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EDITORIAL

Horningsham Fayre was another enormous success. Takings were at a record level of £9,603. From this the seven village organisations have each been awarded a grant of £1,000. One of those seven is the Horningsham News and we are tremendously grateful as the grant ensures another year of being able to provide the News free 10 times a year to every household in the village. Our only expense is the printing, everything else is done entirely voluntarily right down to the most important last link in the chain – those who push it through your letter box.

Even more important than the record amount of money the Fayre raised is the way it brings our rather scattered community together for its biggest annual event. It even manages to bring in lots of people who have left the village some of whom have key roles. Attendance this year was especially good and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. This success is down to a large number of people but the Fayre Committee and particularly their Chair Caroline Dykes deserve special thanks for their crucial part in organising and delivering our Fayre each year. The Fayre has become absolutely central to community life in our village.

Inside this issue there is plenty of coverage of the Fayre as well as most of our regular features. Remember there is no News in Horningsham in August – our next issue is in September. Though Horningsham News continues on Facebook throughout the year – why not give it a try if you haven't yet done so.

Tim Hill

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

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CHURCH NEWS



What an amazing Fayre! I'm sure everyone who was there had a great day. It was lovely to see so many people there enjoying themselves. The Church's contribution is always the Cake Stall and we are very grateful to Susie Hilleary for organising this for us. Thank you also to Fran and Kim for helping her. It was unfortunate that windy conditions on the Saturday prevented the stall from being outside, but it was still a great success and not a crumb was left at the end!

We were so pleased that our June service coincided with a visit to Horningsham by Jane Yates, with her son and daughter-in-law David and Michelle. It was lovely to see Jane in church again, in her usual seat! She is very happy in her new home and is actively involved with her new church.

It is always good to see old friends and in July we are looking forward to the annual village Reunion. This is our 23rd year and I am so pleased that it is still one of the highlights of the church year in our village. Everyone is welcome at the church service and also to join us for a cup of tea in the Village Hall in the afternoon. Do come along; we might be able to introduce you to someone who used to live in your house!

There is no service in Horningsham in August. Our next service will be Harvest in September, but we hope everyone will get to enjoy a long, hot summer before then.

Helen Taylor

Church Dates

9th July Village Reunion 11.15am (note change in time)

August – no service in Horningsham

10th September Harvest Festival 5.00pm



Dear Friends,

I confess to feeling a little daunted at the prospect of writing this letter; over the last few months I seem to be talking about the same things as our country lurches from crisis to crisis. Over the years I've produced monthly parish magazine letters peppered now and again with ones that alluded to natural disasters or occasions of particular national interest, but I don't think I've ever had to respond month after month to what seems like ever deepening chaos. Nothing seems certain any more, we cannot rely on ways of thinking and being that have maintained at least a semblance of relative

stability and normality over the last decade or so. Having said that, 'normality' is probably just a euphemism for "let's pretend it's all ok when really we know it's not" kind of thing.

Coupled with this political confusion our hearts go out to those affected by the recent terrorist attacks; what can we say in response to such terrible violence? What can we do? Such events leave us feeling violated and helpless, full of grief and sorrow for those whose lives have been torn apart.

And yet, what has emerged more powerfully than anything else in the communities that have experienced these atrocities, and in the country as a whole, is a collective refusal to be cowed by such horror, a determination to respond to violence with love, openness and human compassion.

In his response to the attack at Borough Market the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said: "The terrorists want to divide us, they want to make us hate one another. They want to change our way of life. We must go on being profoundly and deeply hospitable - we mustn't turn against people because of their faith or their category." Asked whether he feared there may be a backlash against the Muslim community the Archbishop replied: "I am anxious about that, yes. Anyone who thinks of that, saying anything insulting on the tube or the bus, or in the street, let alone attacking a mosque, or something like that, they need to remember that if they do that, the terrorists give them a triple cheer. Because they are doing exactly what the terrorists want them to."

Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." More than ever in our society and in our world we need peacemakers. No, as I go about my daily life in this beautiful place I do not encounter many people of differing faith to mine, but I can try to meet any expressions of hatred or revenge towards our Muslim brothers and sisters with a call for solidarity, support and ultimately human love and understanding. And I will go on praying for peace.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Our next service will be on Sunday July 9th at 10am.

The service in June was cancelled as it clashed with the Fayre but what a good result – well done everyone!

Carol Cox horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

WELCOME CLUB

A good time was enjoyed on our trip to Bognor Regis and so thanks to Pearl for the following report.

