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EDITORIAL

An unprecedented cover this month drawing everyone’s attention to the Fayre Committee’s Cheese & Wine Evening at the Hall on Saturday 14th October at 6.00pm. The future of the Fayre is in something of a crisis following the retirement of its highly successful Chair yet we depend absolutely for the existence of the Horningsham News on the annual grant from the Fayre. Not only is the money important, but the Fayre is the only regular event that draws the whole community together. It is vital that it continues to thrive. So do come along to the Hall to share ideas about how we can together make sure the Fayre continues.

Inside this issue you will find most of our regular features including news of Poppy the baby donkey, a long-awaited Parish Council report, details of our local rainfall, and news from the School as its new school year gets underway. There are also spectacular photos of the balloons, a warning about the UK’s most dangerous plant which has appeared in the village and a report on the dredging of the Longleat lakes 110 years ago. There is also the report from the Best Kept Village judges on what they found when they visited Horningsham.

Finally we continue the series in which we remember the men on our War Memorial by telling their stories in the month that they died 100 years ago. This month there were two deaths and there is one more to come this year which made 1917 the worst year of the war for Horningsham with no fewer than 8 men killed.

Tim Hill

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

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CHURCH NEWS



Unfortunately only a very small congregation came to Harvest this year. On reflection, perhaps we should not have brought it forward this year – so many people were away. However, those that came enjoyed the service and were very generous when it came to the auction of produce afterwards.

We are approaching two months of remembrance; of loved ones in October and our servicemen in November. The All Souls service is the time when we light candles in remembrance of relatives and friends who are no longer with us. This service is always well supported and we hope to see many of you there. If you would like a candle lit in memory of someone there will be a box for names left on the table inside the church door. Alternatively you may contact our vicar Pauline or me. Please note this is an afternoon service. There will be refreshments afterwards and all are welcome.

Helen Taylor
Tel 215906

Church Date

29th October

All Souls service

4.30pm

Dear Friends,

Walking the dogs this afternoon I found that my normal route was unavailable as the gate onto the footpath was closed. So necessity dictated that I walked along the road, which is always a bit perilous because although it is a little country lane basically, it has lots of twists and turns and cars travel along it at alarming speed. But actually, I really enjoyed my walk and was struck by how much we miss when we drive around in our cars, probably preoccupied with thoughts about the next thing we have to do, or in my case, what I'm going to say in the sermon and what on earth we are going to have for dinner!



Travelling at speed through the country lanes at this time of year we remain blissfully unaware of the extraordinary bounty the earth offers us. I drive along said road several times a week and I hadn't noticed the lovely red hips and haws, the gorgeous glossy acorns nor the plethora of juicy purple blackberries that stained my fingers as I pulled them off the branches. I'm afraid my walk took longer than necessary because I kept stopping to eat them; no chance of them making it into a blackberry and apple pie!

If you think about it, the seasons are ordered in a really clever way. Nature gives us calorific sustenance in the form of fruit and nuts that are energy dense to keep us warm in the winter months; we need those calories when the cold and wet come. Of course we have lost our sense of reliance on this natural harvest because we can trip down to the supermarket and buy whatever we want whenever we want. But for our forbearers these berries, fruits and nuts would have been carefully harvested and stored and would have been vitally important for their survival. Our disconnect with the earth has had and continues to have appalling consequences for the well-being of the created order in the widest sense. We have seen evidence of this in the terrible hurricanes that have battered parts of the world recently, they didn't come from nowhere; their severity is a result of global warming.

Reading around this theme I came across a concept called 'reverential ecology' which really spoke to me and chimed with the Christian calling to care for God's earth and all living things. "Reverential Ecology adds an extra dimension of profound feelings of reverence towards all life. Reverential Ecology operates upon the principle that all natural things are holy, possessing the divine, not as a transcendent presence but rather as an immanent one. In place of controlling, owning or possessing, mankind participates in the process of the intricately woven web of life, acting no longer as masters or stewards of the earth; rather as participants and co-creators of the earth."

Now I am going to hold my hands up here and admit that the Christian church does not have a good track record in this area. We have taken God's injunction in the book of Genesis to care for the earth as permission to dominate and exploit it purely for our own ends with total disregard for the impact of our actions on the natural world. We need to rediscover what it means to live in harmony with mother nature and what it means to live with reverence for all created things, for after all, as the psalmist so beautifully put it 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Love and prayers

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Our next service is on Sunday 8th of October at 10 am.

We are also looking forward to a village interest wedding on the 28th of October, details of which will be reported later.

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WELCOME CLUB



Here we are in October already – tempus fugit!

