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EDITORIAL

Little did I think when I wrote the last Editorial for March 2020 that it would be 18 months before I wrote the next one, but COVID had other ideas! Anyway, it's good to be back and picking up where we were so rudely interrupted. During those months all of the village groups were in suspension and what little news there was we carried on the Facebook page which attracted ever more "followers".

COVID took two members of our community, Lord Bath and Victor Marsh both of whom are remembered in this issue. We also record the passing of Vic Trollope who spent all but his final years here in Horningsham.

Inside you will find most of our regular items though I am sad to report that, after such a successful and popular run from February 2013, Mill Farm Chronicle has ended. I know many of you will miss it but Margaret was the unfortunate target of some very nasty trolls and has understandably decided not to continue. What a shame! However, Parsonage Farm Rainfall will be back in our next issue.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Wednesday 15th September 2021

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HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 24th June at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Tim Hill, Stephen Crossman, Ken Windess, and Simon Millar.

Apologies: Dermot FitzGerald, Gerard Brierley, Charlotte Hilleary, and Matt Simpson

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

Chairman's Announcements

A parishioner had highlighted to the Chairman that retired Unitary Councillor Fleur De Rhe Philipe's sister, Carol, had sadly passed away. The Chairman informed Council that he would send a letter of condolence and would make a Donation to Dorothy House of £20.00 from his Chairman's allowance, rather than send flowers as the Charity had been mentioned in the announcement in the Daily Telegraph.

The Chairman also reported that Rick Gunning, the Tree Warden, has kindly staked all the apple trees and the pear tree in the Commemorative Orchard. The Chairman had thanked him.

Co-option

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr John Radley who had applied. It was agreed to advertise the two remaining vacancies again.

Parish Steward

The following list of tasks would be drawn to the Parish Steward's attention:

- Clear grass around speed signs in the parish
- Clear the vegetation from around the bus shelters
- Clear out the stream at the bottom of Church Lane

Planning Applications

At the time of completing the agenda there had been no planning applications to bring to Council's attention to comment on.

Planning Decisions

At the time of the meeting no decision had been published by Wiltshire Council on the following applications.

Application No: PL/2021/03355

Application Type: planning permission

Proposal: Demolition of existing dilapidated barn, and erection of new agricultural barn.

Site Address: MILL FARM, WATER LANE, HORNINGSHAM, WARMINSTER, BA12 7LL

Application No: PL/2021/04727

Application Type: Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)

Proposal: Alterations to the Cellar Cafe and Boathouse to provide suitable handrails and railings to protect against falls and ramped wheelchair access to the Orangery.

Application No: PL/2021/03265

Application Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Alterations to the Cellar Cafe and Boathouse to provide suitable handrails and railings to protect against falls and ramped wheelchair access to the Orangery.

Application No: PL/2021/04693

Application Type: Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)

Proposal: Alterations to the front steps of Longleat House to provide universal access aiding visitors to negotiate the steps.

Site Address: Longleat, Horningsham, Wilts, BA12 7NW

Application No: PL/2021/03268

Application Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Alterations to the front steps of Longleat House to provide universal access aiding visitors to negotiate the steps.

Site Address: Longleat, Horningsham, Wilts, BA12 7NW

Application No: PL/2021/04512

Application Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Installation of temporary "summer exhibition" in the grounds and gardens surrounding Longleat House.

Gentle Street Signage

Council decided not to request a No Through Road sign as had been requested by a parishioner at the previous meeting on the grounds that Gentle Street is not a no through road. It was thought that such a request to the Highways Department might raise questions about the one at the top of Church Lane.

Wiltshire Council Winter Preparations

Council instructed the Clerk to email Councillor Matt Simpson to ask him to check the grit bins in the parish and report any empty grit bins via the Wiltshire online reporting app.

Defibrillator

Council agreed to sign a further 4-year agreement with South West Ambulance Service. It was also suggested that all the sports groups should be invited to the defibrillator training session when it was next organised.

Tennis Court

Councillor Stephen Crossman reported that the Tennis Court surface should be brushed off rather than power washed, as he was concerned that the pressure of the water might destroy the surface. He also said that he and Councillor Ken Windess would see how another entrance to the tennis court could be created that avoided the need to enter via the Play Area.

Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ken Windess reported to Council that the painting of the entrance hall and adjacent areas was complete. The next step is to refurbish the Jubilee Room.

The rendering outside is still to be completed on the end of the building, the builders are due back again soon and the rest of the outside is to be refreshed. Grants have been sought and received from which the Hall has benefited greatly.

