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EDITORIAL

As predicted, June was a very busy month for Horningsham as the whole village gathered to enjoy another hugely successful Village Fayre. The weather could have been better but that didn't stop the fun. In fact the total income for the Fayre was an all-time record of **£8,718.79** – a wonderful achievement by the Fayre Committee and everyone who helped. Each of the seven village organisations will receive a generous grant of £1,000 which is an increase on last year. It is this grant that provides most of the finance to keep on providing a free copy of the Horningsham News to every household in the village 10 times a year. The Fayre grant has enabled us to increase the number of pages and to improve the quality of the paper and printing and our readers have told us how much they appreciate that.

The Fayre rightly dominates this issue with reports and many photos. There are also most of our regular features including the ever-popular Mill Farm Chronicles (*page 20*) and the report from the School (*Page 6*). We are sad to read that Mr Dix is leaving, he has been active in our community and much-loved by the children but we congratulate him on his move to a Deputy Headship in a bigger school.

We have been running a series in which we remember each Horningsham man who died in World War I in the month that they died. This month 100 years ago, was devastating for our village. The Battle of the Somme led to no fewer than four men being killed, three of them in the first week of the battle. We hope that this feature, which will run until October 2018, helps make the names on our War Memorial more meaningful as we read each man's story.

Remember that there is no News in Horningsham in August but we are still on Facebook!

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Monday 15th August.

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CHURCH NEWS



What a wonderful Fayre! Reasonable weather, lots of happy, smiling faces, and the stalls did very well. I know the cake stall was very popular, as it always is.

The next event for the church is the annual village Reunion, except that this year the service will be at the Chapel, which is celebrating its 450th anniversary. The Chapel is open every day, so if you have never been inside this very special, atmospheric building, do make time to visit. Jane Yates will be coming back to Horningsham for the Reunion and I know that she is looking forward to seeing all her friends. If you are not able to come to the service or lunch, do call in at the Village Hall in the afternoon for a cup of tea and a chat.

At the end of July we will be saying farewell to the Rev Di Britten, who is retiring. Di has been a great friend to Horningsham and we will miss her very much, while at the same time wishing her a very happy retirement. Do come along to this special service, when we hope there will be a large congregation to say thank you for all that she has done for Horningsham and to wish her well.

There will be no service in Horningsham during August. Please see the church notice board for details of services in the Deverills.

Helen Taylor

Church Dates

10 th July	Village Reunion service at the chapel 11.15am
31 st July	Benefice Eucharist & farewell to Di Britten 10.30am

Dear Friends,

Last Friday I had an absolutely wonderful day off. We usually go out somewhere if only for change of scene that more often than not involves coffee and cake. No cake on this particular day but there was a distinct yumminess about it as we went to see the litter of Labradoodle puppies we have had our name down for and chose the new addition to our family. Needless to say Alfie and I have been having long chats about the proceedings but he adores other dogs so I am sure he will enjoy having a new friend. Naming the new addition to the family has proved interesting and text



messages have been flying back and forth across the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, to Putney and Winchester as the whole family have proffered suggestions. Names are really important aren't they and it's interesting to see the waxing and waning of the most popular names. Knowing someone's name immediately alters the nature of our relationship with them, our perception of them is changed; they are no longer a faceless homogenous *other*, they are living breathing human beings just like us.

When the baby church was coming into being in the century after Jesus's death and resurrection they had to work out what it meant to be a follower of Christ, or The Way, as they called it. St Paul wrote some great letters to a number of those churches encouraging them and helping them, because just like our church today, we get it wrong sometimes, well we get it wrong a lot of the time to be honest, because we are human and humans' lives are messy. Some of Paul's writing can be a bit convoluted, but now and again he comes out with a real gem. In his letter to the Galatians he writes: '*There is no longer Jew nor Greek, no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.*'

We are, every one of us, a child of God, this is what it means to be human. And it gets even better; God knows each and everyone of us human beings by name. In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read:

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

The above passage doesn't promise that nothing bad will ever happen to us, and goodness knows we've seen some terrible acts of violence these last weeks, but it does promise that nothing can take away this incredibly intimate relationship we have with God. How extraordinary, that God who created the cosmos knows you and me, by name.

I want to name someone now who has been a wonderful inspiration and help to many. Revd Di Britten's last service will be at Horningsham Church on Sunday 31st July at 10.30am followed by a bring and share lunch at the Village Hall. Please come and help celebrate the wonderful way in which Di has served our parishes during her ministry here and to offer our thanks for all she has given us.

