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EDITORIAL

Autumn is being particularly beautiful in Horningsham this year with a wonderful changing of the colours. Special thanks to Paul Kemp of Anchor Barton for this month's atmospheric cover photo. If you want to know how and why the leaves change colour in autumn, then Andy Dean explains it in his *Wild Horningsham* article (*Page 21*).

Several events are planned for November. There is a Bonfire Night for villagers at the Hall on Saturday 5th which is free to attend, though donations will be appreciated. (*Page 8*) The Hall Committee are restricting advertising of the event after the enormous number of people who attended last year when it was widely circulated on social media. The Hall Committee are also putting on a Village Supper on Thursday 24th – you need to book (*Page 7*).

When the Parish Council conducted a survey of parishioners they asked how people normally found out what was happening in the village. Guess what? Almost everyone said either *Horningsham News* or *Horningsham News Facebook*. Thank you – it's good to know we're useful!

What a shame the Bath Arms has given up supporting us. Presumably they no longer wish to reach the village community.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Tuesday 15th November 2022

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WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday 27th September the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing, this month it was to Sidmouth. We set off in showers of rain and hoped for better things to come. Our coffee stop was the Donkey Sanctuary between Honiton and Sidmouth but once again our journey was disrupted because the road to the Donkey Sanctuary was closed at Honiton. Our driver Lionel tried an alternative route but we landed up in a brand new building site building new houses. Lionel said he had brought us there to choose a new house but we all declined. The trouble was poor Lionel had to do a three point turn on a building site with a coach some of us closed our eyes but of course all was well. Then we all decided we would go to Otter Garden Centre for coffee. When we got to Sidmouth it was overcast but not raining. We did see the sun although there was a cold wind on the sea front. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and there is a large selection of shops to look round. We were sorry that we had at least 10 people including Tom who were ill and unable to come on the trip. We stopped at Cartgate for a comfort stop and raffle on the way home. Lesley did the raffle with the kind help of Charles.

On Tuesday October 17th the Welcome Club held their last monthly outing of the season hopefully there will be more next year. We went to Cadbury Garden Centre for the whole time, getting there about 11.15am. We left about 3.15pm after doing the raffle. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves eating, buying gifts or bulbs for springtime. Some even treated themselves to shoes and clothes. The complaints was there was not enough signage so some people got lost in the garden centre it being so big, also there were not enough seats for people to rest on because some our members are in their nineties, otherwise all was good.

The next thing is our AGM where we ask people to put their suggestions for next year's outings. It is on Thursday 17th November at 2pm Horningsham Hall please come we need your suggestions and have a cup of tea and biscuit. Also our yearly Christmas Bingo will be on Monday 28th November at Maiden Bradley Hall 7.30pm for 8pm and can we please ask members to give us a prize for Bingo bring it to AGM or give to Lesley, Pearl, or Tom thank you.

Pearl Hudson 844779.

Parsonage Farm Rainfall

September started well here on the farm with having a cooler few days, just right for moving cattle around for my 6 monthly T B test , (we were clear) and dry enough for us to start drilling, firstly the grass seed , which was well watered in as we had 0.65 inches of rain on the 6th with all of it penetrating the ground that had been moved, but I think that the rain on the dry grass fields just flowed down the drains.

We then had quite strong winds for a while that affected Longleat annual balloon festival. In the middle of the month we had fair weather which helped us start drilling the winter wheat On the 19th we had a glorious day for the funeral of our late Queen , Queen Elizabeth II . We did have a few more damp days which we needed.

We had Frome Young Farmers ploughing match here on the farm which brought back many memories for a few, as the vintage section was well attended. So by the end of the month we had 2.21 inches, still way short for the water table to recover from the dry summer.

October started dry with one or two sharp frosts and misty mornings.

John Whatley





HALL NEWS



What's on at the Hall?

