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EDITORIAL

We are back after our summer break. So now you can look forward to a *Horningsham News* every month until the end of the year. We even have an advert for home-baked Christmas Cakes! Our cover is unusual this month, thanks to an aerial photo taken by Neil Dykes from his balloon in August. It shows Hitcombe Bottom, Hollybush, Newbury, Manor Farm, the Church and Church Street in high summer. He must have been flying on one of those rare sunny days.

We have most of our usual features though there was no WW1 casualty in September 1917. Instead, there is an extended From the Papers about how a Horningsham thief was treated 200 years ago – it’s a great story, do read it to the end. You can: catch up on the doings at Mill Farm; read about the baby anteater at Longleat (though he is hard to spot on his mother’s back); follow the progress of our Cricket Club; be inspired by our Autumnal recipe; see who has moved into the village; enjoy the account of the Luncheon Club’s Summer Outing; read a review of a new book about Kingston Deverill; and find out about Caroline and Neil’s continuing efforts with refugees in Greece. The report from the School has news of a “Friends of Horningsham Primary School” to replace the PTA as part of its efforts to involve the wider community. The Fayre Committee is looking for new members as Caroline steps down after a hugely successful run as Chair.

We are sad to record the passing of Ted Bond who, with his wife Barbara and their four daughters, was such a figure in our village for so many years. Our thoughts are with his family.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Friday 15th September

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CHURCH NEWS



The Village Reunion in July was, as always, a great success. Approximately fifty people came and after the service in church we all went to the village hall, where a good time was had by all! We enjoyed a superb lunch provided by Kim and her hard-working team, and everyone was happy enjoying their meal and chatting with friends they hadn't seen for a year. It was lovely hearing the buzz of happy conversation and reminiscences of Horningsham.

Although we did not have any Sunday services for the remainder of July or in August, we have had two weddings and three baptisms! It is good to know that the church is still being used during this otherwise quiet time.

As I write this in the middle of August there is an autumnal feel in the air; Harvest Festival will soon be here. The service will be on September 10th at 5.00pm, followed by the usual auction of produce. Everyone is welcome to join us for this short, informal service. The auction is always a jolly affair as well as an opportunity to purchase some home grown/home-made treats. There are always some surprises – do come along!

Helen Taylor

Church Date

10th September Harvest Festival **5.00pm**

Dear Friends,

Necessity dictates that I have to write this letter for the Horningsham News early in August, which means I have no idea what will be headline news when you read this. The world continues to be what feels like a very unstable and confusing place. Meantime the seasons roll on, the sun continues to rise, the moon to wax and wane and some things never change. Dogs have to be fed and walked, the English weather is true to



its reputation and as I write is cold and wet, so damp and horrible in fact that I'm sitting here with a hot water bottle and have just made myself a hot chocolate to try to warm up a bit! And, it being September, it's the start of a new academic year.

However many Septembers come and go and however many years it is since I had children at school, this month will always speak to me of new beginnings; new shoes, new school uniform, gloriously pristine, well, for a few days anyway. Because I had four children it used to take me ages to get them and their accompanying lunches, homework bags, PE kit and goodness knows what else, ready for school; I seem to remember having to get up at the unearthly hour of 5.30am to manage it all. Now, my grandchildren are at school and my son is in charge of the proceedings; how quickly those years have passed. As Paul Simon put it so succinctly in his beautiful song *Leaves that are Green* 'time hurries on'; it certainly does. And sometimes time hurries on in such way that we seem unable to actually inhabit our days in any meaningful way, nor appreciate our surroundings.

I know I have written about the glorious countryside around us many times but I cannot help but refer to it again as we approach Autumn, my very favourite time of year. There is something so magical about the way in which the season unfolds and deepens as the weeks pass. Below is an excerpt from a poem by Siegfried Sassoon. It's written from the perspective of a soldier in the trenches of the First World War, who, in the midst of utter horror, is dreaming of autumn in England:

He sniffs the chilly air; (his dreaming starts),
He's riding in a dusty Sussex lane
In quiet September; slowly night departs;
And he's a living soul, absolved from pain.
Beyond the brambled fences where he goes
Are glimmering fields with harvest piled in sheaves,
And tree-tops dark against the stars grown pale;
Then, clear and shrill, a distant farm-cock crows;
And there's a wall of mist along the vale
Where willows shake their watery-sounding leaves,
He gazes on it all, and scarce believes
That earth is telling its old peaceful tale;
He thanks the blessed world that he was born.