The Chairman asked that the Parish Council's appreciation of the Village Hall Committee's hard work in making the Hall so attractive to the community, be relayed to the Committee.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be at 7.30 on Thursday 9th September at the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend.

We are back !!!

After 18 months of closure all the members of Luncheon & Welcome Clubs plus helpers and cooks were invited to a cream tea at the Village Hall in July. A very happy time was enjoyed by all with a lot of chatting and catching up with old friends.

LUNCHEON CLUB



The Luncheon Club will open again on Thursday 2nd September. For those interested in joining, the club is open to anyone 60 and over. New members are always very welcome. We meet every Thursday from 12 noon with lunch served at 12.30pm. For £3 a head you can enjoy a dinner, pudding and cup of tea or coffee plus good company. We do hold a weekly raffle and small donations are welcome. The

club is run by volunteer cooks and helpers and we are very grateful to them for their time in helping to keep the club open.

Lesley Trollope & Margaret Long

WELCOME CLUB



The Welcome Club outings started in August with a trip to Sidmouth, coffee stop at the donkey sanctuary. With limited numbers allowed on the coach we have given priority to members. Our September outing on 28th September is to Swanage & Corfe Castle stopping at Blandford for coffee. Our last outing of the season is on 19th October to Poole, coffee stop at Lyndhurst. The cost is £15 per person. If you are interested please ring Lesley (01985211355) to see if any seats are available.

Providing all things go well next year we hope to have a full season of 7 trips with a coach capacity of 48.

Lesley Trollope



FAYRE NEWS

The Fayre Committee reluctantly decided there could be no Fayre again this year because of Covid restrictions. However, it hopes that there will be one in June 2022, Covid permitting and if the community really wants there to be one. Traditionally, the Fayre has been the one major event that brings everyone together and which provides vital funding for the voluntary groups in the village.

In order to have a Fayre next year the Committee is in need of new members to help organise and deliver it. There will also be a great need for people to help on the day.

The Committee thank Carole Hill for the donations from her plant stall which has provided their only income during this time.

Steve Crossman, Chairman

HALL NEWS



Horningsham Hall is officially back open with a fresh look for all to enjoy!

The Hall Committee made excellent use of lockdown to make various improvements to the Hall including a new interior colour scheme and important works to the exterior of the building. Work is still ongoing but the Hall has already been well used following Reza's art exhibition in May. Various equipment is available for hire for art /craft events, please contact info@galleryaa.com

In the meantime if you are thinking of a party or celebration please consider supporting our beautiful Village Hall.

Harriet Martin

HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



We have held services whenever it was permitted during the pandemic.

Our next service will be held on Sunday 12th September at 10 am.

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HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



What a pleasure to submit a cricket report again, after so many months (and a week late; sorry Tim). We have played over 70 matches since our last update in these pages ; 30 in 2020, crammed into the second half of the season between lock downs, and despite many cancellations for rain, over 40 this year, with 10 more to come. I dare say that this is the most by any village XI in England that does not play competitive cricket. For much of last summer, the government allowed people to play other sports but not cricket. I suspected they were bribed by some wives. But I note that none of our squad have ever come down with Covid, and certainly not as a result of standing around in the rain and sun on a cricket ground.

We stopped playing any Sunday League cricket in 2019, and our main goal these days is to seek out beautiful grounds and friendly oppositions. Our captain Callum Widdows keeps a book of the 100 most beautiful cricket grounds in England by his bed and we are slowly ticking them off. So, in the last 18 months, we have been to some stunning grounds in Cornwall and Yorkshire, as well as closer to home around Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire.

I will spare you any reports of the cricket, though some match reports and some photos of some of the most picturesque grounds we have played on can be found on the club's Facebook page.

We have also created a grass wicket on our home ground here in Horningsham. For the past 15 years we were using an excellent artificial wicket generously donated to the village in 2004 by the late Alexander, Lord Bath (once captain of the Eton 2nd XI, I believe). His Lordship never played for the village, not at least in my time; though for the benefit of the cameras he ceremoniously put on a pair of pads to face the first ball bowled on the new wicket; a respectful lob. Dissatisfied with his first shot, an ugly edge that dribbled towards gully, the cameras requested a retake, but he missed the ball and was struck where we need not say. The third attempt caused him to lose balance and fall over. A very good sport. We still have that artificial wicket in reserve but it is great to be playing also on grass; which has been made possible by the enthusiasm and hard work of our expanded playing squad.