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

450th Anniversary This Month!



On May 21st the pretty wedding of Emma Harris & Gareth Hannam took place. Music with violin, electric organ and drums was provided by their friends. After leaving the Chapel, they were serenaded by a trio of brass instruments. The reception was held at the Village Hall. Despite the poor weather the wedding certainly seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Our next service will be on Sunday 10th July at 11.00 am.

On the 17th July a special service celebrating our 450th anniversary will be held at 3.00pm followed by tea at the Village Hall. We hope that many of you can attend.

Carol Cox horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

HALL NEWS



So the fantastic Village Fayre drew in great crowds again this year and hopefully allowed people to see what a lovely Village Hall we have!

We do offer a “local” discounted hire rate so please contact us or visit our website - www.horningshamvillagehall.net for more details.

We are hoping to have more events on in the future at the Hall so if anyone has any suggestions or would like to pop along to our committee meetings, we meet every first Monday of the month, you would be more than welcome!

We have our next Coffee Morning on Sunday 24th July from 10.30 to 12 noon so please drop in for a cuppa and catch up, kids can have a good run around too!

The chapel are holding a 450 years celebration lunch on Sunday 17th July.

Also, on July 16th Horningsham School are holding a Summer Party at the Hall with family games, BBQ, raffle & disco. All are very welcome, tickets on sale via school.

Louisa Cruickshank

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OWLS AT OSMINGTON

Owls had a fun packed weekend (albeit a little rainy!) at PGL Osmington Bay. They threw themselves into all the activities from rifles, to raft building, aeroball, kayaking and also enjoyed a few walks along the beach. You can see more of their antics on our website:

www.horningsham.schnet.org



VISIT TO A MOSQUE

Woodpeckers and Y6 had a very special afternoon at Trowbridge Mosque. The members there were so generous and kind and allowed us to watch them pray and then showed us around and explained all

the rituals. They were touched that the children wore scarves out of respect for their faith and customs. Thank you Mrs Woodward for organising such a great visit.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our happy team. Mrs Amanda Palmer has joined us as our new Admin Assistant in the Little Office. We also are thrilled to announce that we have appointed Mr Cameron Edwards as Assistant Head for September. He greatly impressed the governors and will bring lots of strengths to the team. Mr Edwards is moving to us from a school in Salisbury and is Australian born, but lives in the UK with his wife and three children. We aim to make this a term to remember for Mr Dix before he moves on to his new post!

NEW SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to Livi Holden and Sam Whitmarsh who were announced as our 2016-2017 Sports Ambassadors! They impressed us all with their excellent presentations and applications for the positions.



July Events:

Summer Party

Saturday 16th July 4-10pm
Village Hall and Green –
including disco, inflatables– for
all families in the community.
Tickets available from school
(see flyer).

Leavers Service

Thursday 21st July 1.15pm
St John the Baptist Church
All welcome to join us

End of academic year

SWIMMING GALA

What a great competition! It was neck and neck with Crockerton throughout the gala. The children all gave it their best, with some stepping up on the day to do additional races. We came second by only two points! Well done Horningsham swimmers. "It was an exciting event and the support atmosphere was awesome"- Daniel (coach/reporter).

TENNIS

Miss Evans took 3 teams to play in the Westbourne Tennis tournament. All of the children played well and the B team made it through to the semi-finals winning 2 out of 3 matches.



KWIK CRICKET

As part of our Chance to Shine programme we sent a team to Warminster Cricket Club to take part in a Kwik Cricket Tournament. The children worked well as a team applying their skills.

VILLAGE FAYRE

What a great fayre this year! Thank you so much to everyone for all your great support and donations for the tombola. A massive thanks to all the volunteers and the PTA for doing so much and making it a great success. We loved the dancing! A special thanks to Louisa and Ange for all their hard work! We all enjoyed seeing the children perform their wartime inspired routine from this year's Dance Festival.



WELCOME CLUB

We did go to Cadbury Garden Centre on our May trip but unfortunately found their prices somewhat inhibitive. We'll have to re-think our venue in the event we decide to try again. Weston was good if a little damp but spirits were fine.

The Bring & Buy Sale made £44.95. Considering there were only a few buyers, that was a good result. We donated several items for the Fayre stall on the 12th June.

Off to Weymouth via Dorchester on 14th June. It was a bit rainy on the day but not too bad – report in the next issue.

