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EDITORIAL

We must congratulate Carole Andrews, her staff and the Governors of Horningsham School on receiving such an excellent Ofsted report. The inspection was conducted to an exacting new standard by one of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Schools (HMI) who wrote:

“Not only are you never satisfied that the school is as good as it can be, but you lead with cheerful optimism, integrity and a genuine love of the job. Your approach galvanises those around you to approach their work in the same way and adopt the same values. This informs a culture where pupils enjoy coming to school, understand the importance of working hard and feel that they are part of a family.”

We think that Inspector correctly captured the special qualities of Horningsham School. How fortunate we are to have such a school in our community.

As well as the usual lively report from the School, most of our regular features are inside this issue of Horningsham News. We also start a new series from Matt Simpson on what’s happening in the night sky over Horningsham each month. We have the second report from Caroline and Neil who are in Greece helping out refugees from Syria who are stranded there. Their report certainly humanises an intractable problem by giving us a vivid sense of what daily life is like camping in a disused factory.

Continuing our series on the men from Horningsham who died in the First World War, we piece together the story of Joseph Chapman who was the last of the six Horningsham men to die in the Battle of the Somme. Our Act of Remembrance on 13th November at the War Memorial is exactly 100 years to the day that Joe was killed. Whether you are new to Horningsham or have lived here a long time, do come and join us at 10.45 to remember the 25 men from our village who died in the First World War and the 4 who died in the Second.

Tim Hill

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

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CHURCH NEWS



We celebrated Harvest Festival at the end of September and it was a most enjoyable service. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce. The school children were, as always, extremely generous with their donations and I can report that the Warminster Food Bank were very pleased to receive it. After the service we enjoyed some suitable refreshment, followed by the auction of produce. There were lots of lovely homemade gifts that were quickly snapped up by the congregation, thanks to the excellent selling techniques of our auctioneer! We are very grateful to Steve who kindly performs this task for us every year.

There will be no service in the church during November. Instead we will be holding the annual Act of Remembrance at the war memorial. During this short service we will remember the young men of Horningsham who gave their lives in two world wars.

Helen Taylor

Church Dates

13th November Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial 10.45am

25th December Christmas Day Eucharist 10.30am

Dear Friends,

As I write I have just driven to Horningsham to deliver my meringues, pears and cream to the Luncheon Club and what a beautiful drive it was with the leaves on the trees turning ever more golden each passing day and the light shifting across the downs as the clouds moved across the sky.

Here we are once again in that season of remembering. On November 13th we remember and honour those who have given



their lives for their country so that we can live in peace, and in the world context we find ourselves in today, where for so many people peace must seem an elusive dream, we should be truly grateful for their sacrifice. Personally, I feel very privileged and humbled to be able to lead our Remembrance Day services here in the Cley Hill Parishes, as I am acutely aware that a very high percentage of my congregation will be retired military personnel who have experienced the realities of armed conflict first hand.

At the end of November we enter another season of remembering: Advent. You might think it's a bit strange that I class Advent in this way; actually you might just be thinking 'what's Advent?' Or wondering which chocolate Advent calendar to choose. And anyway, isn't Advent about looking forward and counting down to Christmas rather than looking backwards and remembering? Well yes and no. I love my Advent calendar and really enjoy opening the windows each day, but I also do something else in Advent. I have a Jesse tree (some tastefully arranged twigs in a jug!) and everyday I read a bit of the bible and hang a symbol on the tree telling the story of creation right through to the birth of Jesus, and then on Christmas Day I put fairy lights on it. So during Advent I'm remembering how God's love is the golden thread that weaves through everything, through the created order and through those wonderful people whom he used many centuries before that first Christmas to tell the story of his love, culminating in Jesus born on Christmas day as Emmanuel, God with us. And there is something so wonderful and special about it all; as the earth turns and we enter ever deeper darkness, to be looking back to the dawn of all time and to remember that God was, and is, and shall be for eternity. It's a shame if we see these four weeks before Christmas merely as precursor to the big day, they are so much richer than that. There is, no doubt, an element of sombreness about it all. I'll probably be rushing around like everyone else, but the readings and prayers in this season call us to prepare at a much deeper level, to remember who we are, to look at our lives and to ask ourselves, are we ready, not for a big blow out, but to meet Jesus when he comes.

This Advent Sunday, 27th November, we've got a really special service at Longbridge Deverill at 10.30am when we will be sending out our Posada and lighting the first of our Advent candles, do come along and see what it's all about, we'd love to see you.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com



Horningsham War Memorial

Act of Remembrance

Sunday 13th November 10.45

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We enjoyed a lovely Harvest service taken by Mr John Nockles. (I must try some of his amazing STONE soup.) It was nice to be joined by many old friends and some church members from Horningsham and Hawkeridge, Westbury. The auction of produce generously given was ably conducted by Carl Trollope with proceeds for Chapel funds.

We are looking forward to a wedding on October the 29th. The bride's family (Jones) were once members of the village.

Our next service is on November the 13th at 10 am.

Carol Cox horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

WELCOME CLUB

The girls and their little Pooch from the Dog Trust were delightful – the speaker, Lucy, was very keen to tell us about their work and we received a thank you for the £36 we collected for the charity. We were invited to visit their premises at any time we could.

Once again we had good weather for our trip, this time to Winchester and Lyndhurst with a ride through the New Forest where the ponies were in abundance and on good form. Earlier in the day we visited the airfield at Middle Wallop where the Army Flying Corps have their base. The museum there is well worth seeing.