Last month we had a good trip to Minehead and also had another story-telling courtesy of Tom, both were most enjoyable.

Our last outing for the season will be to Lymington and Christchurch. This is on Tuesday October 10th, slightly earlier in the month to enable us to get home before it is too dark. Departure times as normal: 8.45 from Horningsham and 9.00 from Maiden Bradley.

Gordon Brockman will be with us on October 19th to look at and value our antiques – no jokes please! Do look out any items you have at home which will be of interest and bring them along to the Hall at 2.30pm on that date. Gordon has been to see us several times and is always fun.

Can I please ask you to give some thought to our Christmas arrangements? It is planned to go out for lunch as we did last year. Although nothing has been finalised the possible date is Tuesday 5th December and the venue more than likely to be “The Bell” where we were last year. The price will be £12 - £15 or so per person and the Club will be responsible for the cost of the coach. I will be asking for your decision in a few weeks, when I will be able to be more informative. ALL are welcome.

Let me know if you are coming on the Lymington & Christchurch trip.

Chris Short 01985 847373



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE



The Fayre Committee have held their first meeting in preparation for the 2018 Fayre. Our Fayre is a hugely successful event, much enjoyed by many people. For Horningsham it is the one occasion in the year when the whole village meets together; it is also an important fund raiser for all the village groups.

The Committee very much wants the Fayre to continue, but we do need more help. We are aware for example, that the arena events need some fresh ideas. We need someone to take on organising the cream teas; we are also looking for a new Chair.

There are a range of tasks that we need help with, some are small, some are a bigger commitment, but they are all vital to the smooth running of the Fayre. Do you have the skills to be our new Chair? Perhaps you can help for an hour on the day at a stall? Or maybe you can put up some posters or the signposts that go up to advertise the Fayre?

On the cover of this issue of the News is an invitation to a free Cheese and Wine Evening at the Hall. This event is to thank you for your continuing support for the Fayre and to share ideas about the future of the Fayre. We very much hope you will come along and join in the conversation and hopefully volunteer to help in some way.

Our Fayre is something we are very proud of. The Committee has received many positive comments about how much people enjoy our traditional village Fayre and they look forward to it every year. With your help, 2018 has the potential to be even better.

Helen Taylor

Fayre Cheese & Wine Evening

Saturday 14th October 6.00pm

At The Hall

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 21st September at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Stephen Crossman, Michael Trollope, Fran Chris, Jayne Glover, Ken Windess, Simon Millar, Gerard Brierley, and Matt Simpson.

Apologies: Dermot FitzGerald; John Radley

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM.

Planning Applications

Application Ref: 17/07572/PNTEL

Application for PN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Proposal:-Installation of 1 equipment (battery) cabinet, together with ancillary supporting apparatus, at existing telecommunications installation

At: Telecommunications Mast, Land situated at Park Hill, Longleat, Horningsham, Wiltshire.

Application Ref: 17/07591/FUL

Application for Full Planning

Proposal: - Replacement of existing animal enclosure fencing. Creation of new vehicle access and egress points to carnivore enclosures including lock-gates. Creation of new sections of roadway within safari park.

Location: - Land Associated with Longleat Safari Park, Stalls Farm, The Stalls, Corsley, Wiltshire, BA12 7NE

Application Ref: 17/08156/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Fell 1no Salix. Small stem, previously part of small twin stemmed tree.

Location: - 126 Cock Road, HORNINGSHAM, BA12 7NB

Application Ref: 17/08158/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - "Re-pollard" 1 no Laburnum which is collapsing over neighbouring property.

Council had no objections to any of these four applications.

Location: - 167 Chapel Street, HORNINGSHAM, BA12 7LU

Application Ref: 17/08722/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Copper Beech tree - fell

Location: - The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7LW

Council objected to this application to fell this very fine mature copper beech tree which occupies a prominent position in the village landscape. Although mention was made of a fungus, the form specifically stated that the felling was **not** due to the condition of the tree nor was any evidence offered to justify its felling.

Licensing Application

The Licensing Authority has received a New Premises Licence application for Forester's Inn, Center Parcs Longleat Forest Warminster BA12 7PU

The application requests the following:-

Sale of alcohol ON and OFF the premises Monday to Sunday – 08:00 hrs to Midnight

Recorded Music Indoors – Monday to Sunday 08:00 – Midnight

Late Night Refreshment – Monday to Sunday 23:00 - Midnight

Council had no objection to this licensing application though it expressed concern that it might exacerbate the existing traffic problems on the road approaching Center Parcs.

