

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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SUMMARY OF FUTURE EVENTS

13/14 Sep	SGC consultation on future transport planning *
18 th Sep	Talk at Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall on the Moon Landings, 7 for 7.30pm, tickets £7.50 including supper
9 th Oct	Barn Dance at Horton Village Hall - contact Emma for tickets
10 th Oct	Harvest Festival Service at Horton Church 11am
10 th Oct	Horton Multi-terrain Bull Run See www.hortonbullrun.co.uk for further information and entry form
16 th Oct	Harvest Supper at Horton Village Hall - contact PCC members for tickets
20 th Oct	Celebration of 100 Years of Guiding, Hawkesbury Village Hall 7.45pm *
21 st Oct	Safer Stronger Community Group Meeting, Hawkesbury School 7.30pm *
23 rd Oct	Apple Day Event at Horton Village Hall 10am-2pm *
5 th Nov	Firework Display at Horton Village Hall
14 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday service at Horton church - starting at 10.50am
17 th Nov	Christmas Shopping Evening at Horton Village Hall organised by Friends of Horton School 6pm-9pm *
20 th Nov	Murder Mystery Night
4 th Dec	Village Christmas Dinner at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club *
8 th Dec	Village carol singing by Horton School pupils - early evening
12 th Dec	Carol Service at Horton Church 5pm
16 th Dec	Christmas Service at Horton Church for Horton School at 6.30pm - everyone is welcome at this service
21 st Dec	Village Carol Singing *
24 th Dec	Christmas Mass at Horton Church 8pm
31 st Dec	New Year's Eve Party at Horton Village Hall *
29 th Jan	Burns Night Party at Horton Village Hall

* More information elsewhere in Newsletter

NEWS ROUNDUP

News from the Village Hall Committee

The Committee has changed since the last newsletter, as Gill Williams has stepped down as a representative of Horton School. In her place we have welcomed Susan Harvey on to the committee.

Some changes are happening as well in the Village Hall. We shall shortly be installing a dishwasher in the kitchen and a glasses washer in the bar. We're also making sure that we are up-to-date on food hygiene regulations. Most of these are common sense anyway, but we will be getting a foot-operated bin and various other items such as a fridge thermometer, a food thermometer and other bits and pieces. We've never had a problem with food poisoning as far as I know, but we want to do things in the best way possible.

We've formed a sub-committee to deal with repairs with the intention of getting things done more quickly than before, so all in all our Village Hall will continue to be a great place to hold events.

Peter Llewellyn (Secretary)

Village Crazy Golf Results

It seems a long time ago now that we were strolling around the gardens of Horton trying our hands at crazy golf, however hopefully it is not too late to say thank you to all of those who opened up their gardens for us providing us with some very interesting challenges and to all those who provided refreshments.

Prize Winners		
Category	Name	Score
Under 10	Tom Darby	63
Under 16	Lizzie Kenchington	76
Ladies	Carolyn Plowes	41
Gentlemen	Patrick Williams	41

The event raised £175 for the Church and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was nice to have support from the members of the other Churches in the Benefice, families from the school as well as visitors who were just passing through. Paul and Jane Jones and their family brought along their Fair Trade stall which complemented the event.

Lynn Edwards

New Arrivals

We extend a warm welcome to Martin, Ros, Lucy and George who have moved into 2 Court Cottage recently. Likewise we offer a warm welcome to David and Christine, and to Ross and Julie, who have move into houses on the new development by the Village Hall.

Weddings

Amy Holloway & Roy Matthews married Sunday 22nd August 2010 at Kingscote Barn, Near Tetbury.

They couldn't have chosen a better day than the 22nd it was bright and sunny. Amy looked beautiful as did the bridesmaids Jessica, Hanna (sisters) Sally (cousin) and flower girls Maddy, Eve, Charlotte and Nieve.



I am a very proud Mum! We had a lovely, happy day everything went well – even Bob's speech! He made us laugh and cry.

It was a day to remember.

Sarah Holloway

Fund-raising for Warmley Park School

The "Fat Boys" of Horton have raise over £300 for the school. See the school newsletter no. 24 at www.warmleyparkschool.org.uk for more information.

David Morgan

A message from Maureen Allen

Many thanks to everybody who contributed so generously at my leaving party. I believe you thought that I would buy a greenhouse - but my essential need was for a dog kennel. It's been invaluable! The workmen seem to have been born in a barn as no doors ever get shut; at least I know my dogs are safe in their kennel.



I'm sure that everybody will agree it's a very smart addition to my garden. Thanks to you all.