Mr Brockman will be giving a version of the Antiques Road Show on July 7th – please bring a family treasure or the like to help things go well. A picture, a book, a medal, a piece of jewellery or something similar would be fine.

July 12th will see us boarding the coach for the Wye Valley and a different place not previously visited - we're dropping in on Abergavenny.

There will be a visit from the Dogs' Trust on September 1st when the speaker, Lucy Hooper, will be bringing a four-legged friend with her.

Looking forward to seeing you at some or all of our meetings.

Don't forget to let me know if you are coming on the trip.

Chris Short 847373

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



The first half of our 2016 season has been shaped by injury and rain. The knee injury suffered by our captain Callum Widdows in May has turned out to be as bad as feared, and he is out for the season. It is a huge blow to Callum and also to the team – losing not just any player, but our run top scorer for the past several years. On the other hand it also means he can no longer hog all the batting and it is no coincidence that Sam Lock, Tom Evans (who has taken over captaincy), and Henry Hockley are all having their best seasons.

Our Sunday League season has been badly affected by rain. Our game against Buckhorn Weston never happened, as their field was too wet to play on. The Kilmington game was played in unremitting drizzle, and we were just about to win – on 108 for 2, chasing 162 – when the opposition walked off the field and refused to play any more, saying it had become too wet. Half way through the League season, our record is: 1 win, 3 rained off. That is most frustrating.

Fortunately most of our friendly games have gone ahead. Won some, lost some. Always fun.

James Osborne

INS & OUTS



An excellent month with 6 ‘welcomes’ and no farewells.

Jerome Hill and Vicky Steane have come from London to live on the Common. Jerome is in the music business: he runs two record labels, buys and sells records, is a DJ, and also produces music himself. Vicky is an artist, a picture framer, and writes and illustrates children’s books (The Little Robot stories). She has family in Frome.

Sophie Mustapha and Jon Huxley (always called Hux) and their daughter Coral aged 9 have moved from Nunney to 180 Chapel Street. Coral is at the Steiner School in Frome. Hux runs Neals Yard Remedies In Northumberland Place, Bath. Sophie is a self-employed osteopath. She is a very keen gardener and has brought lots of lovely plants with her from Nunney. They have a labradoodle called Boodle.

Jon Merrington, the new head of the Safari Park, has moved in to 73 Church Street (Almshouses) with two border terriers (Archie and Tilly). He has come down from Chessington Zoo. He is very keen on Kyaking, and also of course on dog-walking.

Katie Gullick and her son Tom, aged 22, have just moved in to 173 Chapel Street (the old shop). They have come down from London where Katie was working at Sotheby’s auction house, and Tom working at Waitrose. He will now be joining their Gillingham branch. She also has a daughter living in Bath who is a doctor in Bristol. Katie also has a sister in Pilton so they have family round about. They are keen to be involved in the village, including beating for the shoot.

Jack Powell and Gemma Gray, with Maisie Gray aged 2, have moved in to 181 Chapel Street. They are both from the West Country, and Gemma is no stranger to Horningsham as her parents, Paul and Diane Gray, lived here, opposite the Hall, in 2013. Jack is a network engineer and Gemma works from home as a technical specialist for Sky Internet.

Anthony Foy and Lisa Dent have moved in to 159 Chapel Street. Originally from Bournemouth they have been in Australia for two years and have come back for his job as a design engineer in a cycling company in Frome. Lisa works as an events manager for Triathlon Australia. She previously worked at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014, and for the 2012 Olympics in London. They both enjoy cycling and running.

Maggie Osborne



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

So, the 2016 Fayre delivered again: despite the late cancellation of the Army display and the threat of torrential rain peppered with traffic chaos; we all came together and had a great day.

The earlier start of 11am didn't deter; in fact Mike Birnie had a job holding back the first surge with a few breaching the gate before we had the ladies of the Chapel in place. I'm not sure if it was Margaret's groaning bric-a-brac tables that heralded the siren call or Carole's plants bursting forth from her shiny new marquee but the public were keen and there was no stopping them.

The miniature traction engines worked hard all day delivering free rides for all sizes. I even saw some teenagers kicking back on the cushions as they enjoyed a lazy steam around the field. We trialled an arena break with some music performed by The Frukes near the bar. It worked well and was a really nice vibe as people laid out blankets and kids danced in front of the band. Maybe next year we'll have more live music. Anyone fancy starting a village band?

