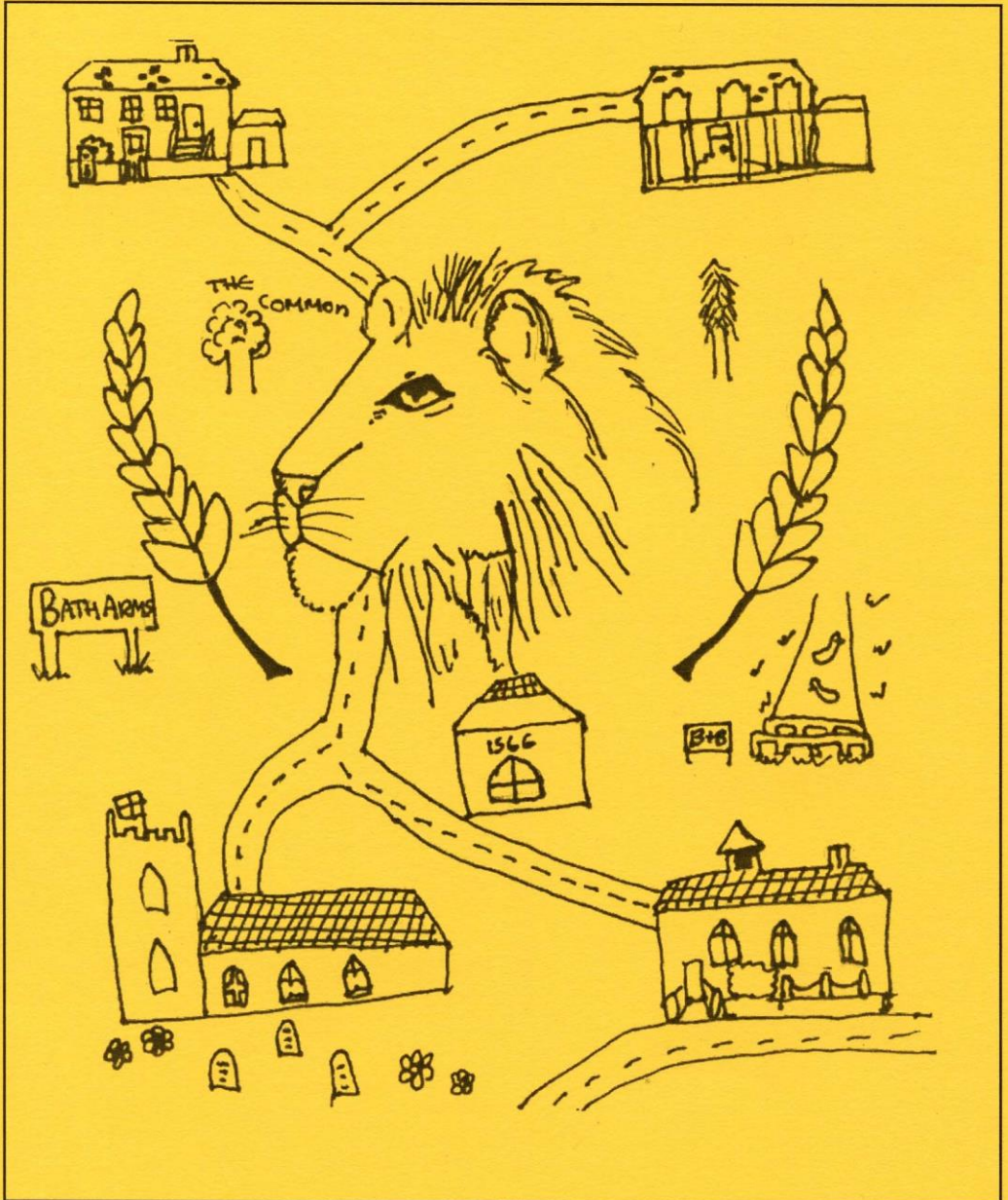


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EDITORIAL

There is something of a ballooning theme to this issue. Not surprising given the spectacular displays over the village morning and evening during the Longleat 50th Anniversary Sky Safari. Huge crowds watched the launches at Longleat but residents of Horningsham only had to look out their windows or go out into their gardens to see the sky filled with balloons. To see the Night Glow meant a trip to Longleat but, for those who missed it, we have two photos on our centre page spread (*Pages 18 & 19*). We even have an account of the event from our very own Horningsham balloonist who took part (*Pages 20 & 21*).

Sad to read the Mill Farm has again been hit by TB just when it seemed to get the all-clear but it's good to hear in the latest Chronicle that some fun is still being had at the farm in the centre of our village (*Pages 16 & 17*). Many of our readers know that Caroline Dykes has been volunteering in Greece helping refugees and have been interested to know of her experiences. She is off there again for three months and has written an article about her activities to date (*Pages 24 & 25*). We hope this will be the first in a mini-series she will send in during her current trip. It certainly brings home in a very real way the refugee stories we see on TV.

In our series telling the stories of the Horningsham men who died in World War 1, we have yet another death on the Somme (*Pages 32 & 33*). 1916 was a tragic year for Horningsham that began with the death of the Thynne son and heir and was followed by five deaths in the Battle of the Somme. However, there is even worse to come in 1917. Every year we remember these men in an Act of Remembrance at our War Memorial. This year it is at 10.45 on Sunday 13th November – do come and join us.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Saturday 15th October.

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CHURCH NEWS



There is no news this month as our Harvest Festival is at the end of September. Please remember that at the end of October we will be hosting the All Souls service. If you would like a candle lit for a loved one who is no longer with us, please can you either contact me direct or put the name in the box on the table just inside the church, by Monday 17th October please.

Helen Taylor Tel 215906
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Church Dates

30th October: All Souls 4.30pm
13th November: Act of Remembrance at the war memorial 10.45am
25th December: Christmas Day Eucharist 10.30am

Dear Friends,

I write on a glorious autumn day with just a bit of nip in the air and the first leaves beginning to fall; I love this time of year both in terms of the season of the natural world and of the church. As the light fades and the nights draw in we remember how fortunate we are as we give thanks and celebrate at our Harvest Festivals.

Thinking about this and about the abundance of autumn fruit we are blessed with, I remember how my mother used to bottle fruit and make endless pots of jam and chutney. We usually had an enormous glut of raspberries and she would make raspberry vinegar, which we would have with plain steamed pudding; gosh, steamed puddings, now there's a good memory, especially the treacle one with unctuous sticky goo at the bottom!

