are returning for a second go. The organisers have cruelly given us a bye to the second round – by when all the teams weak enough for us to beat will already have been knocked out – but we will start full of hope, if not expectation, with an away fixture on May 15.

Of course, cricket is not only about competing and winning, and we have plenty of friendly matches. The game against Longleat on the Thursday evening before the Village Fayre is always a highlight. They beat us last year. If you fancy joining us, please do not be shy . . . just call or email me and you will definitely get a game. Every year we have loads of days when we struggle to raise a full side.

We have arranged some pre-season practice in the indoor nets at Warminster Cricket Club on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm all through March, so by all means turn up to those. And might you find any of us in the Bath Arms afterwards? I could not possibly comment.

Our fixture list is below.

James Osborne
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2016 Fixture List

17 Apr	Sun	Friendly	H	Chilmark
24 Apr	Sun	TCL	H	Dorchester
1 May	Sun	Cup (R1)		Bye (may arrange another game)
3 May	Tue	T20	A	Sherborne
8 May	Sun	TCL	H	Mere
11 May	Wed	T20	A	Batcombe

15 May	Sun	Cup (R2)	A	Village Cup R2
18 May	Wed	T20	A	Mere
22 May	Sun	TCL	A	Buckhorn
26 May	Thu	T20	H	Cranmore
29 May	Sun	Friendly	H	White City *
2 Jun	Thu	T20	A	Buckhorn
5 Jun	Sun	Friendly	H	Witham Friary
9 Jun	Thu	T20	H	Longleat
12 Jun	Sun	-	-	VILLAGE FAYRE *
16 Jun	Thu	T20	H	Incidentals
19 Jun	Sun	TCL	H	Kilmington
26 Jun	Sun	Friendly	H	Hinton Charterhouse
30 Jun	Thu	T20	A	Chilmark
3 Jul	Sun	TCL	A	Dorchester
7 Jul	Thu	T20	H	Incidentals
10 Jul	Sun	Friendly	H	Sportshed
14 Jul	Thu	T20	A	Cranmore
17 Jul	Sun	TCL	A	Mere
21 Jul	Thu	T20	A	Bruton
24 Jul	Sun	Friendly	H	Ditcheat
27 Jul	Wed	T20	A	Fonthill
31 Jul	Sun	TCL	H	Buckhorn
3 Aug	Wed	T20	A	Witham Friary
6 Aug	Sat	Friendly	H	Wooton CC
7 Aug	Sun	Friendly	H	Batcombe
11 Aug	Thu	T20	H	Buckhorn
20 Aug	Sat	Friendly	H	The Unnamed XI
21 Aug	Sun	Friendly	A	Chitterne
4 Sep	Sun	TCL	A	Kilmington
11 Sep	Sun	Friendly	H	White City

TCL = Sunday
League

* Village Cup continues every 2nd Sunday. Lord's final 4th Sep
Generally, Sunday games start at 2pm, mid week games at 6pm

LITTER PICK

I hope you have remembered that Saturday 5th March is this year's date for the Great Village Litter Pick.

I shall be at the Hall from 10 am to 12 noon with black sacks, high visibility vests and litter pickers.

There will also be a skip for all your rubbish from house and gardens.

If you want to clear a certain area on another day, please let me know so that hopefully we can clear the whole village. The verges are so full of litter at the moment.

Hope to see you on the 5th March!

Fran Chris



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HALL NEWS



Shackleton Solo talk

Henry Worsley, an intrepid explorer in the mould of Ernest Shackleton was due to give a talk in April in aid of the Hall Roof fund. As you may know, Henry very sadly passed away in January – just a few miles short of his endeavour to cross the Antarctic unaided.

In true '*the show must go on*' spirit, the evening will instead be led by speakers who knew Henry, who will give an illustrated lecture in his honour, with the blessing of his family. Proceeds will now go towards the Play Area.

Please keep an eye out for further details, but note the date – 9th April.

