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EDITORIAL

June is always a special month for Horningsham: it's when we have the biggest village event by far – Horningsham Fayre on Sunday 12th June. It is a really important event that raises money for the various village clubs and organisations, not least the Horningsham News! It's also a time when almost everyone in the village gets together and has fun. As it marks 110 years (*Page 15*), this year's Fayre (*Page 11*) promises to be even bigger and better than ever. Do make sure you come along. The Fayre coincides with Longleat Safari Park's 50th Anniversary concert with Elton John. Luckily, the 15,500 people who have bought tickets will mostly be arriving after the Fayre finishes at 4.00. Most of the traffic will be going to the Park & Rides at Frome Showground and Park Hill. The traffic that was going to be routed through the village is now mainly going around it (*Page 5*) but there will doubtless be congestion in the area – rather more than in our *From the Papers* feature of 1929 (*Page 24*). June also sees an exciting evening at the Hall on Saturday 25th when Rob Caskie will be telling the story of the *Battle of Rorke's Drift* (*Pages 19 & 21*). Many readers will recall the epic 1964 movie "Zulu" in which Michael Caine had his first starring role.

Inside the June issue *Then & Now* (*Page 22*) is up at Heaven's Gate, there is a report on the Annual Parish Meeting (*Page 4*), the current Hall Committee held its first AGM (*Page 7*), there's the latest *Mill Farm Chronicle* (*Page 18*), there's a new manager at the Maiden Bradley Shop (*Page 26*) and Margaret Thatcher was at the Hall (*Page 17*).

Tim Hill

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CHURCH NEWS



Mark Davis

Rogation Sunday was celebrated at Parsonage Farm and was much enjoyed by the congregation. This is the only service in the year that takes place outdoors, when we visit one of the farms in the village to bless the animals and crops. It was a fine evening and afterwards we were able to sit in the lovely garden and enjoy some refreshment. Thank you to John, Gillian and Lucinda for hosting the service and for looking after us so well.

There are two big events coming up: the Village Fayre and the Village Reunion. As always, the Church will be running the Cake Stall, so hopefully there will be lots of homemade cakes and other treats to buy. The Village Reunion will this year take place at the Chapel, as 2016 is their 450th anniversary. If you have never been inside the Chapel do come along on the Saturday or Sunday and have a look at this very special building, which is the oldest chapel in the country that is still open for worship.

Helen Taylor

Church Dates

26th June Patronal Festival 10.30am

10th July Village Reunion at the Chapel 11.15am (*note change of time*)

Dear Friends,

I have just been for a walk with Alfie and oh my goodness how beautiful everything is! The limey green of the trees and the verges dripping with new grass and burgeoning cow parsley. The skylarks' (as in several of them) singing way up beyond sight, the fresh new crops just beginning to whisper in the breeze and holding all this fecundity, the chalk downs, ancient, majestic, beyond time. Old as the sea they go way back to a time when the earth was formed and they will still be here centuries after we are gone; just thinking about makes me feel very small and makes the things I worry about seem very trivial. As is often the case when confronted by such awe-inspiring beauty, I turn to poetry to voice what I cannot. Like that of Gerard Manley Hopkins who sees the natural world as shot through with the divine: *The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil; It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil/Crushed.*



Whether you subscribe to the notion of God or not, I think at some point or another all of us experience that sense of smallness, of being part of something much bigger than ourselves. An old French prayer sees it this way: *O lord, your ocean is so great and my boat is so small.* Reflecting on the 15th century Indian mystic and poet Kabir's work, Roger Housden writes: *'This making love with the divine, this plunging into truth, requires what human love does – a falling away of your defenses, a recognition of your vulnerability, a willingness to acknowledge that you are on the wave of an ocean far bigger than you are. Yet in the same moment that you cry 'yes!' to the immensity of life, you share its power and beauty. You are both everything and nothing. This is the great ocean that Kabir is urging you to experience, the ocean of Life that bore you into existence in the first place.'* What a profound description of transcendence, of that sense of the 'other' that often takes our breath away. To turn to Hopkins once again:

*And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs -
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.*

Next time I write, the crops will be taller, the grass higher; nothing ever stays the same, such is the nature of life. The earth will continue to turn, the seasons will roll on and we will go about our daily lives, let's hope that now and again we take time to reflect on our place in it all.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Horningsham Parish Council held the Annual Parish Meeting at the Hall on Thursday 19th May. The meeting is an opportunity to: report to the public on the work of the Parish Council; to hear reports from the various village groups and organisations; and to raise any matters that the public would like to Council to consider.

Chairman's Annual Report May 2016

Horningsham Parish Council has had another active year. During the year we have co-opted two new councillors: Simon Millar and Dermot FitzGerald, both of whom bring fresh skills and experience to the Council.

A major area of the Council's work is considering planning applications. The Planning Authority is Wiltshire Council but they are required to consult the Parish Council on planning applications. This year we have considered 21 applications which have ranged from tree pruning through to refurbishment and extension of a listed building. From the building of a function room to the temporary installation of a lion.