Events planned this Autumn / Winter

Village Bonfire Night Saturday 5th November 5pm to 7pm

A small, village Bonfire Night, just for villagers – free entry

*Our thanks to the Bath Arms who are providing snacks and drinks
Please bring cash.*

Village Supper Thursday 24th November 6.30pm

*Please book in:
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Christmas Bingo: date to be confirmed

Thursday November 24th 6.30pm

Village Supper



Horningsham Village Hall BA12 7LX

Traditional supper night for the village.

Two course meal.

£15 Adult portion £5 Child portion

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Saturday November 5th 2022 5-7pm

Bonfire Night

Horningsham Village Hall & Field

Water Lane BA12 7LX

Traditional bonfire night for the village.

Bonfire and small fireworks display.

Food and drink for sale

Free entry- donations welcome!

Please bring cash for any purchases.

Come and join us on the village hall field

CHURCH NEWS



We are living in turbulent times and it is a comfort to know that there are always things we can rely on. For me it is nature and the beauty to be found in each season, plus being lucky enough to experience this in a beautiful village. The church too, is always there to rely on, for anyone to visit whenever they like. There are services that happen at the same time every year, one of which is Remembrance Sunday in November. We will gather at the war memorial as usual, putting aside a few minutes in our busy lives to remember the young men of Horningsham who gave their lives for our freedom. We hope to see you there.

Helen Taylor

Church date

Sunday 13th November

10.45am at the War Memorial

Remembrance Sunday 13th November



The War Memorial, pictured on this postcard from the time, was inaugurated in 1920 and the ceremony was described in the Wiltshire Times:

“It was a typical winter day and the surrounding country was covered in a thin layer of snow which must have brought home with tremendous force the hardships bravely borne during the grip of a hard winter in France and Flanders by the 25 villagers before they fell . . . The ex-servicemen of the village were given a privileged position on the left-hand side of the wicket gate leading to the memorial, near by were the school children, who, under the conductorship of Mr T Wellborn, with the united church choirs sang the hymn “The Supreme Sacrifice” and at the close of the service, and after the singing of the National Anthem, Mr N U White (Warminster) sounded the “Last Post” with “Reveille” following immediately after.”

This year it is 108 years since the outbreak of World War One and Horningsham will remember the 25 Horningsham men who died in that war and the 4 who died in World War 2. In the “Great War” the huge loss of life spread across the whole social spectrum of Horningsham from: the heir to Longleat and his Uncle, who top the list; to John Bothwell the village Doctor’s son; Wilfred Duff a footman; and to many Estate workers.

Horningsham War Memorial

World War 1

Lt Col Lord Alexander Thynne	14.Sep 18	Bethune Town Cemetery
2 nd Lt Viscount Weymouth	13 Feb 16	Vermelles British Cemetery
Pte John Bothwell	27 Aug 17	Tyne Cot Memorial
Pte James Carpenter	6 Dec 15	Chapelle D'Armentieres
Pte John Carpenter	12 Mar 15	Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard Laventie
Pte Jessie Carrier	13 Sep 18	St Sever Cemetery Extension Rouen
Pte Percy Carter	14 Oct 17	Windmill British Cem Monchy-le-Preux
Pte Ernest Chapman	13 Nov 16	Ancre British Cem Beaumont Hamel
L/Cpl Dennis Curtis	19 Jul 16	Heilly Station Cem Mericourt-L'Abbe
Pte Frederick Curtis	5 Jul 16	St Sever Cemetery Rouen
Pte Henry Curtis	3 Sep 18	Bagneux British Cemetery Gezaincourt
Pte Wilfred Duff	21 Mar 18	Favreuil British Cemetery
Pte Charles Froude	30 Dec 17	British Cemetery Manancourt
Pte Ernest Garrett	14 Jun 17	Etaples Military Cemetery
Pte William Houlton	8 Jul 16	Thiepval Memorial
L/Cpl Edwin Lewer	2 Sep 15	Menin Gate Memorial
L/Cpl John Lewer	1 Jul 16	Thiepval Memorial
Pte Henry Marsh	25 Apr 17	Thiepval Memorial
Pte Walter Miller	15 Oct 16	Thiepval Memorial
Pte Reginald Moore	20 Oct 18	Bethencourt Communal Cemetery
Pte Russell Prowse	10 Apr 17	St Marie Cemetery Le Havre
Pte Sidney Tancock	26 Oct 17	Hooge Crater Cemetery
Pte Wyndham Trollope	13 May 17	Etaple Military Cemetery
L/Cpl Sidney Wheeler	8 Feb 19	Longbridge Deverill Churchyard
Pte Charles Wyman	24 Mar 18	Arras Memorial