Now of course we have freezers stuffed full of fruit and veg all the year round, and if yours is anything like mine there is enough food in there for a siege. But what if we didn't



have all this food at our disposal, what if the blackberries and apples, vegetables, crops, and animals that our farmers raise for meat, what if that was all there was? Wouldn't we be much more grateful and appreciative? Wouldn't we treat the land and those who farm it with more respect? Wouldn't we be far more frugal in our ways and stop the appalling waste of food that is a daily reality because, to put it bluntly, we are greedy and thoughtless and fail to realise that having more than enough to eat, every day, is an incredible privilege? Actually, it's a sobering thought that apparently, if there is not more investment in farming Great Britain will have to import half its food within a generation; the UK's failure to produce more food will leave households more vulnerable to volatile prices and potential shortages. So, let's not just mouth the usual platitudes at our harvest services, let's be truly thankful and vow to support those who produce our food in whatever way we can.

Memories can trigger so much can't they and we will be doing a lot of remembering over the next few weeks, firstly at our All Souls' service at Horningsham on October 30th at 4.30pm; do come along to this lovely reflective service where we will remember those we have loved and lost and light candles in their memory. If you would like the name of someone you want to remember read out but don't want to actually come to the service please either contact me, or one of the churchwardens who will be happy to help.

And then of course there are our Remembrance Day services in November, always incredibly moving occasions as we remember those who have lost their lives in the service of their country. Do join us if you can.

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com



POPPY APPEAL

The total amount raised in 2015 from Horningsham, outlying farms, Longleat and Center Parcs was £1,581.00. A big thank you to John Osborne and Keith Shattock for collecting.

The collection boxes will be out from Saturday 22nd October. The Bath Arms will have a poppy box and enamel badges. I will keep some poppies and enamel badges as well; if you would like one you are welcome to drop into The Old Forge, Gentle Street; or ring me on 844364.

Susie FitzGerald

PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 9th September at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Steve Crossman, Michael Trollope, Simon Millar, Matt Simpson, Emma Curtis, Ken Windess, Gerard Brierley and Fran Chris.

Apologies: Councillors Dermot FitzGerald and John Radley.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs Sarah Jeffries MILCM and 2 members of the public.

Chairman's Announcements

1. Anne Strong, Assistant Land Agent, had notified the Chairman that Scottish & Southern Electric Energy will be carrying out tree cutting maintenance near the high voltage cables in the village over the coming months. The main sites are: Chapel Street; Church Street; Manor Farm area; and Pottle Street. The purpose of the work is to enhance the reliability of electricity supplies in the area.
2. Longleat has contacted residents about the Sky Safari Hot Air Balloon event from 15th to 18th September. During this period Resident Pass holders will be able to access Longleat with the exception of Lodge Drive and the Pleasure Walk.
3. The Chairman announced that it was with great regret that Mr Michael Birnie, Land Agent, was leaving Longleat at the end of September. He said that during Mr Birnie's all too short tenure, the relationship between the Parish Council and the Estate had improved immeasurably and that this was due to the conscientious and very helpful way Mr Birnie had carried out his role. The Chairman thanked Mr Birnie for his cooperation on various aspects of the Council's work and wished him well for the future. Councillors warmly endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

Planning Application

Application Number: 16/06221/FUL

Site Location: Longleat House Longleat Horningsham BA12 7NN

Applicant Address: The Estates Office Stalls Farm Corsley Warminster BA12 0AB

Proposal: Provision of five temporary locations for the siting of three mobile food and beverage units. Units to be located in a position for no more than two days at a time, and for a maximum of 28 days per year.

Mr Bob Montgomery, CEO Longleat, explained that the purpose of this application was to identify the locations where the mobile units would be used. The sites had been identified in consultation with Historic England.

Council voted unanimously to support the application.

Planning Decisions

Application: 16/05920/FUL & 16/06662/LBC

Location: 212 Pottle Street Horningsham Warminster BA12 7LX

Proposal: Demolition of modern conservatory and lean to, new extension to the kitchen, existing second modern conservatory replaced with new and new conservation roof lights installed to rear tiled roof lean to Minor internal alterations.

Decision: as of the 8th September 2016, no decision had been posted on the Wiltshire Council website.

Application: 16/06179/FUL

Location: Longleat House Longleat Horningsham Warminster BA12 7NN

Proposal: Removal of existing themed attraction and replacement with new themed play equipment.

Decision: Approved with conditions. The conditions have not been posted on the Wiltshire Council website as of the 8th September 2016.

Parish Steward (Highways)

In response to a request from the Parish Steward Scheme, Council nominated Munday's Lane as a priority for attention.

Parish Emergency Assistance Kit application for 2016/17

Councillor Matt Simpson reminded Council that he had identified disruption due to snow and ice as the prime hazard in Horningsham. Accordingly, it was decided to request bags of salt which would be kept at Mill Farm and certain other strategic points that will be identified.

WW1 Commemorations

Councillor Steve Crossman reported that the stumps had now been removed from the area around the Memorial. Mr Birnie suggested that he and the Head Forester liaise with Councillor Crossman over the harrowing, spraying and re-seeding of the area. He also confirmed that the Head Forester would supply tree trunk seating. Councillor Crossman said he would relocate the grit bin without delay.

Village Hall Committee

Council heard a report from Councillor Windess. Mr Birnie said he would proceed with the plan to remove the Play Area from the Hall Committee's lease and draw up one making it the responsibility of the Parish Council. Councillors welcomed this.

Play Area

Councillor Emma Curtis reported that the application for a landfill grant of £4,000 had been successful and that a result from the National Lottery application was expected shortly. Council would soon be in a position to go out to tender. Mr Montgomery offered to approach firms which supplied similar equipment for Longleat to see if any would offer favourable terms. Council welcomed this offer and the Clerk will liaise with Mr Montgomery over the specification. Councillor Curtis said she would write a piece for the October Horningsham News on how the plans were progressing so that the community could be kept informed. The Chairman thanked Councillor Curtis and the Clerk for their hard work on the project.

Village Fayre

Councillor Simon Millar reported on the Parish Council stand at this year's Fayre and put forward ideas about how its impact could be enhanced in 2017. He said he and Councillor FitzGerald would liaise with the Fayre Committee on this.