There is something so poignant about the Sassoon's reference to 'brambled fences' in the poem; the fences that are part of his life in the trenches are barbed wire pointers to hell, the brambled fences in the poem give way to 'glimmering fields' where 'the earth is telling its old peaceful tale.' More than ever in our world we need to allow that peaceful tale to be told, and to do all we can to make it a reality. And we too need to thank the blessed world that we were born.

Love and prayers

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Harvest Festival Service Sunday 24th September at 4.00 pm

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WELCOME CLUB

Welcome back! I hope you had a good break. We've had a few things happen since July. The trip to Dartmouth was lovely, such an interesting place and it was good to connect with Pam our former Maiden Bradley resident. She is well and sends greetings to all her old friends. The visit to Buckfast Abbey was very restful – all in all it was a most successful day.

In July Christine Johnson told us of her adventures with the leopards of Namibia. She gave us an interesting talk on the subject illustrated with some beautiful slides.

We have been to Stratford-upon-Avon to catch up with William Shakespeare's old area – more of that next time.

On Tuesday 26th September we are going to Minehead – names to me please if you want to come.

Our September Thursday meeting will be a chance to listen to Tom and his story of Oliver Twist – 2.30pm in Horningsham Hall on the 21st September.

See you soon!

Chris Short 01985 847373

Hall News



Our lovely Village Hall relies on the support of all the villagers and beyond to ensure its survival. To all those that sit on the Hall Committee our Village Hall is such a key part of Horningsham. We really do need you to help where possible. Maybe hire for a party, or join us in any way you can. What events do you want to attend at the Hall? Feedback is always welcome and gratefully received. You can attend any of our Hall meetings, the next one is on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm.

Unfortunately, due to dwindling numbers, we've had to make the decision to stop our monthly coffee mornings. Let's see if we can push forward with a new focus and see the Hall full of life and being used in the future.

Our plans still remain to continue putting the loving care into renovating the Hall, updating the heating system, repairing the floor, sprucing up the decor - but we need support along the way.

Hopefully we'll see some new faces at the Hall meeting in September all brimming with ideas and eager to join in, or maybe just suggest to a neighbour or friend that the Hall is a great space to hire!

Louisa Cruikshank



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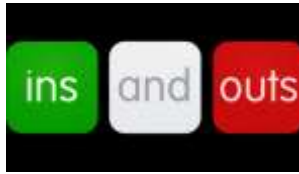
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INS & OUTS



Two Ins and one local move this month:

Welcome to Oliver Allanson and Sophie Dawe who have moved into The Round House with Oliver's sister Abi and her children Isaac (14), Aaron (13), and Seth (8). Oliver is a physicist, Sophie is training as a teacher, and Abi is a teacher.

Welcome also to Donna Van Tromp who has moved in to 91 Water Lane with her youngest son Liam who works at the Crockerton Bath Arms, and his girlfriend Charlotte who works for Guest Services at Longleat. Donna has two other children: Chris who lives in Corsley with his wife Olivia and baby Alicia, and Sarah who divides her time between Horningsham and London. Donna works at Wren House and has previously lived in Warminster and 14 years before that in Heytesbury. The family is looking forward to settling in to Horningsham, enjoying village life, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Darren and Debbie, Georgie and Dan, Abi, Millie and Hollie (and Hugo the sausage dog) are no strangers to Horningsham. They have moved up from Water Lane to the old Post Office in Chapel Street.

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The Future of the Fayre

The Fayre Committee is looking for some bright new brains to help put together the summer event of the village: Our annual Village Fayre.

Planning typically starts in October with a few ideas discussed and the event sketched out (very) lightly. Come January we open applications for the stalls (catering and small stalls) and invite new exhibitors, acts and performers for the arena events. February and March see the committee continue booking and planning whilst in April and May the focus switches to logistics and pulling all the strands together.

There is an open meeting on **Tuesday 19th September at 7pm** to discuss the future of the Fayre. Please come if you're interested in finding out more, have any ideas or want to help secure next year's Fayre and the much-needed revenue it brings to the village.

In the meantime, there are 5 roles that need someone to cover for 2018:

Stalls Booker: Booking the small stalls, caterers and kids entertainment
Involves sending out applications to previous exhibitors, advertising for new exhibitors, confirming stalls, ensuring quality of applicants, planning layout on the day.