Sadly, owing to Covid restrictions we have not been serving tea at home matches. But we are lucky to have been extremely well looked after by the Bath Arms, with generous plates of sausages and chips after evening matches. We are most grateful to their team.

James Osborne



We've always prided ourselves in being a creative school and strong community and this unique time has certainly tested and proved this to be true! Despite all the restrictions, we have continued to thrive and have another successful year. Things inevitably have looked different, with each class working as separate bubbles and social distancing and preventative

measures resulting in minimal visitors to site and very strict routines in place. However, we have been so impressed and proud of how everyone has embraced this and adapted to all the new practices. Our families did a magnificent job during remote learning with staff working tirelessly to keep things going and still ensuring that we had vibrant and exciting topics and activities for all the children.

Some of our highlights include our sponsored hike, as part of Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Week. The children had a very challenging day with the older children completing a 12k hike! We raised over £4000, including a £500 donation to Dorothy House in memory of one of our parents who was supported so well by them in her final days. We are also so proud to announce that every child successfully achieved the Arts Award – a national award presented to the children after a series of projects and successful moderation of their portfolios. We are thrilled that every child passed! We're glad so many of you enjoyed our Samba workshop day – this was a real treat for the children and a great way of giving them and the staff a positive well-being day that they'll always remember. We loved hearing about lots of you dancing along in your gardens to our drumming and having your own mini carnivals! It also was great having some of the village join us for our online Quiz Nights.

We've become quite adept at film making and online engagement, with our virtual services and choirs and were thrilled that we were still able to have our annual Sports Day on the Village Green and Leavers' Service at the church – which was the best way to finish our year finally all together as a school.

It's been a huge learning curve for everyone and we take so many new skills and approaches as we move into a new academic year. A huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents for being so resilient, flexible and committed to keeping everyone safe and thriving. We look forward to an exciting new year working together as a school and community.



Dear Friends

September is a bumper month of birthdays for my family – including my own, as a child I used to feel a bit envious of my friends who had their birthdays during school term time while mine being very early in the month was in holiday time. At least I was never ‘bumped’ in the playground! Following my birthday would be the return to school and a new academic year. I wonder how many ‘new years’ we can have in a year? In Western society we think of ‘new year’ as the progression from 31st December to 1st January while other cultures and calendars, particularly Eastern ones, have theirs’ at other times. September is the beginning of the ecclesiastical year in the Eastern Orthodox Church while ours begins with Advent, four Sundays before Christmas Day. In the Jewish Faith new year begins in the month of Tishri, (the seventh month) which covers part of September and October, with a festival called New Year Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah which can be translated as “first” or “head of the year” and marks the start of the Jewish High Holy Days leading up to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). It’s all about making fresh starts.

September was originally the seventh month, the name coming from Latin *septem* - “seven” with March being the first month of the year until about 451 BC when January and February were added to the Julian Calendar, making September the ninth month but retaining its name. So many things begin again in September, in tandem with the new school year, when all of a sudden pupils and students take another step up on the ladder of education. Perhaps this September more than any other, though, all of us are feeling ready to embark on a new beginning. Learning to live freely again as restrictions have been lifted, but not as easy as we might have first imagined. I wonder what you will be leaving behind – never to return to; and what you will be looking forward to taking up again? What does a fresh start mean for you?

Covid-19 hasn’t gone away but we can still live responsibly and get going again. Looking around our garden it is obvious that while we might have been restricted in our comings and goings, the fruit trees and bees have carried on as usual and there is much fruit to be picked over the coming weeks as it ripens.

So we look to a time of harvest and giving thanks for the abundant generosity of God’s love in creation, for the increase of community spirit during lockdown and we pray that it won’t be lost as we begin again. To the community of the church in Galatia the apostle Paul wrote that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We have learned that people matter more than possessions, when Jesus, the Son of God lived among us He exemplified a loving and generous way of living, it is a way of life that bears fruit – fruit that will last and fruit that is to be shared.

Gay Maynard

CHURCH NEWS



The last article I wrote for the News was in March 2020, when I noted that the Church was looking forward to holding a service every month from then on. Little did we know how much the world was about to change. All churches were locked and the clergy had to quickly familiarise themselves with Zoom. I looked at our service book today; since the beginning of 2020 there have been just four services in Horningsham; Plough Sunday, a Eucharist, a funeral and a baptism. Plough Sunday is a wonderful celebration enjoyed by a large congregation, so it was good to finish on a positive note. The next service was a Eucharist at the end of May this year; it is hoped that we will be able to hold a service every time there is a 5th Sunday in the month.