Parish Plan

Councillor Crossman said that a preliminary read of the 51 completed questionnaires had been an interesting and illuminating experience. The respondents had raised a range of issues that the Working Group would address at their next meeting. The Chairman said Council looked forward to receiving their report and to discussing the points raised.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Windess reported that the only problem at the moment was the Hollybush bus shelter. Although the Estate had done some strimming, he was still unable to access all round the shelter to carry out the required repairs and maintenance. Mr Birnie said he would arrange for a path to be dug out and a superfluous piece of fencing to be removed.

Annual Parish Council Newsletter

The Clerk circulated copies of the Newsletter and said it would be distributed to every household with the October issue of Horningsham News. The Chairman thanked her for her efforts in compiling the Newsletter.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council is at 7.30 on Thursday 20th October at the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend.

The Play Area Project . . . The Story So Far

Following feedback from the community, the Parish Council would like to update all parishioners on the project to date. The decision to undertake the playground project was made by the Parish Council a few years ago and while it may seem we have not progressed, much work has been undertaken behind the scenes to get to where we are today. It would be lovely to install the equipment and “here is the playground”. However, there are many different aspects which need to be considered.

In order to bring all the parishioners (briefly) up to date here is what has happened:

- Consultations regarding the choice of equipment and design
- Changes made to original design to incorporate a Multi-Use Games Area
- Permission to use the site and lease secured from the Estate, handing responsibility to the Parish Council.
- Ecology report conducted on site, rumours of slow worms - no evidence found
- Grant applications made to Crey’s Charity – Successful awarded £1,141
- Funding set aside by Parish Council - £3,000
- Grant application made to National Lottery – rejected as we did not fill their criteria (We do not have obese children, and are not seen as a deprived area)
- Change of plans back to original design as National Lottery Grant application rejected.
- Tender agreed and quotations received
- Grant Application made to Community Landfill- Successful Award £4000.
- Grant Application made to Awards for All – Unsuccessful due to other grant funding not yet secured.
- Henry Worsley Memorial Evening – Monies raised from this event £10,009
- Changes to legislation regarding procurement and tenders for projects.

Each of the stages listed above have taken time. Some grant applications can take up to 12 weeks to respond with a decision. Other issues such as the ecology report add time to the process which had not been factored in. The cost to have the ecology study was also an issue fortunately, Longleat supported the Parish Council by funding this survey.

In summary, and to keep from sounding negative with what hasn't worked, let's focus on where we are now and the positives.

The project is estimated to cost between £28582 and £35,207. So far we have secured total funding of £18,150, well over half of the required funds for the most expensive quote. We are still working on securing the remaining funds and are waiting to hear back from those we have approached.

We are in the process of agreeing the tender for the works, so that when funding is available we can move forward quickly.

As a Council, we have ensured that we are working compliantly with all of the legal obligations that come with the installation of a play area, and have a six stage project plan which details all of the steps we must undertake to ensure this project is completed safely, legally and as cost effectively as possible.

Once we are able to secure the funding we are able to move forward.

I could write more on this project, but it is not the intention to overwhelm with details. Take forward the positives and if you wish to find out more, come along to the public question time session at our Parish Council meeting, where the Council can happily let you know more.

Councillor Emma Curtis

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

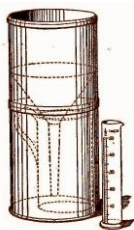


FIG. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.

Having missed the last few issues of Horningsham News, I am not sure where to start.

So, July was a very dry month with an occasional damp morning, but hot days followed. At the end of the month we had 0.47 inches compared with 3.49 inches in 2015.

August started with a torrent of 0.92 inch of rain on the 2nd, then sunshine for a whole 16 days, giving us at Parsonage time to get all the harvest in plus most of the straw, with rain starting on the 17th, giving us a small drop of 0.26 inch. It was then hot but not a pleasant heat as it was very muggy and close. Even lightning and thunder on the 27th did not clear the air, and by the end of the month we had 1.97 inches, less than half of the 4.7 inches in August 2015.

September has started fair but a big storm on the 3rd dropped 0.62 inches, which I must admit us farmers needed as the dairy cows were running out of grass!

We had a wet Cheese Show again on the 10th with 0.94 inches but it was still a good show despite the weather. Now it is again very close and muggy, even the thunder storm on the 13th did not clear the air.

We have had 2.09 inches so far for this month.

John Whatley

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



Last month ended on a cliff hanger. Nobody knew how anyone was doing in the league, not even the organisers, as people kept forgetting to pass on the results of games. So what did happen?

Early September found us in Kilmington, playing in the shadow of Stourhead House, a lovely ground, and a very good club. It was an extraordinary game, in which we made our highest ever total of 320, with Ed Buxton, who joined our club this year, scoring 170 not out. What makes that even better is that Ed used to play for Kilmington before coming to us. He received a rousing ‘welcome’ from his old team mates, which became less cordial after he was controversially not given out lbw on 0, fortunately by the home team umpire. His response was epic. It very nearly did not happen; Ed’s car broke down on the way to the ground and he only made it because of the kindness of a passing motorist who gave him a lift. Kilmington have some superb batsmen who had a good go at chasing our total down but it was not their day and we won by a large margin.

Two weeks later we were at Buckhorn Weston for our last game of the season. This turned out to be a very good game. Buckhorn are always a friendly team to play against these days, and we had already played and beaten them three times this year. If that means it should have been a straightforward affair to beat them again, it was not. They had us in all sorts of disarray when we batted, at least until Ed followed up his heroics at Kilmington with another score of 90, and then they looked well on course to win while they were smashing our bowling to all parts. The turning point perhaps came when their best batsman unleashed a massive hit straight at yours truly, which hit my hand and stuck there, somehow causing blood to come out of the back of one of my fingers, which still won’t quite bend (note to the Editor . . . this is why it has taken me a long time to write my report). Anyway he was out and we nicked the win.

That result turned out to be crucial. At the last the news has come out that we won the league, narrowly, making us the first team to win two years in a row.

Sandwiched between those two games was the annual friendly against the White City, which was also unusually painful, and chaotic. One of their players took a ball in the mouth while fielding and retired to hospital. Another, who had a mild stroke earlier this year and is on blood thinners, took a full blooded thwack to the shin while fielding close at silly mid off. It swelled up instantly like an orange, but he is fine. Our very own Paul Gurgeon top edged a ball into his eye, which three weeks later is still black. Amidst all that, neither side were sure how many players were turning up – indeed it was 45 minutes into the game before we finally decided who was playing for which team. The end result though was, as ever, a fun game and a Horningsham victory.