Advertising & Marketing: Designing the poster, placing adverts in local press and magazines. Arranging the roadside signs to be updated for 2018. Putting up posters and roadside signs.

Logistics Site Manager: Booking the PA system & toilets. Overall design of the site plan and layout. Helping with the planning and erection of the tents and marquees, bunting and finessing of the site.

Facebook & Social Media: Keeping the Facebook page updated with pictures and news on what's been planned, booked and events.

Administrator: Getting the bar & gambling licence for the raffle, booking a first aid team and the barrel organ. General assistance to Lesley who does too much for one person!

There are detailed contact numbers, templates and emails for all the above roles. These will all be passed on to the person taking on the role. We'd love fresh ideas and input but the history is there to guide you if you'd like to follow our tried and tested method for delivering a fabulous Fayre over the last few years.

Please get in touch with **Lesley Trollope** lesley_trollope@btinternet.com for more information on each role and to help secure the future of the Fayre.

The date of the next Fayre is Sunday 10th June 2018

***The Future of the Fayre meeting is at 7pm
on Tuesday 19th September at the Village Hall***

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End of another year:

After a very busy summer term, we finished another successful year at Horningsham School with some very sad farewells. We all wished Mrs Grant and Miss Greatwood well as they move on to new things and it was also the end of an era with Mrs Day unexpectedly emigrating to Portugal to take care of her mother. After 18 years working at the school, it will be a different place without her.

We had a very moving leavers' service at the church at the end of term to say farewell and good luck to our Year 6 pupils. They did us proud and leave big shoes to fill! We wish them all good luck in their new secondary schools.

It was a really successful year at the school from a great Ofsted in September to well above national average results in July! Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way – we are a community school and are always so grateful for input and support from the village and local community.

Here comes the bride...

Mrs Woodward really knows how to bring the RE curriculum to life – the children in Owls experienced a Christian wedding first hand with all the class taking on roles and Rev Pauline Reid conducting the ceremony. A massive thank you to Rev Pauline for such a great job and also to all the parents who joined us and brought in food for the wedding breakfast and beautiful flowers. It was truly memorable and we were all impressed with the children's maturity. A big thanks to Mrs Woodward for making this all possible and providing such a memorable event.



PTA Summer Success

A big thank you to Helen, Louisa and all the PTA for making such a success of the Summer Bash for the community. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed dancing to the Cley Hill Stompers.



New Academic Year 2017-2018

We are very excited about this new academic year. We have lots of really exciting topics planned (including a Take One project and exhibition for the Spring Term) and welcome to our happy staff Miss Vaughan, who joins us from Fitzmaurice Primary School, Bradford on Avon to teach Robins and Mrs Hunt who joins us as a new Teaching Assistant.

We have a great team to build on the success of last year and continue working towards our vision 'to be an educational beacon that is self-sustaining and collaborative whilst maintaining our unique identity'.

Friends of Horningsham Primary School

We are a small school, but with lots of friends – yourselves and the village, the school community, ex-pupils and families as well as link schools locally and abroad. We have therefore created a new organisation called 'Friends of Horningsham Primary School' which replaces the PTA and encapsulates everyone with a link to the school –

not just parents and staff. Being small and in this current climate of political cuts, we need to raise funds to support projects and hope that this new group will aid this as well as provide opportunities for community events and projects. We are aiming to map out activities and events for the coming year and then will look to our friends to lead/ coordinate / support. To keep you up to date with this we will be providing a newsletter and information each term – if you would like to be on this mailing list (either as a friend or alumni of the school) then please email

FriendsofHPS@horningsham.wilts.sch.uk. Please do send us any ideas for events or let us know if you would like to be part of any fundraising events. We are still running the Square Challenge, so if you would like to help get more squares sold (eg in your workplace) or want to buy some squares (£1 each) to have a chance to win £100 then add this to your email.

Getting Involved with School

As a community school we always strive to work with the village and local community. If you would like to offer any expertise or time to work with us then please do contact us! We would love more reading helpers and it can be very rewarding in return! Just email the school or call on [844342](tel:844342) and we will be in touch!



HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB ANNUAL OUTING

On Thursday August 3rd, members of the Luncheon Club, friends, cooks and helpers set off on their annual outing. The sky looked a little threatening as we left Maiden Bradley for Portsmouth, but the forecast was fair and the skies lightened as we travelled south-east. After stopping for a coffee break at the Wyevale Garden Centre, we reached Portsmouth at midday. There we were dropped by our friendly coach driver outside Gunwharf Quays, an enormous new retail centre with all the well-known shops and the iconic Spinnaker Tower. From there we could walk to the quay where we would board our ferry for the proposed afternoon harbour boat trip, and enter the historic boat yard for visits to the 19th century HMS Warrior, the 18th century Victory, or the Tudor galleon Mary Rose.



We all went off to do our chosen activities, assembling at the quay for our afternoon boat trip.



By this time, a very strong wind was blowing and the rain clouds were gathering. Our Captain announced that it was too choppy to board from the pontoon, so we had to move to another more sheltered quay. Some members of the party decided a boat trip might not be the best option, but the intrepid majority set off for an interesting and informative guided tour amongst the warships, ferries and old ships, past Gosport and back via old Portsmouth and past the old pub where Nelson is said to have had his last pint. We returned safely to port slightly wind-blown, but not capsizing in the Solent like the unfortunate Mary Rose.



After a reviving cup of tea, we left Portsmouth at 5pm, pausing for a pint at a pub on the way home, and enjoying Tom's well-organised raffle.

We all exchanged news and views about our day, and there were many favourable comments on the Victory ship museum with its remarkably presented ship's interior and for the Mary Rose, which is now beautifully preserved in its new building. A truly amazing rescue of a sunken ship. The Spinnaker Tower was another spectacular venue with its amazing views and the dizzying vertigo of its glass floor. We resolved to make another trip to historic Portsmouth to see the things that there wasn't time for on this occasion.

Many thanks to Pearl for organising yet another successful trip.

Carole Hill

Mill Farm Chronicles June-July-August 2017

Where are the weeks going? It only seems 5 minutes since I wrote the last Chronicle, not 8 weeks ago.

It's been pretty quiet on the farm during the summer. The calves continue to grow, the cows are hopefully in calf again, the silage and hay are in and we are waiting for some decent weather so the combines can roll and Steve can haul the straw, that he has bought, into the barn. We haven't any of our own straw this year because we didn't grow any corn.

Poppy the baby donkey is growing like a weed and her mum Rosie and Aunty Lucky are looking really well with shiny coats and bright eyes.

Thelma and Louise the pigs are going through a wanderlust phase and think they are cows so should be out wandering in the fields, which they do daily. They are very happy free-range pigs!

The big hiccup of the summer is us going down with TB again. It wasn't a surprise considering that most of the surrounding farms are either under restrictions or just out of them. I think we are just resigned to the fact that this is the future for us now but it doesn't make it any easier to deal with the financial consequences.

Now you may remember from the last Chronicle that Steve and I were off on a long overdue (5 years) holiday to Portugal. Well, only Steve and I could go on holiday abroad whilst everyone back home swelters in a record-breaking heatwave. We came back less tanned than practically the whole population of Britain. Nevertheless we had a wonderful time in Portugal. Steve was more energetic than me. He played 2 rounds of golf, one of which was on the golf course where they play the Portuguese Open and he spent a day with my nephew and girlfriend at a water park whizzing down scary water flumes and hanging onto his swim shorts that he very nearly lost several times. Me? What did I do? Lots and lots of nothing! I swam, sunbathed, read and ate and loved every minute.

We arrived home on the Saturday



morning at 4.30am, so I only managed 2 hours of sleep before I had to get up to make breakfast for some guests we had staying. That same day we attended 2 weddings. We went to the day “do” of Steve’s Goddaughter Gemma at Teffont and the evening “do” of Sam and Hannah Baggs at Corsley. Both weddings were lovely.

Socially it’s been a great summer. Steve and I spent 2 days in London walking miles because I refuse to use the tube and going to a Hyde Park Summer Concert. We saw, Blondie, Mike and The Mechanics, KC and The Sunshine band and Phil Collins. It was a brilliant concert and an equally fab couple of days just wandering around the capital. A week later Amy, Jack Steve and I drove to Cardiff to see Coldplay perform at The Principality Stadium. That was another fantastic concert. We’ve been to a big family party at my brother and sister-in-law’s to celebrate lots of thing where we all had to wear hats, great fun. Finally we celebrated the 75th and 80th birthday of Michael and Joan Trollope (Steve’s uncle and aunt) by joining the family for lunch on The Glassboat floating restaurant in Bristol. That was such a lovely happy occasion too.

It’s been a busy summer business wise. Lots of families staying to visit Longleat which equates to lots of cooking and mountains of washing and ironing.