World War 2

Cpl Ivor Ball	6 Dec 45	Horningsham Churchyard
Air Gunner Horace Chatterley	3 Jul 40	Fleet Air Arm Memorial Lee-on-Solent
Pte Harold Marsh	13 Jul 44	Bayeux Military Cemetery
Cpl Joseph Tant	16 Mar 44	Minturno War Cemetery

Come and join us at the War Memorial at 10.50 on Sunday 13th November

Mark Crossman
21st October 1959 – 2nd September 2022



Mark was born to parents, Charlie and Jean Crossman on 21st October 1959, a welcome little brother to big sisters Nikki and Sarah. He spent the first 3 years of his life at Bollow Farm, East Woodlands and then moved to Stalls Farm, Longleat. It was during those early years that Mark became a big brother when baby Jamie arrived, completing Charlie and Jean's family.

Mark's primary education started in Frome, with him moving onto Warminster School aged 11. He remained there until the age of 15 when he left to join his father, happily working the family dairy farm.

Sadly, when Mark was just 18 his dad Charlie died leaving Mark the huge responsibility of running the farm, which he did brilliantly.

Mark worked hard but played hard too. Many nights out were had at Oscar's which was a convenient staggering distance from home.

The following year at 19, Mark met the love of his life Jo, he proposed, she accepted and they were married at the Minster Church in May 1982, 40 years ago this year. An extravagant, push the boat out, money no object honeymoon followed the wedding . . . 2 whole nights at a hotel in Lynton and Lynmouth. Of course, Mark didn't want to be away from his beloved farm for too long!

Arriving back from the extremely short but sweet honeymoon, they settled into their new home, Pope's Farm, which was just up the road from Stalls. 7 weeks on, Mark and Jo realised that their 2-night honeymoon was plenty long enough

because their eldest daughter Vicky was born just 9 months later! Mark and Jo knew they wanted a large family, so soon after Vicky was born along came David, followed by Mathew and then Karen.

After 12 years of happy family life at Pope's, the Crossmans moved back into Mark's childhood home, Stalls Farm. Mark was a real workaholic as far as his beloved cows and farm were concerned although he didn't see it as work, it was his passion. It wasn't until Jo threatened divorce, that he realised that perhaps he really should spend some quality time with his growing family and take a holiday. So, after that holidays were on the agenda each year. While the children were young, they took holidays with family and friends, mostly rainy Cornwall breaks, or long drives to various parts of France with one song on repeat in the car for 10 hours straight.

In 2008 the family moved again, literally lock, stock and barrel to Shute Farm Crockerton where Mark's business continued to thrive and grow. It was from here that his children married and went on to start their own families, giving Mark and Jo 10 beautiful grandchildren.

Once the children had flown the nest Mark and Jo were free to further their travels. Several cruises followed, European holidays, long haul holidays to Dubai and Mauritius and finally New Zealand, which had always been one of Mark's dream destinations and there were plans to go to Canada next year but unfortunately this wasn't to be.

Mark had a close-knit group of friends who he was very grateful for. He was known for his blunt and sometimes inappropriate comments, which his children found incredibly embarrassing and frequently led to them having to apologise in advance to their friends for what their Dad might say to them. The comments from Mark were always delivered with a deadpan face and when admonished for it, he would shrug and say innocently . . . "What?"

He had a wicked sense of humour and he could never be trusted with a hot teaspoon, taken from his coffee cup, as anyone who ever sat next to him will remember to their peril and the small blister on the back of their hand.