So that is it. We have already held an informal end of season dinner at the Bath Arms, at which Sam Lock was presented with a farewell award. Sam, who was brought up in the old Post Office Stores, and played for the club from the age of 12, is emigrating to Devon and we will miss him. Player of the Year was Ed Buxton.

James Osborne

INS & OUTS



New Arrival: A special welcome to Serena Mumby, born on 23rd August, a daughter for Rachel and Phil and sister for Emily.

It was very nice to call at No 17 Newbury and find a member of the Penny family back in the village. Chelsea is working behind the bar at the Bath Arms while Bogdan Hasiu from Rumania is sous chef. They are living here with Matilda, aged 3, who is already at the Nursery School.

Welcome to Daniel Edmund and Karla Morrow who have moved in to 27 Newbury. Daniel grew up in this area until he was 23 and has brothers living in Corsham and Trowbridge. His father came from St Lucia to join the British Army (Royal Green Jackets) and was stationed here. His mother was a nurse at Westbury Hospital and Dorothy House. Daniel has been in Dubai as a financial and business advisor and is hoping to continue in that line of business here (once he has got the garden straight!). Karla is from America and has been a management consultant in Dubai for the past 11 years, intending to continue there, so she will be coming and going.

Cherry Bailow and Richard Pratley have moved in to No 91, opposite the Hall. Richard works in procurement for Gloucester County Council and is hoping to relocate nearer here. Cherry has a great interest in birds, having budgies, canaries, and also owls which she sometimes takes to visit old people. They have a Yorkie/Chihuahua dog and a black cat. Richard has known this area all his life and is very pleased to be here.

Jenny and Glen Schild have moved in to Scammells (the last house as you leave the village towards Frome). They both come from Somerset so have just crossed the county border! Jenny works in Lloyds Chemist in Frome, and Glen works from home on his computer database. They have 3 grown-up children, two of them married, a grandchild, and two West Highland terriers.

Farewell: A sad farewell to Norma Bundy who passed away on 9th September after a short illness. The family has been involved in the Estate since 1974.

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Welcome to Horningsham School 2016-2017. We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for the year ahead and will keep you updated with all our events and achievements. If you wish to be more involved in school then please contact the Office.

WELCOME PARTY

We had a great start to the new academic year and our new children really settled in quickly. Our PTA put on a lovely Welcome Party for all our families, with an afternoon tea and Teddy Bears' Picnic. It was great to see so many of our families coming together at the start of the year and a great way for new families to get to know each other. Helen Burton has taken on the chair role of the PTA and is keen to get everyone involved in events over the year! Our party was followed by an information meeting for the parents and fun time for the children!



WOODPECKER'S VICTORIAN ADVENTURE

Woodpeckers went on a super journey back in time, visiting some of Brunel's proudest designs on our doorstep in Bristol. We began by talking a daring walk across the Clifton Suspension Bridge and then went to the SS Great Britain for an interesting workshop about Victorians at Sea. We got to dress up as Victorians, play with authentic toys, experiment with shadow puppets and write our name in ink. We then had a fantastic tour of the ship from the deck, to the military horses, to the rats in the kitchen. The girls were particularly fascinated with the Ladies Boudoir, no men allowed! We learnt lots more in the Museum and even got to go beneath the ship in the dry dock area. Our journey home took us past the grand station, Temple Meads. We certainly immersed ourselves in Victorian history and the children were fantastically behaved!



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

We are so proud to announce we have been awarded a reaccreditation for our ISA. The full report is on our website (curriculum – international links) but here's a few quotes: *"an outstanding example of what massive energy and commitment a small school with 76 pupils can put into a cause in which it believes"*, *"There is so much here to commend, and nothing to fault"*, *"an impressive range of work"*. Well done everyone! We will be doing monthly video conferencing with our partner school in China starting 30th September, which will be really exciting as the children will get to chat to each other!



OUR NEW Y6 LEADERSHIP TEAM



Head Boy: Jacob Goodby
Head Girl: Freya Holden
Head School Council: April Boyd
Head Arts Council: Livi Holden
Playtime Leader: Sam Whitmarsh
Bowood Captain: Basil Blakey-Flavell
Longleat Captain: Hannah Down
Stourhead Captain: Jacob goodby
Wilton Captain: Harvey Fitzgerald

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016-2017



Head : April Boyd
Y5 Rep: Jules Farrell
Y4 Rep: Isaac Myles
Y3 Rep: George Cruickshank
Y2 Rep: Ben Garner
Y1 Rep: Loki Martin
R Rep: Eloise Robertson

Congratulations to all our Year 6 – we know you are going to make us proud. Also a huge well done to all our new council reps who nominated themselves today and were voted in by their peers!

Cake Sale Friday
14th October

We will be having a cake sale each term – any donations appreciated and you are welcome to join us from 3pm (on the school playground or hall if raining)

HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB



Luncheon Club

It is with great sadness I have to report that we lost two of our most regular members of Luncheon Club during our summer holidays. Irvin Edwards who was born in Horningsham and lived here throughout his childhood, attending the local school, was one of our more senior members but very active, rarely missing attending both the Luncheon and Welcome Club of which he was also a member. Barbara Bond (better known as Barb) with her husband Ted also lived in the village for many years at Roundhill Farm. Their four daughters all grew up here and Barb was a very active member of the community. They moved to Tascroft when Ted retired and then into Warminster, but continued to attend the Luncheon Club even introducing new members from Warminster. We shall miss Irvin and Barb very much and extend our sympathies to both their families.

Last Thursday we had our AGM. The finance report was circulated, very well presented by our Treasurer Pearl which showed a very healthy balance, meaning no increase necessary for subscriptions or prices of meals for the coming year. I was asked to write and invite the guests to our Christmas Meal on Thursday 15th December (yes I am reliably informed it is only 14 weeks away!!!!!!). The club also agreed not to send cards to each other but to make a collection instead, the proceeds going to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Pearl was thanked for organising the annual outing to Exmouth which had been a great success and has put on her thinking cap for the outing 2017. Next year's AGM will be in May to bring it more in line with the end of our financial year.

We have had some new volunteers for cooks and helpers for the club which is very encouraging. Again for new villagers we meet each Thursday at the Village Hall for lunch at 12.30pm. The cost is £2.50 for main course, pudding and tea or coffee a real bargain. New members are always welcome and if you are household within the village delivery can be made by Dolly our "Meals on Wheels" lady. If you are interested or wish to join our rota of helpers or cooks please get in touch with either Margaret or me. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

Lesley Trollope (211355) Margaret Long (844756)

POLICE NEWS

Maiden Bradley and Horningsham

Burglary x 3 (Center Parcs)

Assault



July was crime-free in Horningsham if you don't count the Assault which was in Heaven's Gate Car Park.