In June the funeral was held for Audrey Dyke. The family have strong connections to Horningsham, being related to the Longs. Audrey is buried next to her daughter Susan, who sadly died at a young age.

Those of you who attended the Village Reunions will be sad to hear that both Les and Rita Garrett have passed away this year. Les was born in the village and I first met him when he was visiting his parents' grave. I invited him to the Reunion and he and his wife subsequently came every year; it was also a chance for him to meet up with two of his cousins who live locally.

It is good that we were able to celebrate a new life; Amy-Jane Hocking was baptised in July; her grandparents live in the village. A baptism is always a special occasion for any family and we hope they enjoyed their day.

Many people visit our church and most of them sign the visitor's book. Today I have put a new book in place, the last one having lasted exactly 21 years. It is always interesting to read the comments. Frequently we are thanked for keeping the church open; many say it's a beautiful church in a beautiful village; others are visiting the home of their ancestors. Some visit every year and it is good to see the familiar names. Each filled book is added to my village archive and I hope there will be many more. We may not offer many services and the congregations are often small, but it is clear that people like to visit and spend a few quiet moments of reflection in this special place. Long may it continue.

Helen Taylor

Alexander Thynn 7th Marquess of Bath

6th May 1932 – 4th April 2020



At Horningsham Fayre June 2019

The news of Lord Bath's death spread quickly around the village of Horningsham and met with both sadness and shock. Sadness, because Lord Bath was universally liked and respected and shock, because the village's first confirmed case of COVID-19 had carried off the most prominent member of our community. Although Lord Bath had been in poor health, to die in the RUH from this virus was such a miserable and lonely way for him to go.

He had lived all of his adult life in Longleat and was well-known in the community. His two children, Lenka and Ceawlin, both attended the village school along with the rest of the village children. He was a staunch advocate of state schools and it was as Head of the School that I came to know him so well. It was unusual for an Eton-educated aristocrat to

eschew private schools and I remember being enlisted to back up his decision about his children's schooling when he was challenged by some of his friends. But then, Alexander was unusual in many ways. Along with the title of Marquess of Bath he had inherited Longleat Estate which included almost the whole of the village of Horningsham. I remember his surprise when I pointed out that he owned the School – Wiltshire Council was just another of his many tenants.

Lord Bath was always supportive of the village in many ways including his Longleat Charitable Trust which provided financial support for the School. He was always to be seen being gregarious at the annual Summer Fayre even when latterly he needed a wheelchair. During the 45+ years that I knew him, he was an unfailingly kindly, approachable man who had a lively sense of humour. Like everyone in our village who knew him, I shall miss him.

Tim Hill

6th May 1932 born in London as third child and second son to Henry Thynne, 6th Marquess of Bath and Daphne Fielding, daughter of 4th Baron Vivian. Eldest son, Thomas, died in infancy.

Attended Ludgrove School, Wokingham

Attended Eton College where he a member of Pop and keeper of boxing.

National Service in the Life Guards, commissioned as Lieutenant in 1951

Read PPE at Christ Church Oxford where he was President on the now infamous Bullingdon Club.

Studied art in Paris in the 1950s.

1953 his parents divorced.

1964 the Estate was made over to him to avoid inheritance tax.

1969 Married Anna Gyarmathy aka Anna Gael who survives him.

1969 Birth of daughter Lenka

1972 Birth of son Ceawlin, 8th Marquess of Bath

1976 Dropped the 'e' from the end of his surname.

1992 Henry, 6th Marquess, died and he became the 7th Marquess of Bath

2020 on 28th March he was admitted to the Royal United Hospital, Bath and tested positive for COVID-19

He died on 4th April 2020 at the age of 87.

Victor Harry Charles Marsh
26th June 1930 – 13th April 2020



Victor was born at White Street to Lionel and Marjorie Marsh. He was the middle son and attended Horningsham School with his brothers Lionel and Alan. His father was a carter on Longleat Estate. After leaving school Victor went to work at the garages on the Estate. He also completed his National Service and was stationed in Egypt.

In February 1954 he married Marjorie Bale and they made their home in Church Lane. Their daughter Glenda was born the next year followed by a son, Kevin. Shortly after Victor went to work for Bill Whatley at Parsonage Farm and the family moved to Newbury. Victor remained working on the farm for the rest of his working life and was very successful in local ploughing matches, winning many trophies. Bill's son John eventually took over the farm and after his retirement Victor continued helping John in his garden.