A particular focus of the Council's work this year has been the improvement of the appearance of the village which had been looking neglected. Much of this work has been in close co-operation with Longleat's Land Agent. The War Memorial and the area around it had been particularly in need of attention. The land has been cleared and will be put down to grass with a tree trunk seat so that people will be able to enjoy the fine views. Thanks to two donors who wish to remain anonymous, the stone of the Memorial itself is in the process of being cleaned and the names repainted. The bus shelter near the Bath Arms was in a sorry state and has been extensively refurbished inside and out by Councillor Windess assisted by staff from the Estate. Councillor Windess also painted and maintained the seats around the village. We are also very grateful to parishioner Mr Graham Long for painting the Council's phone box in Gentle Street which he lovingly maintains throughout the year, even enhancing it with seasonal illuminations. The annual litter pick was organised as usual by Councillor Chris and her large team of volunteers gathered substantial amounts of litter. We have increased the funding for grass cutting in the Parish which will further improve the appearance of the village. We liaised with the Land Agent over the large number of overgrown hedges and I am pleased to report that most of these have been tackled. Although we decided again not to enter the Best Kept Village competition, we are hopeful that by next year it will again be worth entering.

Plans for a play area, that were ably steered by Councillor Curtis and the Clerk, received a setback when no grant was forthcoming from the Lottery but an enterprising parishioner, Mrs Ros Algar, has raised over £10,000 towards the Henry Worsley Memorial Play Area. This gets our fund-raising off to a flying start and the Council is now actively identifying further sources of funding.

Councillor Crossman, Vice Chairman, assisted by Councillor FitzGerald parishioner Dr Bob Grove and Mr Michael Birnie, has taken on the development of the Parish Plan. We are confident that this new team will re-energise the project.

Other activities include: the development of a Community Emergency Plan by Councillor Simpson; the introduction of a community web-site; and the provision of an information stand at the Village Fayre. We have also worked closely with Wiltshire Council as the Highways Authority in highlighting a range of issues such as potholes and drainage which needed their attention.

In all our activities we have had the invaluable assistance of our capable and tireless Parish Clerk, Mrs Sarah Jeffries, who deserves our special gratitude.

The meeting then received reports from: the Church (Helen Taylor); the Fayre (Caroline Dykes); the Hall (Caroline Dykes); the Luncheon Club (Lesley Trollope); the Welcome Club (Chris Short); the Cricket Club (James Osborne); Longleat Enterprises (Bob Montgomery); and Longleat Estate (Michael Birnie). Apologies were presented from Carole Andrews who stated that the School is flourishing but she is heavily engaged in the appointment of a new Assistant Head and her report will follow.

No points were raised for the Council to consider. In concluding the meeting the Chairman remarked how good it was to receive so many reports of a thriving community.

PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 19th May at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill; Steve Crossman; Michael Trollope; Fran Chris; Dermot FitzGerald; Simon Millar; John Radley; Ken Windess; Matt Simpson; and Gerard Brierley.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Emma Curtis

The meeting began with the annual elections of the Chairman (Tim Hill) and Vice Chairman (Stephen Crossman).

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman said he had been involved in discussions with Mr Birnie, Land Agent, regarding the traffic arrangements for the Elton John concert on 12th June. Mrs Caroline Dykes had also been involved in the discussions because of the implications for arrangements for the Fayre. He had communicated serious concerns about the initial plans which would have seen large volumes of traffic travelling in both directions through the village. These points were acknowledged by Longleat and the plans have now been modified in ways that will route traffic around the village rather than through it. He had also received an assurance that the articulated lorries and heavy machinery used in setting up and taking down the event would not enter Longleat through the village. It is still likely that there will be serious disruption prior to and after the event. Longleat will be sending an explanatory letter and maps to every resident.

Planning Applications

Application Number: 16/04162/TCA

Location: The Old Post Office 173 Chapel Street Horningsham Warminster Wiltshire BA12 7LU

Proposal: T1 - Ash tree - fell

T2 - Norway Spruce - fell

T3 - Holly tree - reduce height by approx 40%

T4 - Apple tree – fell

Council unanimously supported the application.

Planning Decisions

16/02502/FUL Location: Old Timbers Gentle Street Horningsham BA12 7LD

Proposal: Revised application for the replacement of modern lean –to extensions and internal alterations (resubmission of 15/04335/FUL)

Decision: Target date for decision 12th May 2016 – no decision yet.

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Play Area

The Chairman informed councillors that over £10,000 had been raised by Mrs Ros Algar. This money would be paid over to the Parish Council by the Village Hall. The money would be kept in a ring-fenced account dedicated to the development of the play area. Councillors asked the Clerk to explore sources of funding.

Parish Plan

The Vice Chairman reported that his new steering group was actively engaged in re-engersing the development of the plan. They had nearly finished producing a questionnaire which will go to all residents. The results of the questionnaire will be used to identify priorities in the plan.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Windess reported that he had finished refurbishing the bus shelter on the Common and treated all of the seats in the village. The Chairman said that he had just accepted the Land Agent’s offer to get Estate staff to clear all around the Hollybush bus shelter in the next couple of weeks. Ken Windess said he would then be able to inspect it properly and carry out necessary maintenance. The Chairman thanked Councillor Windess for all the valuable work he carried out on the Council’s property.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 30th June at 7.30 in the Hall when all are welcome to attend.

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

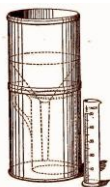


FIG. 151.—Standard rain gauge.

