

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Deadline for articles for the next edition 1st January 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 th Nov	WI meeting, WWII clothes and fashions *
8 th Nov	Persephone Books Talk, Nicola Beauman, Horton Village Hall 10.15am *
9 th Nov	Local History Group talk on Horton Manor *
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day service Horton Church, 10.50am
11 th Nov	Sodbury Slog, multi-terrain race, 11am start
4 th Dec	WI meeting - The Harmonies An evening of entertainment *
14 th Dec	Village Christmas Dinner *
18 th Dec	Village Christmas Carols Meet 6.30pm at Village Hall to tour village – wrap up well!
31 st Dec	New Year's Eve party at VH *
25 th Jan	Quiz Night – VH, 7.30pm
22 nd Feb	Quiz Night – VH, 7.30pm
10 th Mar	Mothering Sunday, Afternoon Tea – VH, 3pm

* More information elsewhere in Newsletter

Note: See the Village Hall web site www.halsvh.org.uk for a full list of future events.

HEN - HORTON ENERGY NEIGHBOURHOOD

With energy prices set to rocket over the next few months why not join us and explore how you can save money on your fuel bills by just making a few simple changes to your behaviour. This is an international initiative in which we are participating, so we may even manage to put Horton on the map as well as enabling those taking part to save money and have some fun in the process.

If you want to explore HEN further then contact Lynn Edwards.

07973 166 692, 01454 323848;
office@lenergy-assessor.co.uk

HORTON AND HAWKESBURY WI

Our regular monthly meetings take place at 7.30pm at Hawkesbury Village Hall - however we do a lot more besides this! We have a walking group which meets the third Tuesday of each month and a book group which meets the second Tuesday of each month, we often have craft workshops and there are outings to the cinema most months. There is certainly not a great deal of time to get bored if you are a member; the only trouble is we just don't seem to get much time to make Jam!!

HORTON VILLAGE HALL FIREWORK DISPLAY

A good time was had by all at the Horton bonfire and fireworks on Friday 2nd November. The weather was kind and stayed dry for us.



Over 250 people came to watch our huge bonfire being lit, which was followed by an impressive display of fireworks. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a cup of soup and a hot dog in the hall, refuelling themselves with drinks from the bar.



Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success.

Katharine Barnes, Chair, Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall Committee

Visitors are always welcome so if you would like to find out more do come along. If you don't want to go on your own then get in touch, there are several of us from Horton who are members and who get together to share lifts (For more information contact Lynn Edwards on 07973 166692 or view the website for the local group www.hawkesburyandhortonwi.org.uk.

Lynn Edwards

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. The annual Remembrance Sunday service will take place at Horton Church on 11th November, starting at 10.50am.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

There are still a few places left for the gourmet dinner in the Village Hall on 14th December. Villagers old and new are very welcome. In order to reserve your places, please email caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk.

Come and kick-start
the Festive Season!



Volunteer Centre Yate's Discover Volunteering drop-in event in Yate Library on 9th October, went very well and we signed up quite a few people for taster volunteering sessions. We feel these sessions give people a good idea about what to expect from volunteering with their chosen group or charity, before committing and hope to partner some local charities to offer this on a more regular basis in 2013.

If you are interested in volunteering, please either take a look at our website or contact us to arrange a visit to our office in Yate Library for a brief talk about your volunteering interests. We are usually open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 3pm

Website: www.yatevoluntarylink.org.uk
Email: volunteeringyate@btconnect.com
Telephone 01454 324102

NEW RESIDENTS

David and I are moving back to live at Bushes Lane House on 3 November. I have now stopped work and David is taking up a new position at the Gloucester and Cheltenham County Court. He remains a district judge but has also recently been appointed as judge in the Court of Protection, a role to which he's really looking forward. In contrast I'm really looking forward to getting stuck into that garden! Also we're looking forward to getting back into village life.

Jacki and David Hebblethwaite

HORTON WINTER BULL RUN (SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2012)

Waking up on Sunday morning to find the weather wet and grey dampened my spirit somewhat. It was such a contrast from the previous day which was bright and sunny. However it didn't put the runners off who turned out in force.

It was a record number of entries for the Winter Bull Run with 88 participants.

The first to return was Jaroslaw Motyka a Hogweed Trotter with a time of 37 min. 10 sec.