Parish Steward – Highways

Several matters were raised for the Parish Steward's attention including: the clogged state of the stream in Church Lane; the blocked gully from Church Lane into the field; the overgrown hedges in Munday's Lane.

Wiltshire Council Winter Maintenance

Councillor Crossman offered to check the level of salt in each grit bin around the village. He also agreed to store a further 1 ton bag of salt at Mill Farm.

Grounds Maintenance

Council approved the payment of an invoice for 9 cuts of grass through the village from 1st April to 9th September. It noted that there was provision in the contract for up to 12 cuts during 2017.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Ken Windess reported that there were no outstanding issues but that he regretted that in future he would only be able to carry out voluntary work on the Council's assets in his workshop rather than on-site. He offered to establish sources of assistance in this regard. Councillors unanimously expressed their understanding of the reason for his decision and their enormous appreciation of Councillor Windess's tireless efforts over the years.

Best Kept Village Competition

Council received a report from CPRE on the outcome of the competition. Councillors were pleasantly surprised by the positive nature of the report which found many points to praise and only a few pointers to improvements that could be made.

WWI Commemorations

Councillor Matt Simpson presented a report on the three quotations he had received for apple trees and Councillors discussed the next stage of the enhancement of the area around the War Memorial.

The Parish Council with the invaluable practical assistance of the Estate is restoring and improving the War Memorial and the associated area as the community's commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the First World War. Much has been achieved. The Memorial has been cleaned and the re-painting of the names to ensure legibility is underway. The Estate has cleared the adjacent land, revealed the existing path around the entire plot and sown it with grass such that it now looks transformed. The view from the Memorial has been restored and the Memorial is now clearly visible from many points around the village just as it was when it was erected in 1920. The project has already been widely appreciated in the community and has attracted interest from the Society of Local Council Clerks who wish to feature it as an imaginative example of how communities in England are commemorating the First World War.

The plan now is to plant an apple tree for each man on the Memorial – 25 in WW1, 4 in WW2 and the 1 Belgian soldier who died at the hospital at Longleat and is buried in the Churchyard – 30 in all. The trees will be old varieties of eating and culinary apples that were around in the area at the time. The Belgian will be marked by an old Belgian variety of pear tree. Councillor Simpson is sourcing the trees and will organise their planting at the lower end of the plot in 3 rows of 10. The Parish Council voted to finance this, will take responsibility for the care of the trees and will include the cutting of the grass in the annual contract for cutting the grass in the village.

The Chairman will write to Mr Bob Montgomery, CEO Longleat, to advise him of progress with the plans and to express the Council's appreciation of the Estate's active involvement in the project.

Village Hall Committee

Councillor Windess reported that there had been resignations from the committee but one new member had joined. He said there is continuing concern about the future of the Hall due to lower levels of bookings, particularly of weddings. The Hall needed an injection of new ideas and fresh inputs of effort to sustain it.

Wiltshire Mobile Library Service

Council was pleased to note that the recent Wiltshire Council review had led only to a reduction in the visit to Horningsham of five minutes. Councillor Chris reported that the service needed more users if it is to continue.

Play Area

The Chairman reported that he had received one alternative quote for the work from Longleat but that it was for a somewhat different configuration. Councillors agreed that it would be beneficial if the Chairman arranged a further meeting with Bob Montgomery.

Dates for Meetings in 2018/19

Council approved the following list of dates:

Thursday 11th January 2018 7.30pm
Thursday 22nd February 2018 7.30pm
Thursday 5th April 2018 7.30pm
Thursday 17th May 2018 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 21st June 2018 7.30pm
There will be no meeting during the July/August Break
Thursday 13th September 2018 7.30pm
Thursday 25th October 2018 7.30pm
Thursday 6th December 2018 7.30pm (Budget Meeting)
Thursday 10th January 2019 7.30pm
Thursday 21st February 2019 7.30pm
Thursday 4th April 2019 7.30pm

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE REPORT



Horningsham

This must be one of the best settings of any Wiltshire village with the surrounding countryside framing the village and the beautiful copper beech trees all around are spectacular. The imposing church is well kept but the steps up to the west door and down to the conservation area need a little weed attention. The graveyard is nicely mown and looked after and the conservation area is mown by grazing sheep who are doing a great job. The notice board by the primary school did not seem to have a great deal on it to tell us what might be going on in the village but the school was alive with children's laughter and activity. They have a pretty garden area in the front of the school building. The new plans at the very well looked after war memorial look to be very exciting with much to be done in the future. The verges and grass areas down Water Lane were beautifully looked after and there were families enjoying the seats under the trees when we were passing. The Mill pond has many birds swimming around which must be lovely for the local children.

