

# THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



PUBLISHED FOR THE HORTON AND LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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## SUMMARY OF FUTURE EVENTS

11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Talk on history of Berkeley *
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Barn Dance - SOLD OUT
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Shopping Event in aid of Horton School *
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Horton Toddlers Group Inspirations Event *
25/26 Nov	Hawkesbury's Horrible Histories
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Horton Murder Mystery Play*
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Horton Christmas Lunch *
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Horton Social Club - Sausage & Cider Evening *
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WI Christmas Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Horton Church Carol Service 5pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Little Sodbury Carol Service 6pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	New Year's Eve party *
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Village Hall Quiz Night

\* More information elsewhere in Newsletter

**Note:** See the Village Hall web site [www.halsvh.org.uk](http://www.halsvh.org.uk) for a full list of future events.

## COMING SOON

### Hawkesbury Theatrical Group present HAWKESBURY'S HORRIBLE HISTORIES

On 25/26 November 2011 at Hawkesbury Village Hall at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tables of 8 or individual seats: booking office 01454 238347. Ticket prices: Adults £7, children under 14, £3.

*Lots of fun for everyone*

## WI PROGRAMME FOR 2011

The next event is on 6<sup>th</sup> December. It will have a Christmas flavour and feature an all-female Barbershop Group (Avon Harmony). For more information contact Lynn Edwards on 07973 166692.

## HORTON MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

A second performance of the Murder Mystery play *Full Steam Ahead* will take place on Saturday 26th November. This will be a performed by a well-known local cast. A three course meal will be served between scenes.

Tickets are available now. Please advise if Vegetarian when booking. Contact Caroline Bannister on 312277 or on [boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk)

## RESEARCHING THE HISTORY OF HORTON - YOUR INPUT IS WANTED!

The Local History Group was asked to provide a short piece on Horton Hall for a forthcoming book of Murray Dowding's photos being produced jointly by Yate Heritage Centre and the Gazette. This led to a search for its original builder, whose identity no-one seemed to know. We got Jill Martin onto the job, and those of you who came to her talk on the Paston family will remember how thorough she is when faced with a challenge. Her research on the Hall has uncovered a story of property speculation, fortunes made and lost, and a name for the builder: Robert Pavin Davies. Our research is ongoing, and when it's complete we'll tell you the whole story.



In the meantime we particularly need any deeds information from those of you who have ever lived in houses formerly in the estate of Rev.T.R Brooke, who was allocated the southern part of the old Horton Court estate, that means 'lower Horton' and everything on the right side of the hill going up: farms, houses, land. We're looking for a mention of Robert P.Davies in any capacity, from deeds of just before or after 1869. Your help could be crucial in unravelling the fascinating story of the origins of Horton Hall.

Also: we are currently preparing our input into the next heritage exhibition at Yate HC, which will be about Shops & Trades in our local villages – for us, specifically in Horton and Little Sodbury. Our members recalled some memories of 20thC ones, but we may have missed a few or got them slightly wrong. Anything that you remember of trades, delivery services, shops, pubs and POs, workshops, yards and the people running them would be valuable. We especially need photos of any of these things too. If there's anyone else: ex-villagers, relatives etc. that you know could also help us, please let us know that too.

Tel.: Maggie White (314436) or anyone you know is a history group member. Thank you!

## NEWS ROUND UP

### Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on 30<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported the coffee morning held by myself and Natalie Harris. The morning was a great success and we managed to raise a grand total of £408.00! It has prompted me to maybe next year hold one on the Saturday instead of the Friday and maybe we can raise even more money. Hopefully we won't run out of cakes!

Once again, thank you very much.

Margaret Bond (nee Harris)

### Fun Casino Evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Fun was indeed had by all who attended the 'Fun' Casino in the Village Hall on 22 October! The Lions Club of Thornbury brought along their 'gaming' tables, and their own currency, and offered a chance to become a high-roller without losing any real money! Paul Denton was the person who amassed the greatest 'fortune' (over 800,000 Thornbury Lion pounds!) and won the prize! However, many others lost their initial £1200 'starter chips' within the first few minutes, but were able to purchase extra 'money' from the Lions (which funds went to swell their charity coffers!) However, with a bar available and a hot supper provided, there were compensations on hand for the 'losers'!