On Tuesday 23rd May we set off for Bognor Regis with overcast skies hoping it would brighten up later. We stopped for coffee at the Garden Centre on the A36 between Salisbury and Southampton. We arrived at Bognor Regis at 12.30 and the skies were still overcast. Tom decided to leave his hat on the coach. By 1.30 the sun was out and the sky was blue, although it was still windy. Everyone enjoyed a walk along the seafront and there were plenty of shops for those who wanted to shop. We left Bognor Regis at 4.30. Tom was worried about the top of his head – whether it was burnt! We drove on to “The Three Crowns” for a drink and to do the raffle. We arrived home about 7.30, tired but we had had a good day.



We had a brilliant “Bring & Buy” taking about £82 – excellent. Many thanks to Leonie and Pat for taking the helm. We were able to pass on lots of goodies for the Fayre Bric-a-Brac stall on the Sunday. There will be a report on the Mumbles trip in the next issue of the News. By way of a change, there will be a speaker in July. On the 20th Christine Johnson will enlighten us about “The Leopards of Namibia”. Mrs Johnson will join us at 2.30 on that day, I’m sure she will be very interesting, let’s give her a great welcome by turning out in good numbers.

No meeting in August but we are going on trips in both July and August. July 25th will see us setting off for Dartmouth and Buckfast Abbey. On August 22nd we are going to Stratford-upon-Avon. Both trips leave as usual at 8.45 from Horningsham and 9.00 from Maiden Bradley. Names to me as usual, please.

Here’s hoping the summer months will be good to us weather-wise and look forward to seeing lots of you along the way.

Chris Short 843373

INS & OUTS



Just one 'welcome' this month:

Catriona Carr and Aeron Moy have moved in to 156 Chapel Street (the Professor's house). Catriona works at Longleat as team manager for the small animals. Aeron is a computer coder with his office in Cheddar. They do not have a dog, but a Siamese cross Persian cat called Chickadee.

Maggie Osborne

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



The main event in June, as in June every year, was the village Fayre. The club tried to do our bit in the days ahead of the great event, as well as during and after. We always enjoy it. I fear we have never won the full confidence of the Chairman in respect of our ability to put up a tent, but we are grateful that she has let us keep trying, and the generous share of Fayre revenues is vital to keeping the club going.

On the field of play, we are having a great season. In our Sunday league we are undefeated, and at the top of the table, with three wins and one game abandoned to the rain. The most recent was a victory by 130 runs over Broadway and Horton. They came with a team of good players, but only 8 of them, which was a handicap they were never going to overcome.

We enjoyed a convincing win in an evening game against our old friends the Frome Incidentals. On one of those relatively rare occasions in village cricket when both teams turn up with the right number of players, we absolutely thumped them, restricting them to 123 runs and chasing the target down in 12 overs. This was followed by some excellent sausages and chips at the Bath Arms, who have been looking after us exceptionally well this summer, for which we are very grateful.

Your correspondent missed the traditional game against Longleat in the week before the Fayre. Apparently it was a 6 a side match, but history does not find it necessary to relate the result.

Our Sunday afternoon friendly against Buckhorn Weston produced a notable example of another feature of village cricket, namely confusion about the scorebook. In this case there was confidence about the result (we won, convincingly) but complete confusion about when the game was supposed to end. Post-match analysis suggested that we had all left the field and gone to the pub while the game was, on a point of detail, still in progress. No one was inclined to abandon their pint so the result stood. We are especially grateful to Susie Hilleary for putting together a wonderful tea.

James Osborne



<p>Another year...</p>	<p><i>It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another year at Horningsham School. It's been a really successful year and we thank everyone for their support in making us a great school! We say goodbye to Mrs Grant and Miss Greatwood and wish them well for the future. They've brought a great deal to the school and we shall miss them. Have a wonderful summer everyone and see you in September!</i></p>
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VILLAGE FAYRE

What an incredible day—unexpected great weather and a wonderful turn out for our annual village Fayre. Well done to the dancers and Mrs Lapham for leading a great performance and wake and shake. The BBQ and tombola did amazingly well—thanks so much to the PTA and all the volunteers who helped—you did us proud and we are greatly appreciative. It was wonderful to see so many ex pupils and families return too!



OWLS AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Owls enjoyed a trip to see the amazing Ancient Egyptian artefacts at the British Museum in London. We were lucky enough to see real mummies, sarcophagi, wall art, everyday possessions, amulets, statues and so much more! To explore these primary sources from ancient history gave us a deeper understanding of the civilisation, helping us to see what life was like back then and giving us a greater appreciation of their beliefs and traditions. What an amazing day!



