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EDITORIAL

A wintry picture on our cover and the forecasters are speaking of winds from Siberia blowing very cold weather in for the start of March. However, we hope it won't be anything like 40 years ago when Horningsham was cut off for days! We have a photo special from the historic Horningsham School albums showing what it was like – complete with an anecdote from the young Lucy Green.

Regular readers will be delighted to see Mill Farm Chronicle is back. We have the start of a new series highlighting notable trees thanks to Jayne Glover who is still finding time to contribute her monthly recipe. There is no “Then & Now” this month, though there is a novel DIY version if you quickly flick from page 9 to page 25!

Our commemoration of the Great War continues with two villagers' deaths during the German Spring Offensive of 1918. One of them was Second Footman at Longleat House and we received valuable help from Emma Challinor, Assistant Archivist, in writing and illustrating his story. Sadly, we could find no photo of him but we do have one of the livery waistcoat he wore. More next month about the exhibition Longleat is planning to mark the end of the war. Meanwhile, the Parish Council is keen to contact relatives of those on our War Memorial – let us know if you can help.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Thursday 15th March 2018

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CHURCH NEWS



There is no news this month as we have not had a service. Instead, we are focussing on Easter which this year falls on April 1st, when we will be welcoming the Rev Lawrence Mathew from Warminster to take our service. This will be a family Eucharist and we hope to see lots of you there. Hopefully the weather will be sunny and warm and the church will be decorated with daffodils and lilies. After the service we will enjoy coffee and hot cross buns – all positive thoughts to keep us going through the final weeks of winter!

Helen Taylor

Church Date

Sunday 1st April: Easter Eucharist at 10.30am

Dear Friends,

I'm sitting writing this letter on the evening of Ash Wednesday which is the very beginning of Lent when actually you could be reading it in the last weeks of March or such like which is the end of Lent and almost Easter. So, what do I write about? I will content myself, and you I very much hope, with sticking to the subject of journey, which is after all what Lent is about. It is a journey of 40 days through Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week eventually arriving at Easter Day.



It's traditional, is it not, to 'give something up' for Lent in order to focus more effectively on matters of a spiritual nature. The trouble is with giving something up is that often that 'thing' becomes the focus of our attention, whether it be chocolate, alcohol, or watching box-sets on TV all in one go. Because we can't have it, 'it' looms large in our imagination, exerting an almost irresistible urge to give in to our desires. There is no doubt that trying to do without something can alert us to just how dependent we are on our particular fix, as it were, and that's no bad thing, but I prefer to approach Lent in a positive way by trying to set aside time to pray and reflect in a more focused manner, it's not easy

and I need the help of my old friend poetry do this. So I'm reading Malcolm Guite's book 'Word in the Wilderness: A poem a day for Lent and Easter.' It's a wonderful book and it will be a good companion for my journey towards Easter.

Speaking of journeys, I promised to tell you more about my sabbatical journey. I'm not going away as such but I'll be spending a number of chunks of time at Hilfield Friary, a Franciscan community deep in the Dorset countryside. If you are now envisaging a quiet, monastic place you couldn't be more wrong! It's a working farm and centre of ecological excellence that attracts young and old to come and spend time in community as a guest to experience life there. All meals are taken around the huge table in the refectory where I have met people from all over the world. I think the last time I went for a few days I met some Franciscan brothers from Papua New Guinea, a man of the road who had stayed there for some time but now felt he had to go back to his former life, a few other clergy on retreat, some very elderly folk who had come as church group, and a couple of young people who were spending a year there. The brothers from Papua New Guinea asked me why I loved Hilfield so much and my answer explains why I want this place to be a focus for my sabbatical: it's the prayer. Undergirding and holding all that goes on at Hilfield is the daily round of prayer. Morning begins with half an hour of silence, followed by Morning Prayer, Eucharist at noon, Evening Prayer, and Compline, the ancient office of Night Prayer at 9pm after which silence is held until after breakfast the next day. There is such depth of prayer here, such a connection to the created order, it's a way of life that speaks volumes about what living lightly on this beautiful earth looks like, and how important it is to love and care for our neighbour. So I hope at the end of my sabbatical I will return refreshed and inspired with a deeper understanding of myself and my relationship with God, and what it means to serve these communities.

Meantime, Lent is to be lived!

Love and Prayers

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



We have received a thank you letter from the Air Ambulance charity thanking us for our Christmas Carol collection contribution - a big thank you to all who helped.

