

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Deadline for articles for the next edition 1st November 2012

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 th Sep	WI meeting *
8 th Sep	Ride and Stride Bike Ride *
8 th Sep	Last Night of the Proms *
16 th Sep	Village Golf *
18 th Sep	Local History Group Visit to Arnos Vale Cemetery *
29 th Sep	Horton Oktoberfest *
2 nd Oct	WI Meeting *
7 th Oct	Harvest Festival Service, Horton Church *
20 th Oct	Local History Group Visit to Beckford Tower *
27 th Oct	Horton Village Hall Barn Dance
28 th Oct	Winter Bull Run
2 nd Nov	Bonfire Night at Horton Village Hall, 6.30pm
9 th Nov	Local History Group talk on Horton Court *
14 th Dec	Village Christmas Dinner *

* More information elsewhere in Newsletter

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

RIDE AND STRIDE

There is a fund-raising bike ride that will provide benefits for the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and Horton Church. This year it is being held on 8th September.

Last year's route (devised by Rex and Jackie Isaac) was a pleasant c18 mile ride SW of Cirencester visiting 8 churches and enjoying refreshments at several of them. There will be a new route of similar length this year - contact Jackie Isaac at Horton Farm, King Lane for details. Jackie can be contacted on email via rexisaac@aol.co.uk. Build on our Olympic success!

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

This event will take place in Horton Village Hall on 8th September. It's a chance to enjoy a convivial evening with a musical backdrop. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes a welcome drink and hot supper.

The dress code is "appropriate to the occasion" – and as an incentive (as if you need one) - there will be a prize for the 'Best in House'.

Doors open at 7pm and the evening gets under way at 7.30pm and continues until 10.40pm.

Tickets are available from Linda & David

RINGING IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES AT HORTON CHURCH AT 0812 2012



Our local ringing team up bright and early

NEWS FROM HORTON SCHOOL

Time just flies by when you are involved in a school and here we are at the end of another academic year – what an exciting end to the year we had!

Olympics: As part of the Cotswold Cluster of schools, many of our children travelled to other schools to take part in our own version of the Olympics. The whole set of events began with a Torch Run. The torch, created by Raysfield Juniors modelled on the real Olympic torches, began its journey at Trinity School Acton Turville and, over the course of a few weeks was carried by runners from there to Old Sodbury School, to Raysfield Infants & Raysfield Juniors at St John's Mead, Hawkesbury and finally to Horton (sometimes with the help of motor transport part of the way!).



Each school elected Olympic Ambassadors who met for lunch and a mini-conference, hosted here at Horton; they created an Olympic Charter, an agreement about the spirit in which each event would be run, that was shared at the start of every event in the School Olympics. The

Morgan who will be chasing around the village encouraging you to participate. More conventionally you can contact them on 01454 322 248 if you would like tickets.

FITNESS CLASSES AT HORTON VILLAGE HALL ARE RESTARTING



The Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness-party™.

Feel the music and let loose!!!

Class Starts Again 25th

September

Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.15 pm

For more details contact:-

Andrea on 07970125353 or

andrea.benson1@btinternet.com



Ladies!!

Do you want to improve your posture, strength, mobility and stamina?

Then Join a Fitness League

Exercise Class!

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Tuesday 7.30 – 8.45 pm

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CHURCH NEWS

Services take place as usual at Horton Church and Little Sodbury Church during September and October at 11.15 am and 6pm respectively. The annual Harvest Festival service will take place at Horton Church on 7th October 2012.

The provision of teas in connection with the opening of Horton Court was very successful for all concerned. All those who helped in any way from baking to washing up and all points in between are thanked for their sterling efforts.

VILLAGE CRAZY GOLF

On 16th September another round of Village Golf will be on offer. This is an opportunity to play a hole in various gardens up and down the village demonstrating your putting skills on quite tricky greens – ability at Mini Golf is an advantage.