Maureen Allen

Roman Villa Open Day

The Open Day for the Roman Villa Dig in Lower Woods back in July was blessed with good weather. As a result there were quite a lot of visitors peering down holes and examining various pieces of Roman pottery and central heating artefacts (hypocaust ducts). The site is close to a pre-Roman track down from the escarpment which led to the Roman town at Hall End Farm, Wickwar. Experts on hand explained that we were seeing both parts of a villa and a large agricultural building. The latter is hypothesised to be the Roman version of a tithe barn (having tax gathering functions) which had under floor corn dryers. Thanks are due to the Hawkesbury Local History Society for organising this event.

Sally Batten's Convalescence

A huge thank you to everyone concerned who kindly visited me, drove me around, bought lovely gifts, sipped with me in the garden (tea of course), which enabled my convalescing to pass very quickly. I will hopefully return to work at the beginning of October on reduced hours initially. Hoping you have all had a good summer.

Sally Batten

Closure of Road at Badminton Station Bridge, Acton Turville

After many years the bridge crossing the railway at the entrance to Acton Turville is to be replaced. The bridge has had a weight restriction on it for many years, but will be replaced on the weekend of 25th September.

The road will be **closed from the 17th August for ten weeks** to allow the work to take place. There will be pedestrian access across the railway; motorists will have to use the marked diversion.

I understand the works will also affect the train timetable over the bridge replacement weekend.

Sue Hope

News from Horton School

It has been a busy and exciting time since we last wrote an article for the village newsletter! Earlier this month, for instance, you may have noticed a number of Romans walking through the village; they were on their way to school where we held a Roman day for the first day back at school.



The children trained as gladiators and centurions to fight off marauding pirates; built aqueducts; designed and printed Roman style art and patterns and took part in a Roman Senate to recommend the rules for the school for this year. You may think this all sounds a

lot of fun, and it was, but it had another purpose too – it allowed the children to rebuild old or create new friendships as many may not have seen each other over the long summer holiday and it made the first day back exciting so providing a real kick start to this year's learning. The Romans is our whole school study area up until Christmas and if you'd like to get involved in this and have an area of expertise you would like to share then we'd love to hear from you.

Two highlights from last term were Business Enterprise Week (Dragon's Den competitions; managing money; looking at marketing and advertising; building a business) and an overnight stay in school to support the Giant Sleepover. The part of Business Enterprise week most of the children liked best was the market on the Friday where they had to sell goods and services created by their team from a £10 investment which they had to at least double. The winning team made a 250% profit – something most businesses would be proud of.



All the proceeds have gone to twin our new school toilets with toilets in Burundi. The overnight stay was part of our "Extended Schools" provision where we provide regular opportunities for children outside the normal school day. The younger children came for an activity evening which encompassed crafts and games and the older children then stayed on and took part in a night walk, camp fire singing and a sleepover (not much sleeping!). And, last but not least we have a new school sign that all the children had a hand in designing and making.



You will have noticed over the summer that yet again we had the builders in. This time they have been putting in new toilets and changing the corridor that runs along the back of the school to make it wider and brighter. The children love the new arrangements and it makes the school look much more modern inside. This summer, thanks to some volunteer help from members of the school community, we stripped and repainted the library, hopefully keeping the damp problem at bay.

This is now a much brighter and welcoming space that will be used for one-to-one tuition and small group sessions.

We have a new school vision which comes under the headline of "Learning, Caring, Exploring, Sharing". The new school vision, which takes account of feedback from all members of the school community, positions the school as:

- a place of excellence; an innovative Church school
- a stimulating environment where children enjoy achieving full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development
- a caring place where the individuality, gifts and talents of all children and adults are nurtured
- a community living and learning through Christian values
- a partnership between children, parents, staff, governors, the Church and the community as a whole.

As part of making the school a stimulating place to be we have various activities that enable the children to explore learning outside the more traditional routes, one of which is through music. A small group of the Junior children now regularly perform for a Senior Citizens group in Chipping Sodbury and our Ukulele Choir has been asked to perform again at an event at St Mary's Church in Yate on the 18th September at 2:30 pm. Why not come along and see/listen to them?

Ian Cross, our Chair of Governors, is aiming to build up a School Support Group made up of members of the village. If you have skills, interests, resources or just time which you would be happy to share with the school then please contact Ian directly or contact us at school and we'll happily pass the message on!