Our next service will be held on Sunday 11th March at 10am.

Carol Cox horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

HALL NEWS



It's lovely to see the Hall being used for lots of children's parties. All children who attend Horningsham School are able to take advantage of the local resident hire rate when booking parties so please pass on the message to parents!

Playgroup & Luncheon Club are still going well. We have a local artist hiring the 'club room' as her studio for the next few months. What a great use of the space.

We have a WI group now in the village, please feel free to come join in. There is a meeting on Tuesday February 27th at the Hall and they will meet the last Tuesday of the month there after.

Louisa Cruickshank





FAYRE NEWS

Plans for the Fayre are progressing well with lots of new ideas to keep our visitors entertained. All the old favourites will still be there but we are hoping to attract some craftspeople to demonstrate their skills. We would like to organise a tug-of-war competition with other villages, so do let us know if you would like to take part. Please remember to collect items for the bric-a-brac, and if you are a keen gardener it will soon be time to start sowing seeds.

Our next committee meeting will be 7.15pm Wednesday 14th March at Mill Farm.

Helen Taylor

WELCOME CLUB



Hopefully nobody had an unnecessary trip on February 15th as, due to the electricity supply being turned off, we changed our opening date from the 15th to the 22nd! On that later date we had a good meeting. It was nice to see everyone again after the break.

Our next meeting is at the usual time of 2.30 pm in the Hall - the shape of the get-together to be decided. There will definitely be a raffle and tea however, so it will be good to see you there.

Chris Short 01985 847373

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

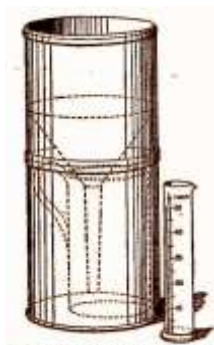


FIG. 16L.—Standard rain-gauge.

What on earth can I say? January was a real disappointment. All we seemed to have was rain, day after day, with hard frosts thrown in on the odd day.

We had 0.56 inches by the 3rd, a bad start already! With that cold cutting north wind, and by the time we had reached the 16th we had had 1.97 inches, some days we had over an inch of rain. And at the end of the month the total was 3.73 inches, which was a surprise to me as it felt that we had more than that.

February carried on being really miserable: cold, damp, frosty, not a bit like our usual crisp sunny days in February. Oh dear, am I really getting the old age syndrome, when you say it was not like this in my younger days!

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Dazzling Dancing!

We were all blown away by the phenomenal performance by this year's dance squad at the West-Wilts Dance Festival. The theme for the year was 'Legends' and Horningsham decided to focus on celebrating the work of the dance legend Fred Astaire. Light on his feet, Fred Astaire was a true legend in the world of Hollywood dance. He made his dancing look effortless, but he was a well-known perfectionist and his work was the product of endless hours of practice.

Horningsham's choreography combined a range of classic Fred Astaire styles such as tap, quickstep, American Smooth, and some Charleston inspired movements too. The group of mixed age children enjoyed the glamour of using canes and top hats and fully embraced the words of Fred Astaire '*Do it big, do it right, and do it with style.*'



The entire show was a fantastic celebration of dance and once again it was a pleasure to be a part of the show and was great to see the variety of

interpretations of the theme 'Legends'. We have taken part in all three workshops over the year that form part of a legacy aimed to inspire children into the world of dance. We are so proud of the hard work that the children put in this year, so huge congratulations to them, you are all superstars and Fred Astaire was no doubt applauding you!

Marathon Events

Friends of Horningsham Primary School have been organising a new fundraising event to provide the children with lots of opportunities for visits and trips to enrich the curriculum. Please see the enclosed leaflet with details about how you can sponsor Mr Edwards as he runs the London Marathon. Please do spread the word and help us reach our target of £1000! Links to sponsoring online can be found on our website and on the different village facebook pages. More details will follow next month for our Marathon Café, which will be set up at school on Sunday 22nd April for breakfast/brunch with lots of activities as we track Mr Edwards live from the race!



Take One Journey Invitation...

We are really enjoying our Take One Journey project and will be continuing work until the Easter Holidays. We hope you will come along and join us at our exhibition in April.