The hay bales, borrowed, as Steve's were in short supply, looked great. After Ceawlin opened the Fayre with a lovely message of thanks for Carole Hill and her green-fingered efforts spanning 35 years, Murray got his gun out and made sure we were all paying attention. The talented dancers of Horningsham Primary School kicked off the arena events with some boogie-woogie and a wake and shake got everyone else joining in too. The dog show was run by Bellevue Veterinary Clinic this year and proved as popular as ever. The Plank Race had everyone cheering noisily on and The Newmans of Warminster won the Crossman Cup; clearly they had been practising. Despite a gutsy effort from the Woodworkers, the team with the children won the plank race. The Dandy Chargers were a surprise hit with many having a go on the strange looking contraptions. Steve didn't walk right till Wednesday!

The small stalls were a little crowded in places and unfortunately I positioned them too close to the cake stall which obscured Susie and her wares; my apologies again Susie. I'll make sure you have a new spot next year on condition I can buy another pre-sale coffee cake from you. My personal thanks by the way to whoever made that coffee cake – demolished within days, it was delicious. The cars sparkled once the sun came out and Murray looked magnificent in his top hat and waistcoat as he arrived in his Austin-Healey 100/4.

A lot of heart went into the Fayre and it shows; I had many comments on the day from people praising its feel of a friendly, traditional, village fayre. It was certainly a team effort to put it on; to the cake bakers, pint pullers, flower growers, bric-a-brac sorters, raffle ticket sellers, burger flippers, coconut shy stackers, splat-a-rat loaders, cream tea servers, entrance greeters and tombola givers: we thank you. To the washer-uppers, tent

erectors, bunting hangers, parking attendants, cone deliverers, sign makers and tea-for-the-workers provider: we salute you. To the clearer-uppers, the litter pickers, the table luggers, the chair stackers and the broom sweepers: we hope you had a hot bath and a small sherry to recover.

Special thanks to Maggie Osborne for beautifully drawing the site plan, the Down family for bringing along their vintage tractor, the Windess Wonders for stepping into the breach in the Village Hall, Longleat Forestry for donating a lorry load of logs and running a guess the logs competition (which raised £100) and to Longleat Enterprises for operating one of their special 50th Anniversary floats – showcased first in the village before being seen by the public over the summer. To our man on the mic, Steve Crossman, for services to comedy, hay bale delivery and general running around: we extend deep gratitude.

We had help on the day from all 7 village causes; The School, The Church, The Chapel, The Hall, The Cricket Club, The Luncheon Club and finally Horningsham News. We couldn't do it without your help; thank you. There was a buzz in the village marquee with a questionnaire from the Parish Council as well as display boards showcasing the village groups and clubs.

We were incredibly grateful to 1YORKS for their help putting up 7 marquees on Friday. We're not sure if we'll be able to get their help next year. We were a little short of help setting up on Saturday and clearing up on Monday so we'll have to look at that for 2017.

A huge thanks to the Committee for all your hard work over the last year – Lesley Trollope remains our amazing Treasurer and so much more; Ken Windess makes everything happen (all that lovely new signage; Ken made it by hand); Helen Taylor for her precise minute taking and slick sales patter in the plants department; Carol Cox for her beautiful chapel display and organising of the raffle ticket sales; Louisa Cruikshank & Ange Garner for organising a great tombola & BBQ on behalf of the School & PTA; Margaret and Graham Long for their year-round effort in the Bric-a-Brac sorting, collecting and pricing; Rick Gunning for his company sponsorship and signage erections; and James Osborne for rallying the cricket team like they've never been rallied before.

And finally, thank you to you, dear Horningsham resident, supporter and champion of our village, for bringing yourselves, family and friends and your cash out to support us. We raised a grand total of **£8,718.79** with all 7 causes receiving £1,000 each. My faith in humanity is restored when I see how much we have to give when we pull in the same direction and open our hearts and minds to working together. Our village is a small part of a much wider global community of humans with the same hopes, fears and dreams as us. I'm trying to harness the good from our community effort on the 12th and send it out further and further around the globe. After the success of the Fayre, I hope you feel the same way. Let's open our Horningsham Hearts to the world and give an abundance of love and kindness; we've proved we have a lot to give. Roll on the 2017 Fayre; we're gonna rock it!

Caroline Dykes

Cake Stall



Susie Hilleary would like to thank all the kind and generous people who made and contributed cakes and biscuits etc to the Cake Stall, and in particular Fran, Gerard, Dolly, Margaret, Jenny and Julia for all their help and support in selling them.