The village hall is spacious and is well painted and fresh looking but the tarmac areas surrounding the hall could do with a weed because, in contrast, the playing areas were mown and neat. We gather there is to be a children's play area here which will make a big difference to families when enjoying the cricket and activities on the playing field. We walked down a well signed footpath opposite the Village Hall and then went up to the public house which we hear is well known for its good atmosphere and hospitality. The grass and trees outside the pub were well looked after and the car park was clean and tidy as were the telephone box and bus shelter.

The plan we were given was easy to read but there was no clear boundary on which areas we were supposed to be judging. We quite understand the problem of the houses now being let out to outsiders making it difficult to keep the village community spirit alive.

The things we thought might be improved were:

The notice board needs cleaning and maybe used more.

Better weeding around the village hall.

The conservation area behind the church needs more care.

HALL NEWS



Our last meeting was well attended and we welcomed a new member, Nigel Gates. If you have any time or ideas we will always encourage new faces at our monthly meetings. The next one takes place on Monday 2nd October, it would be great to see you there!

Bonfire Night at the Village Hall will be happening again this year. Please come along and support us on Saturday 4th November from 5pm. We'll have the traditional BIG bonfire and a few fireworks alongside fab food and drinks. Wrap up warm and join all your friends on the Hall Field. Further details below.

Louisa Cruikshank



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**SATURDAY
4th NOVEMBER**

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INS & OUTS



There are 3 'ins' and one local move this month but nobody leaving – we welcome:

Reginald and Diana Ware who have moved in to 88 Water Lane. They have arrived from South Gloucestershire as Reginald's change of job has brought him to Frome. He is a surfacing engineer for Tarmac. Their family are all grown-up but they have brought with them 3 Rough Collie dogs (and 3 Irish cats!). Diane breeds and shows the dogs.

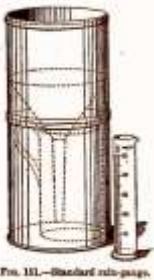
Nick and Henrietta Freeman have moved in to The Old Vicarage with Leo, aged 5, who is at the Steiner School in Frome, Niluh aged 14, who is at school in Bath, and Maya 18, who is studying photography in Copenhagen. Henrietta comes from Denmark and is an interior designer and would be happy to advise anyone wanting help. Nick grew up in Bath and is a Yoga instructor teaching Ashtanga Yoga.

Eliza Dugdale has moved with her Sheltie (Maisie) in to Holywell House, 77 The Island. She was living previously near Pewsey. She is a Wiltshire girl. She has two grown-up sons, one in Toronto and one in New York. She studied as an artist at St Martin's and is a fashion designer and stylist. Once she has settled in she is keen to help in village life.

Beth Medhurst and her daughter Grace (aged 3) have moved from Little Scotland to Manor Farm Cottage with their Terrier, Ralph. Beth is working as a carpenter at Longleat where she has been for the past 15 years.

Maggie Osborne

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL



What crazy weather we are having, I missed last month's report as harvest etc. was in full swing. August was not a good month for harvest of any sort, we did not seem to have enough dry days, it rained one day and dry the next. On the 18th we had a show of lightning and thunder at 1pm but that did not clear the air as it became very humid. It was not till the end of the month that things changed, becoming hot, just in time for the Bank Holiday.

We have had 2.11 inches compared to 1.97 inches last year. A total of 20.55 inches so far this year. September has also started with rain, just making things damp - so much for our Indian Summer. We had 0.69 inches over the weekend of Frome Show giving us a total of 1.44 inches so far. Still we are only just at the beginning of September as I write this, so let's hope things warm up !

John Whatley

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A New Year

We've had a great start to a new academic year at Horningsham. Our new children – in reception and those joining the school in other year groups – have really settled in well and there's a very positive atmosphere with everyone excited about the year ahead. We had a welcome picnic for our families, followed by a briefing for parents on expectations for the year. As always, we are keen to work with the village and welcome any involvement in community projects – likewise, if you would like to work with us and be involved in any of our events or learning then just contact the school.



Stone Age Workshop

Woodpeckers Class had a great start to their "Stone, Iron, Bronze: The Three Ages" topic. A man from Cheddar, dressed in role from the Stone Age, came in to tell us all about the period and show us some of the core skills needed for survival. The children and the staff were very impressed with his authentic look and his vast knowledge. He showed us how to flint knap to make tools, discussed how resourceful the Stone Age people were with animals and even showed us how to make a fire. We learnt that flint is an amazing resource, although it can be very dangerous. Thank you to Mrs Wellstead for organising such a great experience.