April continued to be fickle with such wide variations of weather. As I reported in last month’s News we had 1.40 inches by the 11th. We then had quite a hard frost for the following few days, then more rain again. This soon left us and the remainder of the month we had a frost most mornings, with fairly gusty winds, making it feel quite cool. We had a total of 3.20 inches compared to 1.22 inches last April. The total so far for this year is 15.27 inches compared with 8.70 inches by the same time in 2015.

John Whatley

HALL NEWS



The AGM took place on the 20th April, it was well attended and great to see the old committee members showing their support. Murray Wakeham has been re-elected as Chairman, Ken Windess is our Treasurer & Booking Secretary and Louisa Cruickshank is our Secretary.

We have had a great first year running the hall, faced a few challenges and didn't quite realise what we were taking on! We all have so much respect and admiration for the old committee and everything they did to keep things going so well for so long.

Pip Utton returned to the Village Hall stage in May, to present the third in his series of one man shows featuring famous leaders. This time he brought Maggie Thatcher, who surprisingly spent much of the evening in a two way conversation with the audience, fielding questions on all subjects. We hope everyone enjoyed it and many thanks to Pip and also everyone from the Horningsham and roundabout who came and supported us. The evening raised a profit of around £500 which to go towards maintenance of the Hall and the roof fund. Pip is coming back in December to present a candlelit reading of A Christmas Carol, in character as Charles Dickens. We will advertise a date for that soon - it will be a great evening and please come.

Thanks to those you joined us on Sunday 15th June for coffee, sunshine and a neighbourly catch up. We sat outside soaking up the rays on the pavilion terrace and even had 4 passing walkers join us. Next coffee morning is July 17th. Come down and say hi.

In August we are planning to have a big family picnic (fingers crossed for some good weather!)

At our last committee meeting we have discussed refurbishment plans; starting with painting the outside of the building and having a good general tidy up. We hope to have the floor repaired & sanded and ceilings to be looked at too! The hall will have a fresh and tidy look very soon. We still need to continue to raise funds for a new roof, as well as the on-going running of the hall, and hope that you will continue to support the events we have at the hall.

The Village Fayre is just around the corner on Sunday June 12th, I am sure it will be a great day out so try and come along.

The next committee meeting is on 6th June at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome to come along and give us their thoughts or ideas.

Louisa Cruickshank



We have had a really busy term 5 at Horningsham School!

Here are some highlights of what we've been up to this term!



COOKATHON

A small group of children in Years 5 and 6 spent the day cooking at the invitation of Walwayne Court Primary School in Trowbrdge. They worked with

other children doing a cookathon in the school kitchens. It was great to collaborate with other children and the Headteacher, Ms Kenyon, was very impressed with how confident and well mannered the children were. They definitely showed our value of courage and stood up in front of the whole school in their assembly!



WOODPECKERS' TRIP TO LONDON

Woodpeckers Class had a great trip to the Natural History Museum. Our main focus was the Volcanoes and Earthquakes exhibition, which was full of fascinating facts to help us with our topic this term. We also had time to visit the dinosaur exhibition and some of the mammals. It was a great trip and has really helped bring our topic to life!



ORIENTEERING

Some of the Year 5/6 children had a good time practising their orienteering skills using maps and timing chips at Kingdown session run by Old Sarum orienteering club.

They are taking part in the West Wilts tournament at Southleigh Woods; teams are competing to qualify for the Wiltshire School Games.



SWIMMING SUCCESS!

Bowood were victorious at the Horningsham School swimming gala. The event was well supported by a large turn-out of parents, consisted of 28 competitive races. Issy Stockting lifted the team point cup, which was presented by former

pupils Maggie Goodby and Brooke Farrell (who were there to support). Well done everyone for demonstrating two of our school values so well: determination and teamwork.



SOWING SEEDS

Carole Hill, from the village, very kindly came in to plant seeds with the Eco Gang and some other children chosen by the Eco Gang. They had a great time in the Secret Garden planting different plants and vegetables. We will let you know how we get on growing them. A big thanks to Carole Hill for doing this and also for all the work she does voluntarily to keep the pond and garden tidy and maintained – we are so grateful.



FITBALL FUN

The Woodpeckers and Owls got to experience Fitball! a new sport that is a hybrid of netball, basketball and football. The children all really enjoyed the session; they practised catching, throwing and aiming. It is a great sport for getting everybody involved and we saw lots of teamwork. "I really enjoyed playing



Fitball and I was really exhausted from all of the running around, it would keep me fit! I hope that we can do it again." (Archie Y3)



OTHER NEWS:

We will be very sad to say goodbye to Mr Dix at the end of this academic year. Mr Dix will be moving to a Deputy Head post much nearer to his home. We are interviewing for a new Assistant Head at the end of May and have had a great response from across the country. We'll let you know who will be joining us in due course!

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED: we want to make this the biggest tombola yet for the Village Fayre this year. Last year we couldn't believe how lucky people were with most of the prizes being drawn straight away (that's a lottery for you!), so we want to make sure there's a huge number of prizes for this year's event. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school.



RE VISITOR All the children had a really interesting afternoon with our visitor Wally, a member of the mosque in Trowbridge. He spent time with each class in their RE lesson talking about being a muslim and answering lots of questions from the children. He was really impressed with their pertinent questions and wonderful manners.

LUNCHEON CLUB

We meet at the Village Hall every Thursday at about 12noon for lunch at 12.30pm, apart from two weeks holiday at Easter, Christmas and four weeks in the summer.