The Cake Stall made £554.40!



A big thank you to: Vera; Sally; Gill; Maggie; Chrissie; Leonie; Anne; Julia; Stephanie; Kelly; Cara; Bosie; Graham; Jane; Liz; and Denise who helped on the Bric a Brac Stall at the Fayre.

Thank you also to all the people who donated such good quality items for sale.

We had a very successful day reaching a record figure of £955.36!!

Please remember I will collect for the Bric a Brac stall all the year round.

Margaret Long (844756)



Village Fayre Plant Stall



BIG THANK YOU TO ALL !

- Thanks to everyone who gave plants
- Thanks to everyone who bought plants
- Thanks to everyone who helped on the stall
- And special thanks to Ann, Vic & Flash Trollope who have generously donated the hanging basket for the raffle for the last 8 years

THE PLANT STALL MADE A RECORD PROFIT OF

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Carole Hill (844365)

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BALLOON RIDE

Kelly Bundy, Horningsham

£75.00

Georgina Elliott, Oxford

Longleat Family Ticket

Kelly Bundy, Horningsham

£50.00

Carla Bax, Frome

BEAUTY BASKET

G Simms, Corsley

£25.00

Martin Owen, Frome

DECORATED CAKE

S Hornal, Corsley

Hanging Basket Winner: Claimed on day by ticket number 135

Guess the number of logs Sherry Burns, Horningsham (Gessed 730)

(Actual total 732)

Plank Race – Crossman Cup

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Connor Widdows



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Mill Farm Chronicles May-June 16

Apologies for this being a short report but it's been a quiet month on the farm and I've been spending an enormous amount of my day travelling to see my Mum who has been in hospital in Bath since May 22nd and is now in Frome Hospital with Sepsis caused by double pneumonia. She is still not totally well and we don't have a discharge date yet but she is recovering slowly. I've been getting up early trying to catch up with the ironing before doing breakfast and the rooms, trotting off to Bath or Frome, then doing the shopping on the way home, making tea, doing jobs then falling into bed ready to repeat the next day. I did have 3 enforced days off from visiting last week due to contracting the dreaded Norovirus. Omg, I have literally never felt so ill in all my life. I obviously couldn't cook breakfast until I was better so I had to call in the A Team in the form of Amy, Steve and Jo, who kept the place running and the guests fed for a couple of days for which I am eternally grateful. I can't work out why I'm not a size 10 with all this rushing around and a sick bug to boot but I'm bloomin' well not!!

As I said, not much of note has happened on the farm. Steve has been off working for local contractors doing silage on other farms. Our first cut of silage has been completed and is in the clamp with no rain on it, so Steve is pleased. The grass is growing like mad so it won't be long before the second cut is ready to be done.

All the cattle, barring a few sharing the donkey paddock, are out in the fields. We have 30 first-time heifers who are due to calve any day now. They will be brought closer to the farm so that we can keep an eye on them and Steve can intervene if they have any difficulties. They will all have little black Aberdeen Angus calves because Dad is our new compact Aberdeen Angus bull called Grandon Patten. For first time calvers it's better that they have small babies because then they are less likely to have any problems giving birth.



Rosie and Lucky, the donkeys, have settled in well. They were a bit suspicious of the cows muscling in on their patch a few days ago but it was necessary because the grass was growing too fast for the donkeys to eat and as I've said before it's not good for them to have such a lot of lush grass ahead of them.

The Bed and Breakfast is going great guns, lots of lovely visitors from all over the country. We've just had our "Fayre Week" friends staying. Unfortunately one couple were too poorly to come this year but we did have a conference phone call over breakfast where we all caught up on each other's news.

The Fayre was good, full of lots of things to see and do, a bit damp unfortunately but it seemed to be well attended. I managed an hour up there before I had to come home for a restorative nap before going to see Elton John in concert at Longleat. I'm pleased that I've seen Elton perform live, it's another thing to tick off my bucket list.

Later that week Steve and I attended an EU referendum meeting put on by our accountants. We listened to Jacob Rees-Mogg (MP) and Sir Michael Sears who are in the leave camp and Tessa Munt (MP) and Sir Peter Kendal (ex NFU chairman) in the remain camp. It was a really good meeting but did nothing to help me make up my mind about which way to vote. I'm losing sleep over this vote, roll on 23rd when it's decided one way or the other.