Harvest Festival:



As custom, our Harvest Festival takes place at the end of September. Usually this coincides with the Church's service and our produce is sold at the auction. This year the Church held their service at the beginning of September so we donated all the tins and packaged goods to the Warminster Food Bank and sold our produce at the end of the day to our parents. All of the proceeds of the sale will be given to the Church.

Our New Leaders



All of our Year 6 pupils have been given their new leadership roles in the school. They have so many ideas already and are very keen to build on the great work of their predecessors whilst making their own mark! This year we have Playtime Leaders, Head of Arts Council, Head Girls, Team Captains and Heads of School Council. They have all met and mapped out some ideas for the work they intend to do this year.

"We are very excited and proud to be Head Girls this year for our school. We plan to make everything bigger

and better, including starting our own newsletter and school blog!" Amelie and Emily (Head Girls).

"We will try our hardest to be the best we can be. We will make sure our teams work together and we will be responsible role models. We are all over the moon that we're Team Captains and have amazing teams!" Clemmie, Megan, Jessica and Molly (Team Captains).

School Council 2017-2018



Heads : Maddie George
Madeleine Myles
Y5 Rep: Mackinley Burton
Y4 Rep: Eden Elston Bailey
Y3 Rep: Alex Ball
Y2 Rep: Polly Spriggs
Y1 Rep: Charlie Salmon
R Rep: Jessica McConkie

Well done to our new School Council Reps – they put themselves forward for the role and were voted in by their peers. The School Council are keen to look at parking, new toilets and supporting local charities.

Year 6 Roles

Head Girl: Emily Garner
Head Girl: Amelie Hogben
Head School Council: Maddie George
Head School Council: Madeleine Myles
Head Arts Council: Charlie Ballamy
Playtime Leader: Eva Bundy
Playtime Leader: Jules Farrell
Bowood Captain: Molly Stocking
Longleat Captain: Jessica Saunders
Stourhead Captain: Clemmie Salvidge
Wilton Captain: Megan Curtis

Friends of Horningsham Primary School

Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
Monster Bash/ Halloween Party	Auction of Promises	Barn Dance
Christmas Fayre Carol Singing	Sponsor Mr Edwards – London Marathon	Village Fayre



What you can do:

We would love to broaden our events to include the community more. We are focusing on a grand Christmas Fayre this term and also planning ahead for an auction of promises. If you would like to contribute to any of these events in terms of organising or helping to set up then please contact us on

FriendsofHPS@horningsham.wilts.sch.uk. We are so proud of Mr Edwards for qualifying for the London Marathon – he's an excellent runner and even ran a marathon the morning of the Village Fayre this year and still had the energy to join us and help run the tombola! He has offered to do this as a sponsored event to fundraise for the school – we'll let you know more details in the spring.

Mill Farm Chronicles August – September 2017

Firstly, apologies if this edition of the Chronicles is not as long or as literate as usual, only I'm writing this in my sick bed. I have no idea what's wrong with me but I feel as if I've got flu, with aching muscles and joints, headache and feeling totally exhausted. The symptoms keep recurring and last for a couple of days but never come to anything. It's very frustrating as I haven't got time to be ill.

Anyway back to business. Steve was very pleased that he managed to get all our "bought in" straw hauled and stored in the dry. It was touch and go and the last loads were brought in very late at night to beat the rain. The maize is nearly ready to cut and put into a clamp at Butchery and when that's done then we are ready for the winter. The cows are still out in the fields but we move them around more frequently because the grass just hasn't got as much goodness in it this late in the season, so the cows get dissatisfied fairly quickly. Those of you living near any of our fields may notice that the cows are getting more vocal as the year progresses, that's because they think the grass in the next field is nicer and can't see why they can't go in it! The sheds are all clean and ready for the cows to come in for the winter but really whilst the weather is still mild they are much better off outside. One of our Bulls has been taken from the spring calving group and moved into the summer calving group in the hope that all the cows are, or will be, in calf by Christmas.



Poppy the baby donkey is official now. She has been microchipped and issued with a

passport. This is a legal requirement that all cows, horses and donkeys must have. The vet had to write down a description of Poppy which included counting and noting down the number and position of her whorls and drawing her chestnuts???? I've since learnt that the whorls are just where the hair changes direction, like a cow's lick on us humans and the chestnuts are the callouses on the insides of their legs. The vet is coming again this week to give Poppy her tetanus injection, check Rosie and Lucky's teeth and advise on worming.

