

# THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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## SUMMARY OF FUTURE EVENTS

6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	WI mtg - British Seaside Piers
10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Widden Hill House - Open Garden
1-3 Sep	Private Lives - Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Last Night of the Proms
30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Macmillan coffee morning
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WI mtg - Indian Cookery

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

In future the primary mechanism for distributing the newsletter will be by email. A few paper copies will be available at the Village Hall and from Village Hall committee members. The newsletter is also available on the Village Hall website. To be sure of getting future issues please forward your email address to the Newsletter Editor.

## NEWS FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Following our AGM in May, we now have a larger committee as we welcome several new members.

You can now access the Village Hall website using [www.halsvh.org.uk](http://www.halsvh.org.uk) instead of having to type 'Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall' in full.

Work has now started on our kitchen extension, which is going to use some of the space in the back store. Once finished, it will be much easier to prepare food for larger functions. As many will know, the kitchen can get very crowded at times!

By the autumn, other improvements will have been put in hand, so watch this space. Many thanks to those who are acting as project managers, doing very important work to maintain and improve our Village Hall.

Peter Llewellyn

## VACANCY ON HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

There is currently one vacancy on Horton Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and working on behalf of the local community please contact the Clerk to the Council, Katherine Standerwick on 07866 981084 or by email: [kstanderwick@btinternet.com](mailto:kstanderwick@btinternet.com).

## HORTON SUMMER LUNCH

The Village Hall was bulging at the seams for the Summer Lunch, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. It was blessed with good weather and excellent cooking, which were enjoyed by one and all.

## SPOT THE RESIDENT COMPETITION

Much to my amazement Philip Harford's photographic competition was won in

## REPORT ON THE HORTON SPRING BULL RUN

It was a perfect day for a run - the sun was shining with hardly a breath of wind. With 150 competitors it proved to be another successful event. Congratulations to Will Massey who, noting the course is 4.26 miles long, came first in a remarkable time of 23 minutes 22 seconds.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped, without the support of you all it would not be possible to hold this event. It proved to be another successful fundraiser towards the upkeep of the village hall.

Barbera Denton

## ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS AT HORTON VILLAGE HALL

Over a hundred children and adults came along to the Village Hall to join together to celebrate the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The ceremony was viewed on a big screen in the hall with a glass of bubbly to hand. The occasional tear duly shed, the crowds at Horton were greeted by members of the Royal family (or was it their close doppelgangers).



Her Majesty the Queen kindly judged the wedding hat competition awarding prizes to Lynne Hammersley and Catherine Harvey. Other entertainment was provided by a quiz which tested people's knowledge of the Royal family.

After this everyone enjoyed a splendid array of salads which accompanied the hog roast, followed by a selection of puddings. The meal was followed by the Best Man's speech, an amusing amble through the annals from the effervescent Prince Harry on his usual tremendous form.

Thanks go to all those who were involved in any way, helping to make the day so pleasurable, whether that was by preparing food, running and manning the bar, helping with the entertainment, setting up or clearing away. A total of £1200 was raised to help support the long term future of the village hall.

Carol Brodie

## REPORT ON SPONSORSHIP OF HORTON RUNNERS IN BRISTOL 10K RUN

A bit like our performance in the Run itself this update for our Horton Sponsors has been a bit slow in production but however here we are!

impressive style by Mrs J Chappell. She not only identified ten people, but managed to name all those persons seated, including her father and aunt.

#### **WI PROGRAMME FOR 2011**

The next two events are on 6<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October. For more information contact Lyn Edwards on 07973 166692.

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

Services take place as usual at Horton Church and Little Sodbury Church during July and August at 11.15 am and 6pm respectively. Note that there will be a Benefice Service on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The annual "Ride & Stride" sponsored journey (on foot, bike or horse) will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> September. The goal is to complete a route between some of the churches participating in the event. Please contact Jackie Isaac on 318079 if you want to take part or sponsor our local team.

#### **NEW ARRIVALS**

David and Linda Bricknell have moved into 'Judith's House' or The Cottage by the Court. We are enjoying the cottage and very much look forward to being part of Horton. David is a Naval Architect and Linda a Librarian. We are originally from Plymouth, having moving to this part of the world in 1984 when our daughter Elizabeth was only 8 weeks. Anyone who enjoys gardening would be most welcome to come and help!

#### **MISSING CAT**

An ornament of a cat disappeared from Sally Batten's front garden wall during June. If you find it in distress please take good care of it as it has sentimental value and contact Sally via email [salaroma@hotmail.com](mailto:salaroma@hotmail.com).