However, in September the police reported:

Crime - Burglary 21/09/2016 15:41 SCOTLAND, HORNINGSHAM, WARMINSTER – Suspect(s) have attempted to 'jemmy' the door open to the side of the lock however have not gained entry.

This is an unusual event in the village so please be especially vigilant.

HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Every Thursday

Our members have a two course meal followed by tea or coffee.

Lunch is served around 12:30.
Doors open 12noon.



Cost

The meal costs £2.50 and is open to anyone over 60. Members come from Frome, Trowbridge, the surrounding villages and Yeovil!

If anyone is housebound in Horningsham we can arrange for the meal to be delivered at no extra cost.



Volunteer?

We are always looking for volunteer cooks and helpers. A meal is included.

If you'd like to help please contact Lesley (01985 211355) or Margaret (01985 844756)



Horningsham Village Hall

Water Lane, Horningsham, BA12 7LL. Find us on Facebook: Horningsham Village Hall



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

Planning for the 2017 Village Fayre kicked off in mid-September; you can't say we're not a dedicated bunch. We decided to keep the amended opening times we adopted last year to avoid a clash with Elton John. This means the Fayre will start at 11am and finish at 4pm.

The agenda was fairly light for this meeting however we can confirm that the incredibly popular dog show will be back along with the crowd pleaser that is The Plank Race. We would love to see teams from Longleat Forestry & the Safari Park enter the race, as well as a WRC team, Cricket team, Bath Arms team and even some teams from the Parish Council and Hall Committee. The Crossman Cup is currently residing in Warminster; I think someone needs to bring it home to Horningsham for 2017.



We are also delighted to report that Carole has agreed to continue with the plant stall but on a reduced scale to recent years (phew!).

Save the date now: Horningsham Fayre 2017 Sunday 11th June

Next Fayre Meeting is January 18th 2017.

Caroline Dykes

WELCOME CLUB

Yet again the weather has been kind to us on our trip day. We had a good time on our recent visit to Swanage and Poole in the sunshine and are hoping everything remains the same for our final outing to Winchester and the New Forest on Tuesday 4th October.

A smaller group than usual went to Swanage as that day had been selected to say goodbye to our dear friend Irvin Edwards who passed away at the end of August. Irvin was a regular member of the Club and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

Tom Allday has given us another true to life story time – thanks Tom!

There will be Prize Bingo on Thursday 27th October in the Hall at 2.30pm.

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Coffee Morning will be held in the Hall between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 5th November – let's hope it goes with a bang! Bring the family – there will be a variety of things going on. See you there!

Chris Short 01985 847373

HALL NEWS

A poster for Horningsham Village Hall's autumn events. The background is a light beige color with several large, stylized autumn leaves in shades of yellow and orange scattered around the edges. The text is centered and uses a simple, sans-serif font. The title 'What's on at Horningsham Village Hall' is at the top, followed by 'AUTUMN Events' in a larger font. Below this, two boxes list specific events: 'Monthly Coffee Mornings' with dates and times, and 'Traditional Bonfire Night' with a date, time, and list of activities. At the bottom, there is a note about a Facebook page and contact information.

What's on at
Horningsham
Village Hall

AUTUMN
Events

Monthly Coffee Mornings
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th
10.30 - 12noon
Free tea, coffee & biscuits

Traditional Bonfire Night
November 4th 4pm - 8pm
Apple bobbing, pumpkin parade,
bonfire, face painting & sparklers
Food & drink available on the night

Please see our FB page for details of
all our events or contact
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So the Hall Committee have had a little shake up and now have some members focussing on bringing more great evenings and social events to the Hall. We hope you can come along and support all or some of the fantastic things we have planned!

On the 30th of September we have a charity quiz night at 7pm.

Friday 4th November 4pm - 8pm, we have a traditional bonfire night, hot food, drinks, activities for the children. Come along and get involved, light up the green with your sparklers!

We now have a Facebook page too, just type in Horningsham Village Hall and give us a like! You can always be aware of what upcoming events are happening.

Louisa Cruikshank

Mill Farm Chronicles August - September

Let's get the bad news, at least for us and 1 poor cow, over with first. We had our second TB test a couple of weeks ago and we were within a gnat's whisker of going clear when one cow in the last bunch proved to be a reactor, darn it. So . . . it's back to needing 2 clear tests over 120 days before we are classified as TB free again and that takes us well into 2017. After the test we then had a frantic scramble to try to get the reactor gone to slaughter quickly. Defra will not even consider issuing a license to move cattle till the offending animal is off the farm. Once the cow has gone it takes 7 days to organise the said licence which we need to be able to sell some sucklers at the next Orange Tag TB market. The Orange Tag markets are only held once a month so had we missed the deadline for booking we would have been stuck. Thankfully everyone played ball and the boxes were ticked in time and Steve has taken some calves to market today.

The wheat and barley has been harvested. It only took a day to cut and haul but it managed to come ripe while Steve was away so it fell to Jack and me to get it in. Now when I say get it in, I mean that we had a contractor cut the corn and Steve's cousin Mark and his tractor man Paul hauled it to the farm for us. Once the trailers tipped the corn out, Jack used our skid steer to push it into the shed into a big heap. Our sheds are too old and too small to allow modern tractors and trailers to access them hence the smaller skid steer. All was going well until the skid steer started getting hot and steaming, making Jack and me fear that it was going to blow up. We filled up the radiator with water several times and I put some oil in the engine and it limped on till the very last load when it gave up the ghost. This meant that Jack and I had to shovel and sweep the last load of grain into the shed by hand. Never let it be said Jack and I can't cope when Steve's away!

The cows are eating the last of the grass in the fields which is getting old and not very tasty now so it won't be long before they are being brought into the sheds for the winter. It's going to be tight this winter, we have more cattle around, because of the TB restrictions and not enough decent buildings to put them all in. Some will have to over-winter outside so let's hope for a dry December/January/February!

We still have half a dozen heifers due to calve who are living with the donkeys in their paddock. We had one little calf born last week who is with his mum in the same field. Rosie and Lucky the donkeys seem quite happy to co-habit with the cows.