An exhibition invitation card for 'Take One Journey' at Horningsham Primary School. The card has a light blue background with a decorative border of footprints. The text is as follows:

Invitation

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The right side of the card features a vertical strip of footprints and a colorful illustration. The illustration includes a white rocket with a red nose cone and yellow flames, a large steamship with three orange smokestacks, a hot air balloon with red and yellow stripes, and a Viking longship with a dragon-headed prow. The text 'Take ONE JOURNEY' is written in a stylized white font on a dark blue rectangular background.

Mill Farm Chronicles November-February 2018

Well where do I start with this episode of the Chronicles? It's been a pretty full on three months.

Christmas came, was lovely and went again, very quickly closely followed by flu! I can honestly say I have only ever felt as ill once before and that was when I had pneumonia. Aussie Flu was awful. I couldn't move or talk for 2 days let alone pick up a £20 note which they say is an indication of if you truly have flu or just a cold. New Year passed in a drug induced coma for all of us because by then Steve and Jack had succumbed to the bug too. We were due to go away for 3 nights over the holiday but there was no way that was going to happen. Just as I was getting over flu, I got a cold and then another one in quick succession which finally ended up with 2 weeks of antibiotics. I finally felt normal in early February.

I didn't manage to get last month's Chronicles written because my Mum was whipped into hospital with pneumonia and sepsis (again) in mid-January and I was doing long hours beside her bedside. Although it was touch and go for a few days I'm relieved to say she responded well to treatment and is now back home recuperating slowly.

Apart from Mum on the road to recovery, the next best news of the new year is that we went clear on our first TB test. We had a lovely Spanish vet called Pablo who was hilarious and amazed us by being fluent in Anglo Saxon swear words! Pablo was initiated into the mad world that is Mill Farm when the weather was awful, pouring with rain and blowing a hooley. I usually provide lunch for all the helpers on a TB Test day so I thought a hot lunch would be welcome on a cold wet day. I made cottage pie with baked beans and warm crusty bread. I'm happy to say that Pablo enjoyed his first taste of cottage pie but wouldn't touch baked beans with a barge pole. If we get a clear test in March then I might just treat him to a Crossman stew, with dumplings!

We haven't started calving yet because Steve put the bulls in later last year. This was so the weather has a chance to warm up and dry up before the babies start arriving.

Apart from dung spreading, hedge trimming, general tidying up and keeping all the animals fed and happy nothing much else has been happening on the farm.

The bed and breakfast has been quiet (thank goodness with all that's been going on) but we are looking forward to a good season.

Socially, again it's been for necessity, quiet. My aunt, Mum's older sister, sadly died early January so Steve and I had a funeral to attend. It was a sad occasion but lovely to catch up on family that we don't see very often. Mum unfortunately was too frail to come with us.

Steve and I have just grabbed 36 hours away from the farm. We had some vouchers to use for Howards House Hotel in Teffont, my favourite hotel ever, so had one free night away last week which was wonderful although over too quickly. We spent the day in Portsmouth where we knocked a few things off my bucket list. We went to see HMS Victory and the Mary Rose, which is amazing, and we had high tea (literally) 105 metres up the Spinnaker Tower.



I'm writing this whilst recovering from a weekend of having our beautiful Ivy to stay. Amy and Guy were also snatching a night away before the baby arrives in a couple of weeks. Ivy sleeps really well but when she's awake, blimey it's full on. She has soooo much energy and I soooo don't! Still we get along just fine and we make each other laugh and she never ceases to amaze me with the things she says and does. Ivy is totally convinced that she's going to have a little sister. We've all tried to point out that it could possibly be a little brother to which Ivy tells us quite categorically that it won't be a boy "because boys smell!" There's not much you can say to that is there, but hopefully next month I can tell you whether she was right and has a sister or how she took the dreaded news that she has a brother.

Margaret Crossman



LONGLEAT

Longleat Estate's Tree Safety Supervisor, Steve Woollard, will be undertaking tree inspections in the gardens of tenanted properties during February, March and April. He will be identifying trees that are hazardous or that are likely to cause direct damage to property, thereby fulfilling the Estate's duty of care. Access to gardens will be essential but will not be made by prior appointment due to the sheer number of properties involved. We politely request your assistance by allowing access to your property to facilitate inspections. The Tree Safety Supervisor will be wearing Longleat branded clothing at all times.