Steve has been up to the Bowes Estate (the Queen Mother’s old estate) for the start of the Grouse Season. He faceted me whilst on the moor so I could see the scenery and it looked very rugged and wild but beautiful. Maybe one day I’ll see it for myself.

Margaret Crossman



TED BOND

Just a year ago on last year’s Luncheon Club outing to Exmouth Ted and Barb Bond were with us. Barb died just weeks after and it is with great sadness that we report the death of Ted less than a year later. They were both active members of the Luncheon Club after retiring to Warminster from their home at Roundhill Farm. Ted served on the Village Hall Committee for many years and helped run the weekly Youth Club. We will miss his cheerful smile and send our love to his four daughters, who all grew up in Horningsham and to their families.

Lesley Trollope

Photo by Sharon Bond (1978)

Accidental Volunteers 8

When we first arrived in Thessaloniki 10 months ago conditions were very different. Winter was imminent and conditions in the camps were shocking. Now we are dealing with a different set of circumstances, mainly because living in a tent through the summer is a more manageable proposition. We've still got ten houses filled with families but the drama of their situation has diminished. We even housed one family who moved in and within a week moved back out saying the children missed their friends at the camp. I can't help thinking they will regret that decision when November brings its freezing cold northerly winds.

We have housed 100 people now, about half of our tenants have been accepted by European countries in the Schengen Zone. The UK is not in Schengen and takes no one from Greece. Sweden, Spain, France, Belgium and Germany have stepped up to accept the people we have been housing.



Sami and his girls ready for a day at the beach

We are now an officially registered Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). Dimitra, our long term Greek helper has packed in her job at the dinosaur theme park and works for us full time now. We have also enlisted the help of Mhamad from IKEA. He's not originally from IKEA, he is from Palestine, he has lived in Greece for 30 years and has proved to be invaluable in liaising with our Arabic-speaking tenants. He's also a very practical guy and gets us a discount at IKEA. This means that Caroline only has to spend a week or two each month there as neither of us enjoy much about any other aspect of the Greek experience.



*Jean distributing
breakfast*

Basically, the need we are meeting is removing the drama from these lives and replacing it with a little bit of security. It's not as exciting, but it is what the situation demands and what our tenants most appreciate. If there are no pressing medical errands, or a new family to move in, Caroline will still load up the mini bus with as many people as she can and run them to the beach for lunch and a splash around. Which is where this effort all started.



*Nour doing selfies
at the beach.
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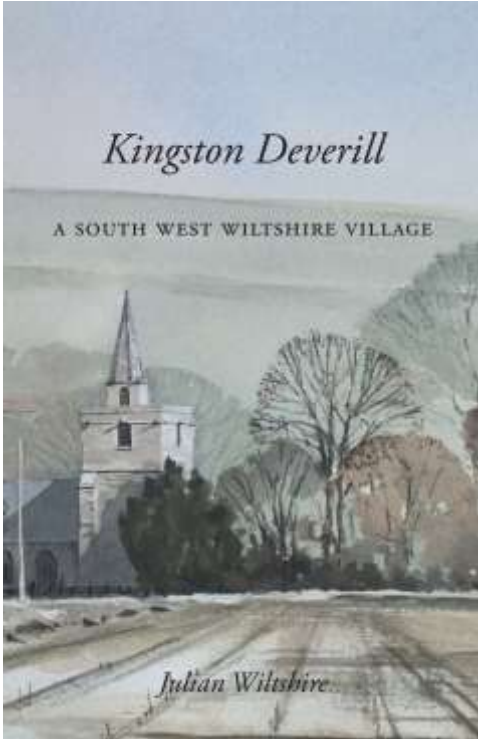
To tell you the truth, I grew tired of relating their hardships to everyone I met. I'm new to this game and once I had discovered its rewards myself, I had expected a flood of consciousness from those that I shared it with, but that hasn't happened. So our focus has reverted to meeting our tenants' needs in a very simple way, and accepting that everyone else is entitled to their own priorities. In the same way I was for many years myself.