Members have decided they would like another trip before winter comes and so, on October 25th we shall be boarding the coach for Clevedon for coffee and then on to Burnham-on-Sea for lunch. We have a quiz on 24th November.

On Tuesday December 6th – something new! We're off to a pub near Andover for Christmas Lunch – cost approximately £15, coach free (paid by the Club). If you want to come let me know soon, say by the 2nd week in November. We plan to leave about 12 noon from our usual places of departure. Definite details will reach those interested. Any problems ring me. This new arrangement replaces the Christmas Tea.

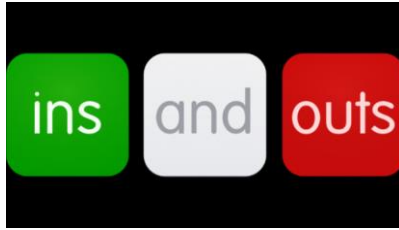
Saturday 5th November Coffee Morning in the Hall from 10am to 12 noon. There will be stalls and constant coffee. Everybody welcome to this family-friendly occasion.

Chris Short 01985 847373

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A special welcome to Lorna Wren Hilleary who arrived on 10th October, a sister for Martha and Dougal. We send our Congratulations to her parents Charlotte and Angus.

Welcome to Rik Grover who has moved in to 75 The Almshouses with Charlotte (13) and Toby (11). Rik has been in the Royal Navy, and is now sports consultant for Wiltshire and Swindon Sports. He goes scuba diving in the Red Sea, is an archery instructor, a mountain bike instructor, and is also a DJ. He is greatly interested in marine conservation and dolphins. Charlotte and Toby are both at Kingdown School. They play football for Westbury Youth, and Toby is also a keen cricketer. Rik comes originally from Westbury but is hoping they will all stay in Horningsham for a long time with Daisy the cat, Vinny the dog and Murphy the rabbit.

Andy Astridge and Joanna Murray have come from Trudoxhill and moved in to 194 Chapel Street. Andy is a minor works surveyor for a local housing association. He is secretary of the Frome Pigeon Club and an old friend of Bill Smy in the village. Joanna is a housewife and used to work for the National Trust.

Maggie Osborne

*Fresh cafetiere
coffee
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good company*

**10.30
to
12
noon**

Coffee Morning
Sunday 20th November

**HORNINGSHAM
VILLAGE HALL** 

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PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 20th October at the Village Hall.

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

Apologies: Councillor Simon Millar

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs Sarah Jeffries MILCM and 1 member of the public.

Chairman's Announcements

- 1. Nursery School:** The Chairman announced that the Nursery School had closed at extremely short notice causing great inconvenience to the parents whose children were attending. The closure was due to the person in charge resigning and the late withdrawal of the one appointed in her place. Although the Nursery is entirely separate from the School, Miss Andrews had stepped in to offer additional before and after school activities to help some of the families. The member of the public expressed her concern about the sudden closure and the lack of nursery facilities in the village and asked what the Parish Council could do about it. The Vice Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had no authority or responsibility in the area of pre-school provision. He added that the Nursery School was a private enterprise that the proprietor had decided to close due to the lack of suitably qualified staff and that, while this was most unfortunate for the families affected, there was nothing that the Parish Council could do about it.
- 2. Horningsham School:** The Chairman told Council that the School had received a glowing report from Ofsted. He circulated a copy of the report and read extracts that highlighted the achievements of the Head and her staff. He said that he had seldom read such a positive report and that it reflected great credit on Miss Andrews' leadership of a dedicated team of staff and Governors. He said that the village was most fortunate to have a school of such high quality. Council asked him to write a letter of congratulation to Miss Andrews and all concerned.
- 3. Center Parcs:** The Chairman read from a letter in which Center Parcs set out the dates and times of firework displays.
- 4. Mole Sign:** The Chairman said he had received parishioners' complaints about the unsightly banner advertising a mole catching service that has appeared on the footbridge at Mill Pond. Councillors unanimously agreed that the sign should be removed. The Vice Chairman said he would ring the phone number on the banner and tell them that the sign would be removed after two days if they did not first remove it themselves.
- 5. Parish Clerk:** The Chairman announced that Mrs Sarah Jeffries had been awarded the Society of Local Council Clerks Outstanding Contribution Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the clerks' profession. This is the highest award of the Society and is a great honour. Councillors congratulated the

Clerk on her achievement and expressed the hope that it would not tempt her to leave Horningsham Parish Council where she is so much appreciated.

Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered but one decision had been announced. Longleat was given permission for the temporary siting of three mobile food and beverage units.

Parish Steward

Council had been told that clearing Munday's Lane was beyond the scope of the Parish Steward who works on his own. Various more modest tasks were identified including the stream and associated gulleys in Church Lane and accumulated detritus at the side of the road in many places throughout the village. Fly tipping on Longleat land at Forest Corner was reported and the Clerk will contact the Estate.

Grounds Maintenance Contracts

Councillors identified certain areas to be added to the 2017 contracts and asked the Clerk to request tenders.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Windess reported that the Holly Bush bus shelter required restoration on a scale similar to the one at the Common and that the dismantling and re-erection were tasks he could not undertake himself. The Vice Chairman said he would organise volunteers to dismantle the shelter and take it to Mill Farm where Councillor Windess could carry out the necessary carpentry work. It was agreed that the work should commence when British Summer Time begins in 2017. The Chairman expressed the Council's great appreciation of Councillor Windess's unstinting efforts in maintaining the Council's assets.

