

# THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Village Olympics party *
17-19 Aug	Horton Social Club Beer Festival *
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Horse race night, Horton Village Hall *
4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	WI meeting *
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Village Golf
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Horton Village Hall Barn Dance
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Winter Bull Run
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Village Christmas Dinner

\* 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.

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

We held our AGM recently and an important part of that meeting was to say a big thank you to Tony Wake who stepped down as chairman. He has been our chairman for four years and has done a great job. Some others came off the committee as well so we also said thank you to Maureen Allen, Linda Morgan and David and Shirley Whitfield for all their hard work for the village over the years.

The committee members are now Katharine Barnes (Chair), Carol Brodie, Emma Cordy-Rugman (Bookings Secretary), Barbera Denton, William Gray (Vice-chair), Catherine Harvey, Guy Harvey, Susan Harvey, Tina Hildick-Smith, Brian Jarvis (Treasurer), Peter Llewellyn (Secretary), David Morgan and Michael Plows.

We have lots of events planned, but new ideas are always welcome, so please contact any of us with any suggestions.

Peter Llewellyn

## POWER CUT AND BROWNOUTS

Recently there was a severe voltage drop in upper Horton. When power cuts and brownouts like this one occur, please check to see if your neighbours are similarly affected. If this is the case, it is important that as many households as possible report the fault. Do not assume that others have done it for you and do not assume that the power company knows there is a problem. The more that report a problem, the more attention it will receive. The contact number for reporting cuts to Western Power Distribution is 0800 328 1111.

George Hammersley

## CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA FOR HORTON?

Could we have a play area on a small part of the Village Hall field? All sorts of questions come to mind:

How big? How much? How soon? Can we have access off the road? Does this need planning permission? Will anyone in the village have experience or energy or skills to help us? Are we too 'wealthy' an area to get any grants?

These questions are in the minds of a group of local mums and grannies.

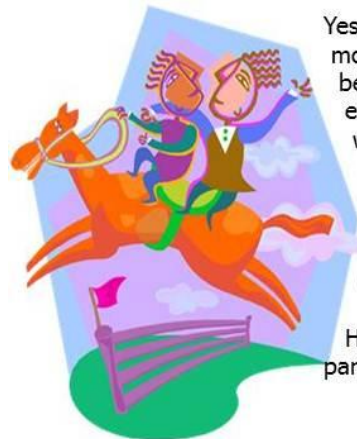
As a first step the 'Toddlers on Wednesdays' group are planning a meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the Village Hall and want you to join them if you've ideas and/or enthusiasm for the plan. And, we've found out already:-

1. Apparently another entry off the road would not be permitted. We'd need access through the edge of the car park. A path, protected from the cars, would be needed and also a hedged track around the field to the site.
2. A possible site for the play area is the corner of the field beyond the Pavilion.
3. This means when the Hall, field and car park are hired out for Brownies, or a wedding, there could still be an area available for village families to use.
4. Insurance for a modest play area could possibly be covered by the Hall's insurer, with an extra cost of about £100 a year
5. A small hillock, with a tunnel through it, sunken tractor tyres, a willow sapling screen and 'stepping stone' logs are all fairly cheap. A pair of swings would cost more.

PLEASE HELP US! For instance we would like to hear of local schemes that have found money for similar projects. JOIN US on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall or contact: [peterjennycolumba@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peterjennycolumba@yahoo.co.uk)

Jenny Llewellyn

## Alternative Horse Racing Evening



Yes, it's a "short-head" away – only next month! The fun Horse Racing event will be held at Horton Village Hall on the evening of Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> August. It will be a light-hearted affair that will include gentle participation for those who wish.

Tickets are £8, including a delicious cold buffet, and are available from Caroline Bannister (312277) or email [boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk).

Horse racing with a difference – local participation and hilarity!

## REPORTING FLOODING, POTHoles, ETC

The Clerk to Horton Parish Council would like to advise villagers that they can contact either the Clerk (Katherine Standerwick, [kstanderwick@btinternet.com](mailto:kstanderwick@btinternet.com)) to report pot holes or flooding in the village.

Alternatively residents can contact South Glos Council directly using the following link <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/NR/exeres/f916dd8e-1d93-4e2b-bb6f-1e95bda63fb6> then selecting the appropriate option and then clicking on 'Do it now'.

There is also the option to report fly tipping on the following link <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/NR/exeres/05abbbd8-1158-490f-bd82-222aaeff4e62>.