The bed and breakfast has gone very quiet since the schools went back and Longleat closes every Tuesday. The Balloon Sky Safari was a busy few days which saw us accommodating several balloon pilots and crew, which meant that when they flew in the mornings, breakfast carried on till around midday! A group of us took a picnic down on the Saturday evening to watch the night glow but the weather was appalling so we didn't stay long but it was lovely as ever to watch the balloons fly over the farm when weather permitted. We are beginning to take bookings for The Festival of Lights which starts in November and I'm sure will be beautiful and well worth visiting again this Christmas.

Family-wise the most important piece of news is that I'm going to be a Grandma again. Amy and Guy are expecting their second child in March. We are all very excited and Ivy is looking forward to being a big sister. There have also been 2 new arrivals in the family. Phoebe Crossman was born on Steve's birthday and is the second child of David and Tamsin Crossman and baby Henry made his appearance this morning and is the 4th child of Gary and Vicky Beck nee Crossman. The Crossman dynasty is expanding!

Socially it's been a bit quiet. Steve's been away several times to the Grouse Moors up north and is actually away at the moment. This has benefits and pitfalls. The benefit is that I get the bed and the TV remote all to myself, whereas the pitfalls are that the cows seem to wait till Steve drives away and then decide to either die, get out or give birth in an obscure place!

Steve was away for the Church's Harvest Festival which was a shame because he usually auctions the donated produce. I bought some lovely items which included lots of chutneys and pickles which will keep us going through the winter.

Amy and I had a really good day in Bath for her birthday mid-August. We did all the touristy things that you never seem to do when you live close by. We visited the Costume Museum, the Jane Austin Centre and No1 The Crescent interspersed with coffee in The Pump Rooms and lunch at Café Rouge and finishing off with a family cream tea at the farm.

Steve was 61 last Saturday which was also Frome Carnival night so I booked a table in an Italian restaurant for a group of us to celebrate and we watched the carnival first then ate. I think Steve enjoyed himself, I know I did!

Next weekend Ivy is 3 and Guy is 31 so Amy is organising a day of partying but I'll tell you more of that next month.

Margaret Crossman

Dangerous Plant in Horningsham!



It might look like cow parsley but Giant Hogweed is England's most dangerous plant and it is spreading in Horningsham. The sap contains a chemical that makes the skin sensitive to sunlight causing very severe rashes and blistering. If the sap gets in the eyes it can cause blindness. It is also dangerous to dogs. Add to that the fact that the plants are highly invasive. Originally introduced from the Caucasus Mountains in the 19th century, gardeners found them attractive but they soon escaped and have spread widely through much of Britain. In the village, they have spread from near Heaven's Gate car park down the green lane into Newbury and beyond.



You can spot them by the way that their flower heads are so much larger than cow parsley – as much as 2 feet across. The plants themselves, as the name suggests, are also much larger and can even grow to a height of 10 feet. They are mostly biennial with just leaves in the first year and then a flower spike in the second year when they then set seed.

If you find them in your garden, you need to deal with them promptly by pulling up young plants when the soil is wet and then composting or burning them. Giant Hogweed is a “controlled waste” so cannot be taken to the recycling centre. You need to make sure you protect your skin, particularly your face, from the sap and immediately wash any sap from your skin. It is especially important to never let it set seed but to cut the flower head before it fades. Using a strimmer is a very bad idea unless you are wearing full protective clothing as strimming can send the sap into your face.

For full information on Giant Hogweed including its chemical control, see the very useful Royal Horticultural Society website: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=458>

MONTHLY RECIPE

Rice Pudding

From ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts,
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us!!!!

Cornish Prayer

Well, Halloween, the night when the dead are said to rise, is nearly upon us. But there's nothing ghoulish about this month's recipe! Comforting, satisfying and a twist of flavour that you don't find in a tin. Yes! It's rice pudding. I chose to try cooking it on the hob rather than in the oven. Two differences, no caramelized skin (oven) and time (hob) ½ an hour.

Serves 6

Ingredients

25g/1oz butter

60g/2½oz caster sugar

200g/7oz pudding rice

1 litre/1 ¾pt of Tytherington's whole milk *

Finely grated zest of 1 lemon

1 bay leaf

Good quality vanilla essence



* No, I haven't got shares in Tytherington, but there is a very good reason why their milk is so good - instead of high temperature short time pasteurisation, it is gently cooked at a lower temperature for a longer time! That and the lovely cows of course.