Remembrance Day Sunday 13th November

Councillor FitzGerald confirmed that the wreath had been obtained. Council unanimously agreed that: Mr Bill Smy should again be asked to lay the wreath; Mr Graham Long should be invited to play the Last Post and Reveille; and that Mr Tim Moore should be asked to lead the ceremony. The Chairman will read the names of the fallen.

WW1 Commemorations

The Chairman reported that Anne Strong had told him that the tree stumps had been removed and that contractors would tidy up the area below the War Memorial and it was hoped that this would be done in time for Remembrance Day. Councillor Simpson said that when the area is sown with grass seed he could source wild flower seed through the trade. The Chairman thanked Councillor Crossman for moving the grit bin. Councillor Chris said that she had reminded the funeral director about finishing the painting of the names and the cleaning of the Memorial and he told her he would do it.

Play Area

The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Windess (Hall Committee) are meeting with Anne Strong to agree the area to be covered by the lease that will be held by the Parish Council. The draft plan showed an area much larger than either the Parish Council or the Hall Committee wished.

Center Parcs Licensing Application

The Chairman told Councillors that the application had been approved by Wiltshire Council on the grounds that it did not represent an increase in the number of people on site

but, rather, regularised the current position on changeover days. However, they did stipulate that in view of the concerns the Parish Councils had expressed about traffic:

“That the Applicant should seek to establish a channel of communication with the local communities via their Parish Councils to discuss any issues that may be of concern to local residents, arising from the operation of the holiday village.”

Parish Plan

The Vice Chairman reported that the working group is to meet on Wednesday 2nd November when they will be discussing the analysis of the data from the survey.

Dates of Full Parish Council Meetings 2017

The following list of dates was unanimously approved.

All Parish Council meetings have an opportunity at the start for parishioners to ask questions or make comments on any matter.

Thursday 12th January 2017 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd February 2017 7.30pm

Thursday 6th April 2017 7.30pm

Thursday 18th May 2017 7.30pm (following on from the Annual Parish Meeting)

Thursday 29th June 2017 7.30pm

Thursday 21st September 2017 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November 2017 7.30pm

Thursday 14th December 2017 7.30pm (Budget Meeting)

Separate Planning meetings will take place when required.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council is at 7.30 on Thursday 1st December at the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend.

Deverills Performing Arts Series 2016



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HALL NEWS



Our lovely Village Hall has had a bit of a spruce up! It's looking so great, fresh paint, weeds pulled, windows cleaned. A big "thank you" to all those who took the time to help with the clean-up and an extra special thanks to Caroline & Neil for the wonderful paint job and Ken for his endless hard work. We've also taken delivery of some new crockery for our formal function hire and some new mugs for all those monthly coffee mornings!

We now have a new website for the Village Hall, for all bookings, events or further information you may require please visit the site; horningshamvillagehall.com The darker Autumn evenings are drawing in fast so come along with all the family for our traditional **Bonfire Night on Friday 4th November, 4pm until 8pm**. Hot food & drinks will be available. Bring along the children's pumpkins, help make a guy for the bonfire, enjoy a bit of apple bobbing or just relax and enjoy the evening with friends.

Our next **Coffee Morning** is on Sunday 20th November 10.30am-12 noon - everyone is welcome.

On Thursday 8th December we have Pip Utton's rendition of Charles **Dickens'** "**A Christmas Carol**" an evening for all the family to hear Pip's unique take on the traditional Christmas story, starts at 7pm, tickets cost £10 per adult, £5 per child or a family of four £20.

Take some time, check out the new website, give us your feedback. If anyone wants to get involved with the Village Hall please do get in contact. The committee meet every first Monday of the month.

Louisa Cruickshank



Great Ofsted Inspection

We are very proud to announce that our recent Ofsted inspection was very successful. The inspection was rigorous but also a great opportunity to demonstrate and evidence all the hard work and improvements that have taken place since the last inspection. We are very pleased that Ofsted has judged Horningsham Primary School to be a 'good' school for the fourth consecutive time, particularly as the current Ofsted framework is more challenging than ever before.



We are pleased that the inspectors commented about the strengths of leadership and management, our teaching, pupil progress across different groups throughout the school and the positive attitude of our children to learning. In addition, they commented on the bespoke provision and good progress we have for SEN pupils. Ofsted also noted how safeguarding is taken seriously by staff and governors.

"a dynamic, forward thinking institution"

"school is a well-ordered, happy and vibrant place where pupils behave well and demonstrate positive attitudes to learning"

achievement ... has been consistently strong in all subjects over time.

Pupils achieve well as they progress through the school. The good level of development children achieve at the end of Reception and strong phonics achievement at the end of Year 1 provide a firm foundation for pupils' learning.

You can read the Ofsted letter to the school in full via the link on our website:

www.horningsham.schnet.org

CHATting WITH OUR FRIENDS IN CHINA!

Most of Year 6 came in to school extra early so that they could have a live Skype chat with children in our partner school in Yangzhou. With a 7 hour time difference our children were extra early and the children in China stayed on after school! The theme for discussion was 'Our School'. Here's what Y6 reported: "It was great talking to our China school partners. We talked about leadership and our school values – they found it very interesting (especially when we mentioned pizza!) They had very inquisitive questions". There are lots of differences – particularly with them being such a large school (1200 pupils), but it was clear everyone shared a love of hot dogs and football! We will be skyping with them each month and will be talking about our community at the end of each month.



