

HORNINGSHAM

NEWS

ISSUE 217

November 2018





We clean frames as well as glass. We also clean Conservatories, Conservatory Roofs, Inside Windows, Solar Panels and Gutter Clearing
Call Doug Valentine
Tel: 01373 837423
Mobile: 07739 189180
doug.valentine8@gmail.com

Horningsham Village Hall



Competitive Rates & Residents Discounts

Hall Hire - bookings@horningshamvillagehall.com
Event queries - enquiries@horningshamvillagehall.com

Kerrie & Co
Cleaning, Ironing and
Laundry Service
01373 463456
07812 202206

 earn to drive
with your local instructor
 call tina
01985 988578
mobile 07745 652777


THAIKITCHEN

Special Lunch Offer for 2018
10% Discount with this Ad

Open for Lunch
Tues – Sat 12 – 2.30 pm
Evenings Friday & Saturday
6.00 – 10.30pm

We also do takeaways

Bookings:
01373 467370
james@thaikitchenfrome.com
www.thaikitchenfrome.com

FUNERAL DIRECTORS
F. CURTIS & SON
11 PORTWAY WARMINSTER
TEL 212033

Bed & Breakfast
and
Self-Catering Cottage

Stephen & Margaret Crossman

Mill Farm
Horningsham
Warminster
BA12 7LL
01985 844333



EDITORIAL

We said last month that we would bring you news of the grape harvest, so this month's cover features - grapes! Inside you'll find an article about this year's bumper harvest thanks to Matt Simpson who took part in the picking and took photos. Another special feature this month is by Caroline Dykes, well-known for her love of bikes, so who better to send to find out what on earth that Bikepark is? Jayne Glover tells us all about the two native birch trees and also contributes her usual monthly recipe that even tells us about the origin of the "Catherine Wheel". Speaking of Bonfire Night, don't miss the Hall's advert for this year's celebration. A topical "From the Papers" bring an account of the 1980 Bonfire Night with a roll call of names some of you might remember.

Too late for last month's issue we learned of the sad death of Michael Trollope. We send our condolences to Joan, Andrew and Susan and to his sister Vera. I shall always remember a fascinating morning Michael and I spent exploring the old RAF station that he knew well. We hope to bring you a proper appreciation of Michael's life in our next issue.

Just as I finished typing up the Welcome Club report, I got news that Chris Short had died. Chris had been contributing her reports every month for many years but this month turned out to be her final report. She had been Chair of the Welcome Club for a long time and worked tirelessly in that role. We must hope that someone else comes forward at their AGM to take on the job of Chair.

Tim Hill

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

Email: horningshamnews@hotmail.co.uk

Editorial Team

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Tim Hill | 844365 | Chrissie Buttery | 844622 |
| Helen Taylor | 215906 | Gill Courtney | 844411 |
| | James Osborne (<i>Treasurer</i>) | 844711 | |



find us on
Facebook

We now have 583 "Page Likes" – well over three times the number of printed copies!

Printed by Parish Magazine Printing (01288 341617) printers of community magazines.

CHURCH NEWS



Our Harvest Festival was a great success. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and there was a wonderful selection of produce and home baking. Thank you to everyone who contributed and also to the generous bidders, who ensured that we raised a good amount. A big thank you also to Steve and Margaret who kindly ran the auction and provided some lovely refreshments.

There is no service in church during November. Instead there will be the annual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

Helen Taylor

Church Date

11th November Remembrance Service at the War Memorial 10.45am

Dear All,

Yesterday we celebrated my mother's 90th birthday. My sister had found a lovely photograph of my mother and her two siblings that she had enlarged and surrounded with smaller photographs, providing a snapshot over the years of my mother's life. It was very poignant to look at that little girl with her 1920s dress and haircut and see the story of her life as it developed and to think about the memories encapsulated in those photographs.

Memories play a huge part in the life of our church this month as they do in the nation as whole in the form of Remembrance Day. Of course this year is particularly special as I am sure everyone is aware: The Armistice was signed at 5:00am (French time) on 11th November 1918 and came into effect six hours later, bringing about



the cessation of hostilities in the First World War and there will be numerous public events to commemorate this anniversary.

It occurred to me when I was thinking about this that my generation must be the last generation to have actually had personal contact with family members who were involved in the above conflict. I have a faded sepia photograph of my grandfather in his military uniform; he was a train driver until his train was blown up, at which point he was invalided home. I knew him very well indeed because he lived with my family until I was 13. He used to tell my sister and me frightful stories about his time in France, I have to say though there seemed to be quite a few women involved and at this point my mother would try to shut him up! And then there was my great Uncle Will who flew aircraft during the war, I actually took my older children to meet him when he was very old and they remember his stories too, I'm so glad they have that memory.

