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EDITORIAL

We are back after our summer break with an autumnal cover thanks again to Paul Kemp. Inside this issue you will find most of our regular features containing reports of what our village clubs and organisations have been doing this summer.

You can read about no fewer than three trips to the seaside by the Welcome Club and the Luncheon Club. You can also read about the School's Sports Day and their artwork now displayed in the Children's Ward at the RUH.

The Hall Committee are planning to paint the outside of the Hall. This is a major job and so they are appealing for volunteers to help with the task. Equipment and refreshments will be provided!

Finally, if you read right to the end of Reverend Pauline's monthly letter, you will be as sorry as I was to read that she is to retire next month. It's now nine years since she came to the benefice to which our church belongs. During that time she has been very much part of village life, even regularly cooking for the Luncheon Club.

Tim Hill

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

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Horningsham Parish Council 29th June 2023

Councillors re elected Councillor Simon Millar as Chairman and Councillor Stephen Crossman as Vice Chairman. The parish a representative for each of the below was agreed:

Highways Representative – to liaise with the Highways Community Coordinator and attend Community Action Tasking Group meetings when necessary. **Resolved:** Councillor ken Windess.

Rights of Way Representative – to advise Council and work with the Wiltshire Council Team on the upkeep of the rights of way within the parish.

Resolved: Councillor Matt Simpson.

Litter Pick Co-ordinator – To supervise the Litter Pick Volunteers, hold the litter pick equipment, and inform the Clerk of any Health & Safety requirements.

Resolved: Councillor Stephen Crossman.

Village Hall Representative - to attend village hall meetings and report for the Village Hall Committee

Resolved: Councillor Ken Windess.

Neighbourhood Watch Representative – to work with the Rural Policing Team and attend Neighbourhood Tasking Group meetings.

Resolved: Councillor Matt Simpson.

Community Emergency Volunteer – to be the designated contact and update the Community Emergency Plan as and when necessary.

Resolved: Councillor Matt Simpson.

Asset Maintenance – to ensure the Council complies with the Parish Maintenance Plan.

Resolved: Councillor Stephen Crossman.

Health and Safety Checks – to monitor and assess the assets on the asset list on a weekly/monthly basis and report back to Council.

Resolved: Councillor Gerard Brierly would continue the Health & Safety checks for the BT Phone boxes. Councillor Stephen Crossman to action the other Health and Safety checks.

Play Area Health and Safety Checks - to monitor and assess the Play Area and Tennis Courts on a weekly/monthly basis and report back to Council.

Resolved: Councillor John Radley/Councillor Ken Windess when Councillor John Radley is unavailable.

Defibrillator Co-ordinator- to monitor the Defibrillators condition in the cabinet and report online to the Great Western Ambulance Service that it has been checked.

Resolved: Councillor Ken Windess.

Grant Awarding Co-ordinator – to work with groups and clubs when applications are sought.

Resolved: Full Council.

Parish Plan Representative/Representatives – to work with the Parish Plan Committee as the Councils representatives.

Resolved: Councillor Elizabeth Glover, Councillor Dermot Fitzgerald, and Councillor Paul Jones.

Noticeboard – a Councillor to put up copies of the Agenda and Minutes and other notices as an when required. The Clerk posts any hard copy for display to the designated Councillor.

Resolved: Councillor Steven Seals

Councillor Vacancy - Horningsham Parish Council needs a new team member; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward when it is complete, work on helping the community grow and have a say in its running, are over 18 years of age do contact the Clerk on 01985 213 436 or email clerk@horningshamparishcouncil.gov.uk for an application form.

Planning Applications - Application Ref PL/2023/04201 - Full Planning Permission Longleat Safari and Adventure Park, The Estate Office, Longleat, Horningsham,

Warminster, BA12 7NW

Proposal: Creation of temporary winter festival and enabling works consisting of

- 1. Themed illuminations and provision of temporary parking between 04/11/2023 and 14/01/2024.
- 2. Fabrication yard and storage area between 01/09/2023 and 03/11/2023.
- 3. Provision of temporary worker accommodation between 01/09/2023 and 30/01/2024

Resolved: Supported.

Parish Steward – The Parish Steward's report received by the Clerk was noted. He had actioned the normal gully clearing and cleared around overgrown signage and trimmed around the bus stops. It was noted that a tree growing over the Holly Bush Bus stop was an issue as he was unable to reach to enable him to clear its branches. He has noted that a few potholes in Church Street require filling and will action these. His next visit is on the 25^{th of} July 2023.