I know that some of you are concerned about the parking around school and I appreciate your patience whilst we try and improve the situation. We encourage the children (and parents) to walk to school in the morning, parking at the Village Hall, and many of them do this when time allows; all the children are walked down the hill in the afternoons in our walking bus for collection from the village hall. Staff park at school when they are involved in transporting children, carrying books/resources or running clubs/attending after school meetings or have tight timescales to collect their own children... which is, if I'm honest, most days for most of us! We do try and park considerately but if you feel there is a persistent issue then please contact the school and we will try and resolve the situation.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to three of our future events that are listed on the first page of this Newsletter. These are: a Christmas Shopping Evening on 17th November, our Village carol singing on 8th December and our end of term Christmas service on 16th December.

Jane Leo

FUTURE EVENTS

South Glos Transport Policy

Have your say on transport

Where do you think your local council should spend its transport budget? Improving access to public transport, introducing more road safety schemes, encouraging more people to take up cycling, or maintaining the district's roads?

These are some of the questions South Gloucestershire Council will be asking residents at consultation events organised to encourage more people to have their say about the future of their transport system.

South Gloucestershire Council, along with three other councils in the West of England region, is putting together a plan for transport over the next 15 years and these events will give local residents a chance to feed in to the plan.

The consultation events take place at the following times/locations:

- Thornbury Town Centre (near Aldi) on Monday 13th September from 11am to 3pm;
- Kings Chase shopping centre, Kingswood on Tuesday 14 September from 11am to 3pm.

The new plan will set out the future goals for transport and how the West of England region will try to achieve these goals between 2011 and 2026.

Councillor Brian Allinson, executive member for planning, transportation and strategic environment, said: "It's really important that we understand our residents' priorities for transport in the area. I would urge as many people as possible to complete the questionnaire and have their say."

Residents can complete a questionnaire at www.transportmatters.org or pick up a paper copy at your local council office or library. All completed questionnaires will be entered into a free prize draw to win a day out at one of the region's best local attractions, including the Avon Valley Railway, the SS Great Britain in Bristol, the Helicopter Museum in Weston-Super-Mare or the Boating Station in Bath.

You can read the draft plan and all the supplementary documents online, or read a printed version at your local library or council office. Transport affects everyone and we want to know your views.

The consultation deadline is Monday 4th October.

Ruth Sterling

Celebration of 100 years of Guiding

Have you ever been a Brownie, a Guide, a Ranger or Guider?

Anyone - young or old - who has taken their "Promise" is invited to join 1st Hawkesbury Upton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at 7.45pm in Hawkesbury Village Hall on 20th October.

On 20/10 at 2010 the Guiding World will be uniting to celebrate 100 years of guiding and renew their Promises.

We would love to have as many people as possible come and join us for this special occasion. Light refreshments will be served.

To help is have an idea of numbers please let Louise Roberts (01454 238628), Liz Howard (01454 238417) or Chris Taylor (01454 521967) know if you are able to join us.

Lynn Edwards

Safer Stronger Community Group Meeting

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups are all about working together to improve your local community.

The groups also enable you to have your say about the services that your community needs and receives.

These groups have been set up as part of the South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative and the Neighbourhood Policing Model. Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from SGC, the local Police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Primary Care Trust, the Town & Parish Council and other local organisations. The aim is to:

- work together to ensure that local communities are safe and pleasant places to live, work and play;
- give local people a greater voice and influence over local decisions and the priorities of the service providers;
- support actions and initiatives that meet local needs.

The next meeting for Chipping Sodbury and the Cotswold Edge Group will take place on Thursday 21st October, 7.30pm at Hawkesbury Upton Primary School,

For meetings in other areas please visit, <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk> to find out the dates. Here, you will be able to become a member of your local e-group, view agendas and minutes from meetings and gain access to more information about the issues and projects in your area. Alternatively, you can contact your Safer Stronger Communities Officer on 01454 864625.

Sarah Milne, SGC

Apple Day

Another Apple Day fund-raising event is taking place in Horton Village Hall from 10am to 12 am on Saturday 23rd October. There will be things to find out about apples, things to do, to eat and to spend your money on! Whatever your age join us for a while and help raise a little more money for a slum school in Uganda.

Sodbury Baptist Church and Brimsham Green School have supported hundreds of children in Uganda for over 6 years. Our successful Apple Day in 2009 raised over £800 and local people have since visited to see how that is benefitting the young people and the community.

Jenny Llewellyn

Christmas Shopping Evening

There will be a Christmas shopping evening, organised by the Friends of Horton School, at the Village Hall on the 17th November from 6:00- 9:00 pm. There will be stalls selling floral arrangements, jewellery, hand made

gifts, cakes, jam etc – the children will be selling their latest Business Enterprise products/services. There will be music from the children singing Christmas songs and Mr Groves, one of our parents, will be playing his lute. We would love as many people as possible to come along and enjoy the evening with us.