Marjorie, sadly, became very ill with MS and Victor spent many years lovingly taking care of her as well as working on the farm and tending his garden – he also gardened for quite a few others in Newbury and White Street and even had his own allotment. For many years he delivered the Sunday newspapers in the village, firstly on his pushbike and later by car. Glenda remembers happy family holidays before her Mum became too ill in caravans at Swanage and West Bay, always fitted in between silage and haymaking and the corn harvest. During this time Victor and Marjorie were great friends with George and Eileen Mathews. Their daughters called them Aunty and Uncle.

Sadly in 1982 Marjorie passed away but Victor remained very friendly with Gorge and Eileen. Years later, after George passed away, Victor continued to help Eileen with the garden and took her shopping, helping in any way he could.

After a few years, Victor and Eileen became much closer and in 2000 they married and Victor moved to The Island. Their garden was wonderful to see, so well-kept with large vegetable plots, flowers growing everywhere, fruit trees and bushes and strawberries. They also kept chickens. They went on many coach holidays and enjoyed day trips and visiting family and friends. They liked attending the Luncheon Club and Victor looked forward to his Thursday meal when he could no longer get to the Hall.

In later years, Eileen's health declined and Victor cared for her at home for as long as he could. Eventually she moved to Longbridge Deverill Care Home where he visited her almost every day. Only the snow stopped him, and when he was in hospital for a few weeks with a serious heart condition, his main concern was Eileen – that she wouldn't understand why he wasn't there. Eileen passed away in April 2019.

Victor became increasingly frail during his last year after being diagnosed with colon cancer at Christmas 2018. He passed away at Salisbury District Hospital on April 13th 2020 – he just wasn't strong enough to survive Covid-19. He was good and brave to the very end.



Victor Dennis Trollope
10th July 1932 – 29th May 2021



Victor Trollope was born in Pottle Street in 1932. His family and their presence in Horningsham can be traced back directly to the time of the construction of Longleat House. “Percy Trollope researched our history and found out that our ancestors originate from Scotland (hence the naming of Little Scotland). John Trollope was an overseer at the building of Longleat - the Trollope family have been here ever since!”

Vic’s father, Arthur, was also born in Pottle Street. Arthur had worked at Baycliffe Farm as well as at Longleat House as a lad “wheeling the coal in to keep the fires going!” Vic’s mother was Nora Marsh. “Mother brought up four children, two girls and two boys - during the war she worked for Farmer Shepherd at Scotland Farm where she milked the cows and later at Church Farm.

Vic attended Horningsham School when Miss Anderson was the head teacher, with Miss Holly from Corsley. “My friend Norman Edwards and I always used to get into trouble! When the war was on, the police officer of the village, Sergeant Gray, came to the school and strictly told us that if there was any ‘activity’ in the air we were to run straight into the nearest house, no questions asked. One afternoon when we came out of school a German bomber came over Heaven’s Gate and of course all the kids ran back into school - Norman and I, we ran down past the War Memorial and up the track towards Maiden Bradley running underneath the plane - it was great fun - two Spitfires were letting him have it! He crashed on Zeals Aerodrome. I got the cane at school for that, two on each hand, and Norman and I had a right old lecture from Sergeant Gray!” At that time the village policeman had a house near the village hall. “There was an RAF depot up where the Forestry is now, during the war. It was a distribution centre for the RAF. There were big long 40-50ft lorries and they’d be loaded up and go off to Warminster Station. We never knew what they were loaded with as it was all so secret. The big American Hospital was where the reserve is now. We used to have social evenings at the Chapel – the Americans put them on and arranged entertainment - most of the men had been injured. I always remember one soldier who had been badly affected, he used to sing the song ‘Remember Me’ and all his mates used to shout ‘We will!’ Then of course, boys will be boys - there were four of us, we went to the camp and played around outside. We saw a hole in the fence, and were ‘invited’ in! At the first hut they gave us bars of chocolate and sweets and also a note saying ‘feed these lads well’ and they sent us to another hut where it was repeated! We ended up at the officers’ hut and they chucked us out! The next day we went back to have another go and the hole was blocked up.”