Although far too short, Mark had a full and successful life. He didn't have a lot of hobbies or interests, other than Jo, his children, grandchildren and of course his farm, but these were all he needed.

Nothing made Mark happier than drinking Maxwell House coffee from a bone china mug, looking out over the view from the garden of Shute and listening to his grandchildren playing.

Mark was a contented man, who loved his family, his job, his cows and the countryside and he will be greatly missed by many people.



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Acorn Project

We have had an amazing first term with lots of exciting events and projects across the curriculum. A highlight has been a wonderful project set up by Longleat Forestry and Longleat involving our youngest and oldest children. The children worked with the team collecting acorns from the estate to grow into saplings that can be replanted as a legacy when the children leave at the end of Year 6. We are so grateful to Longleat for making this happen and will enjoy seeing the plants develop over the coming years.



Skern Lodge Residential

Owls' Class had a truly memorable residential visit at Skern Lodge in Devon. They enjoyed a fun-packed itinerary of surfing, raft building, high ropes, tunneling and archery. Residential is always a wonderful opportunity for the children to build their resilience and independence through being away from home and tackling lots of challenges and endurance activities together.



They all had an amazing time being with each other and also seeing the teachers in a different light too!*

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THEN & NOW



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HORNINGSHAM FROM THE CHURCH.

COLLINS, LONGLEAT.

c1930



2012



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The main difference in these views from Church Street is that back in 1930 when Collins took his photo, Park Farm (right centre) was a working dairy farm. In the 1911 Census, it was known as “The Dairy” and the short stretch of road from here to the crossroads with White Street was called “Dairy Lane”. To the left of the farmhouse, there is a milking parlour and a couple of haystacks. Milk was delivered around the village by Bill Long. In the rear wing of the house, cheese was made and stored to mature. The whey was piped under the road to what were the piggeries – where Royal Oak House now stands. Notice the many hedges in the 1930s. Also the stream was not in a pipe in those days but ran as an open stream all the way to Mill Farm. The land was managed as a water meadow – one of the sluice gates is still there. Water meadows were a form of irrigation that used water to protect the grass from frost and to warm the soil to stimulate growth of the grass. In the centre of the 1930 photo there is a magnificent elm tree that was lost to Dutch Elm Disease in the early 1980s

Another noticeable difference is the first house in White Street (No 53) which in 1930 was thatched and only about half of its present size. Further along on the opposite side of White Street numbers 56, 57 & 58 White Street are utterly different. These three cottages were effectively demolished after their sale by Longleat with a new house being built on the site. Subsequently, that house has been substantially extended and remodelled.

.Wild Horningsham

OK, I'm coming out as a weed lover!

I'm interested in something that I've come to term 'natural gardening'. This, in its essence, is the use of wild plants and where possible, natural systems in the garden. Looking at the landscape as I travel through it with my garden designer's cap on, I'm keen to see what interest I can bring into the garden and just like any other garden at this time of year the changing colour of the leaves can lend great interest.

I find it fascinating that all the colours that reveal themselves in autumn are hidden there all the time just waiting to have their brief moment before they fall.

In the language of my schoolboy biology and greatly simplified, I think it goes something like this: the leaf's primary function is photosynthesis - capturing energy from sunlight to convert water from the soil into oxygen, and carbon dioxide from the air into sugars, producing oxygen as a by-product.

In order to do this the plant wants to use all the light energy from the sun that it can. This energy is held in various wavelengths and their subsequent colours, the colours of the rainbow as we see them. What we are seeing as green when we see a leaf is the reflected light from that object that has absorbed its opposite colour, In this case the



tree through its chlorophyll pigments absorbs red light most efficiently. In short, the colour an object appears to be is the colour complementary to the one it most strongly absorbs.

Other pigments such as carotene and xanthophylls absorb only blue/green light and reflect an orange/yellow colour. In autumn as the process of photosynthesis slows down, and the leaves of a deciduous tree turn yellow/orange in colour, they simply lose their chlorophyll which had previously masked the other pigments. The red that we sometimes see in a leaf comes from a pigment called anthocyanin but this does not participate in photosynthesis.