The last thing to mention this month is that I was lucky enough to be able to see Coldplay in concert at Wembley. They were supported by Reef (who incidentally hail from Glastonbury) and Lianne Le Havas. I really like Coldplay and they put on a truly amazing show. The only downside of the evening was the hour and a half it took us to get out of the car park at the end of the evening, resulting in us not getting to bed till 3am. Then up at 6.30, ironing, breakfast, etc, etc . . .

Margaret Crossman

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MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP

Sue, our new Manager, is now into her second month and starting to get a feel for what her customers are requiring! But we are an unpredictable lot – like the weather – and so to make her life easier do let her know what you would like. Remember, you can always phone or e-mail her if you would like to order something.



We are introducing a new local sausage maker, The Sausage Shed – which produces some very interesting flavours.



Look out on the chalk board outside the shop for Tasting Days. Sue will introduce these on one or two Saturdays every month.

New! . . . Sue is also working on a special service for Holiday Lets and Weekenders. The shop will have boxes of goodies which can be ordered in advance. They can be a basic starter pack for a holiday let or a more comprehensive one including a wider range of goods. If you are interested give Sue a call. Deliveries may be possible.

We would like to welcome Julie Cave as our new Saturday Assistant. Julie had family connections with Maiden Bradley and is delighted now that she is living back in the area to get to know us all again.

Finally, we have to thank the Cranborne Chase Office of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for giving us a grant towards our new cash till. Help like this is much needed.

Let's hope for a sunny and warm July! mbvillageshop@gmail.com 01985 844206



Sunday 24th July

10.30 – 12 noon

Horningsham Village Hall

Fresh cafetière coffee, teas and biscuits served till noon.

Everyone invited!



Local Artist Exhibits in Frome

The Rook Lane Chapel in Frome is hosting an exhibition of paintings by Horningsham resident Julia Osborne in July. Julia is three years into a course at the Edinburgh College of Art, specialising in Painting. Please drop in and have a look if you are in Frome!

Unfamiliar Spaces: Recent paintings by Julia Osborne

Tuesday 19th July - Friday 12th August

Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 4pm

Julia Osborne's paintings combine dreamlike colour and strange composition with solid, tangible objects, and have the aim of creating surreal scenes which do not quite 'work' whether this be because of an ill-fitting form or an unbalanced composition.

Unfamiliar Spaces uses the traditional technique of oil on canvas, to produce something far from traditional. Forms which don't seem to belong or forms which produce an odd composition challenge the idea of what is traditionally seen in paintings to be aesthetically pleasing.



POLICE NEWS



Other rural areas have seen an increase in theft from vehicles, parked in 'Beauty Spot' areas. Please be aware of the below advice.

- Try to park somewhere open and well lit.
- Remember to lock the vehicle, including the boot
- Remember to close the windows and the sunroof.
- Don't leave **anything** on show in your car when you park – not even a coat or empty carrier bag.
- If you have a removable sat nav, remove it and take it with you if possible when you park up. Remove the mounting and polish any marks off the windscreen".

MIRIA RIDDICORE

BY GILBERT & SULLIVAN



FRAZER MARR

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We regret to state that the potato disease has shown itself most unequivocally at Horningsham, near Warminster, as well as in the neighbourhood of Frome and Bruton. The disease has also attacked the potato plant suddenly and extensively in the neighbourhood of Taunton. Until the latter part of last week the growth was singularly fine and luxuriant, but this withering visitation has now occasioned a sad and severe disappointment. The sustaining hope is, that less ungenial weather may avert the progress of the discouraging mischief.

162 years ago, this was not just a tiresome nuisance to gardeners in Horningsham but a very real hunger threat to the poor labouring families that made up nearly the whole population of the village. They relied on their potato crop as a main ingredient of their diet. Memory of what had happened in Ireland during the Great Famine of 1845 to 1852 would have been fresh in people's minds. There, the failure of the potato crop had led to a million deaths from starvation and disease and a further million emigrating.

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World War 1: 100Years Ago This Month

July 1916 was the worst month of the War by far for the men of Horningsham. This month alone, four men died - the same number of deaths as in the nearly two years of the War so far. July 1st was the fateful First Day of the Somme when British and French soldiers launched what was intended to be a decisive breakthrough. The joint offensive by British and French troops was designed to: relieve pressure on the French at Verdun; to assist the Italians and the Russians by preventing Germany from sending reinforcements from the Western Front; and to wear down the German forces that Haig and Joffre were facing.