Trophies were awarded to:

J Motyka [Men 16-40] 37 minutes 10 seconds

E Tomlin [Ladies 16 -40] 48 minutes 25 seconds

C Speight [Men 41 -54] 41 minutes 27 seconds

N Morgan [Ladies 41 - 54] 42 minutes 57 seconds

N Tiley [Men 55+] 50 minutes 46 seconds

A Lucas [Ladies 55+] 55 minutes 23 seconds

Also congratulations to our very own Newsletter editor Richard Winsborrow who ran a very respectable time of 58 minutes 54 seconds.

The run was well supported by the local running club, The Hogweed Trotters, who also kindly loaned us the use of some of their signage and equipment.

Thanks are also due to the Red Cross team who stepped in at short notice after a few days and nights of panicking without first aid cover. Thankfully their services weren't needed which was good news as the course was very wet and slippery!

Finally a BIG THANK YOU to all the helpers who gave up their morning to support the run. From erecting the gazebo, putting out the signs, conducting the risk assessment, baggage lady, marshalling, entry form ladies, medal presenter, computer expert, kitchen ladies [bacon roll beauties] and my husband who organised all the positioning of the marshals for me!

Barbera Denton

VILLAGE CRAZY GOLF

Following on from the Ryder Cup, Horton held its version of the event on Sunday 16th September. Despite the indifferent weather seven (sometimes challenging, sometimes amusing) holes were located around the village.

Latent talent came to the fore and Stephen Stafford was the victor in the adult category with 28 shots and Jamie and Kobi Cordy-Rugman tied in the children's category with 38 shots each. Well done!

Thank you to those who took part, loaned their gardens for the "fairways and greens" and those that helped with the organising; hopefully all had fun.

In conclusion, "it takes a lot of balls to play golf the way Hortonians do"!

Barbera Denton

SODBURY SLOG

This hilarious muddy race will take place on Remembrance Sunday. As usual it will slosh through the fields surrounding Sodbury common. There will be a few Horton runners – Paul & Barbera Denton and Dave Morgan amongst them. This race is run by the Rotary Club. The proceeds from the race will be donated to the British Legion and local charities. It would be good to have some support from the Village – there are many good vantage points and they have an excellent web site – a search for Sodbury Slog will get you there.

LOCAL CHIMNEY SWEEP

We now have a chimney sweep, Gerald Smith, living in the village. He is ready to offer his service to local residents. His contact details are as follows.

Tel: 01454 600 985; 07766 605 490
Flat 1, The Gatehouse, Horton Hill

YOGA CLASSES

Small, friendly yoga classes take place every Thursday morning from 10am to 11.30am in the Methodist School Room, Back Street, Hawkesbury Upton. All ages and abilities are welcome. For more details call 01454 238 044.

Jenny Harris

HORTON ZUMBA SESSIONS



The Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness-party™. Feel the music and let loose!!!

Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.15 pm

For more details contact:-

Andrea on 07970125353 or

andrea.benson1@btinternet.com

MOTHERING SUNDAY TEAS

Sunday 10th March [Mothering Sunday] is when afternoon teas will be served at the village hall. Do bring your mother and the rest of the family for afternoon tea to celebrate mother's special day Horton style. Further details will follow.

SECOND HORTON WALKING FESTIVAL

This will take place on the last weekend of September 2013. Anyone interested in helping in any way with this event, including leading walks, please get in touch with either Lynn Edwards office@lenergy-assessor.co.uk or Carol Brodie cbrosecottage@gmail.com as soon as possible.

WANTED FOR RECYCLING

If you are thinking of changing/renewing your Christmas decorations this year and have some you would like to get rid of, please call Barbera 01454319889 or email barbera.denton@btinternet.com

FOR SALE

Scales

Old style scales with weights and brass container, £15 ono. Mrs B.Stafford, Hillcrest, Horton 01454 324094

Delicious Dorset Down Lamb

Our half lamb packs are available at £70.00. The lambs are reared completely naturally – as near to organic as you can get! The meat is fully jointed and

PERSEPHONE BOOKS EVENT

You are invited to come along to Horton Village Hall on Thursday 8th November, when Nicola Beauman from Persephone will be visiting. Coffee and cake will be available from 10.15am. Nicola will be at the hall from 10.30am until 11.30 am when she will be giving a short talk about Persephone books. There will also be the opportunity to peruse, purchase or order copies of the books too.




Nicola Beauman founded Persephone Books to reprint neglected women writers. To celebrate the fact that there are now one hundred titles in print, she has taken to the road in a 1957 Morris Traveller to visit as many friends of Persephone as possible. Nicola will talk about some of the (so far) one hundred titles (novels, short stories, cookery books and memoirs) that have been republished over the last twelve years: all of them intelligent, thought-provoking and beautifully written.