We are very grateful for everything you've sent so far and if you wish to donate please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/SyrianFamilyHousing>

Neil Dykes

Kingston Deverill : A South West Wiltshire Village

by
Julian Wiltshire



Nowadays we tend to think of Maiden Bradley and perhaps Corsley as our “sister” villages, but throughout history Kingston Deverill has had as great a claim to a special relationship with Horningsham as either. Although 5 miles away by road it is much nearer as the crow flies, with the imposing chalk ridge of Brimsdown and Cold Kitchen Hill separating our wooded, upper greensand valley from the high downland valley with its delightful (and rare) chalk stream – the strangely named Deverill. What links the villages is of course the Longleat Estate which acquired much of Kingston Deverill over the centuries and this is particularly apparent when looking at the histories of the churches and schools, all of which have been well supported by the Thynne family. Both Horningsham and Kingston Deverill had schools set up in the 19th Century, but many years before in 1698 Jeremy Crey conveyed in perpetuity a property known as Keepens in Kingston to his son with the instruction “to provide

three good and discreet school mistresses that should teach to read in the parish of Horningsham, for instructing those poor boys and girls of the parish whose parents were not able to keep them in reading”. There was no school as such in Horningsham for many years, so the school mistresses worked from their own homes. Crey's Charity still exists and while the property which provides its income has changed within Kingston, it still supports the education of our children at Horningsham School! Sadly Kingston School closed in 1969 and although it no longer has either a shop or a pub, the village does have a rich history, an active village hall and a beautiful church linked to ours through the Upper Wylve Team Ministry.

All this and much more is in Julian Wiltshire's fascinating and scholarly book which covers the story of Kingston Deverill and its surrounding area from Roman times, through Alfred the Great's march to Ethandun for his decisive battle with the Danes and on to the farming communities and social life of the village to the present day. A recommended read for anyone interested in the history of our locality.

Bob Grove (*former resident of Kingston Deverill*)

Published by the Hobnob Press, Sutton Veny, 263 Pages, Price £12.95

MONTHLY RECIPE

Sugar-topped Blackberry and Apple Cake



Harvest, what could be more important? Success and failure, hard work and celebration loaded with mysticism and ritual. The bringing in of the crops. Well, my recipe relies on the success of a good crop of blackberries and that I think we have, big fat and juicy. Later in the month we have Michaelmas, a Quarter Day that for centuries has been the time for payment of rents and general settling up. People could also be hired at the Hiring Fairs or the Mop as some were called. Carrying an emblem of your trade. You would swap a mop, a crook, whip etc with your new employer and a good-will token of a shilling would be given to be spent at the fair.

Ingredients

1 tbsp butter for greasing	350g/12oz cooking apples
300g/10½oz wholemeal flour	½ tsp baking powder
1 tsp ground cinnamon + extra for dusting	175g/6oz Horningsham blackberries
175g/6oz light muscovado sugar	1 egg beaten
200ml/7 fl oz fromage frais	55g/2oz white or brown sugar.

Method

1. Grease a 900g/2-lb loaf tin and line with baking paper. Core, peel and dice finely the apples. Place them in a pan with the LJ, then bring to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Beat into a puree and leave to cool.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and cinnamon into a bowl (add the remaining bits) Then stir in 115g/4oz of the blackberries and the sugar.
3. Make a well in the centre and add the egg, fromage frais and the apple puree. Mix gently but well. Spoon the mixture into the prepared loaf tin and level the top.
4. Sprinkle the remaining blackberries on top and press them into the mixture, top with a good sprinkle of sugar.
5. Bake in a pre-heated oven 190 C 375 F 170C Fan Gas mk 5 for 40 - 45 minutes. Test with a skewer and if it is done, leave to cool in the tin.
6. Turn the cake out, remove the lining paper and serve dusted with cinnamon and more blackberries.

Happy Harvest!

Jayne Glover



Jason Rebello, Jazz piano

Saturday 16 September

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HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



Village cricket does not depend upon a great deal of skill, or fitness, merely on two teams turning up on the same day at the same ground at the same time with a shared willingness to defer, for a few hours, their next visit to the pub. Sometimes even those conditions can be overlooked, as in our recent fixture against Mere, when we were set up to play them on the wrong day (how embarrassing might that have been?), and after that error was discovered in time, we turned up at the wrong ground. Happily we had also turned up for the wrong start time, rather too early, which allowed us 15 minutes to race back across the A303

and start the game. I am quite sure the opposition did not notice a thing. This strange preparation did not do our performance any favours, however, and we lost by nine wickets.

That was a rare blip in a season in which we have won most of our matches. In the league, we suffered just one defeat, on a day when five or six of our key players were away. But we were also denied probable victories in three other games by rain, and the points we missed out on hurt us. We finished the league season in a creditable second place, but would have much preferred to be first.