HARVEST TIME

Thank you to everyone for your support for our Harvest Festival – the tables were packed with such wonderful produce and goods for the church auction and to donate to the Foodbank. We so appreciate your generosity. It was lovely to have so many of you join us for the celebration – we hope you enjoyed all the hymns, poems and songs. Our vicar, Rev Pauline Reid was so impressed with the children and their thoughtful prayers.



ARTS COUNCIL

Livi Holden has interviewed the children and set up a new Arts Council. They plan to work with the teachers to promote the arts across the school. They will also work with other Arts Councils in the cluster on joint projects. We would love to involve you – let us know if you have any musical, artistic, dance or drama skills or interests you'd like to share with us!

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

BY FREYA HOLDEN



Wow! Our Y3/4 girls did really well – Ottie getting 16th place! The Y3/4 boys did us proud and our spectacular Clemmie S gained 7th place in the Y5/6 race and our boys were also amazing. Everyone pushed themselves to the limit and all made the school proud! At the end the champions celebrated with the only thing that cures tiredness – flapjacks and milkshakes!

THEN & NOW



1804



2013

This month we are at our parish church of St John the Baptist. The first picture shows the church in 1804 before it was radically rebuilt. The second picture shows the church as we know it today – mostly Victorian with only the restored tower dating from the 15th Century.

The church was founded in 1154 by Sir Robert de Vernon, Lord of Horningsham. In 1783 the south wall was rebuilt four feet taller and the porch moved from the south side to the north. In our 1804 picture showing the view from the North-East, the south wall isn't visible but one can clearly see the 1783 porch. Sir Richard Colt Hoare gave the following description of the church in his History of Modern Wiltshire published in 1822, so he is describing the church as it looked in the first picture.

It is situated on an elevated and pleasing situation, commanding an interesting view of the grounds attached to Longleat. It is a good structure without, and a neat one within; and has a handsome square turret of stone at the West end, of a more ancient date than the other parts, which have been mostly rebuilt on the old foundations since the year 1783. It consists of a long and narrow Nave and one North Aisle, which are separated by five handsome pointed arches, and one of smaller proportions.

The major rebuild came in the 1840s and produced the church as we know it today with its capacity raised from 400 to 700. The population of Horningsham was much larger then and there was a much stronger expectation that people should go to either the church or the chapel every Sunday. The population peaked in 1831 at 1,323 and was already declining by the time the church was completed in 1844. In 2011 the population had shrunk to just 311.

The church was expanded mainly by the addition of the northern nave – the section nearest the camera in the photo. The other two sections were also lengthened. The whole cost, £5,157, was met by Harriet, Marchioness of Bath whose husband had died a few years earlier and whose son, the Marquis, was still a schoolboy at Eton. At around the same time she also paid for the building of the School and School House.

The building of the churchyard wall was part of the project and a triangular extra section of churchyard was incorporated and consecrated by the Bishop at the same time as the church.

For an account from the Salisbury & Winchester Journal of 5th October 1844 see our "From The Papers Special" on the next page.

FROM THE PAPERS SPECIAL

Horningsham Church.—The long-anticipated consecration of Horningsham church took place on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The Right Rev. the Bishop reached the Parsonage at half-past eleven o'clock, and, after robing, advanced towards the churchyard, attended by the Rev. F. Skurray, the venerable Incumbent, where they were met by about fifty clergymen in their official robes. The Archdeacon of Sarum having verbally solicited the Diocesan to consecrate the Church and the new burial-ground, the deed of conveyance was presented to his Lordship by the youthful Marquess of Bath, who had arrived from Eton expressly for the consecration. After the preliminary prayers peculiar for the day, the morning service was read by the Rev. Mr. Skurray. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, from the first verse of the 127th Psalm: it was an able and appropriate discourse. The Sacrament was then administered by his Lordship and his Chaplains; and during the reading of the Offertory upwards of 40*l.* were collected. It had been previously announced that its appropriation was destined for the Diocesan Building Association. On quitting the church, the Bishop and Clergy were conducted to an elegant refreshment in the adjoining school-room, to which the Marchioness of Bath had largely contributed; and the wives and daughters of the attending Clergy, with many ladies of the neighbourhood, were regaled at the Parsonage. Mr. Skurray, who presided at this elegant repast, proposed the healths of the Marchioness of Bath, and of the Bishop, who proposed, in return, the health of the venerable Incumbent in a feeling address, which was cheered by the company, and suitably responded to by the rev. gent. At four o'clock, the Bishop and Clergy repaired to the church, where the prayers were read by the Rev. J. R. Meade, of Frome, after which followed the sermon by Mr. Skurray, from Acts ii. 47: "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." The choir from Frome added much to the solemnity of the occasion, by their fine intonations and appropriate tunes. Thus passed off the day with unalloyed satisfaction,—a day long to be remembered by all persons who had the privilege of being present at the ceremonial. The church is of pure Gothic in its architecture, and is richly embellished.

At seven o'clock, a sumptuous banquet was spread at Longleat, at which the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Sarum, the Rev. Lord John Thynne, and the Rev. F. Skurray sat down, with several persons of distinction who had arrived from a distance. The company retired in the evening to the great hall, where prayers were read by the Bishop to the visitors and domestics.