On 24th June, the French and British began a massive artillery bombardment of German positions. This unprecedented barrage of 1.6 million shells continued until five minutes before the whistles blew to signal men to go over the top into No Man's Land at exactly 7.30 on Saturday 1st July. However, 30% of the British shells had failed to detonate and the German troops were well sheltered in deep dugouts. The Allied soldiers faced withering machine gun and rifle fire from the Germans who emerged relatively unscathed from their dugouts. By the end of the day the British had lost 20,000 dead and 40,000 injured. 60% of all the officers involved in the fighting on that day were killed.

John Lewer *Died July 1st*

John Lewer was a Gamekeeper, like his father William. He grew up in Horningsham at Forest Cottage, the last house on Forest Road at the junction with the road to Frome. Aged 20 in 1909 he married Beatrice (Betty) Grist who was a collar and cuff trimmer at a shirt factory and moved into her family home at 52 Pound Street in Warminster just along the road from Betty's factory. In December of 1911 their first child was born, a son, John (Jack) who lived until 1995. The following December another son, Henry, was born but only survived for a year. 12 months later they had a daughter, Veronica, who died in 2010.



Following the example of his elder brother Edwin, John volunteered and joined the Somerset Light Infantry. By 1916 he had been promoted and was a Lance Corporal. His battalion, the 8th, arrived at Le Havre in September 1915 and was involved in the Battle of Loos later that month. On Tuesday the 27th June they entered the trenches on the north bank of the River Somme watching the massive artillery bombardment of the German

trenches and preparing for the big offensive on the 1st July. As the battalion's war diary recorded:

Directly the artillery barrage lifted our men advanced in quick time. They were met by very heavy machine gun fire and although officers and men were being hit and falling everywhere the advance went steadily on and was reported by a Brigade Major who witnessed it to have been magnificent. The leading platoon lost quite 50% going across "No Man's Land".

We don't know exactly how or when John was killed on the First Day of the Somme. We do know that his remains were not identified and he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial with the 72,195 servicemen who died on the Somme and have no known grave.

In October 1916 his widow Beatrice received John's back pay of £1.16 and after the war in December 1919 she was paid £10 War Gratuity and received his three medals. She remarried in 1925 and died age 77 in Wokingham.

For John's father William and mother Sarah this was the third son they lost. Tragedy struck first in December 1914 when their eldest son, George, also a gamekeeper, was cycling home from Frome and collided with a pedestrian. When he fell, George fractured his skull and died in hospital a few hours later. His second son, Edwin was killed at Hooge near Ypres in Belgium in November 1915 as we recounted in the News last November. Both brothers are remembered on our village War Memorial.

Frederick John Curtis Died July 5th

Frederick Curtis was born in Horningsham in November 1877 to his parents Joseph and Anne. Joseph was an agricultural labourer and the family lived at 52 Rowe's Hill. By the time of the 1891 census they had moved to a two roomed cottage at Number 6 Hitcombe Bottom. Here they shared the house with their eight children, four boys and four girls aged from 17 down to 3. Frederick, now aged 13 had left Horningsham School to follow in his father's footsteps as an agricultural labourer.

When we next find Frederick 10 years later in 1901 he had married Edith and they were living in London in Kentish Town where Frederick was a dairy manager. In 1911 they now had two boys and two girls aged 9 to 6 months. Frederick was working as a bus conductor for London General Omnibus Company, which was later to send 1,300 London buses to carry soldiers to the front.

We know little about Frederick's war service but we do know that he was in the 9th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. His battalion was one of the few to achieve their objective on that day but at terrible cost. As the official report put it: "The 9th DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT had advanced at 7:27 a.m. in touch with 2nd BORDER REGIMENT, but on reaching our front line in the vicinity of MANSEL COPSE came under a heavy artillery and machine gun barrage, and suffered severely." In fact, of the 775 Devonshires to go over the top, 463, including all of the officers were killed or wounded. We know that Frederick died of his wounds on the 5th July in No 12 General Hospital in Rouen. Casualties went first to Casualty Clearing Stations near the front and were then transferred to one of the many hospitals. So the time of his death makes it more than likely that Frederick was another casualty of the First Day on the Somme. Frederick is buried in St Sever Cemetery with over 3,000 servicemen.

In September 1916 his widow Edith received his back pay of £2.56. By the time the War Gratuity of just £3 was paid to her, she had remarried and was now Edith Woolway but that is the last we know of her.