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Horningsham Inaugural WI Meeting 16th January 2018



On a drab winter's night, 12 intrepid ladies turned out to meet up with visitors from Wiltshire WI to advise us about ins and outs and formally accept us a group - one of five in the county opening that week. The organisation is increasing, with over 220,000 members. Some of the many interesting facts we learned were that branches can be found in prisons, universities, workplaces as well as towns and villages. That it was founded in Toronto, and then taken up in the UK by a

Welsh mother whose baby had tragically died and who wanted to make sure that no other woman suffered as she had done - on a snowy night in 1900 the hall of a tiny village was packed to the rafters by women who had come to hear her. That in England Madge Watts started the first branch in 1915 - of course during the war at a time when women's lives were changing. So, after 15 years, Horningsham WI is reinvigorated, with Caramantha Wellstead as President.

One of the great things about our branch is the mixture of ages - from 30 to 85 - with opportunities for us all to learn from each other. Carole Hill reminded us that in its former days, our WI had the youngest chairperson in Wiltshire. We're going to be active in village affairs - running the teas at the Fayre for starters.

The strapline of the WI is "Inspiring Women" - never more important than today, when, as the MeToo campaign shows, there is such a need to debate and take action on issues that affect us all: from basic rights to the future of our world. We'll be covering all sorts of topics this year - making Easter chocolates and sloe gin; taking control of recycling (anyone else fail to understand the opaque instructions on the packets?); safe rural driving.

Do feel free to come along and meet us and see what we do. Monthly meetings are for ladies only, but there will be an Open Meeting later in the year for all to attend.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th February 7.30 Horningsham Village Hall
Hand spinning and weaving with Hebridean fleece - Carole and Nicola.

Nicola Grove



Wanted any saleable items for our Village Fayre on June 10th.

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Margaret Long

Notable Trees of the Longleat Estate

In Issue 207 (November 2017) the subject of Longleat's Ancient Trees was inspiringly written about by Carole Hill. Longleat Woods played host to The Ancient Tree Forum; the organisation that raises awareness of the value of old trees, lobbies for their protection, records their location and provides training and management advice. (www.ancienttreeforum.co.uk)_ When gazing upon the evergreen tapestry that surrounds us we might assume that there are few if any notable trees to pique our interest. Not so! It's all too easy to take our surroundings for granted. If we are city dwellers we are used to hard landscaping and in the countryside we are used to soft. Reversing those situations may provoke a reaction but here in Horningsham for instance do we look deeply enough to wonder how long a tree has been here? How did it get here? Did it float here on a breeze and grow where it landed? Or is it indigenous or was it discovered in far-off climes by a dedicated plant hunter.

The Forestry Commission's interactive timelog www.forestry.gov.uk tells us that Britain had difficulty meeting the demands on timber made during the First World War. The Acland Committee appointed by Asquith in 1916 was charged with looking at ways of developing and increasing woodland resources. The Committee, by this time reporting to David Lloyd George, recommended that a state organisation would be the most effective way of co-ordinating a reforestation plan to meet timber needs for the foreseeable future. The Forestry Act of 1919 gave the Forestry Commission the duty of promoting the interests of forestry, the development of afforestation and the production and supply of timber to the United Kingdom.

The actual work of afforestation and reforestation faces many challenges - protection, production, pests and diseases and climate change, to mention a few. Our beautiful forest may seem to be unchanging but as we know nature never stands still.

My challenge every month will be to home in on a notable tree on the Longleat Estate, it might be hidden or in plain sight, or we might be familiar with it on a daily basis. However it turns out, I hope you will enjoy exploring with me.

The 'Wellingtonia' down Doctor's Lane

From the War Memorial gate follow the road (Doctor's Lane) down the hill and opposite the first cottage on the right you will find access to woodland that fulfils all the requirements of the *Sequoiadendron giganteum*. This overgrown land was originally the edge of the Tree Nursery where teams of workers grew the trees for Longleat's woods. Which explains why there are also what appears to be some random conifer plantings of the Monkey Puzzle tree (*Araucaria*). Finding the sequoia is not hard, almost immediately you are nose to bark with this native of the Sierra Nevada mountain range in California. This one comes in at approximately 37 metres. Girth is difficult as it is growing on a slope. Soil type and climate allow for comparatively quick growth with cones produced at about 12 years. Susceptible to honey fungus and root and butt rot decay may be caused in the heartwood resulting in root or stem failure.