Every family will have their own stories and memories and indeed their own faded sepia photographs from a different time in a different world. But what hasn't changed is the terrible cost of conflict in terms of human life and the physical and psychological damage such conflict inflicts upon men and woman. Yes, we must have our military parades and our public services but when it comes down to it war is about flesh and blood individual people, deeply loved people who return from war zones weighed down with memories buried deep inside them that change them forever.

So, of course we must remember and honour those who died in conflict, of course we must have our public events, but don't let's forget the reality of the cost, which didn't end on November 11th 1918 but continues to this day.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Thank you to all those who helped with our recent Harvest Service, and to those who contributed. Your support is most appreciated.

There are NO Services in November as we are involved in Armistice Services at Churches around the area.

Carol Cox horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

LOCAL AUTHOR'S NEW BOOK

HORNINGSHAM'S HEROES

*The story of the men who served and those
who fought and died in the First World War*



Helen Taylor

Newly published to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Great War by local author Helen Taylor, the book recounts the stories of the Horningsham men who fought and died. The men who fought and came home are also listed. In the first section, Helen sets the scene by describing the settled way of life in the village at the outbreak of war in 1914 – a way of life that would change for ever. No fewer than 25 men died out of a population of 640 and a further 98 saw active service. The war touched almost every family in Horningsham from the Thynne family who lost the son and heir to the gamekeeper who lost two sons.

Helen Taylor was born in Horningsham and grew up here, going to the village primary school. Although she now lives in Warminster, she is still active in the community and organises the annual Village Reunion. She has long been intensely interested in the history of Horningsham and her earlier book was a photographic record of life in Horningsham. She now works at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre in Chippenham.

Priced at £5, the book will launch at the gathering in the Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday 11th November.



Remembrance Service

Sunday 11th November 10.45 at the War Memorial

Fighting in the Great War ceased at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. To mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice, there will be a service of remembrance at the War Memorial which will be followed by a reception at the Village Hall.

We are confident that in this special year we will be joined by relatives of the men remembered on our War Memorial. So, whether you are a long-standing resident of Horningsham or have moved here more recently, do come and join us to remember the 25 village men who died in the Great War and the four who died in the Second World War.

HORNINGSHAM W.I.

Chocolate was a popular September topic with a talk by Deanna Deburgh of Cocobella Handcrafted Chocolates. We all enjoyed some delicious samples.



Our October meeting sees us trying different ways to use the bountiful supply of apples this season brings. Apple pressing for juice and cider, cake and chutney.

Coming up in the rest of the year:

November – Christmas craft using rural countryside materials

December – Christmas fun

Meetings are free for WI members, Guests are £3 per meeting

If you are interested in joining us and would like to come along to a meeting then please get in touch. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Horningsham Village Hall, normally at 7.30pm. You can reach us at wihorningsham@gmail.com or on 01985 844801. Please let us know if you are planning to come along so we can be expecting you.

**Caramantha Wellstead
President Horningsham WI**

LION CUBS

Lion Cubs is a friendly playgroup who meet at Horningsham Village Hall every Thursday during term time. Parents and carers are welcomed with tea, coffee and soft drinks, snacks are also provided for the little ones.

Over the past few weeks the cubs have enjoyed new craft and activity sessions. Inspired by the seasons they have been making autumn trees and creepy spiders.

New faces are always welcome. If you would like further information, please contact lioncubsplaygroup@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

We meet at 9.15 - 10.45 £1/Child





Harvest Time



We had a lovely Harvest Festival with so many great donations. After singing, acting and poetry recitals, we took all of the fresh produce to the church for their auction and the Foodbank came

and collected all the tins and packets. Thank you to everyone for their generosity in helping to support our local community.

Soup Kitchen

As part of our work towards Level 5 gardening for the RHS awards, the children picked and used the vegetables grown at school to make three different types of soup. Parents came in to join us for a soup tasting session. All three flavours were delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

Be Bold, Go Gold All of the children and staff wore something gold to raise money for Children with Cancer and Leukaemia – we raised an amazing £200 in total!





Apple Pressing

A huge thank you to the Hillearys who planned and led apple picking and pressing at the school. Sacks of apples were collected from our Secret Garden and then each class

helped to press the apples to make home-made apple juice. It was great fun learning the process from picking to pasteurising and has resulted in a great stock of 100% pure apple juice being produced. Bottles were sold at school to the parents and also will be on sale at our Christmas Market in December.

Friends of Horningsham School



We would love to invite you to become an official Friend of Horningsham Primary School! Our leaflet outlines all the different events we have organised for the year – to which you are all invited. In addition, you can join our mailing list for updates and to book tickets for events – just email FriendsofHPS@horningsham.wilts.sch.uk . Also, please do contact us if you would like to suggest an event for the community or to get involved in activities at school – (e.g. gardening projects).