Owls outside the British Museum, London

<p>Square Challenge</p>	<p>As some of you will already know, we are doing a square challenge as a way of raising money towards the cost of new LCD touch screens to replace our interactive whiteboards in each classroom. It's very simple – just buy a square for £1 and you could win £100, £50 or £25 in the draw! If you would like to buy a square then just contact the school – please encourage others to buy one too!</p>
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SEA-LIFE CENTRE, WEYMOUTH

Robins and Woodpeckers had a great trip to Weymouth Sealife Centre. They saw a variety of fish, mammals and reptiles from the oceans and coasts around the world. Here are some of the children's favourites: moon jellyfish, piranhas, leafy sea dragons, sea turtles and even black tip reef sharks.



They ended the day on the beach with ice-creams and lollies and a sandcastle challenge. Thank you to our parent helpers for coming with us and also for embracing the soggy British weather!

RURAL SPORTS

Wow, what a fantastic day we had! It was full of plenty of sunshine and superb racing. Wylke Valley did a great job of hosting the event and all of the children did us proud, both with their racing skills and their behaviour. A real highlight of the day was the break during the morning where all six schools enjoyed the range of activities on the field. We also had a great opportunity to practise using the high jump apparatus. A big thank you to our lovely, supportive parents who were cheering us on!



CULTURE CLUB

We had a lovely time celebrating our cultural learning over the past few weeks in Culture Club. The children made Spanakopita parcels to share with the parents and everybody seemed to really enjoy the refreshing watermelon, Greek yoghurt, honey and walnuts too. Some of the children even brought in clothes from other cultures and the quiz was very popular! Well done Culture Club! Trás Bien!



RAINFOREST COMES TO WOODPECKERS

We are really grateful to Longleaf for bringing the rainforest to our doorstep. James and Ruth from Animal Adventure came in with a parrot, praying mantis, millipede scorpion, tarantula and pancake slugs – it was very exciting!



Dates:	Thursday 20 th July Leavers' Service (St John the Baptist Church) Friday 21 st July End of Academic Year
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Mill Farm Chronicles May – June 2017

As I sit and write this it's pouring with rain and blowing a hooley, the heating is on, I'm wearing "layers" and it's more like October than Flaming June. Only a few days ago it was sunny with temperatures up in the 20s and we were all stripping off to expose our pasty white elbows and knees to the world. The vagaries of our climate in Britain are a mystery to me but it sure keeps us guessing about what to wear on a day-to-day basis. Wellie boots and bobble hat or flip flops and bikini? This is Steve's quandary every day!

By the time you read this, God willing, Steve and I will be home after a hot sunny week in Portugal and our white bits will be golden brown. We are actually having a proper holiday, the first in 5 years and courtesy of my brother and sister-in-law. They have a villa in a place called Quinta do Lago and luckily for us they have a spare room with our name on it.

Now I'm really looking forward to this holiday but I do have reservations. My main concern is that my sister-in-law and her 2 sons' girlfriends are all very slim and fit . . . and I'm not! I've been trying to diet since March but my willpower is zilch and I like my food too much. So I have a horrible feeling that whilst they are all lying by the pool in skimpy swimwear I'll be the token fat relative sitting in the shade trying to stay cool whilst wearing a tent! Please note there will definitely be no holiday picture in next month's chronicles, lol.

Now while the sun came out last week we had our first cut silage done. It was cut one day, left to wilt for 24 hours and picked up the day after. Steve was happy because it was a decent crop. Give it a few weeks and the grass will have grown ready for the second cut.

We have had the first calf from our summer calving herd, who are in a field close to home so that if Steve needs to intervene then he can easily.

We are having a pre-movement test on 20 more of last year's calves today with a view to sending them to market next week which I really hope they pass but in view of all our neighbouring farmers being shut down with TB, is looking increasingly unlikely. Watch this space!

The donkeys have had their hooves trimmed with baby Poppy watching. Poppy is too young to need her hooves trimmed yet but John our farrier suggested that we start getting her to stand still and have her feet picked up to get her used to the experience. To do this we need to train her to halter because the little madam is getting cheeky and thinking it's all a game, not wanting to be caught.

Half term was busy in the bed and breakfast. Lots of families coming to visit Longleat and enjoying the rare sunshine. We are in Fayre week which in previous years has seen us have 3 couples who stayed for the whole week and had been coming for years and who I considered not only good friends but surrogate family. Sadly all this is changing this year. We have lost one couple to ill health and bereavement and another couple to ill health and distance. We will miss them all very much but I keep in touch with phone calls and we will try to visit them when it gets quieter. It's not all gloom and doom though because our lovely Kath and Ron are still here despite being in their 80s and driving from Stoke-on-Trent.