Ten facts about the Sequoiadendron giganteum

1. Giant sequoiadendron are the world's largest single trees and the largest living thing by volume
2. Heights of 94.8 metres have been recorded
3. The oldest known Giant sequoia based on ring count is 3,500 years old
4. Sequoia bark is furrowed and fibrous and may be up to 3ft thick at the base providing significant protection against fire damage.
5. Trees less than 100 years retain most of their dead branches
6. Sequoias supplement water from soil with fog using air roots to enable water to reach areas where the root water cannot be pulled by osmotic pressure
7. The wood while being resistant to decay is fibrous and brittle therefore unsuitable for construction work. The trees are found to be useful within tourism and horticulture
8. The giant sequoia was first cultivated in Britain in 1853 by the horticulturist Patrick Matthew of Perthshire from seeds sent by his botanist son John in California
9. There was a race in time between America and Britain to name the tree, America recorded Washingtonia after George Washington and Britain recorded Wellingtonia after Wellington. In the UK the use of Wellingtonia is common.
10. Check out other Longleaf Giant Sequoias - Shearwater Dam, Heavens Gate, in a dip at Aucombe Marsh, Center Parcs. All recorded on monumentaltrees.com

Jayne Glover

Wilfred William Duff

Wilfred Duff was one of the two footmen at Longleat House at the time of the 1911 Census. The form was completed by the widowed Butler, George Brazier, who listed 4 male and 14 female living-in servants in the 92-roomed house (many more servants lived out).

Wilfred was born in the summer of 1879 in Westow in Yorkshire where his father was a tailor and his mother a “tailoress” who both worked at home. Wilfred had 7 sisters but he was the only son. His life in service had begun by 1901 when he was just 13 and was working as a pageboy in nearby Castle Howard – the location used as “Brideshead” in the TV series of Waugh’s novel. Moving to another stately home was a common occurrence for staff in service so at some point Wilfred moved up from pageboy to footman at Longleat.



Footman’s livery waistcoat in black serge edged with silver braid worn by Wilfred Duff at Longleat, marked inside with black ink ‘Duff 1911’

Emma Challinor of Longleat Archives takes up the story:

At the outbreak of war Wilfred Duff was second footman to the 5th Marquess of Bath at Longleat, one of three footmen in a household staff of thirty two. Wilfred had started at Longleat in this position in May 1909; butler George Brazier records his quarterly wage as £11 5s. 6d. in 1914, but under the name of ‘Thomas Duff’. (Replacing a servant’s real first name with one deemed more ‘satisfactory’ to their employer was apparently not uncommon, but it is difficult to gauge how usual this practice was at Longleat. Another example is known: Reuben Clarke, second coachman from 1904 to 1906, recalled in a letter to the 6th Marquess, May 1962, that at Longleat he was known as ‘Charles’.)

On 1st March 1915 Wilfred joined the army; this was well before the introduction of conscription in January 1916. He was the third male domestic servant from Longleat to join up, trailing his junior colleagues 3rd footman Cecil Foster and steward’s room boy

Frederick Piercy, who had both volunteered almost immediately in August 1914. The one record at Longleat of Wilfred's wartime experience is a letter of 10 January 1918 to 'My Lady', the 5th Marchioness, who diligently corresponded with her staff at the Front. His letter (signed 'Thomas') has despondent undertones that hint at miseries endured:

'I want no medals all I want is to be spared to return to England and shall be very pleased to hear of the end of it after what I have gone through'

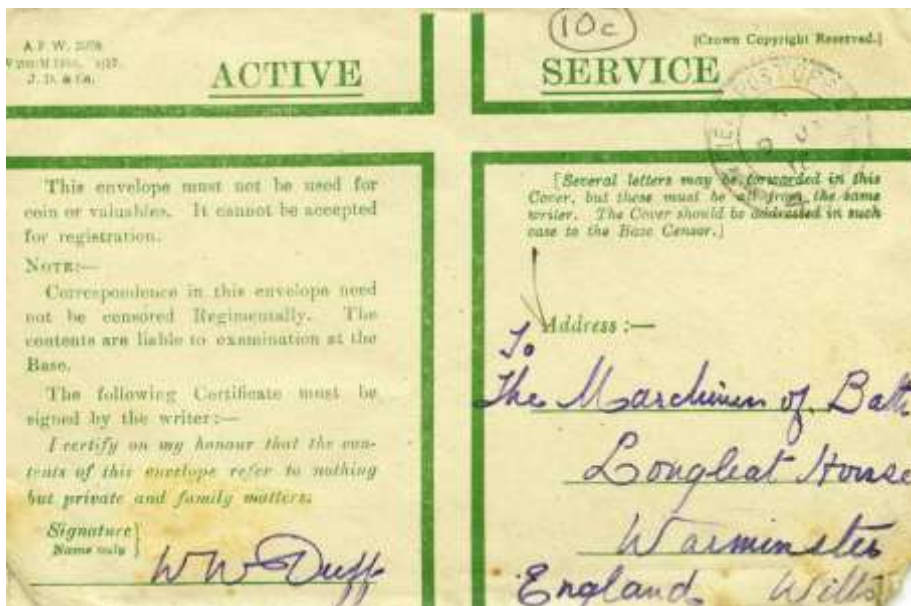
He envies the soldiers convalescing at the Longleat Hospital:

