

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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SUMMARY OF FUTURE EVENTS

15 th Mar	LINK Open Meeting 2011 *
18 th Mar	Horton Quiz Night *
20 th Mar	Rededication Service for Horton Church Bells *
5 th Apr	WI mtg - History of Chocolate
17 th Apr	Spring Bull Run
29 th Apr	Royal Wedding Events *
3 rd May	WI mtg - Resolutions Mtg
10 th May	Village Hall AGM *
7 th Jun	WI mtg - Self-defence for women
10 th Sep	Last Night of the Proms

* More information elsewhere in Newsletter

LINK OPEN MEETING 2011



Tuesday March 15th from 6.30pm until 8.30pm at the Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne BS36 1NJ

Find out what the LINK has done in the last Year.

Hear more about the transition to Healthwatch.

Listen to Penny Harris of NHS South Gloucestershire talk about how the local NHS is making health services accessible for all

All are welcome. For more information go to infsouthglos@linksouthglos.org.uk

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HORTON QUIZ NIGHTS

The final Quiz Night of the Horton winter season will take place on Friday 18th March in the Village Hall. Don't miss this last opportunity to show your intellectual prowess!

Doors will open at 7:15, and the questions will start flying at 7:45.

Entry fee is £6 (for teams of 4) ... and there will be a licensed bar and light refreshments available on the night.

CHURCH SERVICES

Services take place as usual at Horton Church during March and April at the new starting time of 11.15 am to accommodate the scheduling of services across the Benefice. Services take place as usual at

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If you have been to the village hall recently in daylight, you will have probably noticed a large container just beyond the pavilion. This is not going to be a permanent feature; it is there to give us temporary storage of things we don't use that often, such as pantomime equipment, for example. This will free up space in the back store making it possible for us to extend the kitchen. This will give us more room, which is really necessary when big events are on and the kitchen gets really crowded.

Eventually, we hope to build a room for extra storage on the right as you look at the front of the hall.

If you want to look at our last set of accounts and annual report, go to www.charity-commission.gov.uk. Put in Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall, or even just Horton, and then click on 'accounts'. Our next Village Hall AGM is on 10th May at 7.30pm and this is your chance to feed in ideas about ways we can improve the hall and the pavilion, field and parking area, suggestions about events we can run. We would welcome new people on the committee as well.

Peter Llewellyn (Secretary)

BURNS NIGHT PARTY

Back in January the Village Hall was the scene of another party to break up the drabness of this winter. The following picture shows Hortonians giving voice at the event - perhaps serenading the haggis?



A DOUBLE OR EVEN TRIPLE FIRST FOR HORTON CHURCH

Tuesday 21st February was a notable day for Horton Church as the first Quarter Peal of the newly augmented ring of six bells was rung and in addition it was the first Quarter Peal rung by two of our Horton ringers. A third first may have been chalked up as this could have been the first time a peal has been rung at Horton Church on any bells. So that's a definite double and possibly a triple first.

A Quarter Peal of Grandsire Doubles lasting 44 minutes was rung at 7.15pm on the 21st February with Georgina Daniels mastering the Treble bell and Brian Hildick-Smith attempting to keep time with the Tenor bell. The other members of the group were three ringers who have trained the burgeoning band of Horton ringers – John Cornock of All Saint's Church, Stone, Alan Pidgeon of St.John's, Chipping Sodbury and David Mathews of St. James, Tytherinton. The sixth ringer was David Kelly from the Keltek Trust*, which had kindly donated the Tenor bell to the re-hanging project.

The original band of Horton ringers, who are still 'learning the ropes', have been joined by a new band of six novice ringers. They are experiencing the joys(?) and frustrations(!) of bell ringing on a Wednesday evening – on silenced bells, you will be pleased to know.

Little Sodbury Church at 6pm. The Mothering Sunday service will take place on 4th April and the Easter Sunday service will be on 24th April.

There will be a special Rededication Service at Horton Church for the new bells on 20th March at 3pm. There will be no morning service at Horton on that day.

ROYAL WEDDING EVENTS

Not received your invitation to the big event? Don't worry there will be an opportunity to celebrate closer to home. Your invitation to join the celebrations at Horton Village Hall will be arriving shortly. For now just keep Friday 29th April 2011 free from 11am.

Want to know more then contact:-

Barbera Denton on 01454 319889
or Carol Brodie on 01454 317471

WANTED

Dog walker needed weekdays only, either at midday or 3pm, twice a week.

Sally Batten (01454 323 021)

Grazing required for three friendly donkeys. They need a minimum of 1-2 acres. They are very peaceful, quiet and good around children. Please phone Ros Farrell on 325336.