The event will run from 2pm-5pm starting and finishing at Horton Village Hall. Collect your putter and ball from the Village Hall and set forth on an exploration of the village. The entry fee is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Light refreshments will be available at the Village Hall during the afternoon. Contact Barbera Denton for further information.

events and torch run were enjoyed by all involved and the variety of events – from team games (football, hockey, netball) to individual sports like long jump and sprints to Paralympics events of boccia and curling – allowed many children the opportunity to shine.

Diamond Jubilee: Thank you to those of you who came along and joined us for our Diamond Jubilee Street Party. The atmosphere was how I imagine street parties to have been, with everyone coming along, many dressed in 1950s costume, sharing delicious cakes brought in by children and staff, and scones made by the children with the help of Gemma Faithfull.

The children sang Fly Me to the Moon and this was followed with the Final of Horton's Got Talent – a varied show of music, gymnastics, dance and magic. The weather was beautiful and I think my lasting memory of the afternoon will be of Thomas Groves playing his ukulele in front of a mesmerised audience – even the walkers coming down from the Cotswold Way stopped, entranced.

Chipping Sodbury Carnival: We took part in the Chipping Sodbury Carnival in the "walking category". Following on from the Jubilee theme, our entry was a Royal Tea Party. The children were dressed as sandwiches, cups and saucers, cakes, teapots and various other teatime accompaniments and the adults dressed as guests and waiting staff with myself as the Queen (too much hand waving for me to ever want that job!). The weather held off for the parade and we were lucky enough to win first prize. A big thank you to all those parents who came to the Carnival workshops and produced such an array of tea-orientated costumes.

Year 6 leavers: As is usual at this time of year we have said goodbye to our Year 6's – Molly Ashford, Millie Barstow, Tom Danby and Thomas Groves. They have been delightful to have at the school and we will all miss them as they move on to secondary school. The end of year service was full of memories from the years they had been with us and a particularly touching moment was when the Year 5 read out a poem they had written about each of the Year 6s. The Year 5s had thought about the qualities each person showed and what our school would miss about them. The Year 6s then gave the Year 5s some tips about how to be the best Year 6s ever – my favourite being "You may think you are top of the school and so can tell others what to do... just remember you're not... Mrs Leo is" – wise children!



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Janey and the Giant Peach: Our end of year production was Janey and the Giant Peach. This posed a few problems – how do you show a peach growing without using computer graphics; how do you show the peach flying high above the heads of the audience? All of these challenges were overcome with the skill of the actors, great imaginations and use of cardboard! The children's ability to learn new songs always amazes me and this year was no exception. Some of the songs were only written a few weeks before they performed them and yet they sang them as if they had been practising for months. We are lucky to have a supportive community of parents, past and present, and organised and talented staff who, this year, had to provide costumes for bookworms, centipedes, spiders, earthworms and ladybirds as well as numerous seagulls and sea creatures. The whole effect was delightful and the children showed what a high standard you can reach when you all work as a team.

Looking ahead: This coming term, until Christmas, we are studying Ancient Egypt as our school-wide topic. If you have travelled there, have an interest in Egyptology, have any knowledge or artefacts you would like to share, then we would love to hear from you. Please

WINTER BULL RUN

The annual multi-terrain winter bull run takes place this year on 28th October. The route takes in footpaths and local lanes and is about 6 miles long. Check in and the finish are both at Horton Village Hall. The run starts at 11am. Entry arrangements are described on a dedicated web site. Entry on the day is possible. For further information see www.hortonbullrun.co.uk or contact Barbera Denton.

And if you want a warm up for the Bull Run why not try the Hogweed Trotter Kilcote Experience on 23rd September. This challenge is available as a 5 mile walk or 7, 12 and 18 mile running routes starting from the Beaufort Arms in Hawkesbury Upton at staggered times in the morning. All proceeds will go to a Special Needs Charity in Fishponds. For more information see the web site www.hogweedtrotters.co.uk.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER

*Please make a note in your diary for **Friday 14th December**, when we shall celebrate the Christmas season with our traditional Village Christmas Dinner. For a change, we shall be gathering in the Village Hall, which will be suitably made festive, and we shall be catered for by Niki, a professional caterer. Spaces will be limited, but we would very much like to see, alongside 'the usual suspects' anyone who would like to join in!*

In order to reserve your places, please let me know on caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk and, as soon as I have the menu choices, I will send them out!