William Charles Houlton *Died July 8th*

William Houlton was the first to die amongst the many staff at Longleat House who responded to Lord Kitchener's recruitment campaign. William was a Groom in the stables at Longleat. He was born in Frome in 1890 he lived at 11 Summer Hill with his parents, Hanna and Edward who was a tailor's commercial traveller. William was the eldest of four children and by 1911 was working as a hairdresser. In January 1915 he joined the Wiltshire Regiment at Devizes and spent the next 7 months training until he sailed in a group of 56 to Le Havre in early August to join the 2nd Battalion.



The battalion saw much action in the trenches of the Western Front during 1915 and the first part of 1916 and suffered hundreds of casualties. When the Battle of the Somme began, they were in a supporting role near Montauban but on Wednesday 8th July they played a leading part in the attack on Trones Wood. The battalion suffered 240 casualties that day, including William. As the Western Gazette reported:

LORD BATH'S GROOM SHOT BY A SNIPER – His parents who reside at Weymouth, have received information that Private W. Houlton 2nd Wilts Regiment, was killed in action, being shot through the head by a German sniper at the Front on July 8th. Previous to responding to his country's call in January 1915, Houghton was a groom at the Longleat stables. He went to the Front in August last year. In a letter to his parents, the Company Commander said: - "He was a splendid lad and you have every reason to be proud of him, as we are. Please accept my very sincere sympathy, and that of the Company, in your loss. It may please you to know that your son helped to gain a very successful success." Lieut. H Martin, the platoon commander, writing to Mr Houlton, said: - "It occurred just after we had advanced and taken a German trench. One of the snipers shot him through the head; in fact death was instantaneous. I cannot tell you how sorry I am, as he was an excellent soldier and did his work well."

On 11th November, William's mother, at his father's request, received his back pay of £11.38. After the War, his father, Edward received a War Gratuity of £5.50 and William's set of three medals.

Dennis Curtis Died July 19th

Dennis Curtis was born in Horningsham in 1891, a son of William and Emily (née Carpenter) who married in 1868. William was a wood turner who made chairs at the chair factory at Tompkins Pool. The censuses show the family living at Tomkin's Pool in 1871, at 198 Pottle Street in 1881 and 1891 and at 93 Post Office Lane, opposite the Hall, in 1901. Emily gave birth to fifteen children, of whom thirteen survived. Dennis was the youngest surviving child. In 1901 there were still six children living at home. Sadly Emily died in 1906, aged 56.

In 1911 father William was boarding with a family in Warminster. 19 year old Dennis was living at 157 Chapel St with Lewis and Evelyn Marsh who were his sister and brother-in-law. His occupation was Estate painter and he was a keen member of Horningsham Cricket Club. Dennis's brothers Roland, Herbert and Edgar also stayed in Horningsham. Roland married Ellen Ford in 1907. Their son Frederick Denys, born in 1912, later became well known as Freddie Curtis the Estate plumber. After retiring, Freddie and his wife ran the Bargate Tea Rooms at Shearwater.

Dennis was an early volunteer, joining the newly-formed 13th Battalion of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps. After training, his battalion sailed to Boulogne and marched to join the first large scale British assault of the war on Loos in September. The battalion suffered many casualties. In July 1916, the battalion was supporting the "Stock Exchange Battalion" of the Royal Fusiliers on the Somme at La Boiselle and Dennis was now a Lance Corporal.

We do not know exactly when Dennis was wounded. The battalion went into the trenches on the 10th July and came out on the 19th. During that time 37 of them were killed, 137 wounded and 1 missing. Most of the casualties were due to shelling. The battalion's War Diary mentions casualties on the 16th: "*Were relieved about midday by 13th R.F and went back to second line N.E. of Boiselles. Were shelled there in the evening and had a few casualties.*" This was the last mention of casualties before Dennis was recorded as having died of his wounds at the Casualty Clearing Station at Méricourt-l'Abbé. He was buried in the nearby Heilly Station Cemetery with nearly 3,000 other soldiers.

On 11th December Dennis's brother received £5 of Dennis's back pay while two of his sisters received 10p each. After the war in January 1921, the two sisters shared the £8.50 War Gratuity.





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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

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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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- Saturday 2nd July *Fayre Quiz Night* 7.30 at the Hall
Sunday 10th July *Village Reunion Service* at the Chapel
Saturday 16th July *Horningsham School Summer Party* 4.00 – 10.00 at the Hall
Sunday 17th July *450th Anniversary Service* 3.00 pm at the Chapel
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