WELCOME CLUB

Our visit to Sidmouth was every bit as enjoyable as all the previous trips this season. We have been so lucky with the weather – smiley faces again!

We had a slight change for October when we visited Bristol Harbour – details in the next issue.

We have also met up with our local reflexologist (she lives in Horningsham). Read all about our time with Catherine in the December issue.

Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 4th December – *Tempus Fugit* – names and cash as soon as possible please. The times will be announced as soon as possible. The coach is free – a present from the Club. The lunch will be our final fling for 2018 – back again with a new programme for 2019 on 21st February.

Chris Short 01985 847373

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL



September started off being damp and dull with the odd hard heavy shower. We had 0.75 inches on the 3rd/4th and on the morning of our local Frome Show, we had thunder and lightning dropping another 0.69 inches. This continued to be the form really for the rest of the month with some more heavy bouts of rain as on the 15th/16th we had over an inch in a very short time such that all drains could not cope with the volume causing a few floods. At the end of September we had a total of 4.27 inches compared with 2.5 inches in 2016, giving us a total of 24.82 inches so far this year.

John Whatley

**DRIVE IN
AND PICK
YOUR OWN
FIRE WOOD**

Woodchip, Mulch, Hardwood
Logs, Softwood Logs, Kindling,
House Coal, Smokeless Coal.
Delivery available.

Mon to Fri: 7.30am - 4.15pm
Closed on Sundays & Bank Holidays
Open Saturdays from Sep-Mar only until 12noon
☎ 01985 213507 🌐 www.longleat.co.uk/forestry

**LONGLEAT
FORESTRY**

5% Discount for Tenants of Longleat Estate



FAYRE NEWS



The annual Horningsham Village Fayre is enjoyed by many, it's a great day out for all the family and attracts visitors from neighbouring towns and villages. Each year the funds raised from the event go towards supporting local groups including the Village Hall, Horningsham News, Luncheon Club, Lion Cubs Playgroup, Horningsham Cricket Team, Horningsham School, The Chapel and Church. These community groups rely heavily on the generous donation they receive.

If you could spare some time to plan, help set up, or be available on the day of the Fayre we would love to hear from you. The committee meet up every 6 weeks from November to put plans into place. Please come along to the next meeting or contact us by email if you can help. New supporters and volunteers are always very welcome.

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday 20th November, Mill Farm Horningsham. 7.30pm

Next year's Fayre will take place on Sunday 9th June 2019.

Horningsham Village Fayre Committee
horningshamfayre@gmail.com

Mill Farm Chronicles September -October 2018

The cows are still out in the fields because the weather continues to be unseasonably warm. Steve is hoping to keep them out as long as possible to save on straw and they much prefer to be outside in the fresh air. We've just moved a group of animals from the farm to a field we rent at Maiden Bradley. We walk them up Green Lane and along the Bradley road. They are very good and know exactly where they are going, all that is apart from one old cow who decided to walk at half the speed of the rest. We held the traffic up (including a bus) whilst she slowly ambled along looking over fences, exploring gateways and several times trying to get up close and personal with Mr Green's calves who were behind a roadside hedge. She met up with her mates eventually though and was soon enjoying the fresh grass.



The last of our summer calvers has finally calved. It's bitter sweet because the mum unfortunately died during the birth despite Steve's best efforts, but the calf survived and is big and healthy. The calf is a heifer who we have christened Octavia (because it's October) and is now being hand reared in our back garden, with Ivy's play house doubling up as Octavia's bedroom. Hand rearing is time consuming because she must be fed every 4/5 hours just like a human baby but this one drinks 2 litres of formula at a time, is very strong and pushes you around whilst being fed. The first few feeds need to be colostrum, which is the very rich first milk the cow usually produces that gives the calf the boost in energy it needs to kick start its system. We had to buy replacement colostrum (because obviously she didn't get her mum's) and bags of calf milk powder (just think SMA in huge bags) from Mole Valley Farmers which is mixed with warm water and fed in a very big baby bottle. As Octavia gets bigger and needs more milk she will feed from a Waydale feeder which hangs over a gate and has a tank for the milk and a teat on the front. She will gradually wean off milk and will begin to nibble grass and eat small calf niblets which is like an all in one dry feed which has all the nutrients and roughage she needs until she is fully grown.

As farmers we know that where there is livestock there is also deadstock, that's just the way it is, so children of farmers quickly learn to understand the circle of life.

This past month we lost a very dear member of our family and I wanted to acknowledge this in The Chronicles.

Uncle Michael (Trollope) had been ill for less than a year but sadly died aged 81 on September 26th. Uncle Michael was such a lovely, happy, gentle man. He enriched all our lives and it was an honour to have known him. My heart goes out to all his family but in particular to Auntie Joan, Andrew, Susan and Vera. We will miss him so much.