Vic stayed at the village school until he was 11 and then attended The Avenue School in

Warminster. At 14 he went to work at Longleat in the Tree Nursery. After two years, he started work with the Shire horses, dragging trees out of the woods. The stables were based at the top of Pound Lane opposite the school. "This was just after the war - there were three horses in all. You had your own horse, mine was called Major. We used to go up to the stable at 7.00 in the morning, groom the horses whilst they were eating their breakfast, take them water, throw a sack on their back and then off down to the woods dragging trees all day. Each horse had a halter with hames over their shoulders and then a chain fixed onto the crux of the hames. You had a spreader across, like a piece of board, at the back of the horse and you hitched that on, picked up the tree and dragged it to the side of the road where it could be picked up. That was the best job I had on the Estate!" This was in the late 1940s. Vic eventually left the horses and went as lorry driver's mate with Sidney Carpenter, (Barbara's husband) who taught him to drive. "I did that for a couple of years then I wanted to go on piece work to earn more money, so I joined a team making charcoal. We worked in Norridge Woods. The gangs felled the timber and cut it up into 5 foot lengths and then it was put into kilns. The charcoal was used for gas masks, indigestion remedies and our biggest customer was British Oxygen. When the charcoal folded up I got put into a gang of 3 men to go to work cutting the trees down again. The horses had gone and the tractors moved in."

"I remember Henry, Lord Bath, so well. There was a period when the Agricultural Union wanted a pay rise but the farmers couldn't afford it. Instead they were willing to give an extra week's holiday for long service employees so I used to work direct for Lord Bath during that week. I used to be in front of the house in a white coat working for him - I was down there one day and I saw Eric Morecambe coming along. Henry Bath was trimming a tree along the drive and he went up and had a word with him not knowing who he was. When he came back he said to me "That bloke" he said "I recognise his face but he's a cheeky b.....r" I said 'Is he my Lord?' 'Yes' he says, 'he came up to me and asked what Lord Bath was like to work for!' I told Lord Bath that it was the chap from Morecambe and Wise and he said 'I thought he looked familiar!'

Vic met Ann in 1954 and they married at the end of the following year. They had met in Frome Market. "A gang of us used to go in there on our bikes and get chatting to all the girls down in the town by the fountain! Ann lived in Frome and was 19. We lived in Newbury first then we moved to No. 109 just below the pub." The couple had their first child, Cynthia, in January 1957 and Carl in July 1959. "We said when we got married that we'd have 2 kids and we stuck to it!" They moved into their present home in Chapel Street in about 1963. In all Vic worked for Longleat Forestry for 64 years in all. His last 3 years until his retirement were in the gardens at Longleat after he had an unfortunate accident with a circular saw. He used to teach students the practical side of his work. Ann worked at the Manor for Mr Charles for 25 years and has worked there for over 40 years in all. Ann has kept in touch with Robert Charles ever since.

Vic and Ann moved to Warminster: "At 82 I've got to accept that I can't keep the garden up together, and I have had some ill-health. The buses don't run often and we feel too isolated as I can't drive much now. We would like to go just before the winter sets in. I can walk right round the village now and only see one or two people I know!

Gill Courtney

LION CUBS

Charlotte, Sara and I have loved running the playgroup and meeting such a lovely group of parents, carers, grandparents and of course your gorgeous children! Our own children have enjoyed the last 3 years of playgroup and have now either reached school age or will be starting school next September. We have so missed being able to get together on Thursdays with your little ones but as you may have already guessed, we won't be running Lion Cubs any longer, even when the current situation improves.

We'd like to take this opportunity to mention one of our former Lion Cubs members, Victoria Curtis-Parckar, who very sadly passed away at the end of last year. She will be very much missed by all who knew her. We have decided to donate the remaining unused playgroup funding to Dorothy House, the hospice that cared for Victoria and her family, a total of £257, which we hope will help with their amazing work. All the toys and equipment have been donated to a local nursery.

We are sad that Lion Cubs can't continue and that it came to such an abrupt ending but we've had 3 happy years and want to wish you and your children all the best for the future. Thanks for your support and coming to join in the (semi) organised chaos! We had fun and hope you did too!

Rachel Mumby, Charlotte Hilleary and Sara Elston

CHURCH STREET ROAD CLOSURE MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Wiltshire Council



Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Urgent Closure of: C270 (part), Horningsham

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on 20th September 2021, the following length of road shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway reactive patching and associated works.

C270 (part), Horningsham; from its junction with Water Lane to its junction with Church Lane.

Alternative route: via C270 (Unaffected length) - B3092 - C41 - C281 - C270 (Unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

These works will commence on 20th September 2021 and are anticipated to be required for 1 DAY between the hours of 09:30 and 14:30. This Notice will have a maximum duration of 5 days.