The bed and breakfast has gone from lots of families staying, to more older people who like coming away once the schools have gone back. The bookings are coming in now for over the Christmas period with people wanting to come to Longleat to see The Festival of Lights. I'm quietly excited because we have managed to book seats on the last Santa Train on Christmas Eve for Ivy to meet Father Christmas. She was too young last year to appreciate how magical Christmas is, but this year I think she will be well up for it and I can't wait to see her face when she meets the great man himself!

A couple of weeks ago Amy, Jack and myself together with a few others, took part in the 5k Glow in the Park Run at Longleat. I say "run" but mine was more a fast walk with a bit of trotting in places. It was a big event which took place at night and saw most of the competitors dressed up in fluorescent or neon clothing and sporting glow-in-the-dark face paint. Amy, myself and Jack (?) all wore pink tutus and pink flashing bunny ears. The booking monies went to help the charity Marie Curie but I decided to try to get

sponsorship for Alzheimer's UK, a charity dear to my heart for obvious reasons. I opened a Just Giving page, set my target for £100 and put it on Facebook. By the morning of the event my lovely family, friends and complete strangers had sponsored me to the tune of £670 with an extra £117.50 being added by gift aid so that's a total of £788 going to help research a cure for the terrible disease Alzheimer's. To say that I was overwhelmed by the generosity of people is an understatement. I was so very grateful to everyone who gave, so a big, big thank you from me and the charity.

It was really good fun doing the night glow run (jog). The route took us through Whitemarshes, through Gunville, round to Stalls Farm, past the caravan park, through the square, up the Mile Drive and down Pleasure Walk. Along the way there were different stations where you got blasted in paint, foam, hot air and cold air and you could have a boogie to the music. Amy and I got split up from the rest of our group (call of nature) so once we finished we walked up the pub for a drink and waited to re-group. Well-earned hot coffee and biscuits at Mill for us all rounded off the evening.



The other noteworthy item this month is the Sky Safari at Longleat. What a brilliant weekend that was. Watching all the balloons float over the farm every morning and evening was just lovely. We had all the pilots and crew staying who flew for the organisers Exclusive Ballooning. Breakfast was a bit chaotic because I was never sure who would arrive for breakfast or when. One morning I started cooking at 7am and finished cooking at 11am, but it didn't matter and they were all really nice. A party of us went to see the night glow on the Saturday night which was beautiful. The weather was perfect, dry with no wind. We had Steve bring in a Chinese takeaway for us all so we all sat there munching on prawn crackers and watching the balloons flare to music. A lovely evening all round.

Margaret Crossman

Longleat 50th Anniversary Sky Safari Photo Special





Longleat Sky Safari – A Pilot’s Perspective.



Hot air balloon events present many challenges. Organizers have to prepare for an event that will be ruined if the winds get above 10 mph, pilots have to organize accommodation for them and their crews weeks in advance, not knowing if they will even be able to fly. So it was a huge relief for all of us when the weather settled down and Longleat was able to pull in the crowds for another hugely successful and well-attended event.

From a pilot’s perspective there are a lot of rules to follow and early morning meetings to attend but essentially it boils down to: flying safely; enjoying the privileged views from up there; and doing as you are told.



We were launching at about 7.15 each morning. It takes about 30 minutes to set the balloon up, but the last few blasts on the burner lift you off to a random destination that will reveal itself about an hour later. There were big crowds for the evening flights. It feels odd to be watched by so many doing something we mostly do without any audience at all, but the early morning flights were quite sparsely attended.

Some flights are more interesting than others. On Saturday morning we launched off the main drive and dropped, passenger screaming, into the fishing lake for a water splash, then back in the pack for a flight that eventually ended in a small paddock somewhere surprisingly close to Bournemouth. It was the strangest flight. You have to imagine that we leave the ground amid smiling families and cheering children, lifted by good will and optimistic spirits as much as hot air, but you don’t know where you will end up and what you will experience along the way. This was an odd one! A seriously foul-mouthed guy in a speeding Land Rover managed to stop his car, leap out, construct two sentences with enough expletives for 10 right after his neighbour, within earshot, had wished us well and shouted “beautiful day for it”.





It was a fast flight, the winds were 25mph over the tops of the hills and at that pace you struggle to find a safe place to land. Eventually we dropped into a small paddock sheltered by tall trees and landed without much drama. But then we had to get us and the balloon out. Our retrieve driver was still a few miles away and we realized the only way out of the field was through one occupied by a huge black bull. We had to find the farmer to get out safely and eventually she arrived. She was super-friendly but not confident enough with the bull to handle it herself so she called a friend to help. The friend was “a bit rough” she warned us. He was. We needed his help so we were in a situation where we had to get along, and somehow he sensed this and we had no choice but to listen to his racist and prejudiced comments about cyclists and foreigners. All we wanted was to get home so we tolerated his display of ignorance while he and the bull had made us his literally captive audience. We stopped for a coffee in Tisbury at the Deli, wondered about the experience the flight had delivered and then headed back to Horningsham.

The following day we flew to Chicklade. Caroline found the farmer, who was delightful. She complimented Caroline on dealing with her barking dogs and only wanted to know if we had all had a nice time. “Yes, we had.”

So, there you have it - the pilot’s perspective. The flying is a doddle, really anyone could learn to do it in a couple of hours. The varied reactions of those on the ground are sometimes more of a challenge than flying the balloon.

Neil Dykes

CHILLI & TOMATO TASTING

Simpsons Seeds held their 15th Annual Chilli and Tomato tasting event in the historic walled gardens which were looking particularly floriferous in the Autumn sunshine. Well over 100 people turned up on a beautifully sunny September Saturday morning to taste a huge range of tomatoes and chilli sauces in the large greenhouse where the chillies and tomatoes are grown.



More than 35 different varieties of tomato were displayed on tables for tasting. They ranged in both size and colour, each with its own distinctive tomato flavour. As well as tasting the tomatoes, visitors were able to inspect row after row of plants growing in the greenhouse.

Matt Simpson said: “Our new cherry tomatoes seemed to be the most popular. Amongst the new varieties, *Capriccio* was definitely the favourite with the orange *Bottondoro* being the favourite established one.”



Matt is renowned for his chilli sauces which he produces on site from chillies he has grown himself. Aficionados were spoilt for choice with no fewer than 11 chilli sauces available to taste.

Matt said: “Sauces outsold seeds and plants quite significantly. Our *Smokey N’ Pokey* which came 1st at the Winchester Cheese and Chilli Festival sold out on the day, and our *Funky Monkey* which came second at the same show also sold well, along with the very hot *Peachy Bhut*.”