It's half term so that's bringing in a flurry of B&B guests who are visiting Longleat for the Halloween and Autumn activities.

We have been doing some B&B maintenance over the past couple of weeks and have had new doors fitted to The Carthouse and The Woodshed rooms. They are stable doors which will allow me to leave the top open for fresh air but the bottom closed to thwart the efforts of the various chickens and ducks who think the guest rooms are way more interesting than the garden.

We have also had The Woodshed walls damp-proofed and re-plastered, which is still drying out but no prizes for guessing what I'll be doing next week, yep wielding a paint roller!

The birthdays and the cake keep coming, with my mother-in-law Vera's today, Daniel my nephew's 30th tomorrow, brother-in-law Roger on 29th and Kate and Adam (Niece and Nephew) on the 2nd November. My 60th is on the 17th and I'm throwing myself a party . . . but more of that next month.

Margaret Crossman

THEN & NOW



This month we are at 173 Chapel Street or what most people will remember as the Village Shop. 173 is also, by coincidence, the number of years that this building was the village shop - trading from 1837 until it finally closed in 2010.

In the past, Horningsham had another grocery shop at the Bakery just along the road at Number 179. There was also a grocer's shop in Newbury at Number 17 which operated from 1840 until the two spinster daughters who ran it went bankrupt in 1912 and moved to the Almshouses. In Chapel Street there was also a draper's shop at 158 and a tailor next door at 158 while at 170a at Butchery Farm George Chinn ran a butcher's shop. Further along Chapel Street at 190 was an off-licence known as The Crescent where groups of men bought beer from Mrs Beauchamp and drank it in the street outside. Of course, in those days the population was much greater, incomes much lower and private transport was all but non-existent. There was also no Sainsburys, Asda or Morrisons, let alone a Waitrose, to tempt shoppers with their huge range of goods.

John Hulbert ran the shop with his wife from 1892 to 1924. In the window to the left of the main door was a parrot which alerted the shopkeeper to the arrival of a customer. Opposite the shop were sheds where the horses were stabled, now converted into a dwelling. The shop was taken over by Tom Dicks who had worked for John Hulbert and later by his two sons Douglas and Cyril. Ivan Haskell took over in 1971 and it was only then that the Post Office moved to the shop and that led to the red post box being installed.

When comparing the building in the two photos, the most striking difference is the absence of signage on the shop now. Another difference is the reduction in the number of chimneys with only one still there. Also, since the building was extensively renovated on ceasing to be a shop, the ladder to the storeroom door has gone and the door now has railings and appears to have become a Juliet balcony. The two gates seem to be unchanged – even the wooden one. The changes inside are more extensive with no fewer than 6 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, 2 of which are en-suite.



On 21st October Pete Wellstead ran the 29th Great South Run. He joined more than 20,000 runners for the 10 mile route around Portsmouth that included the historic dockyard.

Pete said he was raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support because he wanted to give something back after the support he and his family have received.

Donations can still be made via JustGiving. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they will never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they will send your money directly to the charity – saving time and cutting costs for the charity

If you want to donate: go to justgiving.com and search for Peter Wellstead

Wind Hill Bike Park

You've seen the car park full of VW vans and mud-splattered men, you've tried, and failed, to read the small signage as you drive home - so what's actually going on in the woods at Longleat?

It's a fantastic new mountain bike park called Wind Hill with 7 graded routes from an easy blue to scary "scream if you wanna go faster" pro-line route. On a beautiful autumn day I cycled over for a chat with Luke the duty manager. The entrance to the actual park is just past the big blue water features on Longcombe Drive - blink and you'll miss the thin banner flag blowing in the breeze.



The site was opened in April 2017 and has been given a solid thumbs up from the mountain bike (MTB) community - with its amazing jumps, burms and progressive runs it's been attracting overseas riders from Luxembourg, France & Australia as well as locals.

When I visited there were riders from Taunton, Frome, Reading & Bristol. It's a gravity led park (i.e. it's all downhill, you even start your ride from the roof of the hut!), costs £10 for a day pass and is rideable all year round due to it's free-draining position and fantastic design. It's open Monday to Friday 9.30 to 5.30 and Saturday/Sunday 8.30 to 5.30.



There's an exceptionally friendly team. It's suitable for those with basic bike handling skills through to world champions (Tahnée Seagrave, 2018 British World Champion silver medallist has ridden the course). So, give it a go; there's lots of awe-inspiring videos online but also plenty of rideable routes for those building their skills and confidence. Just search for Wind Hill Bikepark on Instagram or Facebook for those videos.