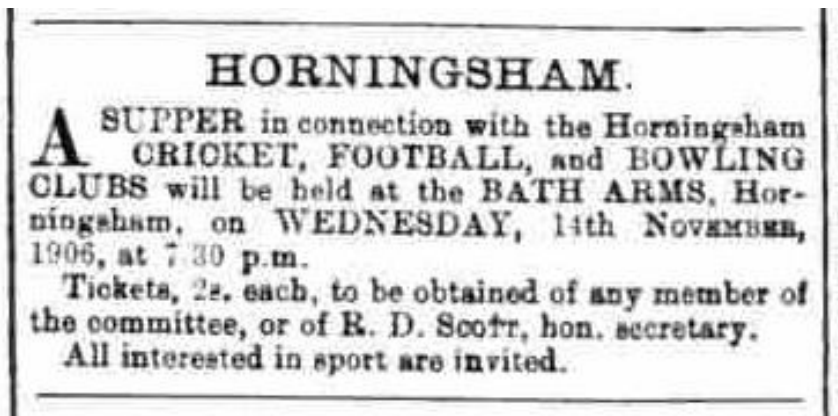
Thus appropriately was concluded a day which will long be held in grateful and affectionate remembrance.

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



The cricket season is definitely over, so no cricket to report on this month. However, we came across this advert in the Warminster Journal of 3rd November 1906.

Interesting to see that the Cricket Club was joined by the Football Club and the Bowling Club for their annual dinner at the Bath Arms. By the way, the two shillings (10p) of 110 years ago is equivalent to £9.70 in today's money. I wonder what this year's Cricket Club Annual Dinner at the Bath Arms cost?



PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

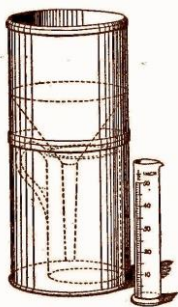


FIG. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.

Time seems to fly by - September certainly seemed to whiz by. As I said in the last report, September started with muggy hot days, which was broken up with the thunder and rain on the 13th. It continued to be fair but as the balloons found out that weekend from Longleat it can change overnight. The wind was very strong at times. We then had heavy rain on the 24th, and through the rest of the month we had damp mornings but fairly warm still. Total rainfall for September was 2.50 inches compared with 1.95 inches in September 2015.

October started with really heavy rain, giving us 0.62 inches on the 1st and from then on we have had one or two frosts, but fairly dry days. We have had 1.29 inches so far and now the nights are drawing in, making it feel like winter is on its way.

John Whatley

Accidental Volunteers 2

Our situation continues to evolve here in Northern Greece. The charity we intended to help are bringing their involvement to a close so we spent today with Muhammed from Northern Syria. His is a long a complicated story, but for now he heads a council of five refugees who run a temporary camp with 1,300 residents, mostly displaced Syrians in Northern Greece. The camp consists of tents set up inside a huge empty factory on the outskirts of Thessaloniki, an unattractive sprawling city on the shores of the Aegean Sea. There are 33 similar camps in the area, the unique aspect of Muhammed's camp is that the residents kicked out the volunteers and now run it themselves.



We phoned from outside the camp, he came out to meet us and took us away from the entrance guarded by the Army and into the factory through a broken window at the side of the building. A jaw-dropping sight greeted us: rows and rows of tents, over three hundred in all, each numbered and occupied by families of all ages and sizes. We were led to his tent and introduced to his tent-mate who made us coffee on a camping stove while he explained the situation. He described the failure of previous volunteers to deliver on promises, about the long process of asylum or relocation and how he had arrived on one of the overcrowded boats over 8 months ago. He explained he was a pharmacist and an attorney by training and was largely responsible for administering the health care to the residents. Polite interruptions were a constant distraction as mothers called to him from outside his tent with their sick children. It's not a scene that's easy to describe, but it felt

like we were witnessing the front line of the reality of this crisis. Here were the people who had been forced out of their homes by government bombings and ISIS barbarism. Here were the children who have known nothing other than war and deprivation. We were amongst the people that Daily Mail readers fear the most.

We talked for an hour or so, we had lunch with the two of them, then we drove into town with him to get some supplies: Pampers; infants' powdered milk; medicines; and cough syrup. We met a young mother in need of urgent dental care, set up a visit to the dentist with the agreement that we would take her there in the morning. We took a man and his 8 year old daughter to the bus station to start their 36 hour bus and ferry journey back to Athens for a government interview. All the adults are so gracious and grateful, and all the children look totally bewildered.



As we left the camp we were stopped by the Police. They wanted to see our passports and wondered why we were climbing out through a broken window and not the front gate. Muhammed explained that he would obtain the proper paperwork for us in the morning, but for now they should let us leave. They were fine with that solution. They had more of a problem with the residents' attempts to slow down passing traffic on the busy road that passed by the camp. They were shovelling dirt onto the road to build makeshift speed bumps. A mother and her son were mowed down and killed by a motorist two days ago partly because the authorities fail to enforce the 40km speed limit past the camp entrance. The speed bumps were working really well, traffic was down to a crawl, but we will see if they are still there tomorrow.

So for now, week one of our stay, that camp will be our focus. We've found a cheap hotel (with a determined mosquito) well outside the city. On Monday we move into a house share with a local family for a month a little closer to the camp. It's getting much colder here now, and it was raining for most of the day. At least these people are inside, but honestly, that's about the only positive thing you could say about their predicament. They are the forgotten consequence of a war nobody seems to be able to explain.

Neil Dykes

A Christmas Carol

Pip Utton



At Horningsham Village Hall

Thursday 8th December 7 pm

£10 per adult £5 per child £20 family of 4

Refreshments and Drinks Available

During the last twelve years of his life Dickens toured Britain and the USA reading his writings professionally to his adoring public. The most popular of all these readings was 'A Christmas Carol'. It is perhaps the most famous Christmas ghost story ever. In this almost totally candlelit performance and looking uncannily like Dickens, Pip Utton recreates the famous author's public readings using the script and directions that Dickens himself used.