At the moment we have 36 members who pay a yearly subscription of £2. Members get a free outing in August each year (this year's trip is to Exmouth with a trip up the river including a cream tea) and a free Christmas lunch on our last meeting before the Christmas break. The Thursday lunches consist of a main course, pudding and tea or coffee all for the sum of £2.50 per head. We also hold a raffle every week which, together with lunch payments, covers the hire of the Hall and the ingredients for the meals. We have a band of very thrifty cooks who cook us delicious meals and helpers who lay up the tables, help dish up and clear away and then sit down to their own meal. We are also very fortunate to have Fran and Julia in the kitchen who come every week to support us.

We are always looking for new members and would welcome anyone who has moved into the village recently or even further afield as we have members from Maiden Bradley, Trowbridge, Frome, Corsley and Warminster. If anyone is housebound in the village we can also deliver their meal to them at no extra charge.

New volunteers to be cooks or helpers would be welcomed with open arms. At the moment it works out that the helpers and cooks are on duty one Thursday a month, but obviously with more on the rota duties it would be less frequent. If you think you would be interested in helping in any way then please let either Margaret or myself know. You would be very welcome to come and see how everything works on a Thursday morning before committing to help, just let us know. Margaret will be drawing up the new rota to start on 1st September during July so any new names could be included.

So whether you wish to sit down and have your meal in good company, wish to cook for a very appreciative crowd or wait at table please get in touch and come and join us. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

Lesley Trollope (211355) Margaret Long (844756)

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HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

Sunday 12th June 11:00 - 4pm

I hope you've seen the smart new signage dotted around the outskirts of the village as well as the Facebook ads and posters up all over the place. We can hold back no more; it's June and the Fayre is upon us!

The Fayre opens at 11am this year in order to fit the fun in before 4pm. Come dressed as your favourite Elton John (70s, 80s or 90s Elton) and win a meal for two at The Bath Arms in Horningsham. Steve will be commenting on and admiring your Elton efforts throughout the afternoon before deciding whose looks the most fabulous around 3pm. Bellevue Veterinary Clinic is hosting the very popular fun dog show, with classes for all, from Heinz 57 to pampered pooches. Grab a friend and try your luck at the 7-legged race or get your children practising for best child handler . . . can the Gunning 2 teach Trixie & Cola some new tricks and win a ribbon? There will be music from Frome Ukulele Club The Frukes, daft displays on magnificent machines from The Dandy Chargers, amazingly cheap, lovingly reared plants, wonderful treasures to unearth in the Bric-a-Brac and the usual high standard of cakes and delights from the cake marquee.

The committee have been working hard to pull together another day of excitement in the heart of Horningsham. We start the planning in October hopeful that we've given ourselves enough time to figure out some fun stuff and get all the planning done. It's the biggest annual event in Horningsham and often the main fundraiser for village clubs and causes. It's a lot of fun building on previous successes delivered by Steve Crossman and John Osborne and a bit of a challenge to keep the standard high. I hope we deliver again this year and you bring all your friends and families along to enjoy the Fayre. Remember it's free entry and parking. Raffle on the gate: prizes include a family day ticket to Longleat and a hot air balloon ride over the village.

For younger visitors there will be inflatables, kids' rides, face painting, glitter tattoos and traditional games. I'm sure James is soaking the sponges ready for the fat lady and polishing the skittles as I write this.

We have over 25 stalls booked with jewellery, antiques, paintings and photography, pickles, sauces, ribbons and corn dollies. Kath is back with her taxidermy and unique collectables and there will be some worthwhile charity stalls vying for your support too.

The Windess Wonders are delivering cream teas fit for a queen in the hall while outside there will be a delight of delicious food on offer for hungry Fayre goers. Two traction engines, a variety of classic cars, the Army assault course and some antique guns with an appropriately dressed shooter round off the day's delights.

We are incredibly lucky to have the 1st YORKS coming to help with our erections on Friday 10th June. Their help with the tents and marquees is invaluable. If anyone would

like to help finesse the field on Saturday 11th June, please come along at 10am. We'll be putting up the signage & bunting, laying out tables, and generally making the place look pretty. All hands on deck, no offer of help too small! We also need some hands on the day: could you help man the parking area for an hour or help on a stall for an hour? Please get in touch if you can. It would be lovely to see some of the many new village faces getting involved with the big event. We know you're out there, we know your busy and maybe a bit shy, but we would love to meet you.

So not long now at all, I still need to work out the arena timings, figure out the logistics for set up/break down, draw up a site plan and find another field for parking. It's going to be big, busy and beautiful; we really hope to see you there.

Check out our Facebook page for up to date information and arena timings.

Caroline, Fayre Chair chb.bristol@gmail.com 07779 121228



- **Please deliver any plants to be sold on the Plant Stall to Park Farm in Church Lane or to the Stall on Saturday or even on the day of the Fayre.**
- **Any offers of help on the Stall on the day will be greatly appreciated.**

Carole Hill (844365)

Cake Stall



The Village Fayre is nearly here and this is a final plea from the Cake Stall. If you have anything for our stall please can you deliver to me (freezer space available) or bring it to the Village Hall on Saturday 11th between 10.0am and 4.0pm or early on Sunday morning.