Caroline Dykes

Notable Trees in Horningsham

In a very short space of time I have been well rewarded with exquisite ochre, cadmium yellow, vermilion red and carmine autumn colour. Not just any old reds, browns and yellows, an artist's palette dictated by varying levels of pigments and sugars degrading through shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures. This was quickly followed by some extreme wind and rain that have rendered the roads slippery with a mushy brown carpet of leaves that have been the first to fall, and of course it has been warm. What next I wonder? The Tree Conference has been to Frome, the smoke is emerging from chimneys, wood is being stockpiled in readiness.

I started thinking about winter colour and it reminded me of a clip in Gardener's World some time ago about the Winter Garden at Anglesey Abbey in Cambridge. I confess to only seeing it on television but it is etched on my mind. A small grove of 100 beautiful white barked Himalayan Birch (*Betula jacquemontii*) were being power washed in readiness for Christmas visitors. Alan Titchmarsh said at the time "With a little TLC silver birch trees can take your breath away." It's true they can!

Local to us, as you approach the path to Heaven's Gate from Knockatt's Copse car park, the birch stand like guardians, respectful but ready to close ranks and present arms if required. I don't think that they have received the TLC that Alan Titchmarsh advocates and that is a shame but not all birches have the paper white bark of the Himalayan.

There are around 60 different species of the deciduous birch that grow in temperate climates around the world. In the UK we have two natives, the silver birch and the downy birch.



Silver Birch

Mature trees can reach 30 metres in height, forming a light canopy with elegant, drooping branches. The white bark sheds layers like tissue paper and becomes black and rugged at the base. As the trees mature, the bark develops dark, diamond-shaped fissures. Twigs are smooth and have small dark warts. Leaves are light green, small and triangular-shaped with a toothed edge, which fade to yellow in autumn. The silver birch (*Betula pendula*) is monoecious, meaning both male and female flowers (catkins) are found on the same tree, from April to May. Male catkins are long and yellow-brown in colour, and hang in groups of two to four at the tips of shoots, like lambs' tails. Female catkins are smaller, short, bright green and erect.

Downy Birch



10 things you may or may not know about Birch trees.

1. Birch fossils date from the upper Cretaceous and were at their most diverse during the Eocene, that's 45 million years ago!
2. The silver birch is a pioneer tree. One of the first to colonise new or cleared land.
3. The generic name *Betula* is derived from the Latin for 'beat'. Their twigs were traditionally used for punishing.
4. Birch woods (which may include downy or silver birch, or both) have a light, open canopy, providing the perfect conditions for grasses, mosses, wood anemone, bluebells, wood sorrel and violets to grow.
5. Birch woods (which may include downy or silver birch, or both) have a light, open canopy, providing the perfect conditions for grasses, mosses, wood anemone, bluebells, wood sorrel and violets to grow.
6. Birch wood is tough and heavy, making it suitable for making furniture, handles and toys. It was used to make hard wearing bobbins, spools and reels for the Lancashire cotton industry. The bark is used for tanning leather.
7. Planted birch appears to be susceptible to birch dieback, which is caused by two fungal pathogens, *Marssonina betulae* and *Anisogramma virgultorum*. Naturally regenerated birch (grown naturally from seed) appears to be less prone to this.
8. Birch wood burns to make good charcoal.
9. Oil of wintergreen which contains methyl salicylate can be obtained from *B.lenta* and *B.alleganiensis*. Salicylates are related to aspirin found in willow.
10. Importantly birch accumulates heavy metals in its leaves and may reveal their presence in the soil. This can help with the reclamation and amelioration of industrial soils. (Facts from "The Secret Life of Trees" by Colin Tudge and The Woodland Trust).

Growing a birch as an ornamental can only bring pleasure and happiness! If you choose *B.jacquemontii* don't forget the TLC!

Jayne Glover



**TRADITIONAL
BONFIRE
NIGHT!**

**HORNINGSHAM
PLAYING FIELD
BA12 7LX**

**MONDAY 5th
NOVEMBER**

**HOT FOOD &
DRINK**

5-7PM

FIREWORK FINALE

FREE ENTRY!

“NO MEAN FEET”

REFLEXOLOGY WITH CATHERINE WILLIAMS

Christmas Offer!

Fight the Winter Blues!

Introduce a Friend to Reflexology

Both get 2nd Treatment Half Price!

Email csensi@live.co.uk Phone 07956 848734

156 Chapel Street, Horningsham

MONTHLY RECIPE

Cattern Cakes

By now Christmas is very much on the agenda and we are trying to get used to the clock change. Choosing the recipe for this month was the hardest yet because I had so much choice: using up excess harvest, Hallowe'en, Guy Fawkes Day and Christmas preparations. I am indebted once again to one of my favourite seasonal books, "Cattern Cakes and Lace" by Julia Jones and Barbara Deer, (1987) for providing me with a less predictable solution.

