

# THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



PUBLISHED FOR THE HORTON AND LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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## SUMMARY OF FUTURE EVENTS

16-18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	St Adeline's Flower Festival
18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Village Crazy Golf
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Barn Dance
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival Service
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Supper
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Firework Display
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Village Christmas Dinner
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service 6pm

## NEWS ROUNDUP

### News from the Village Hall Committee

The AGM of the Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall Committee was held on 26th May 2010. Tony Wake gave an encouraging Chairman's report, highlighting improvements we have made to the hall and pavilion and also the many activities that we have arranged. The finances are in good shape at the moment and we managed to get some grants that have been of great help.

George Hammersley has stepped down from the committee but said he is very willing to still be of help in anyway he can, which is good news as he has been of enormous help to us. Gill Williams, as a school PTA rep is also standing down, and hopefully she will be replaced by another parent from the school. We welcomed Michael Plows on to the committee.

The committee now consists of Maureen Allen, Katharine Barnes, Judith Blakeney, Emma Cordy-Rugman, Barbera Denton, William Gray, Brian Jarvis, Peter Llewellyn, David Morgan, Linda Morgan, Michael Plows, Tony Wake, David Whitfield, Shirley Whitfield and, until the end of July, Gill Williams.

At the end of the meeting, Paul Fortune, police support officer, outlined the services available for people living in the village, especially with regard to security, neighbourhood watch schemes, etc.

Any suggestions about future activities are always welcome - just contact any of the committee members.

Peter Llewellyn

### Births etc

On 1<sup>st</sup> May a son, Harvey, was born to Lee and Sadie. Congratulations!

Also we extend a warm welcome to Jess and her mother, Trixie Thorne, who have recently moved to the village.

## Oak trees feel the heat in Horton

Over the first few days of July two oak trees gave up the struggle against drought, disease and old age, keeling over across the lane between Horton School and Horton Church.



The second of these trees (shown above) went down at lunchtime on 5<sup>th</sup> July. Amazingly, the first people on the scene were greeted with the sight of a hiker struggling through the maze of branches in the lane, blissfully unaware of the unstable nature of the situation. He had assumed that this blockage was a normal state of affairs in the village.

The lane was quickly cleared to permit vehicle access to and from the village.

St Adeline's Church  
Little Sodbury

Invites you to a



**Flower Festival**

Flowers by Chipping Sodbury Floral Society

**16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010**



**Church open for viewing**

Friday Pre-view	6 pm	to	9 pm
Saturday	10.30 am	to	6 pm
Sunday	10.30 am	to	5 pm

Entry £2:50 including Tea/coffee and biscuits  
Children Free

Sunday Join us for our regular Evensong Service at 6 pm

**Everyone Welcome**

For further information 01454 319798 / 314094

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Roman Villa Open Day

This month (July), members of Hawkesbury Local History Society will be joining members of Grumbald's Ash Archaeology Group in the mud of Lower Woods wielding spades and trowels - a summer holiday of an austere kind!

The Roman Villa site at Lower Woods is soon to be scheduled as an ancient monument by English Heritage and this year will probably be the last opportunity to carry out any excavation there.

Starting 28th June we hope to spend 3 weeks opening up & exploring a couple of trenches in the meadow behind Lower Woods Lodge.

There'll be an opportunity for us to show our results and any 'finds' on Saturday 17th July, 10.00am – 5.00pm, when we'll be holding an Open Day as part of the Festival of British Archaeology. However, we welcome local visitors at any time, so why not come down to the woods to see us on hands and knees? (Mon-Fri 9.0am – 4.0pm, weather permitting of course)

### Village Crazy Golf

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July Horton will be the place to visit for an afternoon of family fun. Between 2pm and 5pm you will be able to wander around the lanes and into some of the gardens in the village and try your hand at sinking a few golf balls at holes as you go. The event starts and finishes at the Village Hall where teas will be served all afternoon and where there will also be a Traidcraft Stall.

You may not encounter manicured fairways but you can be assured that it will be a pleasant and relaxing way for the family to spend a summer Sunday afternoon and you may even win a small prize! Funds raised will go to Horton Church. Adults: £2.50 Children: Free.

For more information contact Lynn Edwards 07973 166 692 or email [lynn@lenergy-assessor.co.uk](mailto:lynn@lenergy-assessor.co.uk)

### Hawkesbury and Horton WI

Following the usual summer pause events resume in September with a talk by Penny Lacy on 7<sup>th</sup> on American Crafting and Quilting. The meeting will be held at Hawkesbury Village Hall.

Lynn Edwards

## SOUTH GLOUCESTER SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

The South Gloucestershire Senior Citizens' Forum currently comprises over 4,400 men and women, all actively interested in having their concerns and opinions heard.

Launched in 1993 in Kingswood, the Forum widened significantly following the abolition of the County of Avon. As a result, free membership then became available to all residents of South Gloucestershire over the age of 50, irrespective of race, religion or politics. Whilst it remains resolutely non-party political, decisions taken by National and Local Government which affect senior citizens are the Forum's concern. Members' views on issues such as State pensions and benefits, health care, transport, crime prevention and so on are crucial to its work in campaigning on their behalf.