Socially we seem to have done nothing but eat out this month (I know, I know, what about the diet?!!!!) It was Jack's birthday on the 25th in the middle of the lovely weather so he decided he would like a BBQ. He invited all his work colleagues, friends and cousins so about 40 came. We had invested in a gas BBQ to make life easier but thanks go to Guy, my son-in-law who came and cooked so that Jack could mingle and enjoy the evening. Steve and I left them to it and went to a lovely pub in Combe Hay near Bath for supper.

On the 31st Steve and I joined Mark and Jo to go to The Bath & West Show on yet another sunny day. It was a really good day. We walked miles and saw everything there was to see from farm animals to chainsaw sculpting, dancing stunt diggers to pony and traps and we managed to time our day around arriving at the various trade tents (like Old Mill Accountants) in time for a complimentary lunch and tea and very nice it was too. Add on a couple of ice creams, a pasty, a huge cup of chopped fruit and supper in a pub on the way home and you can see why my waistline has disappeared.

The following day we went out for supper with friends to celebrate a 50th birthday to The Horse and Groom in East Woodlands which is renowned for its generous portions. We had a lovely time but rolled home vowing to not eat for a week which lasted till breakfast the next day!

The Village Fayre was a lovely day out as usual. The weather was kind and there seemed to be a record breaking number of people enjoying all that the Fayre has to offer. I picked my Mum up and brought her over and she really enjoyed herself too. We watched all the arena entertainment (loved the dog show), ate a yummy cream tea, an ice cream and sausage rolls that Mum declared were the best she had ever tasted. We spent a significant amount of money on raffle tickets, the tombola, various games, bought jams and pickles, a Peruvian cardi for Ivy, earrings and a mug and listened to Steve deliver his vocal commentary in his inimitable style throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Many thanks to Caroline and her team and everyone who helped put on this brilliant village event.

We have just taken delivery of 4 new brown Warren hens. They are rescue chickens and are living in a new coop that looks more like a little house than a coop. Because they are rescue chickens they look a bit moth-eaten and have a few bald patches but they will soon feather up. I thought it would be a nice thing for guests' children (and Ivy) to feed the hens and collect the eggs. They haven't got individual names but are collectively known as The Pontipines (named by Ivy) who, if you know your "In The Night Garden", are a tiny red family in this children's TV programme who are always busy and bustling around, which seems quite appropriate if you watch the hens for a while. The Pontipines laid 2 eggs on the first morning in their new homes. Boiled eggs anyone?



Margaret Crossman

HALL NEWS



This month at the Hall we have our coffee morning on Sunday 16th July - 10.30 til 12, drop in for a chat and let the kids have a run around.

On Saturday 15th July we have Horningsham School Summer Party. The Cley Hill Stompers will be providing the entertainment and we'll have a BBQ, cash bar and games for the children. All welcome, tickets available from school, £20 per family of four, £8 adult & £4 per child.

The Hall Committee could really do with some more support and fresh faces to bring new ideas to the Hall. If you can spare any time, whether to help with maintenance or events please come along to one of our monthly meetings. The next meeting is on Monday 3rd July 7.30pm. Without the villagers we cannot have a village hall!

Louisa Cruikshank



Sunday 16th July

10.30 – 12 noon

Horningsham Village Hall

Fresh cafetière coffee, teas and biscuits served till noon.

Everyone invited!

HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

And relax. Aren't we lucky to live in such a gorgeous location and despite being small in number (327 residents in the 2011 Census) we somehow manage to pull off this incredible event each year.

We had another fantastic day at the Fayre. The sun shone hard and bright and the wind dropped, enough to stop bothering the tents just not quite enough for us all to realise we were getting sunburnt. A lot of red faces in the village this week. Mine included.

The run-up to the Fayre was lively with gusty winds on Thursday sadly forcing the willing Cricket Team to retire early to the pub instead of building marquees. A reschedule meant we were able to get all the marquees up by 8pm on Friday but by 9am Saturday some had taken a battering. Cue some rebuilding, more ratchet straps and bigger stakes.

On the day of the Fayre we had people arriving at 10am feigning surprise that it started at 11 . . . news travels far and fast about Carole's plants, Margaret's bounty and Susie's baked goods. We just about managed to hold them back but by 10:30 there was a crowd at the gate and by 11 it was heaving. Folk carried on arriving long into the afternoon with a steady flow all day. Michael had to open a second field for parking and the green round the pub was heavily parked upon.

The atmosphere this year was really relaxed: the music played; and Steve entertained everyone on the mike, staying just the right side of family-friendly, with a dash of non-PC thrown in now and again to rattle Margaret. The wonderful steam traction engines chugged around the field carrying families in style and cooking their lunch at the same time (jacket spuds, foiled wrapped 7 times, in the engine. I know, ingenious.)