It was mentioned that a gutter at little Scotland required attention. Councillor Ken Windess contact details to be given to the Parish Steward to enable him to show the area.

The Clerk was asked to email Longleat Estate to ask of they could cut back the hedge from the starting point of the Alms Cottages over the bridge and up to Mill Farm to clear the footpath for the school children. The Beech Hedge near the War Memorial also requires cutting back so that the War Memorial is visible. It was noted that September cutting was recommended when birds have gone.

Tennis Court - Councillor John Radley reported that he had sprayed the tennis courts. The new gate required work; he is hoping to put up the new net this weekend. Cleaning to be actioned with a blow vac and moss killer to be actioned next week. Council noted that no volunteers have come forward from the Facebook posting for help.

Best Kept Village Competition – The Parish Council was delighted to hear it had come third in the Best Kept Village Competition for 2023. The litter pick organised by Councillor Stephen Crossman had been a great success as it had been mentioned in the Best Kept Village Competition how clear the village was of litter.

Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/2023 Year End Accounts - Overall Conclusion from the Auditor.

We advise that, based on the work undertaken this year, the Council continues to maintain adequate and effective internal control arrangements. A consistently high standard of service provision has been maintained at all times. Resultantly, we have made no recommendations for improvement or Best Practice in this year's report.

Once again, we commend the Clerk/RFO, both for her continued professional management & administration of the Council's finance, and modified governance functions.

The manner in which the Council's financial records and governance documentation for review during the Internal Audit for the financial year was exemplary making the internal audit process as straightforward as possible.

External Audit – The audit papers can be viewed on the parish council website www.horningsham.gov.uk.

Notice of items to be taken into consideration at the next meeting- Youth Club, Grounds Maintenance Contract, Community Emergency Plan update, Parish Plan Budget - ideas for projects next year, SLCC National Conference and Vat Reclaim.

The date of the next meeting is **Thursday 12th of September 2023 at 7.30pm.** All are welcome to attend, as always, the meeting will be open to parishioners to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website: www.horningsham.gov.uk

can be accessed to read a copy of the agenda or minutes electronically or a hard copy is placed on the noticeboard outside of the school.

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HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB



On Thursday 3rd August Horningsham Luncheon Club set off on their Annual Outing, this year it was to Dartmouth. We were worried because it was the same day as Honiton Show and last year we met queuing traffic but I think because of the heavy rain which we met in that area this year we weren't delayed, so the rain helped us!! We went to Otter Garden Centre for our coffee stop. Although it was

raining people did enjoy time there.

It was a lovely journey to Dartmouth through Totnes, seeing the lovely Devon countryside. We arrived at Dartmouth at 1pm where everyone did their own thing. Most went for lunch some of us had our lunch in a pub and we had the only shower of rain while in there. Dartmouth really is an interesting place, there were boat trips around the harbour but these were booked up three days in advance, but there were ferries across to Kingswear which some people did. Also, some people shopped; others sat in the park, and if you sat on the seats by the estuary you could watch all the boats and also the steam train that goes from Paignton.



We left Dartmouth at 4.30pm. We stopped at Cartgate for a comfort stop and to do the raffle. Lesley thanked the Lionel the driver and Tom for organising getting raffle prizes and wrapping them. Tom was not feeling well on the bus so Pearl, Lesley, and Lionel the driver helped pull out the tickets. We did not do such a good job as Tom but we managed. Pleased to say that by the time we got home at 7.30pm Tom was feeling much better.

We are on our Summer break at Luncheon Club and go back on Thursday 7th September and members do not forget price of lunch goes up to £4.00 per person – still a bargain! **Pearl Hudson**







WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday 25th July the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing this time to Sidmouth. Weather-wise we were hopeful of a bright sunny day because it was sunny when we set off and after the terrible weather we had the previous days, anything could be better. We stopped at Broadwindsor Craft Centre for coffee which everyone seemed to enjoy although it did give us a longer journey to Sidmouth afterwards. We did have a couple of showers between Broadwindsor and Sidmouth, but we got to Sidmouth at 1pm. Everyone went off to do their own thing and it turned out really warm and sunny. Some if us sat in the park after finding somewhere for lunch. Other people sat on the promenade, peoplewatching while eating ice-creams. I'm not sure if anyone went swimming but there certainly was a lot of people in the sea. We left Sidmouth at 4.30pm stopping at Cartgate for a comfort stop. Before the raffle everyone sang Happy Birthday to a member then Lesley and Tom did the raffle. Tom thanked Lionel our driver for a lovely day out, we arrived home about 6.30pm. Our next outing is on 22nd August to Weymouth.