FOR SALE

Hog Roast and BBQs

Thinking of having a party, wedding or celebration? Why not consider a locally reared hog roast or BBQ? All our meat has been reared in your village, which we believe is the secret to producing top quality meat. You can feed approximately 100-120 people for just £600. For more information please contact Phillip Dolman 07866 910447 or visit www.dolmanscatering.co.uk.

CONTACTS

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

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. The Editor reserves the right to edit contributions. News items should be sent to: newsletter@hortonandlittlesodburyvillagehall.org.uk

or call 324356.

Richard Winsborrow

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The bell tower continues to be embellished with various home comforts. It is now fully carpeted and the stiff bell ropes that made ringing difficult are now soft and pliable thanks to Bert Gough's patented rope warmer – the Gough Tube aka Bert's Bazooka. In addition to various essentials that have been installed – coat hooks, notice boards, ringing stools – we are still awaiting the optics.

There is a re-Dedication service for the newly re-hung bells at the Church on Sunday 20th March at 3.00pm to which all are warmly invited.

*The Keltek Trust is a registered charity dedicated to re-homing surplus or redundant bells for "full circle" English-style bell ringing; its goal is to ensure that old bells are not 'lost' or melted down. The Horton tenor – which is a moderately large bell at just over 17cwt - actually came from Writtle in Essex. The Trust kindly waived their normal charges to cover purchase and handling of the bell. For more information please go to www.keltek.org.

A Horton Ringer

Ed - New blood to swell the ringing team at Horton Church is welcome. No prior experience is necessary. Training sessions are held at the church on Wednesday evenings starting at 6.30pm. Come along and try it out.

WI PROGRAMME FOR 2011

The local WI has mapped out a full year's events for 2011. These normally take place in the Village Hall at Hawkesbury Upton. The next three events are on 5th April, 3rd May and 7th June. At the April event there will be a talk on the history of chocolate by a Master Chocolatier; in May there will be a focus on puddings - including a tasting session; subsequently at June's meeting the theme will be self-defence for women. For more information contact Lyn Edwards on 07973 166692.

HOGWEED TROTTERS HILLY HALF MARATHON

This popular running event takes place on Sunday 20th March, starting at 10.30am. The Sunday morning will see 200 + runners congregating at the Village Hall to run a gruelling 13 miles around the hills from Horton to Hawkesbury and back.

The start will take place at Mapleridge Lane at 10.30am; all finishers are expected back by 1.30pm. Probably the first finishers will be back by midday if not before.

A good vantage point will be at the School where runners will come down from Highfield Lane before heading off to the hills; subsequently the runners will be coming back along this lane when they enter the "home straight".

It would be good if any Hortonions could encourage them along the way – there are one or two of us among them!

Linda Morgan

Ed - For those of you who were unlucky enough to have forgotten to enter for the half marathon there is another opportunity to get out your running shoes out on 17th April for the traditional Spring Bull Run from the Village Hall. This is a four mile route with a few gentle inclines only!

A SPRING WALK FROM HORTON

In the event that spring weather arrives in the near future I'm sure you will want to get out and enjoy the sun (and rain). To make a change from one of the usual local "round the block" walks why not go a little further afield to Old Sodbury and Lyegrove House. This is an easy 6-7 mile loop that can easily be done in a morning.

Starting from the Village School take the Cotswold Way to Old Sodbury. On reaching the Sodbury village school bear left along the road for about 300 metres and then take a signed footpath on the left up the escarpment. This is the only noticeable climb in the walk.

Once at the top of the hill this FP leads eastwards to the A46. Cross the main road carefully and take the signed FP opposite across 2 fields, ending up in the far left hand corner of the second one. Through the gate there and then turn right (east) along a field edge to reach a green lane (of sorts). Follow this and then straight across another field with Lyegrove House on your left. Leave the field through a narrow gate and go onto a track which shortly leads to a track junction. Turn left and go past outbuildings of Lyegrove House on your left hand side. You will quickly reach a field gate.

Going through the gate bear diagonally left across the field to the far corner where there is a dilapidated stile. Over this and then go straight across the field aiming for a ruin/copse that is visible on the skyline. Pass the copse on the left hand side on a track that leads to the right of Ball's cottage and meets a cross track. Here turn left on the cross track for around 50 metres to go past a field boundary on your right. Next turn right and follow the hedge on your right until you reach the access road to Grickstone Farm. (The official FP goes diagonally across the field you are skirting, but is usually not visible when there are growing crops.)

Cross the farm access road and bear leftish along an unmarked bridle path that reaches a gate/stile leading up to the A46 about 200 metres to the north of the point where the farm road meets the A46. Go across the A46 once again and pick up a bridle path (a well-defined track) going diagonally right across a big field to reach the junction of roads at the top of Horton/Widden Hill - and so to home.