I digress...

With their yellow/orange autumn leaves, I'm confident that the wild trees, beech *Fagus sylvatica*, ash *Fraxinus excelsior*, white willow *Salix alba* pussy willow *Salix caprea* and field maple *Acer campestre* could find a home in most gardens, space permitting. Should we want a touch of red, sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*, wild cherry *Prunus avium* and bird cherry *Prunus padus* or hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* give a good display.



Elder

Elder *Sambucus nigra* goes through a lovely range of pink to deep red this time of year. And for a double whammy of colour and berries, a personal favourite of mine, the spindleberry *Euonymus europaeus* really does come into its own in autumn.

There are a few wild herbaceous perennials that could add some subtle colour into the garden now, amongst them bracken *Pteridium aquilinum* that goes through yellow and deep orange, hairy willowherb

Epilobium and even dock *Rumex obtusifolius* turns the most remarkable colours as it goes into dormancy.

Finally, and I would imagine controversially, Bramble is not an easy plant to contend with in the garden but we all love a blackberry and what an amazing range of autumn colour.

Understandably, gardening to include plants like these many of which are considered weeds does take a slightly different outlook but there is a wealth of riches in our wild flora that I find challenging and compelling and I've always got an excuse for not having done the weeding!

Whether we want these plants in our gardens or not, they're a pleasure to look at in the countryside at the moment.

NB remember that it's illegal to dig up any wild plant and always make double sure that the plant is what you think it is if you're going to eat it.



Spindleberry

Andy Dean

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Monday 28th November – Welcome Club Bingo Evening

Sunday 11th December – Christmas Fun 2pm-6pm

Please see www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk for further details

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Mondays	5.00pm-6.00pm	Dr’s Surgery
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EXCITING CHASE AFTER A PRISONER.

Last week P.S. Read, of Horningsham, and Inspector Cowdrey, of Mere, had a somewhat exciting chase at Mere after a man named Arthur Barber, a carpenter, who was wanted by the Metropolitan police on a charge of stealing building materials. Barber's parents reside in Horningsham, and on Tuesday P.S. Read traced the wanted one to Mere, where Inspector Cowdrey joined in the quest. Barber has friends in the town, and it was found that he was employed at the Vicarage. To the Vicarage accordingly the officers went, but Barber scented danger, and escaped under cover of some friendly shrubs. Baffled only for a minute, the police pursued the fugitive to a cottage in Castle Street, where for the moment he was again lost. Wet foot-prints on a chair in a bedroom, however, directed the attention of the officers to a trap-door in the ceiling, and Barber was found secreted above. He was taken into custody and handed over to the Metropolitan police.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1888.

[PART 66.]

Such has been the extraordinary mildness of the season, that in the kitchen gardens of the Marquis of Bath, at Longleat House, a second crop of apples and pears has been produced. Three weeks ago—says a correspondent residing on the spot—strawberries several inches in circumference might be seen in the open air, and that, too, without any degree of forcing.



BLACK AND YELLOW PAGES

Waste Collections

The recent change means there are now three different patterns around the village so it is no longer possible to list them all here. The only point in common is that they are all on a Wednesday. Some have all three on the same day, most have blue bin and black box on one day and the grey bin on another. However, even those differ in which week the pattern applies. For example, Rowe’s Hill, White Street and Church Lane are all different! The only solution is to check your own dates on the Wiltshire Waste Collection Calendar at:

<https://ilforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays/index>

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10.00 – 10.25 opposite the Hall

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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

- Wednesday 2nd November *Fayre Meeting* 6.30 at the Village Hall
- Saturday 5th November *Bonfire Night* 5.00 – 7.00 at the Village Hall
- Sunday 13th November *Remembrance* 10.45 at the War Memorial
- Thursday 24th November *Village Supper* 6.30 at the Village Hall
- Thursday 1st December *Parish Council* 7.30 at the Village Hall

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