So we had a great day and we have a lot of people to thank. I'm going to start at the front of the field and work around. Susie Rogers and Keith, my saviours of the day by jumping on the main entrance to direct traffic and welcome people to the Fayre. Carol Cox and helpers for selling Grand Draw tickets like never before. The School and PTA for collecting so many tombola prizes and managing to stay sane through all that ticketing. Margaret, Graham and the Bric-a-Brac Massive; all 12 of you who sorted through the treasure and kept selling to the bitter end. Longleat Safari Park for not only bringing their Marvellous Monster but also sending a team of keepers and some brilliant bugs for the kids to handle. Longleat Forestry for providing 3 great raffle prizes including "win your weight in kiln dried logs". Tom is looking forward to a big breakfast before he goes to collect on behalf of his mum!

To Ken for displaying his woodturning skills, selling the raffle tickets for Forestry and promoting the Plank Race. To Copse & Loppers Forestry School for providing free kids entertainment and a raffle prize of a free Saturday session in the woods. Well done The Kenchingtons. Carole and all her green-fingered friends who, despite having a "reduced" Plant Stall this year, still needed extra tables for all her home-grown goods. Huw Gunning and his glamorous assistants for keeping the coconuts going despite having the wrong balls for the coconut shy. James and the Cricket Club for taking a sponge or two at the fat lady and entertaining everyone with the traditional games. A special mention here to Jim Bolton for his hand-crafted golf castle game. Well done Jim. To Trevor, Jean & Alison for running the bar again and The Bath Arms and Des for your donations to the bar supplies - thank you. To the School dads: Angus, Frank, Josh and Gavin (with help from Norman); thanks for revamping the BBQ and for patiently explaining, to anyone who asked, the

difference between Angus's sausage and Josh's. Apparently it's the size. To Tim Moore who sold more Whiskey Raffle tickets this year than ever before. Well done!

To Derick and David the steam traction engine owners who come from Hampshire each year; they say we are the best fayre they've been too; we've got the friendliest vibe and the "flattest field to steam around". These guys raised over £120 in donations for the Fayre and won't take a penny to cover their costs. To Steve for his entertaining, non-stop quality compering on the mike. I'm wondering if "Kate in the white top" did get any free kisses or it was just the one she offered to Steve. To the Horningsham pupils for opening the arena events with their Enchanting Dreams dance and to all their parents who allow the kids to come and perform for us. A big thanks to Emma and Ceawlin for coming to open the Fayre despite Emma having some cooking duties of her own to take care of back at the big house. To everyone at Bellevue Vets for organising the fun dog show which continues to be a great bit of fun. To Celia for the dog agility display and to Kirsty and the Infinity Dancers from Westbury who impressed us with their stamina and enthusiasm. I never know who the classic car guys are but they seem to magically appear each year; our thanks to them for bringing some beauties this year.

Moving indoors. to Julia, Dolly and their helpers (including the ones who cleared off!) who delivered some respite with Cream Teas and a lovely sit down. To Susie, Kim and Fran who coped admirably with the new Cake Stall location after the winds finished off their marquee. To Graham and Brian who played on the veranda and entertained us all with their C&W covers; some thought the band was called "Cake" after they set up under the hastily erected sign for the indoor cake stall. To Michael and the parking team who were our meeters and greeters down at the field and don't even get to see the Fayre till around 2pm. That pint was well deserved Mike.

Our special thanks go to Ian for hopping on the gate and the cream teas when we needed the extra help. Also to Susie, Kim and Fran for helping out on the cream teas and to Merlin for litter picking at the end. An extra special thanks to John Windess for basically moving here for the weekend to help set up and on-the-day activities. Also to his brother Alan for all his help and to Maggie for staying up till midnight to sew all the rats for splat-a-rat. And finally to Lord and Lady Bath who came up for a pint and a peruse mid-afternoon.

To everyone who donated bric-a-brac, baked a cake, put up bunting, pulled up weeds, helped set the Fayre up and pack up on Monday (June Windess deserves a special mention here) our thanks to you. It's a big community effort but it's worth the work: we raised a total of £9,603.67. After our expenses are taken out, we are able to give away £7,000. £1,000 to each village cause: The Hall, The Horningsham News, The Church, The Chapel, The School, The Cricket Club and The Luncheon Club.

After 4 years of delivering the Fayre I've stepped down now from the Chair. There's a lot of new people in the village and still plenty of enthusiasm from the villagers who've been here a while. We're having a "Future of the Fayre" meeting on Tuesday 4th July at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. If you'd like to be involved in some way next year, please come along.