Method

1. Melt the butter in as heavy-based pan as you can find, over a low heat.
2. Add the sugar and cook. Stir to dissolve the sugar, then add the rice. Continue stirring to coat all the grains and then cook until the rice is slightly swollen. Add the milk, lemon zest and bay leaf.
3. Bring to the boil, turn the heat down (I used setting no 2) Add the vanilla and simmer until, just like a risotto, all the milk is absorbed. Stir often during this time and test the grain until it is tender. This took me 35 minutes. Et Voilà! Or 'there we have it'

A really lovely finish could take the form of fruit compote, apple puree or even jam!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Jayne Glover

THEN & NOW



c.1940



2011



1982

This month we are back in Pottle Street where all the houses except one were sold off by Longleat Estate in the early 1960s. Just why Pottle Street is called Pottle Street is something of a puzzle. The word “pottle” has two archaic meanings: “a measure for liquids equal to a half gallon”; or “a small conical punnet for strawberries or other fruit”.

In the earliest photo we can see an evacuee, Anita Waller, sitting on the wall reading a book in the sunshine. In the First World War, Horningsham housed a number of Belgian refugees but in the Second World War it was English children who were evacuated from urban areas that were prone to bombing. At this time the building was still 3 cottages: numbers 202 to 204. In 1881, the first census which identifies individual dwellings, all three were lived in by agricultural labourers born in Horningsham. All of them were still there 10 years later in 1891 though Charles Adlam in 202 had become a hurdle maker and George Hill in 203 had become a wood turner. He would have been working just along the road in either the chair factory or in the pillbox factory. In 1939 202 and 203 had become a single dwelling though, like 204 they were unoccupied.

When the row of cottages was sold off, they became a single dwelling. Our photo from 1982 shows construction work on the extension that John and Maggie Osborne commissioned. They had also bought additional ground to extend the garden. Much later they swapped houses with their son James who was living in a smaller cottage next door.

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Post Office News



Horningsham may have already heard from Pam, our Postmistress, that our Post Office will be closing on 5 October. Although Pam submitted her resignation in early July we were only made aware by the Post Office on 30 August that it was not seeking to replace her as it was stopping contracts such as the one given to her. Since then the Shop Committee has been looking at all the options open to us to keep a Post Office Service in Maiden Bradley. We have come to the conclusion today, following a Village meeting last Wednesday, that our only option is to go for a Post Office Outreach service which will visit the village once a week - the same as the service given to Horningsham. We looked at whether the shop could become a Post Office Local which would offer reduced postal services during the opening hours of the shop. Unfortunately our Community Shop is unable to take the financial risk involved as our finances are precarious enough. But very much to the point is that we don't have enough volunteers, despite pleas for more, to cover the hours needed for a Post Office Local.

The Post Office representative tells me that Horningsham will still continue with its outreach service although it will not be from Maiden Bradley.

Shop News



However the shop will continue and hope to provide some additional services (we are looking into click and collect parcel services). The extra space which we will gain from the dismantling of the Post Office can hopefully be used to benefit the customers. Sue has some ideas for this but we are actively seeking ideas from our customers. So if anyone has a good idea for us, please let us know! This transition time is going to be tricky for us so please help us get through it by coming to support us by buying some goodies! Autumnal fare now coming in!

Liz Nixon ernixon66@gmail.com

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GNAY708.

George Robins was indicted for obtaining 9s. 9d. by false pretences, at Horningsham. Mr. Snowden prosecuted. The prisoner went into the Bath Arms, at Horningsham, one evening, and called for a pint of beer, for which he tendered a farthing. Mrs. Collings, the landlady, thought it was a half sovereign, and gave him 9s. 9d. change. When apprehended nearly the amount was found upon him. He was found guilty, and was sentenced to two calendar months' imprisonment with hard labour.

THE
Warminster & Westbury Journal,
AND WILTS COUNTY ADVERTISER.

THE DREDGING OPERATIONS
AT LONGLEAT.

The operations connected with the dredging of the ornamental lake near the house at Longleat, which have been in progress since last March, were completed a few weeks ago so far as the lake itself is concerned, and the contractors are now engaged in filling up a dip in the park near the lake with the huge accumulations of mud which were taken from the bottom of the latter. The water has again been turned into the lake, which is now about half full. Prior to the dredging the place was full of water lilies and weeds, and in addition to taking these out, the contractors, Messrs. Bomford and Evershed, Pershore, have taken many thousands of tons of mud from the lake, which is now practically dredged down to the hard clay. The extent of the operations may be better realised when it is stated that in some places the depth has been increased from eight or nine feet to fourteen. The fish—pike, carp, etc.—were taken out of the lake when the water was run off last March, and are preserved in a pond close at hand. We understand that when the lake has been filled it will be again stocked with fish.