On Tuesday 22nd August the Welcome Club went on their monthly outing. This time it was to Weymouth which is very popular with club members. Unfortunately, several members were unable to come because of illness.. We set off in drizzly rain which was not a good start. We were only a few miles into the journey when the sun came out. We went a different way to Dorchester via Sherborne which was through a beautiful rural Dorset landscape. We arrived in Dorchester at 10.30am and left at 12noon everyone enjoyed it and we even saw at least three open working Banks which is hard to find these days. We arrived in Weymouth at 12.30pm and it was already very busy there. Everyone went off to do what they wanted to do. Some met friends or family, others had lunch with a bit of shopping afterwards. Some paddled their feet in the sea and I think some even went swimming. The sea was certainly packed with people, it was the perfect day to take the family to the beach - warm and sunny which has been in short supply this summer. We left Weymouth at 4.30pm stopping at Cartgate for a comfort stop and the raffle. Tom thanked Tim the driver who was new to us for a lovely day then Tom and Lesley did the raffle. We arrived home at 6.30pm after a lovely day out. Our next outing is on September 26th to Abergavenny, at the moment we have a full coach with a waiting list but anyone interested in our outings please contact Pearl 219289 or Lesley 211355

Pearl Hudson

HALL NEWS



A callout to all friends of the Village Hall.

We are painting the outside walls of the Hall in September. We would like to ask for help and turn it into a party.

Weekend of 16th /17th: prepping the walls

Weekend of 23rd /24th: painting. Starting 10am. Saturday 23rd certainly will be busiest day so please try to come then. We will provide equipment, snacks and drinks, and we are hiring a cherry picker to get to the high bits.

Please sign up, ideally now and certainly before 14th September, so we know how many rollers (and bottles of wine and beer) to prepare.

Email or call me (jamesoborne@btinternet.com, 07753 404705).

Many hands make light work. We look forward to seeing you.



Next coffee morning: Sunday 17th September 10.00 am



CHURCH NEWS

The July Benefice service held at Horningsham was well attended. It was good to see friends from the Deverills and Corsley who were able to join us. The coffee and cake afterwards always encourages everyone to stay and chat. It was a most enjoyable morning. There will not be another service in our church until Christmas, but all are welcome at the services in the Deverills, which are advertised on the church noticeboard.

The memorial service held for Mike Glover was attended by over 100 people, including his many friends in Horningsham. Mike and Liz came to the village in 2016 and joined in with village activities including the church, where Liz was on the flower rota. We send our sincere sympathy to Liz, who looked after Mike throughout his illness.

Helen Taylor

Dear Friends,

No matter how long ago it was that my children were at school, September always seems to me to be the start of a new year. Having to kit four children out in new school uniforms was rather an interesting task shall we say, and then there were the shoes. Mindful of the importance of this task I always insisted they had Startrite shoes, which wasn't always popular with the recipients of this purchase who had exacting standards.



The purchasing of new shoes was an occasion of

great excitement for the children necessitating a trip to the shoe shop in town which had a toy monkey in the window that could move and do tricks. They might have found this whole process exciting, but I was completely exhausted by the end of it all; the business of finding shoes that fitted properly and which met with the children's approval took rather a long time to say the least.

Sadly, the care I took with my children's feet didn't continue once they became adults; they stuffed their feet into whatever shoes were fashionable at the time with predictable results. Ah well, I gave those feet a good start. It's a bit like life really, we do things we know are not the best, that will damage us in some way, and even though we know our actions are harmful, to ourselves, to others or to the planet, we keep on doing them.

New shoes, new uniforms, new pens and pencils etc. What is going to be new for you this September? Maybe you are now getting a bit cross and muttering about the fact that there is nothing new for you and you've just got to carry on as normal whatever normal is. Well yes, maybe this is true, but we are all responsible for our own actions, for our response to what life brings. At Morning Prayer I always pray for help to live in a way that honours Jesus' call to us to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. You may not agree with the God bit, but wouldn't the world be a different place if we all loved our fellow human beings as we would want to be loved, with compassion and kindness.