November the 24th is St Catherine's Eve, also known to lacemakers as 'Cutting Off Day'. The lace that had been made was cut off its pillow and sold, paid for by the shilling. During the evening the lacemakers prepared a 'Cathern Bowl' made from apples and cinnamon. The ritual of jumping the candlesticks for luck rounded the evening off.

You may have guessed by now that St Catherine was the patron saint of lacemakers and November the 25th was held as their annual holiday and feast day in celebration of the life of St Catherine of Alexandria, a revered martyr of the 4th century. Indeed Pope John Paul II restored the celebration of her memorial to the Roman Catholic calendar in 2002. The wheel of her torture and death became known as the 'Catherine Wheel' and also the emblem of spinners and lacemakers. The circular 'rose' window found in churches may also be known as a 'Catherine' window if divided by spokes radiating from a central boss.

The making and eating of Cattern (Catherine) cakes was said to celebrate the feast by lacemakers in Tudor times served, believe it or not, with cold bohea tea.

Here then are 'Cakes for Cattern'.

Ingredients

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9oz/275g self raising flour | ¼ tsp ground cinnamon |
| 1 oz/25g currants | 2 oz/50g ground almonds |
| 2 tps caraway seeds | 7oz/200g caster sugar |
| 4 oz/100g melted butter | 1 medium egg, beaten |

A little extra sugar and cinnamon for sprinkling.



Method

Sift the flour and the cinnamon into a bowl and stir in the currants, almonds, caraway seeds and sugar. Add the melted butter and beaten egg and mix well to a soft dough. Roll out on a floured surface into a rectangle about 12" x 10" or 30 x 25cm.

Brush the dough with water and sprinkle with the extra sugar and cinnamon. Roll up like a Swiss roll and cut into ¾ " or 2 cm slices. Place the slices well apart on a greased tray and bake for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. That's All Folks! Short but sweet!

Having just obtained and dipped into a delightful and absorbing book called "Cake: The short and surprising history of our favourite bakes" by Alysa Levene, I am slightly hesitant about what the original version may have contained and tasted like.

Jayne Glover

CHAPTERHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY CHARLES DICKENS
ADAPTED BY LAURA TURNER

St Margaret's Church,
Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7QE
Thursday 6th December, 7.30pm



Tickets and Information from
The Elizabethan Playhouse
01373 832 113 office@theelizabethanplayhouse.com
or
See Tickets 0871 220 0260 or www.seetickets.com

Adult £15 / Child £10 / Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) £45
Doors open at 6.30pm.
www.theelizabethanplayhouse.com
A Festive Mince Pie and Glass of Wine on arrival

MAIDEN BRADLEY HALL



Movie Nights



Friday 9th November Doors open 7.00pm Ticket Price £5 includes admission, raffle and a drink



Saturday 24th November Family night showing '*Peter Rabbit*' (PG). Doors open 5.45pm for 6.30pm start. Why not bring in some fish & chips from Mr.Chippy's van who will be parked in the car park?

Monday 26th November Welcome Club Bingo doors open 7.30 for 8 o'clock eyes down.

Friday 30th November Christmas Bazaar 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Note: Music evening at Bradley House on 1st December cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Coffee mornings every Friday 10 - noon.

Come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. Everyone welcome.

The Old Kitchen Community Store now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays selling basic grocery items e.g. milk, cream, butter, biscuits, crisps, chocolate, tea, coffee etc. Opening times: 9am – 11.30am. Please note CASH ONLY.

Alongside the shop there is also a range of books to borrow from the Community Book Lending Library that has recently acquired a wide range of crime thrillers.

Harvesting Horningsham's Grapes



Many villagers are unaware of the fact that there is a vineyard in Horningsham. It is in the large lower section of Longleat Kitchen Gardens, Simpsons Seeds operates from the upper section.

A year or so earlier than anticipated, the amazingly warm summer has meant that there was a bumper harvest of grapes. It also meant that the grapes ripened in the warm autumn sun so that the sugar content was high enough for wine to be made from them. The Three Choirs Vineyard Company provided the expertise during the planning of the vineyard and the selection of the varieties that would suit the terroir: Bacchus, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

It is also Three Choirs who make the wine from the grapes. The grapes are transported to their state of the art winery at Newent in Gloucestershire to be turned into wine.



Matt Simpson joined the band of pickers on a series of days harvesting the grapes as they reached a satisfactory level for wine making and writes:

First to be picked were the Bacchus; the picking team, led by Nicci Cray who has done all the work on the vines (she can probably tie them up in her sleep), ably assisted by Graham Seviour, along with a team from Longleat grounds and garden.

The process of growing all the grapes, there are 4,000 vines, is not as simple as it may appear. Each vine needs to be tended, pruned during the season, tied up several times and the leaves trimmed. Weeds are controlled, so the vines get all of the nutrients.