The Journal was reporting dredging in October 1907. Now 110 years later, the lakes are being dredged again, though the equipment is a little different!





World War 1: 100 Years Ago This Month

Percy William Carter

Percy Carter was born in 1889 to his parents Henry (42) and Charlotte (45) and probably came as something of a surprise. They already had a 16 year old son, Alfred, and a 15 year old daughter, Kate. We do not know his date of birth but we do know that he was baptised at the parish church on 18th September 1889. The family lived at 107 Anchor Barton and Henry worked as a carpenter on the Estate.



By 1891 Alfred had followed his father as an Estate carpenter while Kate was teaching at the village school. By the time of the 1911 Census, Percy, 21 and single, had also followed his father as an Estate carpenter and was the only offspring living at home. His sister Kate had married James Quinn in 1910 and moved with her gardener husband to Lower Slaughter in Gloucestershire. Brother Alfred was no longer living at home

The first record of Percy in the First World War is from May 1916 when he is recorded as being transferred from the Somerset Light infantry to the 6th Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment in Tonbridge, Kent. It is probable that his service records were amongst the 60% lost during a fire following a bombing raid in 1940. The next record is of his death aged 28 on Sunday 14th October 1917 in France when he was recorded as “Killed in Action”. However, the War Diary kept by his battalion is available and contains the following entry for that day.



At 4.55 pm . . . we raided the enemy’s defences opposite the Brigade’s Sector. The raid was supported by a preliminary bombardment of 8 hours duration and

the party went over under cover of a creeping barrage. The raid was completely successful, all objectives being reached, enemy dug-outs destroyed & heavy losses being inflicted upon him. Receipts were obtained for 31 prisoners including one officer in addition two converted British Lewis Guns were recaptured. Our losses 2nd Lt. R E Davy and 2nd Lt. J H Parmenter wounded, 3 ORs killed, 31 ORs wounded, 12 ORs missing.

War Diaries rarely record names other than of officers so Percy was one of the 3 ORs (Other Ranks) killed. His body is buried in Windmill British Cemetery in the village of Monchy-le-Preux a few miles from Arras. Percy's mother Charlotte did not live to learn of her son's death. She was buried in Horningsham Churchyard on 29th December 1916 aged 72. His father requested the following inscription on his tombstone: "A loving son & brother dear a beautiful memory left behind."

Sidney George Albert Tancock

Little more than a stone's throw from the Carter household was that of another Longleat carpenter: George Tancock and his wife Florence at 126 Cock Road. Their eldest son, Sidney was also serving in France with the Royal West Kent Regiment and was also to lose his life just 12 days after Percy Carter.



George was born in Spreyton, Devon, a small village north of Dartmoor that is reputed to be the home of "Uncle Tom Cobley and all". By 1891 George was living in Bath with his builder father and married Florence in 1893. They had their first three sons in Bath then moved to Horningsham in around 1899. Here they had a fourth son and two daughters. Sydney went to the village school until leaving aged 14 to become a farm labourer.

Sydney's service records are also amongst those destroyed by fire so we know little of his time in the army. We do know that he began in the North Somerset Yeomanry and then transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment.

By October 1917 Sydney was in Belgium with his battalion near Ypres and involved in the inconclusive Second Battle of Passchendaele. The battle began on 26th October and Sydney died that day. A detailed report was written on the 30th by the Lt. Colonel in command. The assault on German positions encountered heavy resistance and failed with many casualties. Of the officers, 2 were killed, 1 missing and 9 wounded but the losses amongst the Other Ranks were huge. 14 were killed, 110 wounded and 211 missing. Presumably Sydney was one of those 110 as he is recorded as “Died of Wounds”.

The mud for which Passchendaele was notorious was again responsible for many of the casualties as the Commanding Officer wrote:

The large number shown as “missing” are accounted for by the following facts

1. Heavy shelling which must have buried many men.
2. Condition of ground which made it impossible to search ground properly for dead and wounded.
3. Complete lack of information from 2 assaulting companies after zero hour.

Rifles and Lewis guns were choked with mud owing to the men falling down during the advance. Mud was the deciding factor in the battle, and I am of the opinion that many of the missing men were bogged and unable to extricate themselves.

Sydney was buried in a small cemetery nearby and then reburied after the war in the massive Hooze Crater Cemetery with over 5,000 others. In June 1918 his parents, George and Florence received £3.85 in back pay and then £12.50 War Gratuity in June 1919.





BUSES FROM BUS SHELTER AT THE COMMON

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