'I am pleased the Soldiers had such a good time I know they would enjoy themselves and they will not forget the Hospital at Longleat well it would suit me for a change'

His account of his Christmas is similarly wistful :

'we were out of the trenches for Xmas and still out on rest as we suffered heavy casualties we had as good a time as possible we had Roast Pork for dinner and Plum Pudding also Apples + Nuts and plenty of Cigarettes so we made the best of it and was happy with many thoughts of better times in dear old England'

This letter was written only ten weeks before Wilfred's death in action.



Envelope to Wilfred Duff's letter:
the only indication at Longleat that his first name was not 'Thomas'
Images from Longleat Archives, copyright Marquess of Bath

On the 21st March, Wilfred was killed in the German Spring Offensive. That day was the worst day in British military history surpassed only by the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The German bombardment began at 4.40 am and was the heaviest ever with over 3 million shells fired at the British and French front lines. Wilfred's Battalion War Diary details how they lost 60 of their 64 their machine guns. Although the figure "Killed" was only 14, a staggering 199 were recorded as "Missing" and a further 82 "Wounded".

The Spring Offensive was a success for the Germans in that they captured 1,200 square miles. However, it was to be a "Pyrrhic Victory" because, in doing so, they had lost 240,000 soldiers killed, wounded or captured. Although the French and British had lost 250,000, the arrival of over 1 million American troops meant their losses could be made good whereas the Germans had no reserve of manpower to call upon.



Wilfred's body was recovered and he is buried in Favreuil British Cemetery. When his back pay of £13.70 was paid out in June 1918 it was to his sister Adeline who was his sole legatee which suggests that his mother and father were both dead by that time. The War Gratuity of £14 was also paid to Adeline in September 1919.

In spite of what he said about medals in his letter, he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, albeit posthumously. From his medal card we can see that he was initially enrolled in the West Yorkshire Regiment, so presumably he returned home to enlist and was only later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.



Charles Edwin Wyman

Charles Wyman was born in Salisbury on 6th February 1889 to George and his second wife, Barbara. George, a labourer, had a son, William, by his first wife Ellen. With Barbara he had four daughters and two sons. The family lived in Brown Street and Charles went to the local school: St Martin's. When Charles was just 5 years old, his father died. When we next find Charles in the 1901 Census, he is living in nearby Compton Chamberlayne with his 70 year old widowed Grandmother. Now 13 years old, Charles is a "shepherd boy on farm". Also living there are his half-brother William, an agricultural labourer, and his Uncle James who is a shepherd. Ten years later in 1911 Uncle James is head of the household, William has moved on and Charles's brother Frank and sister Edith have moved in. Charles is now a "shepherd on a farm" and about to get married in Baverstock to Beatrice Garrett whose father, Joseph was a dairyman.

This is where the trail goes cold. There is a mention of him enlisting in Warminster in the 1st Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment and then the next record is of his death and even then the record shows "Presumed Dead" because his remains were never found. Because we know the date of his death, 24th March 1918, it is possible to gather from his Battalion's War Diary the circumstances of his death.