Thanks again for making the Fayre a big success.

Caroline Dykes











CAKE STALL

Thank you to Fran and Kim for their tireless help not only in selling but contributing so many cakes to the stall. Thanks also to all the kind and generous people who made and gave us items to sell.



We made £541 (and 11 pence)!

Thank You!

Susie Hilleary 844454



Village Fayre Plant Stall

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

- Thanks to everyone who gave plants
- Thanks to everyone who bought plants
- Thanks to everyone who helped on the stall



**THE PLANT STALL MADE A PROFIT OF
£903**

Carole Hill (844365)



After a very successful Fayre, we raised an amazing £1,131!

A big thank you to Maggie, Denise, Pat, John, Leonie, Cara, Sally, Vera, Chrissy, Kelly, Stephanie, Paul, Bosy, Anne, Graham, Jean, Colin, Mike, Liz, Aggi, Gill, Nick, Iliana and family for all your help on Saturday and on the day of the Fayre. Without you I could not have managed.

Also thanks to Roz Algar and family for their donation of £100.

Margaret Long 844756



Grand Draw Prize Winners

£150: Kate from Codford

Balloon Ride: Mr Guy Hagg, Longbridge Deverill who also won the 2 course lunch for four at the Bath Arms Horningsham

Longleat Family Day Ticket: Ted Smith, North Bradley

£75: James Osborne, Horningsham

£50: M Bishop c/o Horningsham

£25: Serina Gregory, Trowbridge

Copse & Loppers Saturday Workshop: J Kenchington

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

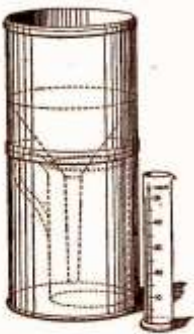


FIG. 16L.—Standard rain-gauge.

May started cloudy and quite windy which soon started to blow the dust around. On the 11th it started to look menacing but as it turned out we only had 0.16 of an inch, but it had started the change for the next few days giving us farmers a little more water on the very dry fields but still giving us warm muggy days and by the 21st we had 2.27 inches. It was then hot for the next few days giving rise to a chance of thunder and lightning and boy didn't it give us a show very early Saturday morning. A very dramatic show which of course is fine if you do not get a strike near you. Unfortunately my sister's bungalow in Hill Deverill got a full hit via the aerial which fused wires together etc. - a lucky escape. This storm soon passed with so little rain only 0.16 inches, but on the Monday (the 29th) we had 0.63 inches. At the end of May we have had 3.05 inches. June has started quite mild and on the Monday we had heavy rain and high winds 1.2 inches fell that day but a lovely day for the Fayre.

John Whatley

HORNINGSHAM RESIDENT AWARDED OBE IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS



Horningsham resident Ken Green has been awarded the OBE in the Queen's 2017 Birthday Honours for voluntary political service.