We hope that families will come but it might not be suited to very young children. We suggest 8 years and up.

Pip is generously donating all proceeds to the Hall.

THE NIGHT SKY OVER HORNINGSHAM

As we are very fortunate not to suffer much in the way of light pollution caused by street lighting, other than a faint glow on the horizon created by street lights in Frome and Warminster, we are blessed to have a great view of the night sky.



Super Moon

November 14th, the second of three super moons this year. In Native American mythology, this moon was known as a Beaver Moon, as it was regarded as the best one to set Beaver traps by. This became known as a Hunters' Moon by settlers. It is also known as a Frosty Moon in some parts of Europe. The moon will be at its closest approach to Earth, and will look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

Taurid Meteor Shower

This peaks on 4th - 5th of November, it is a long running meteor shower, starting in September and continuing until December 10th. There will be fewer meteors than the Orionid, but is interesting as the meteors have two points of origin. Asteroid 2004 TG10 and comet 2P Enke. The moon will set just after midnight, leaving dark skies for best viewing.

The Leonids Meteor Shower

Producing an average of 15 meteors per hour, which mostly originate in the constellation Leo, but can appear from almost any point in the night sky. Interestingly, this shower is cyclonic, running on a 33 year cycle. The last time this shower was at its peak was in 2001 when hundreds of meteors were visible. The Leonids are produced by dust grains left behind by the comet Temple-Tuttle. Discovered in 1865 the shower runs between 6th and 30th. The peak viewing will be on the night of the 16th and the early morning of the 17th. There will be a waning gibbous moon, which sadly will block out some of the less bright meteors but there should be some good ones to be seen after midnight.

Wrap up warm.

Matt Simpson

Mill Farm Chronicles September – October

The trees have turned golden and are losing their leaves and shiny brown conkers are covering the path over the bridge. Ivy and I took a walk to feed the geese and collect conkers for Mummy to put on her window sills to deter spiders coming into the house. Is that just an old wives' tale or is it fact? I don't know but we had a good time and returned with loads of conkers stuffed in our pockets together with a load of dry leaves and twigs, just because we could!

On the farm it's been a quiet month. The Bath Arms pig has returned to the pub with 3 little piglets going wee wee wee all the way home, (sorry had to be done!)

The donkeys have a friend staying for a week. Paddy the Shetland pony from the house across from us, is keeping Rosie and Lucky company while Paddy's owners are away.

The cows are getting seriously fed up of being out now, especially after all the rain we've had over the last few days. Steve is hoping to keep them out until we have had the next TB test at the beginning of November. We have had one or two get out recently, thinking that the grass is greener and tastier on the other side of the fence, I'm pretty sure it isn't!

Contractors came in on a sunny Thursday morning a week or so ago and cut our Maize. It was done in 3 hours and the silage clamp filled then was covered over by the afternoon. The crop was average but the cows will be happy to eat it together with grass silage over the winter.

September is birthday month in our house. Steve has his birthday on the 23rd and Guy and Ivy share a birthday on the 30th. This year they were BIG birthdays: Steve was 60; Guy 30; and Ivy was 2 (well, when you're little all birthdays are momentous occasions aren't they?). I can't quite believe that I'm married to a senior citizen. He's very happy to get discounts on certain entrance fees and free prescriptions but he's gutted that his free bus pass isn't coming till he is 66!

You might remember that Guy and Steve shared a biggish party at the farm back in August so Steve thought that we were just having a quiet day seeing family for coffee and some of Ali's Pantry's yummy cupcakes and a meal out just the two of us in the evening. When in actual fact I had arranged a supper for 25 family and friends at the lovely Howards House hotel in Teffont Evias. We stayed the night as did Amy and family, Jack and girlfriend and my brother and sister-in-law so I had to get Steve into our room fairly early so that they and the other guests could arrive and be in place to spring the surprise by 7. To say Steve was surprised when we walked into the hotel lounge, to be confronted by his nearest and dearest is an understatement - he was completely overwhelmed. We had a really good meal finishing with a slice of another one of Ali's creations.

The surprises didn't end there though. The next day we (Amy, Jack, Guy, Ivy and me) whisked Steve off to London for the day. He has always wanted to go up The Shard, so we did that and had a champagne selfie with the backdrop of all of London spread out below us. The view was amazing. In the afternoon we went to London Zoo and spent a couple of hours looking at animals. For all the exotic species we saw, Ivy seemed most impressed with the goats and the "Babbits"! We got home at 8pm completely pooped ready for a sit down and a cup of tea.



The following Friday was Guy and Ivy's birthday. Ivy had a farmyard theme picnic at home with a cow cake (made by you know who by now) and we joined Guy and his family for a pizza fest to celebrate his big 30 in the evening. Ivy has just cottoned on to what birthdays and presents are all about, she even blew her candles out . . . twice! She had a lovely day. The next day we went to a family wedding which was lovely although on the Sunday Guy was too poorly (no, not a hangover - a virus) to come out for a birthday lunch which was supposed to finish off his birthday celebration which was a shame but he did get a rather good birthday cake in the shape of a Clio. I think we kept Ali busy with cakes that week!

Steve and I attended the Harvest Festival at the church which is always a nice service to go to. Afterwards, while the congregation enjoyed bread, cheese and cider, Steve auctioned the produce off. There was lovely homemade chutney and jam to buy, wine, fruit and veg and of course a few of the infamous marrows. I came home with a Ready, Steady, Cook assortment in a plastic bag from which I fed the family for the next few days.