New starts are not always easy. I expect lots of you have heard already that I will be retiring in October and my last service will be on October 15th at Longbridge Deverill. As you may imagine, this has been a very difficult decision to make, but I know it is the right one. There will be plenty of time for goodbyes later, in the meantime I will continue to serve these parishes with love and care as has been my privilege for the last 9 years.

With love and prayers,

Pauline Reid

Horningsham Congregational Church September Service to be announced



Names Left to Right

Barry - Daisy's son; Sharon - Barry's daughter; Malcolm Jones - Elsie's son; Tony Beaverstock - Beryl (Daisy's daughter) son in law; Lil Jones - Elsie's daughter in law; Tony Doman - Alberts son; Lesley Trollope - Michael's (Frances's son) wife; Sheila Doman - Tony's wife; Caroline Stroud - Frances's daughter; Diane Beaverstock - Beryl (Daisy's daughter) daughter; Alan Carter - Marion's (Olive's daughter) son in law; Karen Carter - Marion's (Olive's daughter) daughter; Richard Stroud - Caroline's husband; Michael Trollope - Frances's son; Nicola Stroud -Caroline's (Frances's daughter) daughter; Marion Grist - Olive's daughter; Andrew Grist - Marion's (Olive's daughter) son: Sadie Grist - Andrew's wife.

We scattered the ashes of Joan (daughter of Agnes and Albert Doman) & Harry Halton over the family grave at Horningsham Chapel. Agnes and Albert lived in Horningsham and had 14 children. Sadly, all of Gran & Grandads children have now passed away with Harry being the last of that generation. The family name was Doman and many of their children lived in the village with some of them working on the Longleat estate. Whilst none of the family now live in the village 4 of Agnes and Alberts grandchildren

still live in Warminster.

It was Joan and Harry's wishes to be scattered at the Chapel together as this was where they were married on 08th October 1949.



The 2023 Fayre was another financial success with us taking just over £10,000 on the day. Our expenses were a little higher this year at £4,000 which meant we made a handsome profit of around £6,000. Not bad for a small village with only around 400 residents.

Thanks again to all those you supported the Fayre in various guises either by baking or buying something, putting something up, heaving something around or turning up and enjoying the day.

It's a huge effort for all involved but the financial support to the 7 village causes is a lifeline for them. Those causes are: The School, The Church, The Chapel, The Cricket Team, The Horningsham News, The Luncheon Club and The Village Hall. In total we gave away £6,500 to those 7 causes this year. Thanks for your support.

The planning starts for the 2024 Fayre at the end of September. We are meeting in the last week of September either 26th or 27th September. We are always keen for new ideas and faces to help plan the event so if you would like to be involved, please come along to the first meeting or let one of us know. Once the date is confirmed, we'll make an announcement on the village FB page. There's usually a meeting every month so plenty of time to get your ideas heard and get involved.

Caroline Dykes & the Fayre Committee





Sports' Day 2023



We had a fantastic Sports' Day with lovely weather, an amazing turnout of families and ex-pupils and great enthusiasm from all the children. It was a wonderful occasion from the parade and warm-up dancing to the varied traditional sport activities. Children competed in lots of races, including egg and spoon, sprinting, javelin, relay and long distance. Parents threw themselves into the event too, competing in a very exciting relay race. Congratulations to our winning team Stourhead.

Artwork unveiled



Year 6's artwork has now been unveiled in the Children's Ward of the RUH. It looks amazing and there has been lovely feedback from patients, families and staff.

End of another year!

We had a lovely end to another successful year at Horningsham Primary School. Our winning team for the year were Wilton, led by our Team Captains Faye and Martha. They very much enjoyed the ice-cream parlour afternoon as a treat reward!

Our Leavers' Service was a fun and moving event with each Year 6 pupil sharing their memories and performing songs, poems and music. Our Chair of Governors presented each one with a poetry book funded by the Crey's Charity and kindly signed by Lord and Lady Bath to wish each of our Year 6 children well in the future as they move on to secondary school.

We spent the last day of the academic year together as a whole school at Longleat. Year 6 had a special breakfast beforehand at the Bath Arms and everyone enjoyed exploring the Animal Kingdom, Adventure Playground, boat, train and a guided tour around the Safari Park – we are so grateful to Longleat for generously giving us this special day – it was a wonderful way to see out the academic year.