The 1st Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment had been fighting on the Western Front since the very beginning of the war. On March 19th and 20th 1918 they were in reserve at Achiet-le-Grand, an Allied railhead, about 15 miles south of Arras carrying out training. At 4.30 a.m. on Thursday 21st German Army launched its Spring Offensive from the defensive Hindenburg Line with the aim of separating the French and British troops and driving the British back into the sea. The Battalion War Diary recorded that *"at 4.40 a.m. the German offensive commenced & at 5 a.m. the enemy commenced shelling the station and vicinity of Achiet-le-Grand with high velocity shells of large calibre one of which pitched in the camp wounding three officers . . . and causing casualties to 4 warrant officers, 6 sergeants and 7 other ranks."* They were then moved up into the front line where they suffered further casualties from shelling on the 22nd and 23rd. *"The night of the 23rd - 24th was somewhat lively owing to the enemy continuously trying to creep up and cut the wire."*

The 24th was a disastrous day for the Battalion when there was a further intense bombardment followed by a strong German assault on their line. Two companies were left stranded and were *"practically exterminated by machine gun fire"*. At the end of the day when the Battalion reassembled they had been reduced to the strength of a single company with just 3 officers and 54 other ranks remaining. The casualties numbered 413.

We don't know just how Charles was killed but he was "presumed dead" on the 24th so was not amongst the 54 who survived. In September 1919 Charles's widow Beatrice received his back pay of 43 pence plus a War Gratuity of £9.50. He is one of the 35,000 with no known grave who are commemorated on the Arras Memorial.



The Big Horningsham Litter Pick

Saturday 3rd March

At the Village Hall

10 am – 12 noon

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The more that come the less for each to pick up!



Advice for keepers of poultry/captive birds

2018 has seen another outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) in the UK so for our tenants who keep poultry or captive birds free range we would like to highlight your duty of care and make sure everyone is up to date with the latest advice from DEFRA/APHA.

As Longleat keeps a wide range of exotic birds it is important that we try to keep biosecurity as tight as possible in our area.

For those of you with internet access the following link will give you all the up to date information on what you should be doing to reduce the chances of either contracting or spreading this disease:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-winter-2017-to-2018>

For those without access to the internet please ring 01985 845414 for further details.

MONTHLY RECIPE

Best Ever Bread & Butter Pudding

The herald of Spring will be most welcome this year! There is so much to look forward to, be it first blooms, birds singing due to the longer days and many celebrations that involve ‘merrymaking’. St David’s Day, St Patrick’s Day and Mothering Sunday all leading towards one of our most favourite festivals, Easter!

The recipe I have chosen this month covers all eventualities. It is a derivation of a recipe by Anton Mosimann, the Swiss chef who created ‘cuisine naturelle’ and showed that a lighter touch would eventually combine ‘good food’ with ‘food that is good for you’. I don’t think 40 years ago this recipe qualified but its reputation speaks for itself and I have always had it in my repertoire. Treat it as ‘the herald of Spring’, enjoy it at a family celebration with jugs full of daffodils and say ‘Farewell to Winter’.

Serves 4

Ingredients

9 fl oz whole milk (preferably Tytherington’s)
9 fl oz cream (I use Elmlea)
Pinch of salt
1 vanilla pod or something like Nielsen-Massey vanilla extract
4 ½ oz/125g caster sugar
3 medium free range eggs
3 Hot Cross buns
1 ¼ oz / 35g butter softened
Apricot jam/conserves
Icing sugar

Method

Bring the first 4 ingredients to a simmer and remove from heat.

Combine the sugar and eggs thoroughly and add to the milk mixture.

Pass through a fine sieve.

Slice the Hot Cross buns thinly and butter. Layer in an ovenproof dish and pour over the milk /egg mixture.

Leave it to rest for 30 minutes (or up to a day ahead) and then press slightly to allow the custard mixture to resurface.

Place the whole in a roasting tin ⅓ filled with water. Poach for 40 minutes at 350 degrees F. 160 deg fan, gas mark 4. Remove and stand for 15 minutes whilst making the glaze.

Simply warm through the apricot jam, sieve if required and pour over the top of the pudding.

Finally finish with a dusting of icing sugar. Makes 4 servings.

Note: to avoid frustration have more than one sieve to hand - one for dry and one for wet

Another recipe to make your own, but the original was sublime! Happy Spring days to come!

Jayne Glover

LONGLEAT NEWS

Longleat has announced its events for 2018. As well as the return of regular favourites like the Festival of Light, the Sky Safari and Fantastic Fireworks, in line with the theme of Predators is a special Natural History Museum touring exhibition “T. rex: The Killer Question”.

2018 EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

Predators: March 24th – September 3rd

Come face to face with the planet’s most astonishing predators in this awesome new feature. Utilising impressive animatronic technology you can enjoy extremely close encounters with everything from a life-sized hunting great white shark to a super-sized Venus flytrap.