For further information regarding these works please contact 01225 713376 Wiltshire Council

NEW LITTER BIN

In March Wiltshire Council Waste Team notified the Parish Council that the litter bin by the bus shelter on the Common had rusted away and fallen over. They offered the Parish Council the opportunity to buy a new bin to go in the same place and said that they would continue to empty it. Should we decide not to replace it, then any the emptying of any new bin would be the responsibility of the Parish.

The old bin had lasted so many years that no councillor could reliably remember just when it had been installed and so the Parish Council unanimously voted to replace the bin at a cost of £552.70.



THEN AND NOW





Those were the days . . . when Horningsham had a thriving village shop now sadly closed and since 2010 is a dwelling known as 173 Chapel Street. Horningsham had another grocery shop at the Bakery just along the road at Number 179. There was also a grocer's shop at 17 Newbury 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 and a tailor, while at Butchery Farm George Chinn ran a butcher's shop.

When the building ceased being a shop it was extensively renovated: the signage has gone as have two of the chimneys. The ladder to the storeroom door has gone and the door now has railings. The two gates seem to be unchanged – even the wooden one.

One hundred years ago, when the sign above the shop read: "John Hulbert General Supply Stores" were also the days when the population was much greater (more than double today's), incomes much lower and private transport was all but non-existent, just the horse-drawn variety you can see in the first picture. There were no supermarkets to tempt shoppers with their huge range of goods. However, Hulbert's shop did include an in-store bakery. John was a Master Baker and in 1900 was employing two carts to deliver bread around the village. We know that from a court case in which he was found guilty of not providing scales on the carts to weigh the bread.

The two old photos show John Hulbert who ran the shop from 1892 to 1924. He was joined by his wife Eliza when they married in 1905. They seem to have made a success of running the shop. When John died in 1925 he left the equivalent in today's money of £250,000. 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 was one of the men with a bread cart in that court case. Later Tom's son Cyril took over the shop, with Ivan Haskell taking over in 1971. It was only then that the Post Office moved to the shop.

Monthly Recipe

It's a Kind of Magic

Or

Cooking is an Art, Baking is a Science

My stance on this widely debated quote is that cooking and baking are both art and science.

To bake the perfect cake you will need to be adept with both the science and art of baking. On one hand, the **science of baking** will need you to have a thorough understanding of the chemistry of each ingredient and the physics involved in their baking process; while on the other, striking the appropriate measurement with the right choice of ingredients is the **art of baking**, that comes with practice and passion. All baked goods are made from a few basic ingredients. As an artist, the baker uses scientific knowledge of the chemistry of baking to create signature yet familiar dishes. Their experience and personal philosophies play a large role in the way they work. Bakers use flavour, texture, and visual appeal to produce an edible experience

The real debate for this recipe, is understanding the concept of chemical leaveners or rising agents. What is the difference between baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and baking powder? The primary difference is that baking powder already contains an acid in the chemical mixture, whereas baking soda needs an acidic ingredient to create the rising reaction. Use baking soda in recipes that have acidic ingredients like buttermilk, lemon juice, or vinegar; use baking powder in recipes that do not have acidic ingredients, like biscuits, corn bread, or pancakes. Measurement of bicarb or BP is critical because over or under use of either has culinary consequences !😬

Lemon Cake

Ingredients

200 grams plain flour + 2 tsps of baking powder

225 grams caster sugar + 1 tbsp of finely grated lemon zest +250g yoghurt + 2 large eggs

+½ tsp vanilla extract + 250ml of vegetable oil. (I used olive oil)

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Lightly oil a loaf tin and dust with a little flour. Mix the flour and the baking powder. In another bowl mix the rest of the ingredients and whisk until blended. Fold into the dry ingredients. Pour the batter into the loaf tin and bake until golden brown and a skewer comes out clean. About 50 - 55 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for about 15 mins. Turn out and cool completely.

This recipe seems to have ensured its rise by the use of yoghurt and baking powder!

Make it your own! 😬

A Big Welcome Back Everyone



Jayne Glover

LONGLEAT NEWS



MINI and Longleat, UK's No. 1 Safari Park, recently signed a new partnership aimed at bringing the two companies together. The British car maker will be delivering a 'pride' of 10 animal-print Countryman PHEV models to Longleat.

Thanks to the 26-mile electric range of these models, there's a hope that it will make on-site traffic more sustainable, with the SUVs set to be used for tasks such as feeding the animals, maintenance work and delivering equipment and supplies around Longleat. The cars are all wrapped in a distinctive animal print livery too, and are easy to spot for anyone visiting.