AN ACCIDENTAL VOLUNTEER

Like so many of us, I was incredibly moved by the image of Alan Kurdi's lifeless body washed up on a Turkish beach. He was 3 years old. Fleeing from Syria after his neighbour's house had been blown up by a bomb. He looked like any number of the toddlers heading into First Steps each morning: red tee-shirt; blue shorts; Velcro-fastened trainers. He could have been my nephew, your son, your grandson.

I would probably have just stayed angry and outraged for a few days, but then I got a text from my friend Harriet. She's a journalist and she thought we should go to Greece and help. She spoke so passionately about how any help is better than none, that I started to believe we could make a difference. In the end Harriet pulled out. Her boss felt the "refugee thing" had been covered enough already. I had done so much research by then that I felt I should still go.

I can't believe how naive I was. I really had no idea what I was getting into - the chaos, the lack of coordination, the dignity of the refugees, the madness of some of the volunteers. I wasn't prepared for any of that.

My three weeks on Lesvos never got less chaotic. There were moments of calm and we got a bit organised but mainly we continued to feel overwhelmed and muddled along as best we could. I left at the end of November, unable to find the words to explain the inhumane conditions I had seen, disregard for others in dire need and complete lack of coordination from authorities and big charities that I had thought would be able to help.

In March I went back to Lesvos. I felt that I needed to go back and see what had been achieved, to validate the effort I had made in November, to hopefully find that things had improved. I promised myself I wouldn't get in so deep this time, that I would I make sure I slept and ate and walked away when I needed to. This approach worked and things in the two main camps had improved massively. This time I was able to help two refugees' translators through the complicated asylum process (learning myself as we went!) and worked in a much simpler role on the night shift, handing out clothing from the super new distribution centre. At the end of my month our camp closed down and the volunteers turned their efforts to Northern Greece where almost 60,000 refugees are stuck after Macedonia closed its borders in April.

In June, Neil & I delivered a 9-seater minibus to Thessaloniki. There is a small charity called "Together for Better Days" which are doing great things to help refugees. I worked with them in November when they were just setting up and the situation was shocking. When I saw them again in March they had built an incredible new camp to supplement the services of the harsh military-run camp next door. Their new project is in an old jeans factory where the refugees have proper rooms, indoor toilets, showers and a kitchen where they can cook themselves. Better Days needed the bus to bring their volunteers in to work each day at this new project: The Elpida Factory. It is the only one of its kind.





We are going back to Thessaloniki in October. This is the region where 60,000 people's lives have ground to a halt. There is no education for their children, no indoor sanitation, no sanitation at all in some camps, no fresh food, hope is fading for people stuck here. They feel forgotten. We want to let them know they are not. We don't yet know how we

will help or where we will go. There are over 30 camps being run by the Greek government and military who are trying their best while it appears that the rest of Europe turns a blind eye and lets out a big sigh of relief that



Macedonia shut their border.

Tim has asked us to send updates for the *Horningsham News* on how we get on. I hope you will enjoy reading them and are able to compare our experiences on the ground with what you see reported on TV and in the press.

Caroline Dykes

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SERIOUS BRAKE ACCIDENT AT HORNINGSHAM.

Horningsham and Shearwater are at present, perhaps, the places most favoured in Wiltshire by driving parties, and on Wednesdays and Saturdays especially numbers of breaks pass through Warminster *en route* for the places mentioned. The roads round Horningsham especially are steep and narrow, but drivers are doubly careful there as a rule, and accidents are, fortunately, rare. One, however, has already to be recorded this year—at Easter—the victim to which is still a resident in the Warminster Cottage Hospital, and on Saturday another even more serious occurred. The members of the Fire Brigade attached to Messrs. Palmer and Mackay's woollen cloth factory, Trowbridge, had their annual outing on Saturday, and passed through Warminster early in the afternoon. All went well until near the Bath Arms, Horningsham, when, on trying to turn into the yard, the turn was taken too sharply, the wheels got on the high ground of the green in front of the house, and the conveyance was overturned. All the party were more or less badly cut and bruised, and one man had his shoulder dislocated. Prompt surgical aid was at hand, and Dr. Bothwell and Sergeant Mead "put back" the dislocated shoulder, and attended to the other minor injuries. The brake was slightly damaged, but, with some temporary repairs, it was used on the return journey.

A word of commendation (says a contemporary which reports the accident) is due to the villagers of Horningsham for the ready manner in which they placed their services at the disposal of the party, and for the aid they rendered in various ways. No blame is attached to the driver, but it is felt that if those in the char-a-banc had dismounted when they reached the hotel instead of attempting to drive into the yard to get out, the accident would not have happened.

The injured are progressing as favourably as can be expected, but it will be some time before two or three of them will be able to resume their occupations.

Another accident in connection with a horsed vehicle took place about the same spot on Monday. A thoroughbred horse attached to a trap from Frome, in charge of a lad distributing bills for a Frome draper, having been, it is supposed, stung by some insect, commenced kicking. Before it could be removed from the trap the appearance of the vehicle had been considerably altered for the worse, and the horse's leg cut; but the damage done was not so serious as to prevent the animal being driven back to Frome.



The Bath Arms c.1906
*Note the "high ground of the green of
in front of the house" where the char a
banc overturned.*

LONGLEAT NEWS

TWIN BIRTHS A DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR ENDANGERED RED PANDAS