Village Hall AGM

Please note this is now **Wednesday 20th April**.

Don't forget that if you want to find out more about how the Hall is managed, or want to help out in some way yourself, that there is still time to put your name forward for elections for the committee.

Please speak to one of the current members (perhaps at our next coffee morning?) or email the Hall to register your interest or to find out more.

Spring Dinner

No need to cook on Saturday March 12th. Instead, feed your friends and family at our ever-popular village banquet! Once again, there will be a beautifully prepared and locally sourced 2 course meal, coupled with evening entertainment. Kids eat first and can play in safety while the grown-ups have their meal. Children served at 6.30, adults at 7.30. Book your tickets on 01985 844160 (£12.50 adults, £6.00 children).

The Village Hall Committee



For tickets and more information, please contact horningshamvillagehall@gmail.com, speak to a committee member or check out Horningsham News & its Facebook Page for the latest news



Skipping at School!

The whole school had an amazing day skipping with Coach Anna from 'Dan the Skipping Man'. Each class had a session practising individual skipping moves and techniques as well as group games, such as 'boil the pot'. Owls class also had the opportunity to learn some great tricks, including the pretzel and crossover—really challenging skipping moves that we now see being practised on the playground most playtimes! We have equipped the school with skipping rope sets to use at playtimes and during PE sessions. It's become really popular at playtimes and is a great way for keeping fit and healthy. Charlie impressed us by skipping while throwing his Diablo in the air and catching it during the skips; even Anna hadn't seen that one!



Bike it Plus



It's great seeing so many children walking, scooting or cycling to school each Thursday! We've now got a scooter pod to go on the playground so children can scoot and park any day of the week! We've also used some of our Sports Grant to buy some new scooters for children in reception. As part of the Bike it Plus project, we had a visit from Dr Bike! Children could bring their bikes or scooters to school for a health check – we had 22 brought in, which was great and certainly kept Dr Bike

busy! Jo, from Sustrans (who has been organising the Bike it Plus programme with us) held puncture repair kits for the children so they could develop maintenance skills.



Afternoon Tea!

As part of their Take One Book project based "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" Woodpeckers had a wonderful experience at Bishopstrow House having Afternoon Tea in a private dining room. They had scrumptious cheese, ham and egg sandwiches, followed by chocolate and carrot cakes, all washed down with cups of tea! Comments were made by the hotel staff and members of the public about the impeccable manners of our children.



Working with Artists



Owls class have been very privileged working with two local artists as part of their Take One Book work on "Carrie's War". Contemporary wire artist and sculptor, Derek Kinzett and potter Steve Humm spent two



afternoons with the children working in clay to produce some inspiring figures linked to an installation representing evacuees. The children were really inspired and are excited to see how their sculptures will look once they have been fired. You can see the finished work at our exhibition (see below for details!).

Date for your Diary!

Take One Book Exhibition
Horningsham Primary School
Monday 11th – Friday 15th April



World Book Day

Come and read stories to the children during our reading afternoon.
Contact the school office on 844342 by Wed 2 March if interested.
Thursday 3rd March

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Mill Farm Chronicles January – February 2016

The cows have started calving. We are averaging one a day at the moment which is good, nice and steady! It was about 2.30 am one night last week when Steve just sat up in bed telling me there was a cow on calving, he got up and went out and sure enough he was correct! The cow was having difficulties so Steve had to intervene to help her calve. Mother and baby are doing fine! It's funny how in tune Steve is with "his girls" or maybe it's just a farmer's sixth sense kicking in. It's much too wet and cold for the new-borns to go out in the fields yet, so as you can imagine it's getting rather crowded in our nursery wing at Mill Farm. What's the old saying? "You can't squeeze a quart into a pint pot" - well, we are definitely overflowing!