It's been real autumnal weather these last few days, misty mornings and a chill in the air, but I don't think we've had any frosts yet but no doubt that's to come.

Margaret Crossman

wylve valley



Saturday 27 May - Sunday 4 June 2017

We're looking for Artists, Craftspeople and Groups to take part!

Over the past 15 years the Wylve Valley Art Trail has established itself as the largest visual arts event in Wiltshire, celebrating the broad range of visual arts and crafts being practised within and around the Wylve Valley in South Wiltshire.

The next Wylve Valley Art Trail will be held for 9 days from Saturday 27 May until Sunday 4 June 2017.

Artists and craftspeople who are interested in participating, or anyone who would like to be involved in any capacity are invited to apply. We are also looking out for possible exhibition venues. The art trail is open to any artist who lives, works or has a strong interest or connection with this area.

The Wylve Valley Art Trail covers Warminster, Westbury, Wylve, Maiden Bradley, Mere, Hindon, Tisbury and the villages between. It consists of open studios and workplaces, group exhibitions by art groups, schools and colleges and other exciting events including 'hands on' activities, demonstrations, workshops and talks. It is an opportunity to see the high standard of visual arts and crafts currently being carried out in the area, across a wide range of skills, from painting to print-making, furniture making to photography and sculpture to ceramics. It offers the chance to meet the artists and, in a lot of cases, see where and how they work.

Contact: Laura Rich (Co-ordinator)

Tel: 07910 736563 info@wvat.co.uk www.wvat.co.uk

MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP

The highlight of the shop for the month of October has undoubtedly been the opening of our mini-café in the shop. The formal opening took place on 8 October by Andrew Murrison, our local MP. Andrew has been a huge supporter of our shop since its beginnings as a Community Shop in 2001. In fact he even wielded a paint brush to help with the initial decorating. He has visited the shop several times over the years and is always on hand to help with any problems. A gathering of local people attended the opening where they enjoyed a range of coffees and hot chocolate from our lovely new machine. Sue, our Manager, was warmly congratulated by all for all her hard work in getting the coffee shop off the ground. And behind the throne? Her husband Richard who has spent hours removing and rebuilding shelving, plastering, painting and taking rubbish to the dump! A great team effort.



So what next for the shop? Autumn fruits, vegetables, and the wonderful meat from Andrew Barclay Butcher in Wincanton are all being newly displayed. Meat can be especially ordered if you want a roast or a larger quantity for a special occasion. During November, there will be forms ready for the Christmas orders.

THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AWARDS – THE RURAL OSCARS – 2016

We really hope that you can nominate the Maiden Bradley Shop/Post Office for an Award in this category. These are THE rural business awards to win, giving a voice and a platform to the best of our produce, enterprise, heritage and communities. Nominated by the public, the Awards recognise and honour those who routinely go the extra mile for their community. Nominations close on 4 November so there is not much time if you are reading this for the first time. We have had forms at the Shop/Post Office and posts on Facebook/Website so hopefully many of you will have already voted. You can nominate online at www.countryside-alliance.org.uk

Please give us your vote! I am sure you all agree that Pam in the Post Office and Sue in the Shop do go that extra mile to look after us all.

Thank you!

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LONGLEAT NEWS

Longleat's Festival of Light is back for the third time. This year it has a Beatrix Potter theme to mark the 150th anniversary of her birth.

Giant illuminated versions of Peter Rabbit, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and Squirrel Nutkin are among thousands of Chinese lanterns being unwrapped ready for the opening on November 11th.



The much-loved children's characters will feature in a series of scenes recreating famous episodes from Beatrix Potter's favourite stories. The figures have been handmade by a team of highly-skilled artists from Zigong in China's Sichuan province, which has been staging lantern festivals for more than 2,000 years.

Other highlights include a 20-metre-tall birthday cake to celebrate 50 years of Longleat Safari Park, a group of Longleat's infamous monkeys dismantling a car, and an avenue of four-metre-high lions.

There will also be a trio of huge porcelain elephants, created from tens of thousands of Chinese plates, bowls, cups and spoons.

The lanterns – many of which will have to be built on site due to their size – will create a series of massive illuminated outdoor tableaux.

The event is set to be the biggest ever staged in the UK and will feature over 25,000 individual lights, 20 km of silk, more than 30,000 bulbs and over 4km of LED lighting.





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FROM THE PAPERS: SPOT THE TELLY!

Illustrated London News November 1975



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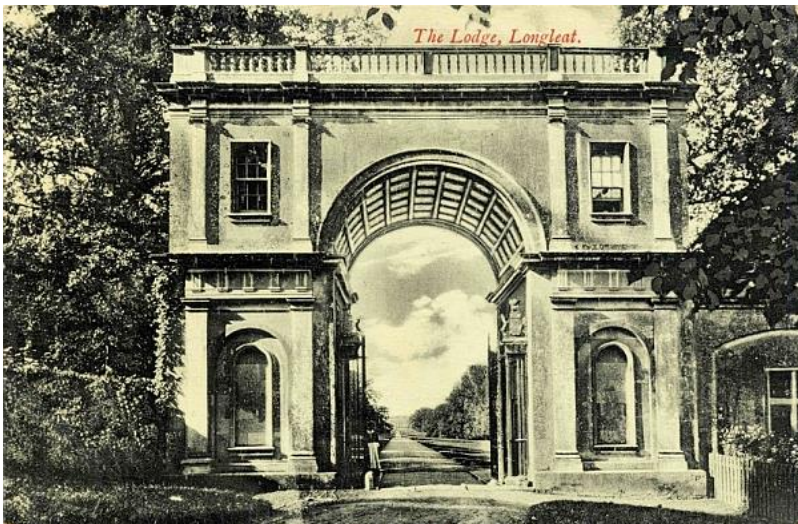
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World War 1: 100Years Ago This Month

In November 1916 the final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme took place: The Battle of the Ancre (the Ancre is a tributary of the Somme.) The Battle of the Somme did not so much end as peter out in the mud and bad weather as winter took hold.