This is my first year organising the stall and we have a big act to follow, so please get cooking. You can make anything from a cup cake to a gateaux, jam tart to a quiche, marmalade to chutney, in fact anything that is home made and delicious. If your skills are not in baking, then please come to the fayre and buy the various goodies on offer.

Many thanks for all your donations.

Susie Hilleary 844454



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INS & OUTS

One "In" this month whom we hope to include in next month's column but one person leaving:

Farewell to Ian Bates who is moving from 126 Cock Road, where he has lived since the early 1980s. He came to Longleat as a relief security man and then worked as assistant house steward. We wish him well as he moves to Evercreech.

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Horningsham Fayre is today's successor to the annual Flower Show and as such can celebrate its 110th Anniversary this year.

It was back in 1906 that the first show was held and it wasn't just flowers as we can see from this advert from the Warminster Journal.

As well as flowers, fruit and vegetables, there were athletics competitions, swing boats, tennis court and bowling green, not to mention the fireworks! The band from the Reformatory at Tascroft even played dance music in the evening.

Unlike now they charged admission in those days – on a sliding scale as the day wore on – 1 shilling (5p) from 2 to 4pm down to just 3d (1½p) after 7pm. Back then, the Warminster Journal cost just one old penny!

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HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



After another reminder of the quality of Sherborne School's pitch, hospitality and standard of play which resulted in a convincing defeat but otherwise enjoyable evening, attention turned back to home.

Thankfully, some much needed sunshine and the sterling work of Jack Crossman and Paul Grugeon meant we were able to welcome Mere C.C. to something that resembled a cricket pitch rather than the bog reported last month.

This was our opening game in the Three Counties League as defending winners and so an important start to

our 2016 campaign.

After an excellent opening spell with the ball from Henry Hockley and Connor Widdows the visitors were struggling but a mid-order rally led them to a better than expected total of 190. Fears were soon allayed after some typically unforgiving batting from James Bolton and Callum Widdows took us halfway to our target without too much trouble. Then, disaster - Callum turned on his knee and crashed to the ground taking his stumps with him. A big blow as he now looks being out of action for some weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery. The fight was resumed by Messrs Hilleary and Hatch who swiftly took us close to the target before both were effortlessly dispatched by Mere's youngest star: a 14 year old girl. Blushes were spared after a nervy end and our first league win was on the board.

Our first round tie in the National Village Cup was less successful. Who knew Shrewton had three teams, two of which were at the higher end of the Hampshire divisions - we certainly didn't. A brave effort in the field restricted them to 231 - a real achievement on a very good pitch but sadly our efforts with the bat were less productive. Two fast left armers restricted our openers before the spinners cleaned up the rest of us amidst mounting scoreboard pressure.

We are now looking to see if there is a "Hamlet" Cup out there - complete with the stipulation that there must be at least five over 40 year olds with bad backs in any team.

Angus Hilleary



One final plea for donations for this stall.

Please bring to the hall on Saturday 11th June or contact me and I will arrange collection.

Any offers of help on the Stall on the day will be greatly appreciated.

Margaret Long 844756

Playing Maggie

Pip Utton returned to Horningsham Hall on Thursday 12th May for third of his trio of one-man shows portraying leading political figures of the 20th Century. In the first one he played a highly convincing Winston Churchill as an amusing raconteur. In the second one he was equally convincing as a truly disturbing Adolf Hitler. This time he was Margaret Thatcher, complete with handbag, and just like her, succeeded in pleasing some and annoying rather more of the 70 or so people in the audience. His ability to go into character in a way that so completely takes his audience with him is remarkable. As Maggie there were certainly more laughs than as Adolf, though perhaps fewer than as Winston.



The event was organised by James Osborne in aid of the Horningsham Hall roof fund and looks set to raise just over £500. Pip, who is a regular customer at the Thai Kitchen in Frome, will be returning to Horningsham in December as Charles Dickens. Dickens used to do public readings of his works and one of the most popular was “A Christmas Carol” and this is what Pip will be re-creating. Judging by the three evenings we have already enjoyed in his company, it promises to be a memorable evening.

Mill Farm Chronicles April –May 16

It's been a mixed bag of fortunes for us this month. I start with the sad news that we lost one of the donkeys. Gracie, the grey one, went from being okay to dead in a matter of hours. We are shocked and devastated about her loss as was Florence her friend. Donkeys are very sociable animals and really feel the loss of a companion, so much so that they can actually die from the effects. So it was decided that Florence would be happier going back to live with her daughter in Somerset. We will miss her and Gracie very much. The good news is that we have two new donkeys living in our front paddock. Lucky is a very cute brown jenny donkey and her companion is Rosie a black jenny. They are both quite small, only about 9 hands, and around 12 years old. They seem to have settled in well, and are beginning to come when called. They are very sociable and love an ear tickle from visitors but please do not feed the donkeys anything. Donkeys are ace at metabolising food so can get fat very quickly which can be dangerous for their health.

Update on the TB. We had our whole herd test and had 2 reactors, which was to be expected. Both cows were isolated and then taken away last week to be put down. One was pregnant so mum and unborn baby both died and the other one had a calf. It was pitiful to hear it constantly calling and looking for his mum for a few days after. Luckily the orphan was old enough not to be totally dependent on his mum for milk and he was too big to accept hand feeding so he is out in the fields coping by eating grass and occasionally pinching milk from other cows.