We said goodbye during the summer to our loyal and super tea lady of many years Amanda Dye, who carried on making teas after she moved to Maiden Bradley but has now gone to live in Yorkshire, a little bit too far. But we are extremely lucky that Susie Hilleary has taken over and we could not be more grateful. The future of the club is in good hands. We are also much indebted to the Bath Arms, which has looked after visiting teams and ourselves exceptionally generously after matches this summer.

There are still a few weeks left of the season, four or five friendly games to play, so let's hope for some fine late summer weather.

James Osborne

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LONGLEAT NEWS

ANTEATER BORN

A rare baby giant anteater has been born at Longleat as part of a captive-breeding programme for the bizarre-looking South American mammal.

“Bubbles”, as he’s been nicknamed by keepers, is the fourth giant anteater to be born at Longleat.



The new arrival is particularly welcome as the species is officially listed as ‘Vulnerable’ on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. Between 2000 and 2010, the total population declined by 30%.

“To have a successful birth with our anteaters is fantastic as the species is under increasing threat in the wild,” said keeper Kim Reynolds. “It’s especially good to see mum Maroni and Bubbles showing all the usual signs of a mother and baby relationship in the early stages. For the first six months Maroni will carry the baby on her back virtually all the time. The baby takes milk by moving around underneath mum, especially whilst she is resting. “The baby aligns himself to the pattern on mum’s back to provide camouflage from any predators who might prey on the young. It’s so effective that it’s almost as if the baby becomes invisible,” she added.

Mum Maroni, who was born in France, and German dad Bonito arrived at Longleat five years ago as part of a co-ordinated European Breeding Programme for the species.



Giant anteaters originate from Central and South America and can be found in tropical and deciduous forests. As its name suggests the giant anteater is the largest of the anteater family and can grow to over two metres in length with tongues that extend to more than 60cm. Their long nose, tongue and sharp claws enable them to get to into ant and termite mounds, eating over 30,000 insects in a single day!



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Can you spare some time? We really do need to recruit some more volunteers. They are the life line of our Community Shop. As the shop gets busier Sue needs a volunteer for an hour or so each morning so that she can get on with the ordering, sandwich making and baking. We have a dedicated team but there are times due to holiday/sickness when she is on her own. The till is not difficult to manage but there are other jobs where volunteers could help out, e.g. sandwich making. You don't have to commit to a weekly slot but be a 'floating' volunteer who can be called upon when necessary. Please give it some thought and speak to Sue if you think you can help out. It can be fun!



The shop has been a Community Shop for 16 years and where others have closed we have kept our doors open!

Liz Nixon ernixon66@gmail.com

FROM THE PAPERS

Crime & Punishment in Horningsham 200 Years Ago

Committed to Fisherton Gaol:—Thomas Jennings, labourer, of this city, charged with stealing a glass decanter, the property of Mr. Charles Cusse, of the Three Swans Inn, in this city.—Robert Adams, labourer, of Horningsham, charged with having, in the day-time on Tuesday last, broken open and entered the house of John Edwards, of Longbridge Deverill, (no person being therein), and stolen a coat, his property.

19 May 1817

The following ten prisoners received sentence of Death:

Charles Mines, for stealing two ewe sheep, the property of James Hull, at Potterne;—Henry Angel and George Sheryer, for robbing Harry Witt on the highway in the parish of Downton;—William White, for robbing Thomas Willis on the highway at Winterborne Gunner;—William Brown, for breaking open the dwelling-house of Wm. Briley, at Martin, in the day-time, and stealing various articles of wearing apparel;—Robert Adams, for breaking open the dwelling-house of John Edwards, at Horningsham,

and stealing a coat, of the value of 5s.;—Charles Woodward, for stealing a gelding from a field in the the parish of Newton, the property of John Sealy;—Thomas Hamblin, for stealing a mare from a meadow at Marlborough, the property of Richard Bray;—Daniel Tabor, for burglariously breaking into the house of Leonard Jesse, at New Sarum, and stealing two watches and six silver tea-spoons;—Wm. Taylor, for breaking into the house of Wm. Grayer, at Landford, in the day-time, and stealing divers goods therein.