#### **FOR SALE**

##### **Box Plants**

Want to plant box to make a parterre, edge beds or have elegant planters as shown on all garden TV shows? Contact Ian Brodie on 01454 317471/ [cbrodie@waitrose.com](mailto:cbrodie@waitrose.com).

Box plants of all shapes and sizes for sale from £1. Planting and maintenance advice given. Special prices for bulk orders.

#### **CONTACTS**

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

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

#### **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions. News items should be sent to: [newsletter@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@halsvh.org.uk)

or call 324356. Richard Winsborrow

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The Run took place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May when our small Malawi team of 8 were joined by 12 thousand or so other runners which was HUGE.

We started off from Explore in the Centre of Bristol where Linda made an especially good start in the crowd before the race by falling down the steps of the Explore. However in the embarrassment she bounced back up and the race started off. Linda & Dave's finishing time will not be mentioned here - although unfortunately it was published in the Evening Post!

Alex Barron, the instigator and leader for the Mbabzi Schools project, had never run in a race before, but he did brilliantly. All the other runners in the team also had really great runs which aside from the young fit ones were certainly a surprise for a few.

I am very pleased to say that that Linda & Dave were able to make a sponsored contribution of £720 and would like to thank all our friends who sponsored us.

We will be posting some pictures of the Children in Mbabzi School - sat at their desks rather than the floor - as soon as we have them as we have been informed that the first tranche of furniture has already been delivered. Again many thanks for your support.

Linda & Dave Morgan

#### **COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS - ROLE & OPPORTUNITIES**

The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens are the voluntary arm of the Cotswolds Conservation Board (CCB) which is responsible for looking after the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Beauty. (AONB). Cotswold Wardens help this objective through the following activities:

- **Parish Wardens** patrolling rights of way in individual parishes and being the main contact point between the Parish and the CCB;

- **Work Parties** to improve rights of way and the traditional character of the Cotswolds - path clearing, installing gates, dry stone walling, hedge laying, tree planting and the like;

- **Guided Walks** for members of the public, helping everyone to understand and appreciate the countryside.

**Educational Projects** with Local Schools.

Support, training, equipment and travel expenses are offered. An average commitment of at least 8 hours per month is required. This is a great opportunity for you to use your knowledge and skills in the countryside (or learn new ones), meet some like minded people, gain some healthy exercise and enjoy the comradeship of the organisation.

Phil Lawrence is the Warden for the Horton Parish. For more information have a look at the AONB website [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/) or telephone David Waterstone 01225 427346 or John Walker on 01454 778525.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS FUTURE EVENTS**

##### **Open Garden at Widden Hill House in Highfield Lane**

The gardens will be open on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm until 6pm. As well as providing a good view over Horton and the surrounding area, there will be a jazz band, classic cars and woodland walks. Tea and cakes will be available. Admission costs £4 - proceeds will go to the British Red Cross.

##### **Performance of Noel Coward's "Private Lives" at Horton Village Hall**

Rosie Wake and Friends Drama Group are performing Noël Coward's play from the 1930's "Private Lives" at Horton Village Hall on Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 (£5 for concessions) - available from Barbera Denton on 01454 319889.

##### **Opening of Horton Court and provision of teas at Horton Church**

The National Trust is opening Horton Court for guided visits (at no charge) from 1pm-4pm on Fridays and Sundays throughout July and August. The last visit each day will be at 3.30pm. The Church will be organising teas on the days when Horton Court is open. If you would like to help with this and hopefully raise some money for the Church please contact Ros Farrell on [ros.farrell@gmx.co.uk](mailto:ros.farrell@gmx.co.uk). She is looking for people who can help with teas between 1.30 pm and 4.30pm on Fridays and Sundays in July and August. Ros would like to get a rota going so please e-mail her if you can do an hour or so - even if only once through the summer.

##### **World's Biggest Coffee Morning - 30<sup>th</sup> September**

I am holding a coffee morning at Horton Village Hall in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support from 10am until 2pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September. There will be coffee, tea, biscuits, a raffle and good conversation. Hope to see you there.

Margaret Bond

##### **Guitar playing at St Leonard's Church, Tortworth on 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Richard Durrant, an exponent of classical guitar playing, will be offering a music workshop at the church at 2.30pm (£7.50 per head), followed by an evening concert (£15 per head) at 7.30pm. For more information about these events contact Hilary Legg on 01454 413234 or [hilary\\_legg@yahoo.com](mailto:hilary_legg@yahoo.com) or visit [www.richard-durrant.com](http://www.richard-durrant.com).