We are looking forward to another exciting and packed academic year starting in September and wish all our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they all start Year 7 at Kingdown! We know they will continue to make us proud.

Notes From A Horningsham Garden

There has been so much to do in the garden as everything is growing so fast. The mixture of rain and warm sunshine has kept the grass growing perpetually lush and green and shrubs and trees sprouting abundantly.

Now is a good time to bring back hedges under control before they get too tall and woody and trim shrubs that have flowered. Good to pull out brambles that love to infiltrate all the bushy plants.

Lots of the vegetables benefit from the wetter season, like courgettes, salads and beans but it is still sunny enough for things like sweet corn, tomatoes and cucumbers to ripen. I have had trouble getting my beetroot and spinach to grow though. Sturdy, healthy little plants are eaten to the ground by something time and again. Could it be mice or pigeons, undeterred by traps and netting?

The herbaceous border is looking healthily well-watered and the late summer plants like bright yellow rudebekia "Irish eyes", golden Heleniums "Sun Queen" and purple Eupatorium are towering spectacularly at the back.

Now is the fruit season and the plums like the early purple Czar and the later Victorias have been prolific. Luscious blackberries are dripping from the branches trained along the path, but I am watching anxiously for the hazelnuts to ripe. Will the squirrels eat them all before they're ready?

Still plenty more to consume before autumn arrives!

Carole Hill



Rudbeckia Black-eyed Susan



Rudbeckia lacinata Herbstsonne



Hydrangea Villosa

Horningsham Cricket Club



The cricket club has played 44 matches. We have won 24, tied 2, and lost 17. If your maths is sharp you will see that leaves one result undefined: which is how it will stay. If anyone ever untangles the Schleswig-Holstein question, they are welcome to proceed onto the Wookey Hole question.

Individual performances should not go unrecorded. Cricket being a team game, all my team mates are aware, for instance, that your correspondent has scored more ducks than them, and regularly find opportunities to mention it. A mother in Frome recently put a post on a Facebook group saying her child was obsessed with watching ducks, where should she take it? They were recommended to bring the child to Horningsham to watch me bat. Among those who are actually doing well, Christy O'Connor, Ed Buxton, and Callum Widdows have each scored a century, Callum in blistering style off only 60 balls at Chilmark. Two players have taken hat tricks: Callum Widdows, and James Davies (of Little Jack Horner's Sausage Roll fame). James's feat was special as it included one batsman who he got out twice. You don't see that on TV.

One Horningsham player has apparently achieved something almost as rare as winning the lottery. There is an element of doubt, because it was at Witham Friary. The cider from the Seymour Arms presents all sorts of hazards there - to batsman, bowlers, people driving home after the game, and everyone's memories of what happened – so nothing can be stated with certainty.

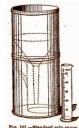
Some people might say a game of cricket just involves two groups of people going somewhere, not doing very much and having a pint. Well they would be wrong. It also involves coming home. People overlook how difficult that can be. I recall our drive home from Witham that evening included an unplanned detour to Bruton. There were no road works. We just got lost. We always do, leaving Witham; we reach a certain road sign outside Bruton and say 'oh not again'.

If you do get into trouble returning from cricket, Ireland seems as good a place to be as any. A friend sent me this message from Dublin in August, on his way home from a cricket tour. 'Just as a testament to this country. I presented myself at the Aer Lingus desk along these criteria: 1. I'd missed my flight 2. To my uncle's funeral. 3. I'd been playing cricket. 4. I was pissed. They held the next flight, and there was no charge.'

So returning to Witham Friary, claims of cricket feats there must be marked with an asterisk against them. Nonetheless, upon waking up the morning after the game, and reviewing the score book, we found that it recorded the following figures against the name of our bowlers: 3 overs, 3 maidens, 5 wickets (all bowled), no runs. Quite remarkable.

James Oborne

Parsonage Farm Rainfall



Having missed the July report, which I forgot to send, I see that my last report was for April! We have had some very interesting weather, since then.

May started fair but gave King Charles a little soaking at his coronation, but it was nonetheless a spectacular event. By midmonth we had 2.27 inches, the rest of May was pleasant and dry, so the total was 2.27 inches.