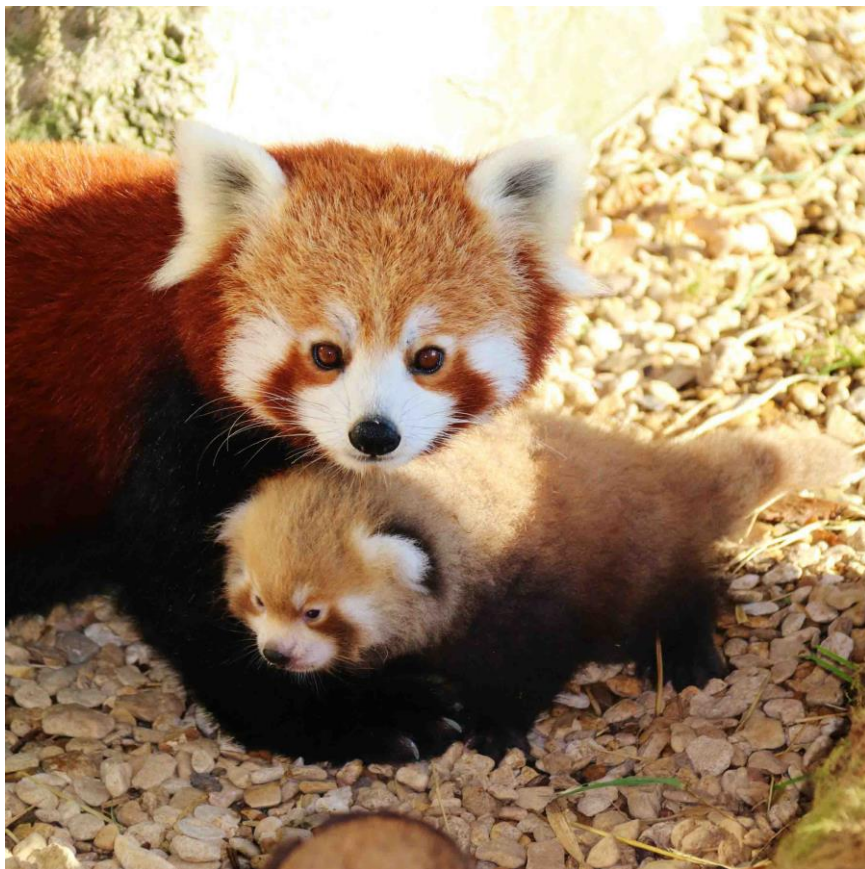
A rare set of red panda twins has been born at Longleat. It's only the second time the species, which is endangered in the wild, has bred successfully here.

Twin red panda births are extremely rare and the keepers are delighted with the pair's progress. The new arrivals are doubly welcome as their parents are a key factor in the ongoing success of the European Endangered Species Programme for the Red Panda due to their diverse genetics.



Dad Ajenda, which means ‘King of the mountain’, came to Longleat from Germany in 2012 and mum Rufina, meaning ‘Red-haired’, arrived from Italy just over a year later.

Keeper Sam Allworthy said: “We’re delighted with how well Rufina is looking after the young cubs and both mother and babies are doing brilliantly. “Cubs don’t tend to start venturing out on their own for the first three months and Rufina, like all red panda mums, regularly moves the cubs to different nesting areas. This is perfectly natural behaviour but makes keeping track of the babies, or even confirming what sex they are, somewhat problematic for us, although we are pretty sure both babies are female.”



Found in Nepal, Bhutan and China, they live among bamboo forests and spend much of their time in trees. In the wild red pandas are solitary animals, and they only really ever come together to breed. Like giant pandas, to whom they are not related, about two-thirds of their food intake is made up of bamboo. Bamboo is not the most nutritious of foods so they have to eat a lot of it to survive. As it is relatively low in calories, red pandas tend to spend much of their time either eating or sleeping. Keepers also supplement their diet with a mix of fruits, eggs and the occasional insects along with a special type of bamboo cake of which the pandas are especially fond.

MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP



MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP is launching its new venture . . . a MINI COFFEE SHOP!



Work has been underway for a few weeks rearranging the shop to make room for a mini coffee shop area. A new coffee machine has arrived which serves a delicious range of 'bean to cup' coffee. The outdoor tables are already proving popular whilst the inside area is being decorated. Sue also plans to have a new range of pastries and cakes on offer.

The café area will also be a showcase for local artists. We are planning a formal opening by our MP, Andrew Murrison, on Saturday, 8 October at 1.30 pm. You are all welcome to come along to this event between 1 pm and 2 pm and enjoy a free cup of coffee! In the meantime do come along and see the changes being made and have a cup of coffee!





World War 1: 100Years Ago This Month

July had been a terrible month for Horningsham with four men dying on the Somme. Fighting continued through the summer but it was October 15th when the next Horningsham man died in the Battle of the Somme. He was Lindley Walter Miller, known to all as Jack.

Jack was born in Horningsham on 2nd September 1893 to Tom and Augusta who lived at 57 White Street. His birth was registered by James Bothwell the village doctor who lived at 77 The Island (Holywell House) and also served as the Registrar of Births and Deaths. Tom was a baker, living with his Grandfather at 70 Church Street when he married local girl Augusta Garrett in 1889. Daughter Sarah was born two years later and Tom was now a general labourer. Two more children followed: son Tom in 1896 and daughter Dinah in 1898. Number 57 only had four rooms including the kitchen so must have been crowded.



56-58 White Street in the 1960s – 57 is the one in the middle

In November 1901 Augusta died aged just 41 leaving Tom with four children to rear. By the time of the 1911 Census, 17 year old Jack was living with his mother's sister

Louise and her husband John George Mitchell at 10 The Square, Calne. He was helping in his uncle's business as a Nurseryman, Seedsman & Florist at The Square Nurseries at Chilvester Hill. His younger sister Dinah was also there, aged 12, and at school. Jack's elder unmarried sister, Sarah (19) and his younger brother Tom (15) who was working as a general labourer were living in White Street with their widowed father who was now working as a "woodman" on the Estate. By the time of Jack's death he had moved to 13 Gentle Street.

We don't know when Jack joined the 2nd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment but we do know that his battalion was involved in extremely heavy fighting on the Somme at Trones Wood where they suffered 240 casualties. On the day Jack was killed, they were being relieved and drawing back from the front line near Flers when they were shelled and, as the Battalion's War Diary records: "sustained about 12 casualties". Presumably Jack was one of those. Jack has no known grave and his name is amongst the more than 72,000 carved on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.



In February 1917 Jack's father received Jack's outstanding pay of £1.90. In October 1919, almost exactly 3 years after Jack's death, Tom received a War Gratuity of just £3.

Jack's younger brother Tom who was a carpenter on the Estate, joined the Dorsetshire Regiment in Warminster in December 1915 and was serving in France in 1917 when he suffered a gunshot wound to four toes. After treatment in Birmingham and convalescence in Plymouth, he was back in France with his regiment until the end of the war. In 1939 he was a dairy farmer living with his wife and daughter at 24 Whitbourne Springs. Tom died in 1963.



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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

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Thursday 81 leaves Horningsham 10.03 *Holly Bush* 10.01

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- 16th October *Coffee Morning* 10.30 – 12 noon at the Hall
- 20th October *Parish Council Meeting* 7.30 at the Hall
- 4th November *Bonfire Night* 4 – 8pm at the Hall
- 13th November: *Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial* 10.45am



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