Keepers Don Hard Hats to Care for World's Most Dangerous Owls



Keepers at Longleat are having to don safety helmets before entering the aviary of a giant owl, known as the ‘tiger of the skies’. The North American great horned owl, which has a five-foot wingspan, is deemed so dangerous it is listed as a category one species in the Dangerous Wild Animals Act.

In order to protect themselves from aerial attacks by their new feathered fiends, Dakota and Iowa, keepers at the Wiltshire wildlife attraction have to put on gloves and hard hats.



Widespread across America, the owl is reported to have been responsible for a series of attacks on people and is even reputed to have killed someone.

It is a fearsome predator, which uses its powerful talons to catch a variety of prey including everything from hawks and snakes to rabbits, skunks and even porcupines. The power of the owls' razor-sharp claws is similar to the biting force of a large guard dog and they use it to sever the spines of large prey.

“In the UK owls are seen as these mystical and magical creatures; particularly since Hogwarts and Harry Potter,” said keeper, Rachael Porter. “However they’re also one of the planet’s most successful avian predators and have evolved a series of deadly attack weapons to hunt down their prey. Although the prospect of being subjected to a dive bomb attack may be quite slim, wearing the helmets is a mandatory element of our licence to look after the owls and it does provide an extra level of reassurance whenever we do have to enter the aviary,” she added.



The owl gets its common name from the two tufts on its head and that look like horns. Great horned owls are perfectly adapted to the role of nocturnal hunter with large eyes, pupils that open widely in the dark, and retinas containing many rod cells for excellent night vision. They can also swivel their head more than 180 degrees to look in any direction and have exceptional hearing.

Iowa and Dakota are both 20 years old. The average lifespan of the great horned owl is around 25 years, however a female owl at the San Francisco Zoo lived to be more than 50 years old.

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WILTSHIRE.

HORNINGSHAM.—Harvest Home.—The fine weather which prevailed during harvest, has enabled our farmers to secure a bountiful crop of corn, which, though not exceeding that of last year, is certainly not below the general average. In consequence of this, Mr. Pope, a large agriculturist of this village, resolved to give his labourers a gala. Accordingly, on Tuesday afternoon last, clad in holiday attire, those who were employed on the farm, assembled in a large open shed to partake of a substantial repast prepared for them by their generous employer. After having done ample justice to the good things provided, the company amused themselves with singing, dancing, &c. An efficient band was in attendance, which added greatly to the entertainment of the evening. Around the building, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, were suspended several appropriate mottoes and devices, such as "Speed the Plough," "Honesty and Industry;" a wheat-sheaf, with the superscription "Peace and Plenty," &c. At the conclusion, the band struck up the National Anthem, the company joining in with their voices, and after Three Cheers for the Queen, the Army and Navy, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope and family, the guests returned to their respective homes, highly delighted with the entertainment.

When Thomas Pope was the tenant, Manor Farm encompassed most of the farmland in the parish. In the 1851 census he is shown as farming 800 acres and employing 50 labourers, a sizeable farm even by today's standards. Presumably those 50 comprised the revellers at the Harvest Home celebration of 1855. The very extensive and impressive farm buildings at Manor Farm date, according to English Heritage, from the "mid C19" - during Thomas Pope's time as tenant. Built by Longleat Estate they are now Grade 2 listed.



Throughout his time at Manor Farm he was very active in the wider farming community. There are countless newspaper articles recording his successes in winning awards for his cattle, sheep and pigs at many of the region's agricultural shows.

His standing in the community and beyond is mentioned in this report of his funeral in the Bristol Times of September 5th 1885:

Horningsham Funeral of the Late Mr Thomas Pope

The funeral of Mr Thomas Pope of Manor Farm who died somewhat suddenly of heart disease, took place on Monday, and was witnessed by a very large concourse of people, deceased being respected by the people of the village, but also by the farmers and gentry of the neighbourhood. The mourners included the Rev. W. Saunders, vicar of S Silas, Bristol (cousin of the deceased), and among those who assembled at the graveside were the Marquess of Bath and Lord Henry Thynne M.P.

Born in Tollard Porcorum in Dorset in 1814, he died age 71 a very wealthy man. His personal estate was just under £1 million in today's money.

POPE Thomas.

Personal Estate £7,266 13s. 3d.

26 November. The Will of Thomas Pope late of Horningsham in the County of Wilts Gentleman who died 28 August 1885 at Horningsham was proved at Salisbury by John Pope of Horningsham Gentleman the Son and James Noulson Parham of Sutton Veney near Warminster in the said County Gentleman two of the Executors.



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Frome every Wednesday & Thursday

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