June started cold and windy but started to change with warm and slightly muggy weather. Then it really started to change for the better and we all thought that it would carry on like last summer. BUT the old farmers saying ASH BEFORE OAK WERE IN FOR A SOAK. Came true

July started dryish but by the 10th, didn't it rain! It has been downhill ever since. We started with 1.92 inches and then 5 days later we had another 1.74. With the occasional fair day but at the end of the month we had a total of 6.01 inches. Definitely a record. Last year we only had one wet day in the whole of July giving a monthly total of just 1.05 inches.

August has not really been much better so far, I do not think the weather man/woman have a clue as it changes by the hour!

John Whatley

Wild Horningsham

Where do all the insects go in winter? I hear you never ask.

Which is just as well because I don't have the answer! This is something that I've been thinking about more and more though, and as I watch the countryside, I hope that some of the secrets begin to unveil themselves so that I can manage my own garden in a way that's as nature friendly as possible.

To answer this we need to know a little about insect life cycles. I don't suppose that we've got time here to look at all 20,000 of our British insect species and the answer of course is, it depends on which insect.

Insects, being cold blooded, can't usually survive a British winter being exposed to the elements so employ various strategies to overwinter. If we were to look only at butterflies we'd start to get an idea of the picture.

There are only 59 resident or regular migrant butterflies to Britain and they go through 4 stages of life cycle - ovum (egg), larvae (caterpillar), pupa (christalis) and imago (butterfly).

The vast majority of plant eating insects are what's called specialist feeders, this means that they have evolved alongside either one or very few specific plants and built up resistance to their defensive chemicals designed to be unpalatable to other insects. Adults are more often generalist feeders able to use the nectar of various plants which is basically sugary water. Butterflies are no different and eggs will be laid on or nearby the food plant of the caterpillar with the larvae going through several stages called instars, moulting its skin and emerging as a slightly, or towards the later instars, quite radically different looking caterpillar.

To make the original question slightly more tricky, Butterfly Conservation tell us that British butterflies, depending on the species, can overwinter as any one of

their life cycle stages with 9 overwintering as eggs, 31 spending it as caterpillars, 11 as a chrysalis and the remaining as adults.

Caterpillars can wrap themselves with silk in grass sheaths, or leaves, bury themselves underground, or slow down their munching at the base of grass tussocks. A chrysalis might hang from a low branch or be buried in leaves and adults find shelter or leave the country.

Spot the over-wintering caterpillar!



Probably the four butterflies that I notice most are the meadow brown (*Maniola jurtina*) peacock (*Aglais io*), red admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) and comma (*Polygonia c-album*).





Comma

Red Admiral and Meadow Brown

Two of these species, the peacock and comma butterflies go into a state similar to hibernation as adults in sites such as on sheltered tree trunks, in hollow trees, woodpiles or the crevices of buildings. Probably our most common butterfly, the meadow brown overwinters as a caterpillar at the base of grasses and the red admiral generally and sensibly in my opinion, overwinters in the warmer climes of southern Europe and North Africa.

The peacock, red admiral and comma butterflies, by the way, all share hop (Humulus lupulus) or common nettle (Urtica dioica) as their sole food source. With the larvae food plant of the meadow brown as mentioned above being native grasses.

So how does this help me manage my garden? I guess it's a balance, as least disturbance as possible protects overwintering insects, but a meadow for example, to invigorate the growth of plants pollinated by insects (nectar providing plants), disturbance, light and reduction of competition by the cutting of grasses is required. My personal preference is to leave mostly alone and seed native wild flowers outside of the majority of the grassland. Tidy to a level that is minimal but tolerable, and allow areas of untouched scrub, but each of us has our limits and if anyone comes to my garden they'll know my limits are loose, bordering on feral, much like myself.

Andy Dean



More than 100 hot air balloons are set to take to the skies above Longleat as part of its spectacular Sky Safari. Longleat has announced the details of its Sky Safari next month, with more than 115 balloons set to lift off if the weather allows.

Longleat Sky Safari will feature daily mass launches, 'night glows' and model balloon flight demonstrations set to music across three days in September. Longleat's very own lion-shaped hot air balloon will be joined by special animal-shaped balloons including Adelaide the koala, penguin trio Puddles, Splash and Tall Steve, Wes the wolf and Dolly the sheep.



A new special shape for 2023 will be the baby dragon balloon. The event runs from Friday, September 8 until Sunday, September 10, with the mass ascents scheduled in the early mornings and evenings, as well as 'night glows' after dark.