JOB VACANCY – CLERK TO HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The role entails approximately 5-6 hours per week working from home and attending meetings every 6 weeks plus planning meetings as required. A successful applicant can anticipate an almost immediate start. Please contact the current Clerk, Katherine Standerwick on kstanderwick@btinternet.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERING

During October, the Volunteer Centre Yate has partnered with some local groups and charities to give you the chance to try out volunteering for a few hours or a day, to help you decide whether or not it's for you. So if you would like to visit a residential home, assist a community transport driver (no driving involved), walk for health, work in a charity shop or help at a Day Centre for people with physical disabilities please call 01454 324102 or email us at volunteeringyate@btconnect.com for more information. We will also be holding an Open Event in Yate Library between 11am and 2pm on **9th October**, so come along and have a chat to us about your volunteering interests.

call Lesley Leahey on 01454 318834 or email Lesley.leahey@southglos.gov.uk. Our first day back is the 4th September – keep an eye out for Egyptians walking to school that day as we have a fun day of dressing up, Egyptian art, making edible scarab beetles, digging for treasure and playing Egyptian games. We are also studying the Christian value of Service – in particular we are looking at serving your community. Do you know of anyone who has been given an award, even an OBE, for service to the community who would be happy to come and speak to the children? If so please get in touch using the contact details above.

Poetry Night: You may have noticed that, over the summer, we have been having some work done in the school grounds. We have had an amphitheatre installed so that we can use that space for outside collective worship, lessons and performances. The money to build it came from funding raised by the Friends of Horton School and also from a Lottery grant. As part of the grant we promised to offer the space for use by the community for poetry readings, music, drama etc. If you are interested in using the space please contact Lesley Leahey. It's tricky to do a grand opening of an already open space but we are holding a Celebratory 'Opening' **Poetry Night on National Poetry Day (4th October)** and you would be most welcome to join us. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm, weather permitting, and there will be refreshments available. If you would like to perform/read your favourite piece of poetry then bring it along to share.

Finally thank you for the support you give to the school – please get in touch if you would like to come in and help on a one off or regular basis as we are always happy to accept all help offered!

Jane Leo

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Thank you for all your cards and messages of condolence that we received on hearing that Tony had passed away. As it was so sudden, it was a shock to all of us. He had been so well, and going for his usual walks around the village, and stopping to chat with people on the way, always happy to meet people. It is a great loss to the family, not having him here, and seeing him busy in the garden that he took pride in.

Once again thank you for attending the funeral service and for your support on that day and since.

Yours Edna, Nick & Mark Quinlan and families

(Regrettably this letter was omitted from the last Newsletter – my apologies – Ed.)

HORTON AND HAWKESBURY WI

The WI has been very busy this year, as always. We've already been on trips to London, the cinema and theatre. We've been busy working on a Jubilee scrap book which illustrates the lives of our members and their involvement in our communities and within the WI movement. By the time this newsletter goes to print the scrap book will have been on display at Hawkesbury Show.

But the year is not over yet and we have a lot more to look forward to:

4th September we will be trying our hands at short mat bowls

2nd October we will learn from Darren Kingston about life in the Fire Brigade

6th November Juliet Herbert will talk to us about World War II clothes and fashion

4th December Naomi Willmott from 'The Harmonies' will entertain us.

These are our regular monthly meetings which 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!!