In-between calving Steve has been hedge trimming and dung spreading and passing all the compliances required for retaining our Red Tractor status for Beef and Arable. Steve and I also took time out last week to help our friend Simon and his son Sam move their flock of sheep from the Park up to a field of stubble turnips at Parsonage Farm. It was a bit of an operation I can tell you. There were two quads which Simon and his helper Isla rode, Sam in his truck, me and Steve in our truck and Bess the sheep dog on foot (or rather paw)



It took 2 hours to move them across our fields, through all the little lanes around Newbury, over the main road and across more fields until they finally reached their destination. I had forgotten how much easier and less intimidating it is to move sheep than cattle (although that might be because they weren't our responsibility if something went wrong!) but I can definitely say "Thank the Lord for quads and Bess the superstar sheep dog!"



The shoots have finished now until September. The last few days were busy for me, catering for the keeper's helpers' day and the beaters' meal. I'm delighted to be able to pack away the shooting paraphernalia that litters my house for 5 months of the year and listen to Steve and Jack talk about something else other than birds, guns and cartridges.

Jack has started working part-time down at Longleat on the mini-farm and is loving it. He is working with donkeys, sheep, chickens, ducks, and . . . emus! I gather he is awaiting the arrival of some goats too.

The bed and breakfast is quiet but that's rather nice and gives me time to re-group and catch up on jobs around the house. The new room is slowly taking shape. We have a new outside boiler that heats the annex rooms and provides hot water. The plumber is coming in a couple of weeks to start the bathroom, the electrician is booked, I'm awaiting the decorator and I've bought about half the contents of the room already. The main problem I have is where to store all the stuff that used to live in that room and the big cupboard which will become the bathroom? We have a big cellar but it's a bit of a dumping ground and glory hole for all the "stuff" in our lives that doesn't have a proper home. Consequently I need to get down there and have a good old tidy so that we can make room for this other "stuff". I'm a bit of a secret hoarder and I'm not very good at throwing things away. Well, I'm pretty sure I will be needing those size ten clothes, those glass dishes, the old wellies, the redundant Christmas decorations and the broken tumble dryer sometime soon! Steve is threatening to bring in a skip (Arghhhhh nooo!) if I don't get my act together.

Socially, this last month has been relatively quiet, but I have been watching some excellent television (War & Peace, Silent Witness, Call the Midwife & Death in Paradise) and reading a really good book. It's called "The Martian" by Andy Weir and it is brilliant. It's one of those books that once you start reading you can't put down till it's finished. Read it, you won't be sorry.

Margaret Crossman

MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP



Delicious doughnuts from Taylors Traditional Bakery at Bruton are delivered every Friday. Equally scrumptious lardy cakes are delivered on Wednesdays.

The Shop will be holding its AGM on Thursday, March 24 at 6.30 pm in Maiden Bradley Village Hall. This is an opportunity for everyone interested in the shop to hear how it's doing and to put forward any suggestions and comments.

If anyone in Horningsham would like to put themselves forward to join the Committee of the shop I would be delighted to talk to them. The Community Shop Constitution requires a committee to oversee the running of the shop and to look at any strategic issues. The Committee meets on average every 2/3 months. Please do consider this as the shop serves Horningsham as much as Maiden Bradley. Angus Hilleary (a Horningsham resident) is at present on the committee so he can also answer any of your queries.

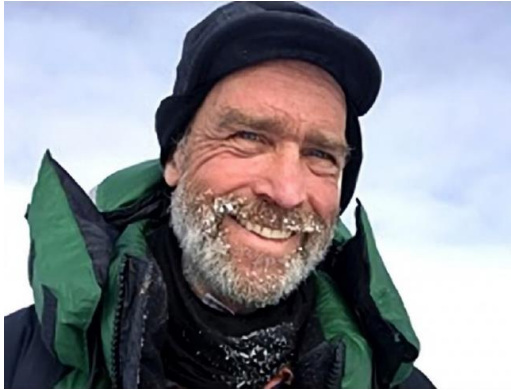
A change of opening hours is planned for the Shop and the Post Office. So do check the Shop Website – maidenbradleyvillageshop.org.uk - (with its Facebook link) updates.