A newsletter is published four times a year containing current information and news, which allows members unable to attend Forum meetings to keep in touch. Meetings are held regularly throughout the area, at venues accessible to wheelchair users and hearing-impaired members. Community transport is organised whenever possible, from home to meeting place. Speakers on subjects of particular interest to members, often suggested by them, are invited. Question time is always lively!

The Management Committee also organises a number of Information Days annually. These run from 10am-4pm, involve four or five expert speakers on topical subjects, and include free lunch and refreshments. Their popularity is such that over-subscription is frequent.

South Gloucestershire Council recognises the Forum's importance in the community with an annual grant and the provision of an office in the Kingswood Civic Centre. Management Committee members maintain links with relevant Council policy-making by representation on some key committees, and similarly with Health and other Public services.

The Forum is affiliated to the National Pensioners' Convention, which has direct links with the Government of the day. A coachful of members pay to attend its Annual Conference at Blackpool in June.

Membership is warmly invited. Application forms are available from either the Membership Secretary (Sheila Monks) on 0117 9610356; by writing to South Gloucestershire Senior Citizens' Forum, c/o Civic Centre, Kingswood, BS15 9TR; or they can be obtained at a number of libraries in the area.

## DONATE A KNEELER


**St Adeline's Church, Little Sodbury**

With our kneeler project underway it is clear that we must maintain a balance between the willing workers who are dedicating their time and skill to working the kneelers and the money available to finance the project.

The evidence of our success in achieving the balance will show itself in our church being furnished with beautiful new kneelers in the coming months. There will be many of you who, while unable to work the kneelers yourselves, will wish to be associated with the project by purchasing one or more kneelers as a token of your involvement, and perhaps as a memorial to a family member or friend.

The finished kneeler will carry a permanent label recording the name of the donor (or to whom it is dedicated), together with the name of the person by whom the kneeler was worked.

**For further information 01454 319798/314094**



## GARDEN BONFIRES

The season of labour in the garden is upon us all. And of necessity we generate non-compostable rubbish which is good fodder for a bonfire. Of course, this primitive urge to burn things can get out of hand and constitute a nuisance. So please be considerate when you light fires in the garden to avoid black looks, black washing, etc.

## RIDE AND STRIDE ON SEPTEMBER 11

The Gloucester Historic Churches Trust is organising a sponsored walk, bike or horse ride to generate funds for the protection of historic churches. For more information see the last page of this Newsletter.



## HORTON BEER FESTIVAL

Six Real Ales On Offer

20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010

Horton Social Club

(Non-Members Welcome)

Starts 1pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Open All Day 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Live Music on Saturday Night (£3 entry fee)

French Boules match on Sunday

For more information

Mike Hawker 322 656 (General)

Duncan Brown 882 513 (Boules)



## GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Patron: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales  
President: H.W.G. Elwes Esq., H.M. Lord Lieutenant KCVO  
Registered Charity No. 1120266

### RIDE AND STRIDE ON SEPTEMBER 11 – A DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHURCH

**Ride and Stride**, run by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, is a great way to support this church and churches across the county when they most need help. It's an annual sponsored walk, bike or horse ride which happens on the second Saturday of September. That makes September 11th a date for the diary in 2010.

Walkers and riders turn out to follow their chosen route between churches which open for the day. Many of them serve refreshments as well as checking you in and providing a friendly welcome, directions and moral support. Whether you prefer a solitary expedition, or to go with family or a group of friends, you know that you're joining thousands of people countrywide to raise money for an important cause. As Ian Hislop said recently, 'In the old days the churches used to worry about saving us. Now we have to worry about saving them.'

#### What's in it for you, this church and the county's churches?

- a perfect motivation to get out, explore and enjoy yourself;
- the satisfaction of raising money and taking part in a nationwide initiative;
- 50% of the money you raise goes to the church of your choice;
- the chance to see inside some historic gems which cannot always be open for visits;
- the chance for the church you nominate to apply for a grant;

Even if you are unable to ride or stride, you can ask people to sponsor you to man your church or to carry out specific tasks while you are there.

Further information, together with sponsorship forms, is available from your Local Organiser on the contact details below.

For information about the Trust's work and how to support it please look at the website [www.ghct.org.uk](http://www.ghct.org.uk)

The Local Organiser for your church is ..... **Jackie Isaac** .....  
Contact details .....

County Ride and Stride Organiser can be contacted on [rideandstride@ghct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@ghct.org.uk)

## CHURCH NEWS

Services take place as usual at Horton Church during July and August at 11 am.; likewise services take place as usual at Little Sodbury Church at 6pm. However, there is no service at either church on 29<sup>th</sup> August, as there is a combined Benefice service at St. John's Church,, Chipping Sodbury which starts at 10.30 am.

Contacts for church matters are as follows.

### Horton Churchwardens

Judith Blakeney

Tina Hildick-Smith

### Little Sodbury Churchwardens

Nancy Nagle

Michael Stephenson

The Rector of the Benefice, Canon Jane Kenchington, can be contacted by phone on 01454 313 159 and email:

[jane@kenchington.plus.com](mailto:jane@kenchington.plus.com).

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Contact details for members of the Village Hall Committee are available on the website [hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk](http://hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk).

For Village Hall bookings contact Emma Cordy-Rugman on 322879 or via the email address given on the website.

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

All contributions to the newsletter are welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions as and when necessary.

Call 324356 or send your news items to [newsletter@hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk)

Richard Winsborrow

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