The grapes go into buckets, which are then tipped into large plastic crates. These crates are then placed on the back of a trailer and driven up to Cheltenham, by Graham and Nicci. Now it is a waiting game for only a few months when the wine will return.

Bacchus will dance to the merry tune of the clink of a wine glass!



*



LONGLEAT NEWS

A group of five koalas and two wombats has arrived at Longleat following an epic journey from Adelaide, Australia. The iconic marsupials, which are from Cleland Wildlife Park near Adelaide, in South Australia, were special guests on a Singapore Airlines Cargo aircraft accompanied by keepers from Longleat and Cleland as well as a veterinary team.



After touching down at Heathrow on Thursday night and being picked up from the runway by a fleet of Longleat’s zebra-striped Safari vehicles, the animals were transported to the Wiltshire estate where they were given a full health check and declared fit and well.

Longleat’s Graeme Dick, said: “We’re delighted to announce the arrival of the koalas and wombats here at Longleat. All appear in excellent health and are settling in well.

“This is the culmination of a two-year project and the beginning of an exciting new era. We hope these animals will act as conservation ambassadors for the species, and promote conservation and education about Australian marsupials,” he added.

The koalas’ arrival is part of a ground-breaking initiative by the Government of South Australia to enhance the management and conservation of the koala. Longleat will act as a European hub for the newly-created International Koala Centre of Excellence (IKCE).

Longleat custodian Lord Weymouth has also



agreed to be the International Patron of the International Koala Centre of Excellence (IKCE) based at Cleland, a new initiative to raise funds to support research for koala management and conservation.

“We have been working closely with the team at Longleat to ensure the koalas and wombats receive the very best care and attention when they settle in,” said Cleland Director Chris Daniels. “The new facility is fantastic and has been specifically designed with these animals in mind. Their arrival in the UK is a very exciting moment and will undoubtedly help raise awareness of these unique animals,” he added. Six species of eucalyptus are being grown on the Estate to feed them.



They will now spend around 6 months away from visitors to the park as they settle into their new home alongside a pair of southern hairy nosed wombats, which are the koalas’ closest relative.

Their spacious new enclosure, called Koala Creek includes a natural stream, eucalyptus trees, climbing poles, naturally-themed indoor and outdoor habitats, viewing areas, interpretation boards as well as a Koala Care unit. The new purpose built facility is due to open to visitors to Longleat from Spring 2019.

Longleat will be the only place to see koalas in England, one of only two locations in the UK, and the only one in Europe to look after southern koalas.

There are two main subspecies of koala; the smaller northern variety and the southern koala, which has much thicker fur and can weigh twice as much as their northern relatives.

In 2012 the koala was listed as ‘vulnerable to extinction’ in some parts of Australia.

Horningsham Bonfire Celebrations

1980

Well over 350 persons of all ages, including a great number of friends from outside the village, attended the communal Bonfire and Firework display on Wednesday, 5th November.

This event was a joint venture by the committee of the village hall and the sports field, and took place in a field opposite the hall by kind permission of Mr. John Crossman.

The evening was very cold with a high wind and there was also the hint of snow. However, after the huge bonfire had been set alight by the sports field chairman, Mr. E. M. Penny, the cold was not even noticed. This bonfire was the result of much hard work during the preceding few weeks by members of the committee and willing helpers. Material for the fire came from many sources, including the Longleat Estate and Mr. John Cotton, to whom we are most grateful.

The firework display was in the very capable hands of Mr. Brian Pollard and Mr. Robert Penny who produced a show which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

"Hot Dogs" were dispensed by ladies of the committee from a barn near the bonfire. The "cooker" had been very kindly lent by Mr. John Bonney, and the generator for lighting the barn by Mr. W. G.

Whatley. A large quantity of ginger beer for the children was generously given by Mr. Nicholas Thompson.

On view in the village hall during the evening were children's competitions—Model Fireworks for those aged 5 to 7 years and Firework Safety posters for those aged 8 to 11 years. These were judged by Loh-Chin-Fen who resides in Horningsham and teaches drawing and painting at Frome. He said that all efforts were very good and it was difficult to decide the winners. His "guide-lines" for the posters were originality, symbolism, readability and colour. He eventually decided upon the following winners: Model Firework (5-7 years), 1st, William Mackintosh, 2nd, Sarah Hearley, 3rd, Elizabeth White; Safety Poster (8-11 years), 1st, Jim Hill, equal 2nd, Kate Longuet and Jeremy Trollope. Very highly commended, Jay Robins, Mathew Palma and Sharon Garton. All competitors are pupils of Horningsham School and they were given every encouragement to enter by the headmaster, Mr. Timothy Hill and his staff.