The Shop is always looking for volunteers so if you can spare some time do please get in touch. There are a variety of jobs to be done – e.g. helping with keeping the garden tidy.

Thank you everyone for supporting our Shop and we welcome all newcomers to Horningsham. Do please come and visit us. We have excellent local suppliers for meat, dairy, bread, etc. and can take orders for special requirements. We also have a good range of wines and beers.

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Remembering Henry Worsley, a legacy of inspiration



Horningsham village ex-resident **Henry Worsley** was due to give an illustrated lecture on his extraordinary solo expedition, “An unfinished journey”, travelling 1100 miles on foot to the South Pole - entirely unaided and unsupported, re-living Shackleton’s dream.

‘Like so many others, we were very much looking forward to hearing Henry Worsley talk about his awe-inspiring attempt to walk alone across Antarctica. Sadly it is not to be, but we were honoured to be asked to take his place, albeit with far less impressive tales to tell. However, in a small way, it is our opportunity to pay tribute to a brave and remarkable man. All those who knew Henry speak of his zest for life and his unquenchable desire to achieve the unachievable. His courage and determination made him a role-model for those who aspire to go beyond life’s normal limits; in Lawrence of Arabia’s famous words, he was one of those men who ‘act their dreams with open eyes to make it possible’. He gave others the courage to believe that they too can achieve great things. He may no longer be with us but his legacy of inspiration will remain for many years.’

Mark Mortimer & Julian Thomas, February 2016

From the Atlantic to Antarctica: headmasters on tour

Horningsham Village Hall

Saturday 9th April starting at 6pm

Mark Mortimer, the Headmaster of Warminster School, rowed across the Atlantic in 1997 with a fellow army officer in the inaugural trans-Atlantic rowing race. It took them 75 days and they rowed into Barbados on Christmas morning.

Julian Thomas, the Master of Wellington College, 38 years after first planning the expedition as a 9 year old(!), achieved his goal, trekking from the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole. In his talk, Julian considers the physical and mental challenges of spending time in this most beautiful but brutal continent.

There will also be an auction during the evening with fabulous prizes. Donations of prizes/food/wine would be most gratefully received.

Tickets cost £20 and can be purchased from ros@mcalgar.com 01985 844082

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LONGLEAT NEWS

Lioness Visits Dentist!

Longleat's dedicated keepers recently noticed that one of their African lionesses, Little Jas, had what appeared to be a crack in one of her front teeth.

If left untreated this could not only have become very painful for Little Jas but made it very difficult for her to eat.



Working in conjunction with Garston Vets, the carnivore team safely anaesthetised her in order to better assess the condition of the tooth and prevent the area from becoming infected. Little Jas was then swiftly transported to the local veterinary clinic in Frome where the tooth was successfully removed under the watchful eyes of some of her keepers.



Despite having one less tooth, the procedure appears to have been a complete success! Little Jas is now back out with the rest of the pride and behaving and eating normally.

Lions have three different types of teeth; incisors which are the smallest teeth at the front of the mouth and are used for gripping and tearing meat, canines which are the 4 largest teeth (they can be up to 7 centimeters long) and are used for ripping meat off a kill and carnassial teeth, these are the sharpest and function like scissors to cut and chew food.

Along with a lion's claws, a lion's teeth are one of the most important tools for hunting so any damage to the teeth can be a serious problem for a wild lion.

POLICE NEWS

Warminster Neighbourhood Policing Team



At 7.20pm on 2nd February we received a report of an unattended caravan on fire on a track which leads into the woods at Horningsham. The fire service were quickly on scene and put it out but as you can see there's virtually nothing left of it. Anyone with any information is asked to contact police on 101.