The daily schedule is:

7am - Morning mass launch, subject to change and weather dependent

10 am - Tethered hot air balloon displays

2.30pm - Tethered hot air balloon displays

5pm - Early evening mass launch, subject to change and weather dependent

8pm - Night Glow

The Sky Safari is included in a Longleat day ticket, priced at £39.95 for adults and £29.95 for children aged 3-15. Under 3s go free and organisers have advised people to book tickets ahead.



Horningsham Residents Association (HRA)

The HRA is formed by and for the residents of Horningsham.

We want to bring the village together to talk about the things that are important to us as a community.

It can be anything at all. From public transportation to understanding tenancy agreements; a village shop to a youth club or temporary post office.

With a larger collective voice we will approach organisations such as the Parish Council,
Longleat Estate and Wiltshire County Council,
to help them help the village.

We meet on the 4th Sunday of every month at 11am at Horningsham village hall.

The next meeting will break this rule though to avoid the bank holiday and be held on Sunday 3rd September.

www.facebook.com/groups/horningshamresidents

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-A young woman named Etixabeth Doel, of Horningsham, was brought up under the vagrancy act, charged with having been found lying about in other people's gardens, outhouses, &c. The accused who is a fine young woman, and but for a coating of filth would be of pleasing appearance, is a bad one. She has thrice been convicted of felony, and has only recently completed a term of twelve months' imprisonment. Her friends, who are respectable, have been obliged to discard her, and she has lived for the past two months on the proceeds of her prostitution, and what she has been able to lay her hands on belonging to other people. She has been elsening about in out-houses and under hadges, living in a manner that would try the hardihood of a horse, police have tried to induce her to go into the Union, and have behaved with great forbearance towards her. She is now far advanced in pregnancy. Police Sergeanf Titt deposed to having found her, on Sunday morning last, at 3 o'clock, sleeping under a hedge in a garden at Horningsham. There had just been a very heavy and cold shower, and she was wet through. He took her into quatedy. Her friends had all discarded her, because the robbed them, and behaved in such a disgraceful manner. She had been guilty of many acts of plunder, but people would not proceed against her. Mr. Barton very forcibly and kindly addressed the prisoner, urging her to amend her cour-o of life while it would avail her, and sentring her that she would most certainly be transported if any further charge of theft were proved against her. Mr. Abbott said the judge who last sentenced her strongly impressed that upon her, but it had had no effect, The banch contenced her to the nominal imprisonment of 21 days, trusting that at the expiration of that time she would do as she promised them namely, at once enter the Union and try to reform her course of life.

Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)



Future events coming up

Sunday 3rd September 10-11am – Catch-up Coffee Morning
Friday 15th September – 7 for 7.30pm – Talk by Dawn Lawrance from
the Born Free Foundation – Free Entry, donations towards charity
appreciated.

Saturday 16th September 4.30-5.30pm – Underwoods Fish & Chip Van Sunday 17th September – The Bath Beast Cycle Event in aid of Julian House

Friday 6th October & Saturday 7th October

The return of the Temporary Measure – pop up pub from 6pm both evenings

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

Regular events

Mondays	9.30am-10.30am	Advanced Pilates
Mondays	10.40am-11.40am	Beginners Pilates
Mondays	5.00pm-6.00pm	Dr's Surgery
Tuesday	9.30am-10.30am	Bradley Babies
Tuesday	1.00pm-3.00pm	Post Office Service
Wednesdays	6.15pm-7.15pm	Yoga Flow
Thursdays	11.00am-Midday	Restorative Yoga
Fridays	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning
Saturdays	4.30-5.30pm	Fish & Chip Van
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Fortnightly but NOT 2nd September)

Book library available during hall opening Friday mornings

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

Mobile Library	Tuesday 11 th & 25 th July	
	10.00 – 10.25 opposite the Hall	

Frome Hospital Minor Injuries		01373 454740
Community Police Officer	Vicky Howick	0726818 ext 817
Wiltshire Police – non emergency		101
Neighbourhood Watch	Keith Shattock	844197
Horningsham School		844342
Village Hall Hire		07541 211732
Longleat Property Department		845433
Parish Council	Sarah Jeffries	213436
Congregational Chapel	CarolCox 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

Thursday 12th September *Parish Council* 7.30 at the Village Hall Sunday 17th September *Coffee Morning* 10-12 at the Village Hall

Hall Painting

16th /17th September prepping the walls Weekend of 23rd /24th September painting



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