## Village Christmas Dinner

There are still some places available for the Christmas Dinner on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club. The three-course dinner will again be £22.95 per person. Contact Caroline Bannister to book your place by telephoning 312277 or via email [caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk](mailto:caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk).

## CHURCH NEWS

Services take place as usual at Horton Church and Little Sodbury Church during November and December at 11.15 am and 6pm respectively excepting the following special events.

At Horton Church there will be a Carol Service at 5pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December, instead of the usual morning service. Also there will be a Christmas Communion service on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm, but no service on the following Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>).

At Little Sodbury Church there will be a Carol Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm, but no service on the following Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>).

## CRIB FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Some of the key events in the Nativity Crib Festival are as follows.

**From Darkness to Light.** A concert of choral music for the Advent Season, St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury. Tickets: £10 via 325160, [cribfestival@gmail.com](mailto:cribfestival@gmail.com).

**Crib Exhibition,** Opening times at St John's Church:

30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3-5pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 11am-1pm and 4pm-5pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 12 noon - 9pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10am - 5pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11am - 5pm

**Camel Procession,** 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 5.30pm through Chipping Sodbury

## FOR SALE

### Jams, Jellies and Relishes

Alison Barton has the following preserves, all produced from fruits grown from her own garden, for sale. Jams include: strawberry, blackcurrant, greengage, Victoria plum, damson and marrow & ginger. Jellies include: blackberry & apple, crab apple, redcurrant, mint, apple & ginger. Also medium strength apple chutney and very hot horseradish sauce are on offer. Any of these would make excellent Christmas gifts or hamper fillers. Call Alison at Starvall Farm on Sodbury Common on 01454 313106 for more details or to place an order.

### Delicious Dorset Down Lamb

Our half lamb packs are now available at £70.00. The meat is fully jointed and labelled. Packs include shoulder and leg joints, loin chops, chump chops, breast, kidney, liver and mince. The lambs are reared completely naturally – as near to organic as you can get! For more details or to order, please contact us on 318002 or email [pearce@widdenhill.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:pearce@widdenhill.freeserve.co.uk).

Jenny & Simon Pearce

With the men dressed in their DJ's and the ladies dressed up to the nines, the evening was very enjoyable, raising funds towards renewing the roof of the village hall, and supporting the Lions in their charitable endeavours! Thanks to everyone who came along, and helped create the special atmosphere. Thanks must also go to all those who helped in any way, they know who they are, and I couldn't have done it without you all!

Caroline Bannister

## FUTURE EVENTS

### School and Toddler Group Events

The 'Friends of Horton School' has its annual Christmas Shopping Evening at Horton Village Hall to raise money for Horton School. This is on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** doors open at 6pm til 8pm. We will have stalls selling Candles, new wool blankets, home-made pickles, wipe-able table cloths, aprons, cards, cheese and much more. Tea, coffee, mince pies and mulled wine will be available. Also Horton Toddlers will be having 'Inspiration' ;you can paint your own ceramics so visit us on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. We are there every Wednesday term time 10am to 11.30am Carers, grandparents and parents with children all welcome.

### Camels To Visit Chipping Sodbury in Nativity Crib Festival



As part of the Nativity Crib Festival being held at St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury, a real live camel will make a guest appearance on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The camel, together with its band of biblical followers, will move slowly from the vicarage in Horseshoe Lane down the High Street and through all the Victorian Evening crowds to arrive at the church at around 5.30pm where it will 'hover' for everyone to get up close and personal with some 'wise men' and undoubtedly very many children.

The biblical enactment is a living part of the Nativity Crib Festival, which runs from 30<sup>th</sup> November until December 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be a large collection of cribs from all sorts of people in all sorts of places. Some are currently being made and we know that one from Sweden will be arriving soon.

School visits, senior citizens teas, dressing up and photo opportunities, messy church, craft workshops, toddler activities, school musicians, organ recitals, bell ringing, drumming workshops, a living crib with donkeys and much more, and a number of church services will be held during the event. The Crib Café will be open every day for legendary home made cakes, really great coffee, tea and soft drinks. For more information see the dedicated web site [www.sodburyvalechurches.wordpress.com/crib-festival](http://www.sodburyvalechurches.wordpress.com/crib-festival) for all the latest information.