Avid readers of the Parish Council reports in the *News* will realise that this is the abandoned caravan at Forest Corner that Councillors had been seeking to have removed. Well, this is one way of getting rid of it but the Parish Council didn't set light to it – honest!

By the way, this comes from the Warminster Neighbourhood Policing Team Facebook page (*just Google it*) – it's great for up-to-date police happenings in the area and even includes great photos of car accidents, should you like that sort of thing!

THEN & NOW



C.1975



You probably haven't paid too much attention to this shed in Chapel Street. However unlikely it may seem, this small building was for many decades the hub of an important Horningsham industry – that of pill box making. Throughout the Victorian era and beyond, pills were sold in small cylindrical wooden boxes. In Horningsham Laurence Snook, from Stapleford near Wilton, a turner by trade, set up a factory to make wooden pill boxes that he turned on a lathe using birch wood. His boxes were sold to local doctors and chemists for them to dispense pills in. The business prospered but really took off when he was contracted by the most famous purveyor of patent pills and ointments: "Professor" Thomas Holloway for Holloway's Pills which were sold worldwide.



The instructions for use were wrapped around the outside of the wooden box.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment claimed in their adverts to treat almost any ailment: "Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, Burns, Bunions, Bite of Mosquito and Sand-Flies, Scalds, Chiego-foot, Chilblains, Cancers, Elephantiasis, Fistulas, Gout, Glandular Swellings, Lumbago, Piles, Rheumatism, Sore-throats, Sore-heads, Scurvy, Tumours, Ulcers, Yaws, Sore Nipples." The ingredients were a closely guarded secret at the time but we now know from analysis that the pills contained aloe, myrrh and saffron. At a time when many proprietary medicines contained ingredients like arsenic and lead, Holloway's pills were unlikely to do you any harm though the following extravagant claim seems decidedly far-fetched:

"Under the heading of "A Man who refused to have his Leg off" we find the following testimonial: "*From the Kilrush Advertiser, June 2nd, 1860*: Benjamin Cox, Esquire, Magistrate, said in the Board Room at Kilrush, that he knew a man who had been in the infirmary and was actually turned out as incurable. On his way home to Kilrush, he purchased at Ennis, Holloway's Pills and Ointment, for, as he said, it could not be worse with him. This man, said Mr. Cox, became by their use as sound and as healthy as any man in the room. These celebrated Pills and Ointment, when rubbed upon the skin, will cure any wound, sore, or ulcer, however long standing, if properly used according to the printed directions."

By the time of his death in 1883, Holloway had become a multi-millionaire and reputedly England's wealthiest man. Today he is mainly remembered for his philanthropic founding of Royal Holloway College, University of London. John Lennon fans may know that it was Holloway's house at Sunninghill near Ascot where he and Yoko filmed "Imagine".

In Horningsham Laurence and his brother, John, employed several men and boys. Laurence died in 1888 aged 93 but the business was carried on by the Marsh family who had been apprentices. It is not known when the factory closed.

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FROM THE PAPERS

60 years ago you could have bought the Vicarage in Horningsham for just £3,500!

As Horningsham no longer had its own resident Vicar, the Vicarage was no longer needed so in 1956 it was being sold off. Only 50 years before, the historic old Vicarage had been demolished to make way for the building we see today. The property was bought by Longleat and became the Head Forester's house, hence its new name of Forest House.



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The Times March 23rd 1956

Otter family spotted at Center Parcs Longleat Forest

The ranger team at Center Parcs Longleat Forest were delighted when a family of four otters were snapped on trail cameras they set up in the forest. The cameras were set up when evidence of otter presence was seen when rangers spotted otter footprints last spring.

James Monk, Senior Conservation Ranger at Center Parcs Longleat Forest said:

“We are so excited to see these wonderful creatures for the first time on our camera. The presence of otters tells us that we have a thriving ecosystem and that all our hard work over the last 22 years continues to pay off. We believe the otter family is a mother and her three pups from last year, soon the young otters will leave the group and go it alone but we feel privileged that that have decided to spend their last few weeks as a family unit, with us”.