Katherine Standerwick

## REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS 2012 / 2013 IS ONLY A CLICK AWAY.....

Have you received your Electoral Registration form? South Gloucestershire Council is carrying out its annual canvass to make sure we have the correct details of all eligible voters living in South Gloucestershire. Details taken from registration forms and confirmation of no

## WI PROGRAMME FOR 2012

The next event is on 4<sup>th</sup> September. It is an *in-house short mat bowls evening*. For more information contact Lynn Edwards on 07973 166692.

### HORTON SOCIAL CLUB

#### BEER FESTIVAL

17<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012

Open 1pm until Late Each Day

**Friday** Pub Quiz

**Saturday** Live Music in evening

**Sunday** Boules Competition

### 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, excepting 29<sup>th</sup> July when there will be a Benefice service at Chipping Sodbury at 10.30am.

### FOR SALE

#### Delicious Dorset Down Lamb

Our half lamb packs will be available from June @ £70.00. The lambs are reared completely naturally – as near to organic as you can get! The meat is fully jointed and labelled by Artingstall's Butchers in Chipping Sodbury. Packs include shoulder and leg joints, loin chops, chump chops, breast, kidney, liver and mince. For more information or to order, please contact us on 01454 318002 or email [pearce@widdenhill.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:pearce@widdenhill.freeserve.co.uk)

Jenny & Simon Pearce, Widdenhill Farm

#### 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. 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).

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### 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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changes to details via telephone, internet or text will be used to compile the next Electoral Register on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Around 111,000 forms have been sent out across South Gloucestershire from the beginning of July, so make sure you look out for yours! The forms are hitting doorsteps earlier this year due to the new Police & Crime Commissioner Elections taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> November, so a prompt response is essential.

There are quick & easy ways to advise South Gloucestershire Council of NO CHANGES to your household details. Don't delay, use the automated service today and save your council money on printing reminder forms.

Using the two part security code on your Registration Form, you can confirm your details by:

Freephone – 0800 197 3114; Internet – [www.registerbyinternet.com/southglos](http://www.registerbyinternet.com/southglos); or Text – 80212

If there are any CHANGES to your details, you will need to return your paper form by post using the freepost envelope provided. *Remember, if you're not on the register, you cannot vote. Getting personal credit could be difficult too -you may have problems getting a mortgage, credit card or even a mobile phone, so make sure you are registered.* If you have lost your form or need help, please call 01454 863030.



Unlucky with your Olympic ticket application then put aside the afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August to take part in or have a ringside view of the Horton Olympics. Join a team or bring your own team of friends and family along to take part in a series of fun activities Olympic style at the village hall. Bar open from 2pm. Opening ceremony prior to events starting at 3pm.

Come and support a team or enjoy the **Olympic themed food**. Hot buffet available from 6pm. Bar open throughout the festivities.

Buffet tickets price £10 per adult; £5.00 child [under 16] under 5s free. Family ticket:- £25 for 2 adults and upto 3 children of the same family. Available soon.

Carol Brodie

### FUNDS DONATED BY HORTON RESIDENTS TO FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

Last year the proceeds of the Christmas Card distribution and Carol Singing were donated to Foundation for Children, a charity established by a Horton resident to support disadvantaged children throughout the UK. In thanking the village for this donation, the Chair of Trustees promised to let everyone know how the money had been used.

A grant of £10,000 was awarded by Foundation for Children to Yate Opportunity Group Pre-School. The funding will be used in the main to enable two children with additional special needs to attend the group for five sessions per week of pre-school care and education with their own dedicated staff member. Without this funding, the children would not have been able to access the places, as their special needs mean that they require 1:1 care, which the local authority grant does not cover. Families who are able to access such placements report that the care they receive makes a significant difference to the well-being of the children and their parents.

The donation of over £200 from Horton village contributed toward this grant which benefitted the most disadvantaged children in the local community. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank residents again for their generosity.

Kay Turner

### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Is it my imagination or does *Christmas* come round quicker every year?

This year we are going to 'ring the changes' (get the *Christmas* connection!) as it has been suggested that the *Christmas* Dinner be held at the Village Hall, which will be decorated in true *Christmas* style!

The dinner will be cooked and served by 'outside caterers', but the bar will be operated by the Village Hall for the Hall funds!

The date for this year's extravaganza is **Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>** so put this date in your diary and further details will follow nearer the time!

Caroline Bannister