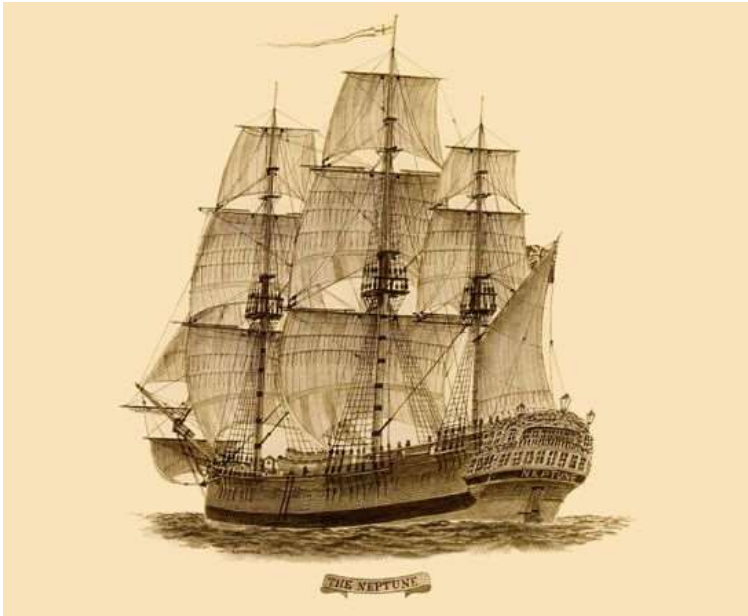
28 July 1817

The following five prisoners, who were sentenced to death at our last summer assizes, but whose sentences have been since commuted to transportation for life, were removed from Fisherton Gaol on Thursday last, in the custody of Mr. Dowding, the gaoler, in order to be put on board a convict hulk at Woolwich, the hulks at Portsmouth being at present quite filled:—Charles Mines, convicted of stealing two sheep, the property of James Hull, at Potterne; Henry Angel, for robbing Harry Witt on the highway in the parish of Downton; Daniel Tabor, for breaking into and robbing the house of L. Jesse, in this city; Robert Adlam, for breaking into the house of J. Edwards, at Horningsham, and stealing a coat; and Wm. Taylor, for breaking into and robbing the house of Wm. Grayer, at Landsford. Two other prisoners were also taken at the same time to the Woolwich hulk, viz. Uriah Aust, sentenced at our last assizes to 7 years transportation for breaking into the house of Jas. Ferris, at Bradford, and stealing linen; and Wm. Chaffey, convicted at our last city sessions on the 28th of July, of picking pockets in the Court during the business of the sessions, and sentenced to be transported 7 years.

27 October 1817

Robert Adlam, born in Horningsham, was just 20 years old when he was sentenced to death when he was convicted at the Salisbury Assizes of stealing a coat “of the value of 5 shillings” (25 pence). His story provides a fascinating insight into crime and punishment at the beginning of the 19th Century. Rather than being hanged in public outside the gaol in Fisherton Street, Robert’s death sentence was commuted to transportation for life.

He was removed to a prison hulk in the Thames at Woolwich until he sailed on the convict ship Neptune with 169 other convicts on 20th December for New South Wales. The voyage via the Cape took over four months landing on 5th May 1818.



On arrival in Australia, Robert would have been sent to a penal colony where he would have been set to work. He seems to have been of good behaviour because he was quickly granted a “ticket of leave” which would enable him to seek paid work within a limited area. The ticket also allowed him to request permission to marry. 10 years later in 1828 he married Mary Brown, who was also a convict in Parramatta which is now a suburb of Sydney. In 1829 their first child, a son Henry, was born followed in 1830 by their daughter Eliza.

However, in June 1830 Robert was in court again this time with his wife Mary, convicted of receiving stolen goods. Again they were both sentenced to transportation. Where were transported convicts to be transported to? Male convicts in New South Wales were transported 900 miles out in the Pacific to Norfolk Island where they were subjected to a particularly harsh regime of discipline and hard work. Mary was sent to Moreton Bay.

Robert 7 years of his 9 year sentence and then returned to New South Wales in 1837 where Robert was still subject to his original life sentence of transportation. In 1841 they were living at Manning River where Robert was working on a sheep farm. Their son Henry was living with them. Sadly, Mary died in December 1844. In July the following year their daughter Eliza was allowed to join Robert from the Orphan School in Sydney.

In October 1847 Robert requested a conditional pardon but before it came through, Robert died on 8th February 1848 in Carrington aged 51. In December the pardon was approved.

We know little of his son Henry but Eliza married and had 17 children many of whose descendants are alive today in Australia.



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