In our series remembering the Horningsham men on our War Memorial we remember Joseph Ernest Chapman who died on Monday November 13th, the first day of the Battle of the Ancre.



Joe's parents were William and Martha Chapman who lived at the Lodge with their 3 sons and 2 daughters in the side by the Pleasure Walk, the extension on the other side wasn't built until 1947. By 1901, William, who was an agricultural labourer had died and Martha was employed as the "Lodge Keeper" whose duties included opening and closing the wrought iron gates. By 1911, Joe had moved to London and was staying in St George's Working Boys' Home in Blackfriars Road near Waterloo Station where he gave his occupation as "Van Guard".

We don't know when Joe joined the 7th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers but he was doubtless still living in London where the Regiment recruited. His battalion landed at Le Havre on 24th July and proceeded by train to join the Royal Naval Division near the Somme. The attack on the German lines was set for the 13th November if the weather stayed dry. Seven days of heavy bombardment by the British had broken up most of the German wire defences though did not destroy the deep dugouts. Joe's Battalion moved up

to the assembly point on the 12th. The War Diary records: “Hot tea was brought up in cookers to Hamel and was issued at 11pm. Hot soup and rum was issued at 5am. Great coats were taken off and stacked in section bundles at 5am. 5.45am The barrage commenced. The Battalion moved up to our first and second lines. 6.25am the Battalion advanced on the first German line.”

Joe was killed at some point during the day’s fighting as his Battalion suffered from heavy machine gun and rifle fire and shelling. By the end of the day, the British had succeeded in pushing the Germans back but at a huge cost in dead and wounded of more than half their strength. The War Diary gives the following figures:

Total Casualties Killed: 4 officers; 37 other ranks

Wounded: 12 officers; other ranks wounded, gassed or missing: 331

Joe was one of those and his grave can be seen at Ancre British Cemetery at Beaumont Hamel among the 2,540 buried or commemorated there. Back in our issue of July 2014 we reported on Neil and Caroline Dykes’ visit to that cemetery where they photographed Joe’s grave (*back row second grave*).



On 23rd May 1917, Joe’s mother Martha received his back pay of £5-57 and on 13th October 1919, just one month short of two years after his death she received the War Gratuity of just £3 all that was payable for a dead soldier with no dependents. She also received his two medals.

As footnotes to this story, Barbara Carpenter’s mother was Joe’s sister Ethel who had previously been widowed when her first husband died aged 34 of heart failure in the gardens at Longleat where he was foreman gardener. We told this story in our issue of October last year. Older readers will remember Joe’s brother Fred Chapman who lived at the Lodge. His Grandson still lives there but no longer has to open and shut the gates. A further footnote is that Edward (Brookie) Boulton whose story was in the May issue last year was in the Royal Naval Division and after surviving Gallipoli was in the Battle of the Ancre with Joe’s Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers.



BUSES FROM BUS SHELTER AT THE COMMON

Salisbury every Tuesday **83**

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

Trowbridge every Thursday **81**

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

Bath every Saturday **80**

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

Warminster every Friday **82**

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

Frome every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday

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

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.15 and 13.45

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

Departs Frome Market Place 13.50

Saturday **80** leaves Horningsham 10.05 and 14.05

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.10 and 16.30



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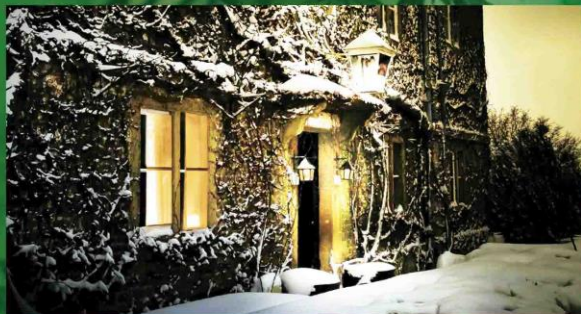
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Grey Bins	Friday 11 th & 25 th November Friday 9 th & 23 rd December
Blue Bins	Friday 4 th & 18 th November Friday 2 nd 16 th & Saturday 31 st December
Mobile Library	Tuesday 22 nd November Tuesday 20 th December <i>10.00 – 10.30 opposite the Hall</i>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 4th November ***Bonfire Night*** 4 – 8 pm at the Hall
- Saturday 5th November ***Welcome Club Coffee Morning*** 10 – 12 noon at the Hall
- Friday 11th November ***Festival of Light*** opens at Longleat until 2nd January
- Sunday 13th November: ***Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial*** 10.45 am
- Sunday 20th November ***Coffee Morning*** 10.30 – 12 noon at the Hall
- Thursday 1st December ***Parish Council Meeting*** 7.30 at the Hall
- Thursday 8th December 7.00 pm ***Pip Utton “A Christmas Carol”*** at the Hall



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