A total of 14 different species will be on display including a deep sea anglerfish, a dive-bombing harpy eagle, a polar bear, a giant saltwater crocodile, a Komodo dragon and a spitting cobra.

Prehistoric predators will also be brought back to life with a magnificent sabre-toothed cat and a 10-metre-long Baryonyx dinosaur.



T. rex: The Killer Question: May 24th - September 3rd

Devised and created by the Natural History Museum, T. rex: The Killer Question is a blockbuster exhibition that uses incredible life-size animatronics, casts, static models and graphical displays to engage visitors.

Located in Longleat’s dedicated events space, The Longhouse, and divided into five scenes, this immersive exhibition encourages visitors to take on the role of palaeontologists; evaluating T. rex's size, the power in its legs, length of its arms, the

sharpness of its teeth, to decide if its physical features were best suited to catch prey or to steal carcasses.



Food Festival: June 23rd - 24th

This foodie festival will feature a mix of live cooking demonstrations, music, events and activities alongside food and drink stalls selling authentic, locally-sourced fresh food and drink products.

Sky Safari: September 14th - 16th

Attracting balloonists from around the world, this three-day ballooning extravaganza, features twice daily flights, tethered balloons and spectacular night glows.

Longleat will be welcoming over 50 hot air balloons in every conceivable shape, size and colour which will be making a series of spectacular mass launches and taking part in magical night glows throughout the three-day festival (weather permitting).

The Great British Autumn: October 20th - November 4th

Celebrate all things autumnal throughout the October half term holidays. Longleat will once again be showcasing some of the many traditional events associated with the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. The spooky Ghost Tours, which see visitors exploring creepy corridors and unseen attics in search of some of Longleat House's ghoulish residents, are returning for another year.

Fantastic Fireworks: November 1st - 3rd

Longleat will be staging its Fantastic Fireworks' displays in November with magical pyrotechnics set to dramatic music taking place every evening.

Festival of Light: November 9th – January 2019

After another record-breaking Christmas, the UK's first and finest festive outdoor light festival returns. Hundreds of illuminated characters and scenes will once again be transforming the estate into a winter wonderland with a brand new theme for 2018.

PHOTO SPECIAL: SNOW 1978







This is an Army vehicle
and it is coming down to
School. My dad pulled them
out of the snow when they
got stuck.

With the soldiers he was
a T.V. reporter and the village
was on the H.T.V news that night
Lucy.

HOW STEPHEN, 3, MET BAMBI THE LOST DEER

Michael Trudge, 17, who works for Stephen's father, and Tony Dalton, 16, who helps on the farm, followed Bambi to the farm. The boys realised there would be danger for the deer if he kept following them, so they followed Bambi to the farm. Michael eventually located him. Then they he took Bambi to Mill Farm. There, farmer John Crossman put Bambi in a vacant half-pen and fed him. "Michael and I could not bear the thought of such a lovely creature being shot for nothing...."

Back to Herd

Lord Bath said: "I admire those lads for rescuing the deer. If they had not done so, he would have been shot. The deer on the loose can be very destructive to young trees and farmland." Bambi, about three years old, was established himself as a pet at Mill Farm—and yesterday he was being sent from "little

STEPHEN CROSSMAN, 3, cried "Bambi!" when he saw the little milk-white deer which two boys brought to his home.

STEPHEN'S HOME is at Mill Farm, Herringham, Whitshire, not far from Longleaf House, Warmminster, the ancestral home of the Marquis of Bath.

BAMBI'S HOME is normally in the grounds of Longleaf, among a famous herd of deer. This is how Stephen and Bambi came together... and became friends... Bambi apparently escaped from the deer park by leaping a high fence. Then he wandered over the hills, trying to find food. He was becoming hungry and exhausted. The milk-white deer was seen by

Stephen's hand. Stephen said he would like to keep Bambi—but his father said it could not be so. Stephen will be 10 on his birthday. Longleaf is a vast this weekend and released so that he can enjoy it. But little Stephen has been assured that he can visit the deer park later and look out for his friend.



★ Three-year-old Stephen Crossman feeds oats to his friend, Bambi the milk-white deer.

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Departs Salisbury 13.45 Arrives Horningsham 14.45

Trowbridge every Thursday **81**

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

Warminster every Friday **82**

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

Frome every Wednesday & Thursday

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

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