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

H.E.N HAS HATCHED

A couple of Newsletters ago I asked if anyone was interested in saving money on their energy bills. I have so far received expressions of interest from 5 households which means that we can enter a team in the Energy Neighbourhood competition that will run from 1st December 2012 to 31st March 2013. So therefore I'm pleased to announce that the Horton Energy Neighbourhood (HEN) has hatched!! We can have as many as 18 households in our team so if you have been thinking about joining in but just haven't got around to getting in touch please either give me a ring or email.

FAITHFULL'S QUALITY BAKING

Congratulations to Gemma Faithfull, Horton's Rising Star! She has just won Country Living Magazine's Best Business-to-be award and has come Highly Commended in the Best Baker Category. The entrepreneurial potential behind Gemma's mail-order Christmas cakes caught the judges' eyes. Gemma launched 'Faithfull's Quality Baking' two years ago after leaving college and her business has grown rapidly since then. Gemma will be running the business full time shortly so we wish her congratulations and good luck in her venture.

FOR SALE

Furniture

Mahogany oval dining table with 4 chairs and 2 carver chairs. to seat 6 or 8. Good condition. £190.00 or offers. Also corner cabinet with leaded front. Open to offers. Mrs B.Stafford, Hillcrest, Horton 01454 324094

Free to a good home

Tumble composter+ Possible pet shelter
Call Maggie White on 314436

Large square white plastic wire cat basket – no longer required. Caroline Tel 312277

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
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.

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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

Note: Unless explicitly indicated the contents of the newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the Village Hall Committee, the Editor of the Village Newsletter or anyone else associated with its production.

If you didn't read the previous item in the newsletter: an energy neighbourhood is a group of between 5-18 households who are keen to work together to reduce their individual home energy consumption and so their bills. All participants will be given the information and support they need to help them reduce their energy bills just by doing things differently around the home; there is no financial investment involved. All participants will need to take weekly energy meter readings, these will be entered into a website. The website will visually display how much the household is saving as well as their neighbourhood, and it will be possible to view how much other neighbourhoods in the competition are saving. Neighbourhoods across the UK and Europe will be taking part.

The aim of this competition is not only to help reduce carbon emissions and enable households to make savings on their energy bills but to help people understand that leading a less energy intensive lifestyle does not have to be restrictive or a trial. It can just be about making simple changes to their everyday life.

Become part of our Energy Neighbourhood and watch your bills go down!

Lynn Edwards

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We've been enjoying our usual programme of trips. In June we had a tour of Brimscombe Port, near Stroud, where we learned of its importance as a hub where Severn Trows took over from Thames river barges to complete the canal link between the North and Irish Seas, potentially completing a trade route between Europe and the Americas! In August we had a tour of the Wills building in Bristol, and saw the most beautiful rooms of the university.

On Tuesday 18th September we'll be visiting the beautifully-landscaped Arnos Grove Cemetery in Bristol, with its ornate tombs. Contact Betty Iles on 317408 if you'd like to join us then, and Maggie White on 314436 for the trip on Saturday October 20th for a tour of the Beckford Tower and fascinating Museum of Work in Bath.

Survey work has continued at Horton Court, to include the garden, with the help of the Yate archaeology group, seen hard at work here.



To conclude this year's programme we'll have a talk on the importance of the Court and its people from archaeologist Tony Harcourt, who has catalogued its complete history for the National Trust, on Friday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. (Maggie White)

OKTOBERFEST

Horton will be holding its very own Oktoberfest celebrations on **Saturday 29th September** in the Village Hall, bringing a taste of one of Germany's most famous events to the village!

Festivities begin at 7pm, with entertainment based on a Bavarian Bierkeller evening from "Baron Von Schmidt Haus" starting at 8pm. This is set to be a great evening, with plenty of food, drink and good company! Dressing up is not compulsory, but for those of you who want to get into the spirit by digging out some lederhosen or Bavarian outfit there will be prizes for the best costume!

Tickets cost £12, and include a German buffet, welcome drink, and of course, an evening of entertainment! To book your ticket, please contact Caroline Bannister on 01454 312277. Freuen Sie sich auf das Fest und haben Sie viel Spaß!