### New Year's Eve Party

We are pleased to announce that austerity measures and the Eurozone crisis have not stood in the way of a really good party so, once again, there will be a glittering evening in store at the Village Hall on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

Please bring your own food or order a take-out. There will be a well-stocked bar staffed by our friendly and experienced team who will be happy to advise on suitable beverages to accompany your dinner and enhance your evening.

A mercifully short cabaret is planned which will showcase the diversity of talent in the area, such as it is. Later on, as midnight approaches, the Hall's state of the art sound system will be pressed into service for dancing and revellers are encouraged to bring CD's and the DJ will play your selected tracks. On the stroke of midnight, Big Ben will be broadcast and glasses of bubbly will be distributed by our glamorous hostesses.

Please come either individually or with friends or family – tickets are only £6, with children under 12 free. Caroline Bannister has kindly volunteered to sell tickets and organise table bookings – please book early as this is a popular event and not to be missed.

Caroline can be contacted on 312277 or preferably by email: [boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk).

### Events at Horton Social Club

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December there will be a **SAUSAGE & CIDER EVENING** - this will feature West Country ciders and Artingstall's Special Sausages. It should be an enjoyable social event. It will start circa 8.00pm. Check at the Club for more details.

Also, if anyone is interested in playing Crib the Social Club has matches throughout the winter on Monday nights and Crib Drives in the summer. There will also be a special Crib Drive at Christmas. Ask at the Club for details.

Ann Weatherhead

## 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 via [www.dolmanscatering.co.uk](http://www.dolmanscatering.co.uk).

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

In future the primary mechanism for distributing the newsletter will be by email. 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.

## 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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## Horton Walking Festival - 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> April 2012

There will be walks in and around Horton, starting and finishing at the Village Hall where food and drink will be on sale to slake the hunger and thirst of tired walkers.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting new venture, by leading a themed walk or workshop please contact either Lynn Edwards [office@lenergyassessor.co.uk](mailto:office@lenergyassessor.co.uk) or Carol Brodie [cbrosecottage@gmail.com](mailto:cbrosecottage@gmail.com) with details.

If you would like to take part in one of the many walks that will be on offer please put the festival dates in your diary and look out for further information in forthcoming newsletters. Anyone interested in getting together to take part in walks [easy to moderate] prior to the Festival should contact Carol Brodie by email.

## APPEAL FOR OLD TOOLS

A British charity is regularly sending unwanted tools to help in easing poverty-stricken areas in East Africa. They are first checked by a team in Ipswich and anything with woodworm is discarded. Your donated tools will enable those too poor to buy their own tools to be trained and start working and earning independently.

They can use tools for electricians, plumbers, carpenters, leather workers, mechanics, car and cycle tools. Also, paraffin blow lamps, battery chargers, allen keys, grease guns, all saws, trolley jacks, small lathes, whetstones, tool belts, socket sets, rivetting tools, vices, builder's trowels, and garden tools but not anything for lawns.

Electric tools that are double insulated eg hand-held power saws, drills etc can be sent out. Medical equipment is excellent, too, but a phone call is needed to check this out, please.

For more information call Jenny Llewellyn on 01454 318442.

### These are Tools we Need

*All types of Hand Tools:*

- Carpentry
- Motor Mechanics (*inc. trolley jacks & ramps*)
- Builders, Electricians and Plumbing
- Engineering
- Lathes
- Bench and Band Saws
- Electric Power Tools: Drills, Sanders, Planers
- Sewing Machines
- Knitting Machines (*please make sure they are complete*)
- Laptops
- Flat Screen Computers
- Sewing and Craft Items
- Garden Forks, Spades, Hoes, Rakes,
- Sledge Hammers, Pick Axes
- Educational Text Books
- Adult Mountain Bikes
- Manual Typewriters
- Motor Lawnmowers, Strimmers, Chainsaw.

*We cannot accept: glass jars, gas bottles, electric hedgecutters and lawnmowers*

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