Having been granted a licence to sell, we have some calves going to an orange tag market next week, which I'm pretty sure the bank manager will be happy to hear! A



PS to this: the cows' carcasses were inspected once dead by a ministry vet and only one actually had any TB lesions!

Thelma and Louise the pigs have returned home after their holiday up the pub. They are looking very well and happy so thank you to The Bath Arms for their 5* accommodation. They are planning on enjoying a nice quiet, chilled summer in the paddock behind the farm with the possibility of a bit of male company later on in the year!

Steve has been busy on the tractor this month, rolling the fields, fertilising and drilling the maize in the field opposite the farm.

We have had 5 baby goslings which to me is good and bad news. I love seeing the cute fluffy little things floating on the pond but I just know that when they are grown up they will be one of the causes of my sleepless nights!

Steve, Jack and I had a very quick 36 hours away from the farm last weekend. We left the farm and the bed & breakfast guests in Amy and Guy's capable hands. We went to Plymouth for the night to see Riverdance. What an amazing show that is. How those dancers can be so light on their feet or move them so quickly is just a mystery to me. It's so much more than dancing though, the musicians (4 young ladies who each played multiple instruments) and 1 singer who had the most beautiful haunting voice. If you get a chance to see this show, go, it's truly brilliant. In the afternoon we walked along the Hoe in the sunshine and had fish and chips sat on the harbour wall. The next day we visited Dartmoor Zoo then drove to Teignmouth where we walked along the sea front, had lunch and then drove home. It was a very short but enjoyable break.

Margaret Crossman



**An evening for all the family with Rob Caskie,
historian, story-teller and world renowned
expert on the Zulu War of 1879**

**HORNINGSHAM VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 25th June : 7.00 for 7.45pm**

In the company of the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Welsh, The Victorian Military Society's Diehard Company and with Fusilier Llywelyn and his Goat Major, Fusilier Matthew Owen in attendance, this promises to be an electrifying evening for all the family as the battle that went on well into the night, will be brought alive by one of the best story-tellers and raconteurs you will ever have the pleasure to be in the company of.



The defence of Rorke's Drift
By Alphonse-Marie-Adolphe de Neuville (1879)

POLICE NEWS

Warminster Rural Police report an increase in non-dwelling burglaries to sheds and garages. The lockup garages in Haskell's Lane near the Common in Horningsham were targeted again in May:

Crime - 14/05/2016 Horningsham, WARMINSTER - Suspects(s) have pulled the door off an unused empty lockup and then entered the adjoining lockup through the black plastic and chicken wire that separated the lock ups internally. This lock up contains guitars. Suspect(s) have also unscrewed the hinge off the padlock from the second lockup.

At first sight the April crime figures for Horningsham were concerning:

Maiden Bradley and Horningsham

Theft x 2

Theft from motor vehicle

But our PCSO, Debbie Robbins has told the News that the two thefts were at Center Parcs and the theft from a motor vehicle was at Longleat. So none of the April crimes were actually in the village.



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WELCOME CLUB

Being unable to make the trip myself on 19th April, Penny very kindly stepped in and here is her report of the day.

On Tuesday 19th April we went on our first trip of 2016. The driver and the coach were excellent. The sun shone and we had our coffee stop at a Garden Centre off the M4 which was enjoyable. We would be pleased to go there again – lots of clothes and shoes! After, we drove through lovely sunny scenery and made our next stop at Moreton in the Marsh. It's very cosmopolitan with plenty of eateries and a street market. The tea stop was at Cirencester then back along the Roman road with a stop for Tom's raffle.

We played a few games of Bingo on May 12th – lines winning chocs and full houses won cash (£3!). Tea and raffle followed plus notices and draw for the next raffle for the Cadbury/Weston trip during which the gardeners made hay with new plants. (Report on this trip next month.) Our June Hall meeting is on the 9th of the month and will be a Bring & Buy Sale. Any unsold items being donated to the Fayre stall which is run in the same vein. On Tuesday June 14th we are having another look at the fascinating museum in Dorchester with a little more time to take things in. Then on to Weymouth for some sea air. At our Hall meeting, as well as the Bring & Buy, there will be a stall of cards for all occasions run by a lady named Carol who donates a percentage of her takings to the Club in the same manner as a charity donation. Do come and see what is on offer. Anyone who is interested in coming to Weymouth with us, phone me as below.

Chris Short 01985 847373

- ★ One hilltop post, hospital and a onetime mission.
- ★ Four regiments of Zulu warriors numbering four thousand.
- ★ Against a thin red line of one hundred and thirty nine solders, eleven colonial troops and four civilians, behind a mealie bag and biscuit box lines of defence.
- ★ Who by the time the Zulu's retreated, were down to their last box of 600 cartridges, after seven hours of repeated attacks.
- ★ **The Place:** Rorke's Drift.
- ★ **The Honours:** Eleven Victoria Crosses; still the largest number awarded in a single battle and with seven to the 24th Foot, still the largest number awarded to a single unit.

This event is in support of the Community Playground Appeal in memory of British explorer, Army Officer and ex. Horningsham resident, Henry Worsley. There will a paid for bar available and tickets @ £20 each will include a glass of wine or a soft drink on arrival and eats.

To book your tickets today by credit card simply search "*eventbrite, rorkes drift*" online.