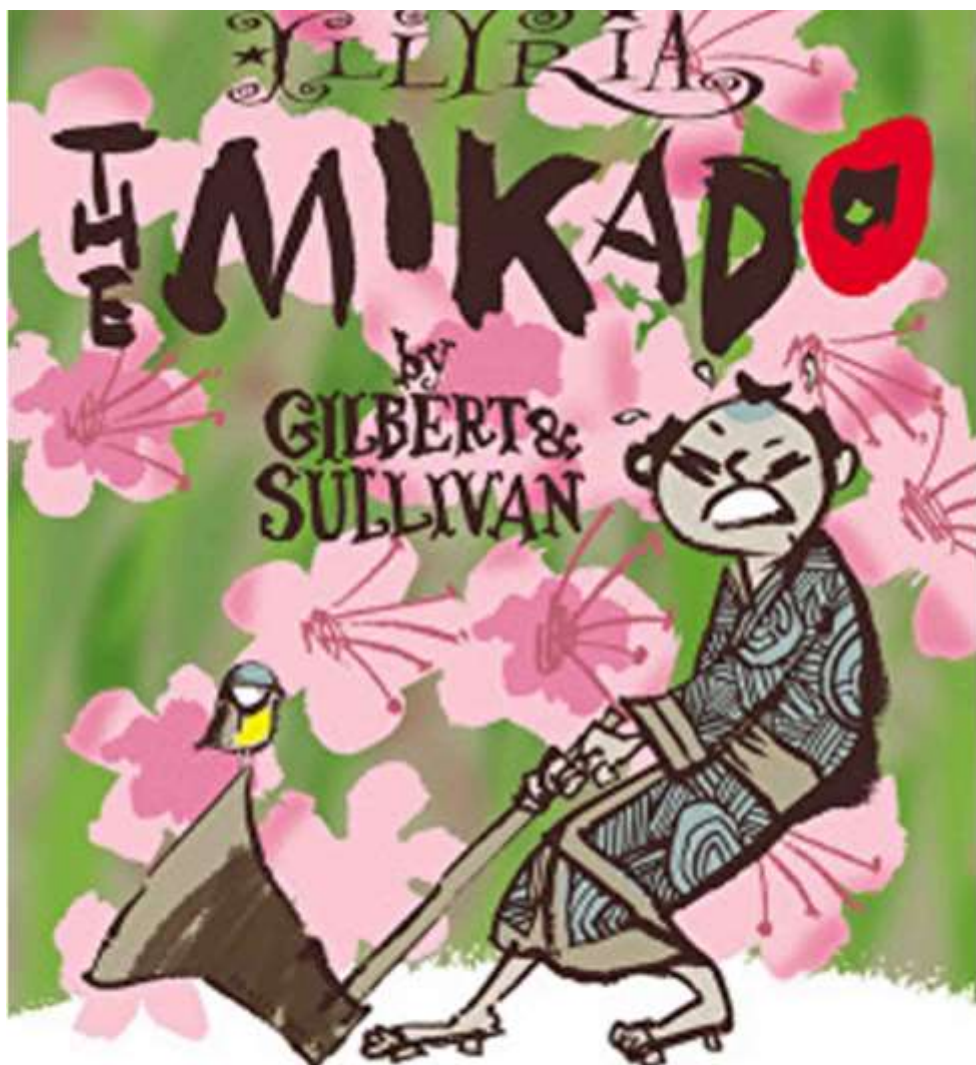
Ken, a native of Caernarfon, North Wales, was educated at the Sir Hugh Owen Grammar School in Caernarfon, leaving at the age of 18 to study at the Royal Manchester College of Music, where he remained for four years.

On completing his studies, Ken joined the former West Riding Constabulary in Yorkshire, transferring to the Wiltshire Constabulary in June 1965. He retired in December 1991 as Crown Prosecution Service liaison officer and head of his Divisional Prosecutions Department, having completed

over 30 years' service. He also read law and politics, and gained a Diploma in Supervisory Studies.

Moving to Warminster, Ken took up voluntary political work with the Conservative Party and, over the ensuing 25 years, amongst other positions, he served as the former West Wiltshire Association Chairman, Area Chairman for Wiltshire and Dorset, before being elected Regional Chairman for the South West of England and Gibraltar. Working in London and from home, he is currently the Party's Compliance Officer and Chairman of the Party's National Disciplinary Committee. Ken and his wife Pam moved to Horningsham for what was intended to be a couple of years – and that was almost 18 years ago!

An advertisement for Longleat Forestry. The background is a stack of cut logs. At the top center is a logo featuring a lion's head inside a shield, with the word "LONGLEAT" in orange capital letters below it. Below the logo, the words "Longleat Forestry" are written in a large, bold, orange font. Underneath that, in a smaller white font, it says "For all your timber needs, including:". Below this is a list of products in white text: "• Firewood logs • Woodchip • Mulch • Rustic poles • Coal • Kindling • Saw logs • Hardwood • Softwood • Christmas trees". Below the list, it says "5% discount for tenants of Longleat Estate" in orange. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "Tel: 01985 213507 Email: forestry@longleat.co.uk Web: longleat.co.uk/about/forestry" and "Picket Post, Warminster, BA12 7JS".



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Liz Nixon ernixon66@gmail.com

LONGLEAT NEWS

Longleat Safari Park is enjoying a summer baby boom with no fewer than 20 monkeys, three rare Chinese deer, marmoset twins and two reindeer calves all making their first public appearances in recent weeks.

The number of baby monkeys born is such that even the dominant male, known as Phil, has taken to helping out with babysitting duties. Found throughout south-east Asia and across the Indian subcontinent rhesus monkeys thrive in a wide variety of habitats and climates. In some parts of India they are believed to be sacred with the result that they have lived in close contact with humans for countless centuries - particularly in and around Buddhist and Hindu temples.



The black-tailed marmoset twins, which weighed less than 40 grams each when they were born, can spend up to the first six months of their lives clinging to the backs of their parents. Although relatively common in their native Brazil, it is unusual for them to breed successfully in the UK and keepers at Longleat are delighted with how well the pair are doing. Marmosets live in social family groups and have a strict hierarchy ranking. Unusually for primates, females nearly always give birth to non-identical twins.