BUSES FROM BUS SHELTER AT THE COMMON

Salisbury every Tuesday **83**

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

Trowbridge every Thursday **81**

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

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*

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.15 and 13.45

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

Departs Frome Market Place 13.50

ADVERTISING RATES

¼ page £4.00 ½ page £8.00 Full Page £16.00

These apply to the inside pages of the magazine



BLACK AND YELLOW PAGES

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Black Boxes | Thursday 8 th & 22 nd November Thursday 6 th & 20 th December |
| Grey Bins | Friday 9 th & 23 rd November Friday 7 th & 21 st December |
| Blue Bins | Friday 2 nd 16 th & 30 th November Friday 14 th & 31 st December |
| Mobile Library | Tuesday 6 th November <i>10.00 – 10.25 opposite the Hall</i> |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Frome Hospital Minor Injuries | | 01373 454740 |
| Community Police Officer | Vicky Howick | 726818 ext 817 |
| Wiltshire Police – non emergency | | 101 |
| Neighbourhood Watch | Keith Shattock | 844197 |
| Horningsham School | | 844342 |
| First Steps Nursery | | 844942 |
| Village Hall Hire | | 07541 211732 |
| Longleat Property Department | | 845535 |
| Parish Council | Sarah Jeffries | 213436 |
| Congregational Chapel | Carol Cox | horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk |
| Horningsham Church Rector | Rev Pauline Reid | 841290 |
| Warminster District Link Scheme | | 211655 |
| Mere Link Scheme | | 01747 860096 |
| Stray or Fouling Dogs | | 0300 456 0100 |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th November ***Bonfire Night*** 5.00pm at the Hall

Sunday 11th November ***Remembrance Service*** 10.45 at the War Memorial

Tuesday 27th November ***W.I Meeting*** 7.30 at the Hall

Thursday 6th December ***Parish Council*** 7.30 at the Hall



BUBBLES & BAUBLES

Get into the Christmas spirit at The Bath Arms with our three course menu!



Lunch & Dinner available throughout December
£29.95 per person



TO BOOK YOUR FESTIVE DINING EXPERIENCE

Tel: 01985 844308
Online: www.batharms.co.uk

EMAIL: ENQUIRIES@BATHARMS.CO.UK

  @THEBATHARMS

(01985)
21 22 88



(01985)
21 22 15

FROM
SOMERSET

0800 542 5222

WARMINSTER
WILTSHIRE



**No Mole
No Fee
07512681111
01373836350**



LAKESIDE
garden centre



Everything for the garden.....with lakeside views



OSWICERTON, WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE. 01985 217411. OPEN MON-SAT 8.30-5.30 SUN 10.30-4.30



www.fonthill-lakeside.com



WELLSTEADS

Garden Maintenance

Pete Wellstead
07731359401

wellsteads@hotmail.com

**STAR
FISH
BAR**

3 BROXBURN ROAD WARMINSTER
TEL: 01985 217232

*****OPENING TIMES*****

LUNCHTIMES

MON 11.45AM - 1.45PM
TUES 11.45AM - 1.45PM
WEDS 11.45AM - 1.45PM
THURS 11.45AM - 1.45PM
FRI 11.45AM - 1.45PM
SAT 11.45AM - 1.45PM

EVENINGS

MON 4.45PM - 9.00PM
TUES 4.45PM - 9.00PM
WEDS 4.45PM - 9.00PM
THURS 4.45PM - 9.00PM
FRI 4.45PM - 9.00PM
SAT 4.45PM - 9.00PM

SUNDAYS, 4.30PM - 8.30PM

You Nailed It Construction

Tel: 07785 457 843

Email: you@nailedconstruction@aol.co.uk



FORD FUEL OILS

www.fordfueloils.co.uk

The Oil Depot, Farrington Fields Trading Estate, Farrington Gurney, Bristol BS39 6UU

Tel: 01761 452222 Fax: 01761 453977

Email: admin@fordfueloils.co.uk

COMPUTER REPAIRS UPGRADES / SYSTEMS & LAPTOPS

VIRUS REMOVAL / BROADBAND
WIRELESS / NETWORKING



FAST, FRIENDLY, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

COMPETITIVE RATES

ONSITE OR WORKSHOP

pcu CompTIA
447 Certified

call

01373 302901

www.ntsacomputing.co.uk

help@ntsacomputing.co.uk

EMBERSON GENERAL BUILDERS

- Carpentry
- Brickwork
- Plastering
- Roofing
- Fencing
- Painting & Decorating

Over 15 years experience.

Call Tony On 07917 388408 For A

competitive quote.



Official Decl or Beauty Room
Massage Facials Holistic Treatments
In West Woodlands

Call Holly on 07557406609

www.happynessbeautyroom.co.uk

FOR ALL YOUR GARDEN NEEDS

CALL FLASH ON

01985 988578

MOBILE: 07840116119