By post please make cheques payable to **Horningsham Village Hall/Rorke's Drift** and send this to: Rorke's Drift Evening c/o 121 Little Scotland, Horningsham, Wiltshire BA12 7NH

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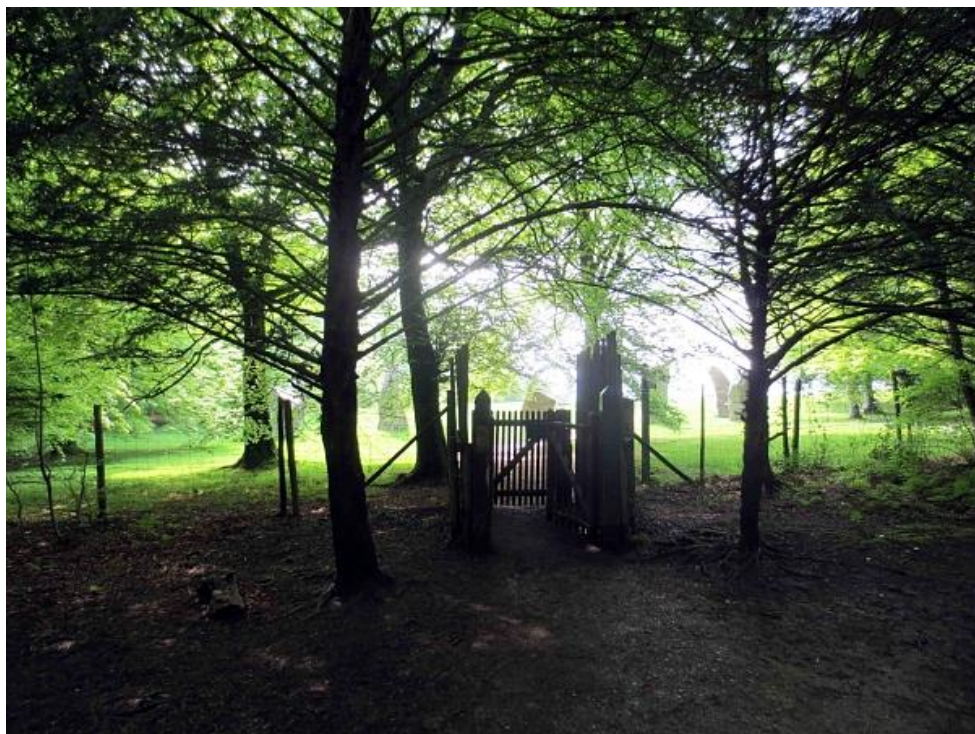


**Horningsham Village Hall
Saturday 25th June, 2016
Drinks & Story-telling:
7pm for 7.45pm**



THEN & NOW





This month we are at Heaven's Gate. There are no dates on the backs of the two old postcards. (Yes, this month you get not one, but two Thens!) Judging by the printing on the cards they are both pre-WWI and the one with the diminutive old retainer opening the gate looks older than the one with the rhododendron. Apart from a possible coat of paint on the gates, not a lot seems to have changed between the two old photos. Comparing them with the 2016 photo, there is now just a pedestrian double gate and the wooden fence has gone. The biggest difference though is just how open the ground is beyond the gate. Many mature trees, planted when Capability Brown landscaped the park, were lost in the "Michael Fish Tornado" of 1987. Just visible are some of the sculpted Bodmin Moor granite megaliths that form "Heaven's Henge". They are often referred to as "Thynn Henge" but that was to have been the name of a stone circle for which the present Marquis failed, on more than one occasion, to get planning permission.

The name "Heaven's Gate" is said to have its origin in Bishop Ken declaring that on this spot overlooking Longleat he thought himself "at Heaven's Gate". Bishop Ken had been given rooms on the top floor of Longleat House and £80 per year by his friend Thomas Thynne in exchange for the £700 raised by the sale of his possessions when he was deposed as Bishop of Bath and Wells on failing to swear an oath of loyalty to William of Orange. While at Longleat he wrote several hymns that are referred to on the second postcard.

The Bath Chronicle and Herald

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1929.

LONGLEAT'S GLORY.

Rhododendron Sunday drew hundreds of cars, motor bicycles, and coaches to Longleat on Sunday. At one time the "park" along the Horningsham Road outside the Heaven's Gate entrance, was at least a quarter of a mile in length. In addition, scores of other vehicles were passing in a stream each way. But for the presence of three Wilts policemen and an R.A.C. Scout there would have been hopeless chaos. Using a system of whistled signals, they sorted out traffic jams and had a perspiring, if very useful, afternoon. At one time it looked as if the cars would not be able to get out of the tangle, as they were three abreast at the worst point, but the traffic controllers, by a temporary use of the grass verge, reduced the blockage to order. At Shearwater the conditions were not so congested, but in the narrow lanes which connect the two places there was much stopping and manœuvring to enable cars, and especially "charas," to pass.

Up and down the walk to Heaven's Gate were unending processions of folk. They were, of course, enchanted by the huge masses of blooms, 15 and 20ft. high. In striking contrast, the mansion nestled in the fruitful vale in a scene of subdued greens and browns and greys, the deer reposing in the middle distance, and at one's feet a blaze of bluebells sweeping abruptly down to the plain below. The procession of sightseers continued right until the evening.