Keepers are also celebrating the arrival of a trio of Père David's fawns. Père David's deer are originally from China and at one time there were only 18 left in the world. Following successful breeding programmes at Longleat and other zoos and parks around the world they have been reintroduced to their Chinese homeland, but are still regarded as under threat.



The Safari Park has also welcomed another new arrival in the shape of 2 tiny reindeer calves. The reindeer play a key role in Longleat's Christmas celebrations; welcoming visitors to Santa's woodland grotto. Longleat's Ian Turner said: "It's already been a good year for births here and it seems like the trend is continuing into the summer. Earlier in the season we had three baby oryx and two baby giraffes born. It's particularly pleasing so many different species are breeding and is a really good sign they're happy and healthy," he added.

World War 1: 100 Years Ago This Month

John Henry Bothwell

John Bothwell was the fourth child of Horningsham's resident doctor – James Bothwell and his wife Annie. The family lived at Holywell House at 78 The Island which is why the lane leading down from Chapel Street is known as Doctor's Lane. It would be hard to exaggerate the prominence of James Bothwell's position in the community. He was born in Tyrone, qualified as a surgeon in Dublin and came to Horningsham in 1877 and worked his entire career here, dying in 1928.



James and Annie's first son, George, was born two years later in 1879. He seems to have gone to sea because when he joined up in South Africa to fight in the Boer War he gave his occupation as "Sailor". He served for six months and qualified for the Queen's South Africa medal with clasps for "Transvaal" and "South Africa 1901" and the medal was sent to his father's address. No more is known of him until in his father's obituary in the Wiltshire Times he is described as "lost at sea before the war".

Their second child died in infancy. This was a daughter, Kathleen Eliza, who died aged just 6 months and was buried in Horningsham Churchyard in November 1880.

Annie was already expecting her third child, James Richard, who was born in the following July. James followed his brother to sea rising to be a Captain by the start of World War One. His ship, SS Arabian, while heading from London for Piraeus carrying ammunition and general cargo, was captured by a German submarine off Crete in October 1915. We know the ship was then sunk by gunfire but we don't know what happened to James. Usually in these circumstances the crew were treated as Prisoners of War. We do know that he received the Mercantile Marine Medal and resumed his career in the Merchant Navy after the war. He retired to Holywell House and was well-known in the village as "Captain Bothwell" until his death in 1966.

John, the 4th child was born in 1884 and by 1901 was working as a “Grocer’s Assistant” in Frome. 10 years later he was in Worcester now working as a “Grocer’s Traveller”. He was an early volunteer when war was declared, joining the Gloucestershire Regiment in Stow-on-the-Wold. By the 1st January 1915 he was on active service in France.

In March 1917 the Germans withdrew from the area of the Somme to formidable prepared positions that could withstand heavy bombardment, that the British called the Hindenberg Line. John’s Battalion was one of those involved in determined attempts to push the line back. This was the Third Battle of Ypres, more commonly known as Passchendaele which was infamous for the scale of the casualties: 320,00 Allied and 260,000 German.

John was killed in action on the 27th August 1917 in a costly and unsuccessful attack by the Gloucestershires. Passchendaele was notorious for the mud, so deep in places that men and horses drowned in it. The report on the 28th August by John’s Colonel conveys the dreadful conditions:

“The going was so bad in some places that it was a matter of dragging each leg out with the hands after each step. Rifles and Lewis Guns became clogged and rendered useless.

The state of the ground was very bad indeed and the men had to be in shell holes in up to their waists in water.

Enemy artillery and Machine Gun fire was still heavy and there was a great deal of sniping.

I consider that the failure to take the objectives was chiefly due to the mud and to having to lie in water for 12 hours prior to the attack.

Approximate casualties are 3 officers 180 Other Ranks.

The men are very much exhausted and in need of a hot meal and dry clothes especially socks.”



John’s body was never found and his name is recorded amongst the 35,000 missing on the Tyne Cot Memorial. In September 1918 Dr Bothwell received his son’s back pay of £10.65 followed in November 1919 by the £12 War Gratuity.



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Salisbury every Tuesday 83

Leaves Horningsham 09.35 *Holly Bush 09.37* Arrives Salisbury 10.30
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Departs Manvers St Trowbridge 13.10 Arrives Horningsham 14.04

Warminster every Friday 82

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- Sunday 9th July ***Village Reunion*** 11.15am at the Church
- Saturday 15th July ***School Summer Party*** 5pm to 10pm at the Hall
- Sunday 16th July ***Coffee Morning*** 10.30 – 12.00 at the Hall



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Sunday - Friday 6pm-9pm - Saturday until 9.30pm

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