Jane Leo

Village Christmas Dinner

Alright! Alright! I *know* it's only September BUT Christmas *is* a-comin', like it or not!

We have decided on a bit of a change this year for the Village Dinner, and so on Saturday 4th December we are going to Chipping Sodbury Golf Club. This is a bigger venue which should allow everyone to come who would like to.

The four course dinner will be £22.95, and if you are interested please email me on bannistersfamily@aol.com and I will send you the menu and the booking form, along with details for paying the deposit.

The venue can hold 60, so it will be 'first come - first served'!

By the way, the girls fancy 'posh frocks and DJ's' so be warned!

I will also be arranging a charabang, so if you wish to be included on that, let me know.

Caroline Bannister (312277)

Horton Village Carol Singing

The traditional 'Village Carol Singing' will take place on Tuesday 21 December, starting from the Village Hall at 7:00pm, and ending there for mulled wine and mince pies. The route will be decided nearer the time so any suggestions will be welcomed, as will the charity for whom we shall collect!

Caroline Bannister

The Horton Christmas Card

The circulation of the Horton Christmas Card is another fine tradition which serves two very useful purposes. Should you wish to send a greeting to all your village friends, then email bjarvis@eatec.co.uk with your greeting and make a donation which will be added to the charity chosen for the Carol Singing.

Caroline Bannister

New Year's Eve Party

Looking into the future, a New Year's Eve Party will be held at the Village Hall. The format will be similar to last year with some variations and new surprises.

A popular feature from last year was the cabaret featuring local 'talent'. By overwhelming popular demand, a similar production is planned for this year.

Once again, we are scraping the barrel looking for volunteers to 'do a short turn'.

As before, a willingness to get up and do something is more important than actual talent! If anyone (individual or group) would like to contribute and receive a glowing review in the January newsletter, please get in touch with me.

George Hammersley (318863)

CHURCH SERVICES

Services take place as usual at Horton Church during September and October at 11am; likewise services take place as usual at Little Sodbury Church at 6pm. However, there is no service at either church on 31st October, as there is a combined Benefice service at the church in Old Sodbury which starts at 10.30 am.

The summary of future events in this Newsletter includes several special services at Horton church in the next few months. In particular you would be very welcome to attend the Harvest Festival service on 10th October at 11am and the Remembrance Sunday service which starts at the earlier time of 10.50am.

The Rector of the Benefice, Canon Jane Kenchington, can be contacted by phone on 01454 313 159 and email: jane@kenchington.plus.com.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

Fostering Donkeys

The Donkey Sanctuary is looking for permanent foster homes for pairs of donkeys. The fosterer will need a minimum of one acre of grazing adjacent to their property together with a stable and field shelter with hard standing. They would also be required to meet all costs of the donkeys, including feed, farriery and veterinary costs but the Sanctuary will provide full support, advice and on-going training.

For further information please call Lynne Hammersley on 318863.

Amplifier Wanted

The Horton Bell Ringers are looking for an amplifier to assist in their practice sessions. It is anticipated that the bells will be installed in the church during October so local bell-ringing practice should soon be a reality. The idea is not to blast ringing bells all around the village. On the contrary, an amplifier will enable the ringing of silenced bells using computer simulation to reproduce the sound local to the ringers. If anyone has an unwanted amplifier then it will be gratefully received.

Please contact Bert Gough on 326827.

Surplus to Requirements

Made to the highest specification, two purpose-built (*but politically incorrect, Ed!*) Road Warning Signs. Used just once (each day). Willing to accept any reasonable offer. Interested parties may be vetted for suitability to ensure these artworks have a good home!

Call Mike on 316687 or Bert (agent) on 326827.

Mike Gordon

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Access to Hawkesbury Knoll

A permissive path has been marked to provide access to Hawkesbury Knoll from the field opposite Hawkesbury Church. The path is waymarked from the track through the field. In essence it goes up the hill to reach a small gate in the upper right hand corner of the field and so onto the upper reaches of the Knoll. This is a fine vantage point and worth the effort.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Contact details for members of the Village Hall Committee are available on the website hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk.

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

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

All contributions to the newsletter are welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions as and when necessary. The newsletter has quite a wide circulation in the local community so it is a good way of publicising events and spreading information that would be of interest locally. Send your news items to newsletter@hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk or call 324356.

Richard Winsborrow

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