NEWS FROM MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP

Hello everyone. Many of you may have already met me in the shop but it's time to introduce myself properly to everyone. I am the new shop manager, Sue Worrell, and I took over from Amanda on the 1st of May. My husband, Richard, and I will soon be moving into the village once our cottage refurbishment is complete. In the meantime I commute from deepest, darkest Trowbridge every day. I really have been overwhelmed with the warmth of welcome from all who have visited the shop to introduce themselves and of course purchase some of our fine produce. All the volunteers have been so helpful and supportive I know that I have a fine team working with me.



I have a very deep commitment to the continuous improvement of the shop, its turnover and financial security. To this end I have plans to make changes and these are some of my ideas:

- Introducing a system for ordering meat. This will ensure you get exactly what you want, when you want it. This will drastically cut the wastage in the shop.
- Improving the system for bread ordering which will again reduce potential wastage. There are many different types of bread which we can bring in for you from Taylors and from other suppliers.
- Increasing the frequency of the fruit and vegetable orders to ensure that all produce is as fresh as it can be.

Please don't worry that there will be nothing for impulse buys as I will also ensure that there is always a stock of essentials for that last minute purchase.

I will also be looking to expand this ordering process to encompass the campers in West Woodlands and the Holiday Cottages around the area so that they can order a provisions hamper prior to their arrival. People who come down for weekends will also be able to order in advance.

I know that all these changes may seem daunting but please remember that it is your village shop and your opinions really matter. I intend to distribute a survey in the near future so that I can get a real feel for the issues and needs of everyone in the village and provide the service that you all want from your community shop.

I now have a shop email address for all your orders and any questions you may have. So either email me at mbvillageshop@gmail.com, call me on 01985 844206 or even drop in for a chat. I look forward to meeting you all.

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LONGLEAT NEWS



Animal Park will return to the Longleat Estate and BBC One in the summer to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UK's first safari park.

Remarkable TV who make the programme for the BBC are seeking memories, footage or photos of a visits to us in the 1960s, 1970s or 1980s from members of the public. They are on the hunt for memories, photos and footage that will help tell the story of Longleat!

Much loved Animal Park presenters, Ben Fogle and Kate Humble will return to join the animals and keepers to celebrate, commemorate and continue the story of Britain's wildest country house. Jean Johansson will join the team as a roving reporter. Each of the five 45 minute episodes will tell a different story about the 50 years which have passed since the 6th Marquis of Bath decided to allow the public to drive their cars through a field of lions.

As well as looking back, the series will uncover what's going on at the park today with its new generation of keepers looking after more than 1,100 wild, cute and deadly animals across the estate.

The new series will celebrate the anniversary alongside the much-loved faces from previous series' whilst also embracing cutting edge technology to bring viewers closer to the animals than ever before.

Ben Fogle said: "I'm extremely excited to return to Animal Park this summer. I spent many happy years filming at the legendary safari park. Kate and I can't wait to meet some of the new arrivals who help make Longleat such a magical place to visit."

Ben added: "We want you to search your photo albums or hunt in your loft for evidence of the first time you had a close encounter with a ferocious lion in the Wiltshire countryside. Do you have footage or stories from the 60s, 70s or 80s relating to a troop of monkeys or a tower of giraffes disrupting your family picnic? Whether funny, scary or crazy we want to hear from you."

MORE LONGLEAT NEWS

There has been something of a baby boom at the Safari Park. The new arrivals, all of whom arrived within three weeks of each other, include a scimitar-horned oryx, a Rothschild giraffe calf, and a blackbuck.

These births are the latest successes in Longleat's ongoing breeding programme and conservation efforts. Rothschild's giraffe are amongst the most endangered species of giraffe in the world, with only 1500 remaining in the wild whilst the scimitar-horned oryx now only survives in captivity.

Keeper Bev Evans said "We're delighted to have so many new arrivals in the Safari, especially considering many of these species are endangered in their natural habitats."

"All the babies are doing very well now but it's wasn't all smooth sailing. The blackbuck calf was found alone and had to be bottle fed for the first 24 hours but luckily after that the mum's maternal instincts kicked in and she took over."





BUSES FROM BUS SHELTER AT THE COMMON

Salisbury every Tuesday **83**

Leaves Horningsham 09.35 *Holly Bush 09.37* Arrives Salisbury 10.30
Departs Salisbury 13.45 Arrives Horningsham 14.45

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**

Friday leaves Horningsham 09.45 *Holly Bush 09.48* Arrives Warminster 10.10
Departs Warminster Coach Station 12.20

Frome every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

Wednesday **80** leaves Horningsham 10.06 *Holly Bush 10.01*

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.15 and 13.45

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

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.10 and 16.30



BLACK AND YELLOW PAGES

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Mobile Library	Tuesday 7 th June Tuesday 5 th July <i>10.00 – 10.30 opposite the Hall</i>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 6th June **Hall Committee Meeting** 7.30pm at the Hall
 Sunday 12th June **Horningsham Fayre** 11.00 – 4.00
 Tuesday June 14th **Welcome Club Trip to Dorchester & Weymouth**
 Saturday 25th June **Rorke's Drift** 7.00 pm at the Hall
 Saturday 2nd July **Fayre Quiz Night** 7.30 at the Hall
 Sunday 17th July **Coffee Morning** at the Hall 10.30 – 12.00



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 Cheers for Her Majesty - Saturday 11th June

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