<http://www.persephonebooks.co.uk/>

Everyone is very welcome. Please bring a friend even if it just to chat to fellow book lovers and have a coffee and a piece of cake.

Carol Brodie (on Behalf of Horton Book Club)

Horton Manor
The History and Development of the
Manor and its People



A talk by archaeologist Tony Harcourt

Friday 9th November 7.30pm
HORTON VILLAGE HALL
Entry £3 * Refreshments

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 Jenny & Simon Pearce, Widdenhill Farm on 01454 318002 or email pearce@widdenhill.freeserve.co.uk
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.

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CONTACTS

Contact details for members of the Village Hall Committee are available on the website 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 or call 324356.

Richard Winsborrow

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THE OZLEWORTH DIPPER – AN OFF-ROAD MTB RIDE

Here is an outline of a mountain bike trip that might appeal to those of our readers who like to go off-road. It is a circular route from Horton to Leighterton and then back across the Ozleworth valley and Ozleworth Park, eventually reaching Hillesley and then back to Horton across the commons. This is a route perhaps best saved for drier times. The route is about 20 miles long so it would fill in half a day.

The trip starts easily enough, starting from Horton and then going through the lanes to Hawkesbury Upton. From there the quietest way is to take Starveall Lane up to the A46, going across the main road and down the lane to reach the A433 to Didmarton.. You can then go through Didmarton (or go around the back of the village passing Oldbury on the Hill) to reach the lane leading north to Leighterton. Carry on to Leighterton to reach a T junction with a pub on the right hand side. Turn left and go on to reach and cross the A46, going down a lane which is a dead end for motor vehicles.

This is where the mountain bike starts to earn its keep. The lane soon deteriorates into a track dropping down into the Ozleworth valley to the left of Boxwell Court. After going through two gates the track gets even worse with loose rocks to avoid. I get off at this point! As the track descends it bears to the left, but there is a muddy and wet track off to the right that is the one you want. The going from here down into and across the valley bottom is truly messy! Having waded (?) this stretch a rough track leads up the other side of the valley in a northerly direction. It is a relief when tarmac is reached.

Next look out for a bridle path signed on the left hand side at the top of the hill. Take this bridle path down towards Ozleworth Park on a rough but mainly cycleable track. It drops into and across a valley, rising again up the other valley side. You can then take either of two bridle paths skirting Ozleworth House on the south and north respectively. Either way you should reach the tarmacked lane leading down the Ozleworth valley to Wortley. This marks the end of the off-road section.

On reaching the road at Wortley turn left for Hillesley and home by your favourite route. If you are not too muddy you could even contemplate a stop at the Fleece Inn in Hillesley to warm up or cool down as the seasons dictate.

Take a map, stay on rights of way and take care – you travel at your own risk.

Richard Winsborrow

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

For one night only the village hall will be magically transformed into your new pub, "The Bull". With so many "locals" closing down, this is an opportunity to savour the atmosphere of a village pub on New Year's Eve and to enjoy some of the traditional delights you won't find in a "Wetherspoons" – old fashioned pub games, pickled eggs and a baffling picture quiz. Round about midnight, (we are not that precise), a well-worn recording of Big Ben will be played on the village hall's "Dolby Super Surround" sound system followed by a mix of popular dance tunes played well into the night. There will be a well-stocked bar staffed by friendly and helpful volunteers who will advise you from time to time on Government guidelines relating to the consumption of festive drinks, or perhaps not.

Again, unlike "Wetherspoons", we are resting the catering staff for the event so party-goers are advised to bring a picnic/banquet to suit their anticipated needs for the evening. It will be a fun night and a good opportunity to catch up with everyone as well as bringing in 2013.

The next morning, there will be a communal New Year's Day walk starting at the hall at 10.30 – returning at 12.30 for cups of tea, perhaps bacon or other butties and for those with a suitably strong stomach, the remains of the bar will be available to again toast what we hope will be a Happy 2013 for everyone.

So please **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUB!**

Tickets are available from Barbera Denton barbera.denton@btinternet.com or on 319889. Price £6 adults, children under 15 free.

COMING SOON....DON'T MISS A GREAT NIGHT OUT!

'QUEEN AND COUNTRY'

Hawkesbury Theatrical Group's own versions of:

'Blackadder' & 'Dad's Army'

In Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall

On Friday & Saturday 23 & 24 November at 7.30pm

BECAUSE OF DEMAND FOR TICKETS WE ARE NOW DOING A MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON (24th) AT 2.30pm

(this is not suitable for young children)

Tickets £7 adults, £5 children

Box Office 01454 238347