James added: ““We are hoping that, as the mother is introducing her pups to the wider world, one of them may set up home on the Village. We are currently looking at ways to make the Village more attractive for these amazing creatures.”

Otters are very shy animals and are rarely seen by people, however, families visiting Longleat Forest this year could spot footprints or if they get up early and tread softly, they may even see a glimpse of one live.

The photos at Longleat Forest follow recent guest photos of otters swimming in the lake at Whinfell Forest a few weeks ago. Usually elusive creatures, a mother and her two pups were seen playing and fishing in the Watersports Lake at the Center Parcs Village in Cumbria as guests watched in wonder.



Here are some otter facts:

1. The female will give birth to one to four pups
2. The pups are dependent on their mother for around 13 months
3. A group of otters is called a bevy, family, lodge or romp; when in the water the group is called a raft
4. The female teaches her pups to hunt by catching live fish then releasing them for the pups to catch
5. European otters can be found from Ireland in the west to Korea in the east

About Otters

Following near extinction during the middle of the twentieth century as a result of persecution and poisoning from pesticides, otters are now present in every English county, as well as Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Wildlife Trusts have been at the forefront of conservation efforts to restore otter populations with the help of organisations like Center Parcs. Improved water quality, habitat management and increased protection for otters have all played a part in this remarkable conservation success story.



Maiden Bradley Village Forum

Virtual meeting place for all villagers & friends

A village forum has been created by Nigel Lavender and can be found on the new community page of the Village Shop website.

The direct link is www.maidenbradleyvillageshop.org.uk/forum It is intended to be used by the entire village and friends of the village for discussions, information, chat etc and has categories including, Church, Shop, Village Hall and Pub. It is hoped that it will be a vibrant forum further enhancing the Maiden Bradley community.

Contributions from Horningsham will be very welcome!

Any suggestions or requests for help getting started please contact Nigel on 844637 or email: mbshopfundraising@gmail.com

Classified ads can now also be posted on the community page of the shop website for a small fee. For further information contact Nigel on the email address above.

Horningsham News

ADVERTISING RATES

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Bus service consultation



We are undertaking a review of our subsidised bus services in Wiltshire and we want to have your views on this important area.

Wiltshire Council currently spends £5.1 million a year supporting bus routes that would not be commercially viable on their own. This supports nearly half of all bus journeys in Wiltshire and is a level of support well above surrounding counties. Due to financial pressure the Council can no longer guarantee this level of support and is therefore looking at a number of options to reduce the number of bus routes it supports. As yet no decisions have been taken. We want your views so we can make the right decision so please take the survey below, it should take no more than 5 minutes and all your responses will be treated as confidential. Whether you are a regular bus user or one who rarely uses a bus it's important you have your say.

Please note that around 50% of bus services in Wiltshire are operated commercially by the main bus operators and are not under threat, as they do not need a subsidy to run. If you need to look at which routes could be affected you can find this on the consultation portal under 'supporting documents'

Horningsham's bus services are subsidised by Wiltshire Council so your views really do matter!

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>



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Salisbury every Tuesday **83**

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Trowbridge every Thursday **81**

Leaves Horningsham 10.03 *Holly Bush 10.01* Arrives Trowbridge 10.55
Departs Manvers St Trowbridge 13.10 Arrives Horningsham 14.04

Bath every Saturday **80**

Leaves Horningsham 10.05 Arrives Bath 11.00
Departs Bath Bus Station at 15.50 Arrives Horningsham 16.49

Warminster every Friday **82**

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Frome every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

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Thursday **81** leaves Horningsham 10.03 *Holly Bush 10.01*

Departs Frome Market Place 13.50

Saturday **80** leaves Horningsham 10.05 and 14.05

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Blue Bins	Friday 11 th & 25 th March Friday 8 th & 22 nd April
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