

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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SUMMARY OF FUTURE EVENTS

10 th May	Village Hall AGM
7 th Jun	WI mtg - Self-defence for women
10 th Jun	National Trust training session for Horton Court volunteers
12 th Jun	Summer Lunch at Village Hall
17 th Jun	Spring cleaning at Horton Court
5 th Jul	WI mtg - Garden mtg
6 th Sep	WI mtg - British Seaside Piers
10 th Sep	Last Night of the Proms

WATER MAIN REPAIRS

As many readers will already know Bristol Water is planning to replace the water main on Horton Hill. This will take about three weeks, starting on 9th May; it is planned to end on 27th May. Through traffic up the hill will not be permitted, although road access to properties on the hill will be possible. The road will be closed from the school down to King Lane. Our local councillor, Sue Hope, has reported that bottled water will be available from Bristol Water on request via its Help Line.

SPONSOR OUR RUNNERS

Linda & Dave Morgan are taking part in the Bristol 10K Run on Sunday 15th May to raise funds for the Mbabzi Schools project. This is an organisation that helps to improve the education of children living in the Mbabzi area of Malawi. Its web site address is www.mbabzischoolsproject.com.

All funds raised will help to pay for desks for the school classrooms, where children currently sit on the concrete floor for their lessons. Just £11 will pay for one child to have a desk.

As usual in sponsored events Linda and Dave have a form for recording sponsors' promises (cash/km etc). You can make contact by email: davidlm@supanet.com.

VILLAGE SUMMER LUNCH

An excellent lunch will be provided by our tried and tested village catering team at Horton Village Hall on Sunday 12th June starting at 12:30pm. Tickets (£15) are available from Tina Hildick-Smith and other PCC members. All proceeds will go to the long overdue refurbishment of the church heating system!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next Village Hall AGM is on 10th May at 7.30pm. Please come along and have your say - and get involved in the committee if you wish. Peter Llewellyn (Secretary)

NATIONAL TRUST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AT HORTON COURT

The National Trust has decided to re-open Horton Court to visitors in July and August of this year on Fridays and Sundays. It has issued two separate calls for volunteers to assist in preparing for and welcoming visitors.

Firstly the NT wishes to build up a small team of volunteers to maintain the gardens and grounds at Horton Court. This is an excellent opportunity to do congenial work in pleasant surroundings, while contributing to the image of the village. To volunteer or get more information on what is entailed you should contact Dale Dennehy at the NT on 0117 9371331 or 07879 608883; or send him an email at Dale.Dennehy@nationaltrust.org.uk.



Secondly NT wishes to build a small team of room guides who can assist in helping visitors get the most from their visit to Horton Court. It held an initial meeting on 4th May to publicise its plans. It intends to hold a training session on 10th June. To volunteer or get more information you should contact Katy Smith on 01225 833977 or by email katy.smith@nationaltrust.org.uk.

SPOT THE RESIDENTS COMPETITION

The following photograph, taken in the 1920s or 30s, shows a gathering of Horton residents at that time. It has been supplied by Philip Harford, who has proposed a competition in which he challenges you to name more than 10 residents correctly.



Send your entry to Philip either by email fourharfords@hotmail.com or on paper (to Horton Hall Farm). He will judge entries and he has kindly offered to give £5 to the first correct entry received so as to give you added incentive to see how we were in the past.

WI PROGRAMME FOR 2011

The next three events are on 7th June, 5th July and 6th September. For more information contact Lyn Edwards on 07973 166692.

CHURCH NEWS

Services take place as usual at Horton Church and Little Sodbury Church during May and June at 11.15 am and 6pm respectively. *Exceptionally the service on 29th May, being a cross-Benefice service, will start at 10.30am.* After this service there will be a walk followed by refreshments at the Church to mark Rogation Sunday.

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.dolmancatering.co.uk.

LATE NEWS ON HORTON COURT

The house will be open from 1pm to 4pm on Fridays and Sundays in July and August starting on 1st July. During this time light refreshments will be on offer in the church.

There will be an all-day training event for room guides on 10th June starting at 10am; taking a packed lunch would be provident.

Also there will be a spring-cleaning session the following week on 17th June starting at 10am; bring a packed lunch and cleaning materials.

If you are interested in volunteering get in touch with Katy Smith at the NT to get a "registration of interest" form.

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.

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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NEWS FROM HORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

First of all I would like to offer a "big thank you" to those of you from the village who came along to our very own version of the Royal Wedding. I have never seen so many adults in school and so grandly dressed. We had our very own Prince William and Kate, played superbly by Joachim Groves and Millie Barstow, along with family members on both sides. The service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Tom Nourse) and the Dean of Westminster (Ben Wiffen). Following the service we took family photographs in the school porch - such a photogenic situation - and then we finished it all off with a delicious ice-cream and party games!

Our next major piece of news is that we have received another 'outstanding' from OFSTED. Obviously we all strive to do our best for the children at the school and I am the most fortunate headteacher to have a dedicated and enthusiastic staff, supportive governors, caring and supportive parents, the most amazing location and local community and, of course, children who love learning. The recognition of this from OFSTED is the icing on the cake for all of us and we are extremely pleased.



Slimbridge Visit

Our school has been leading and running workshops for a number of local primary schools at Horton Church with themes linked to reflection on God and Belief. At a recent workshop two competition-winning films on the theme "God?" were produced, with the support of Chipping Sodbury Secondary School's sixth form photography students. Children from Trinity Primary School made one of the winning entries and the other was produced by Year 6 children from Horton School (Ben Wiffen, Tom Meadon and Chloe Gay).

During our Easter service we presented Horton Church with a mosaic cross (made in a similar style to our own school sign) that shows many of the links between the school, the church and the local community. It is on display in the church for you all to see. It will mean that even when we are not in church a small part of us is always there.

We recently had an RE week which focused on 'Who, What and Where is God?' and how the Easter story is relevant to our lives today. The whole school created a 'flash mob' dance, which we used in our Easter service, as an interpretation of the procession into Jerusalem - it meant that the whole church ended up dancing! The children designed and created t-shirts on the theme of a 'Journey around Me'; looking at the characteristics shown by Jesus and those that He wants us to live by. Pieces of art, film and photography were also created during the week - using modern images to reflect on the meaning of the Easter story.

Our theme for study last term was the Wetlands and we all enjoyed our "whole school" trip to Slimbridge to study migration and pond life. These "whole school" topics are built around developing learning skills as well as gaining subject-specific knowledge... which included researching bio-mimicry and then creating flying objects that mimicked bird or insect flight as part of a nationwide Design & Technology competition!

Our major study theme for this term (until July) is mountains. If you have any specialist knowledge or experience in this area that you would like to share we would love to hear from you - maybe your hobby is climbing, maybe you've trekked to mountain regions and have photographs and a story to share, maybe you have an in-depth knowledge of the physical geography of mountains.... please get in touch.

Jane Leo (Head Teacher)