

THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Deadline for articles for the next edition 29th April 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 th Mar	LHG meeting at VH Talk on Sir Isaac Pitman *
20 th Mar	Horton School Easter Fayre – VH 3.30pm
22 nd Mar	Horton School Easter Service at Horton Church – 2pm
22 nd Mar	Quiz Night – VH, 7.30pm
7 th Apr	Spring Bull Run – VH *
16 th Apr	LHG visit to Gloucester Docks & Cathedral ffi– Rex Isaac 318079
27 th Apr	Barn Dance – VH *
16 th May	LHG visit to Chavenage House ffi –Barbera Denton

* More information elsewhere in
Newsletter

(LHG=Local History Group)

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

SPRING BULL RUN

This is a 4 mile fun run –walkers
and joggers as well as “died in the
wool” runners are very welcome.
The event starts at 10.30am this year
so we don’t clash with the Church
traffic!

To enter the event call 319889 or
email hortonbullrun@ymail.com.
Alternatively get an entry form from
the website www.hortonbullrun.co.uk.

If entering on the day go to the
Village Hall before 10.15am.
Alternatively just come and support
and be “entertained” by the
competitors and have a coffee and
bacon roll.

BARN DANCE IN APRIL

The popular caller Pete Hendy is
coming again with his group to
entertain us. So don’t miss out - the
numbers are limited. ~ Chilli and
Crusty bread supper tickets £10.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Horton Primary School

Here we are at just over half way through the year and, when I look back, I wonder just how we have packed in so much already! The school community is thriving with 64 pupils currently on roll, which is a considerable addition to the 51 we had this time last year. The number of places we have been asked for, for next year’s Reception intake, is looking really healthy too, all of which bodes well for the future of your village school.



There’s fun at school as
well as hard work!

Making the most of the
winter weather

We received a grading of Outstanding under the new inspection standards for church schools, (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) conducted by The National Society, which is the highest grading that is given. This grading recognises not only the high quality of RE education and distinctive Christian ethos that abounds in our school, but also the wider academic achievement of the pupils and the care we take to nurture individuals on their learning journey. A big thank you to all those of you who involve yourselves in the life of the school in any way at all, be it hearing readers, supporting us in the Church, coming in to share your knowledge with the children or just by being positive about our community; everything you do, big or small, played a part in our achievement of this grading.



Visit to Bristol
Museum

An attractive
display of
mineral
crystallisation

Please email Caroline Bannister boxoffice @ halsvh.org.uk or phone Barbera Denton 01454319889 for your tickets.

HELP NEEDED@ HORTON VH

Do you want to earn a bit of extra cash? The village hall needs someone to help out with routine maintenance on an ad hoc basis. This would include general running repairs (and occasional emergency callouts) to keep the hall shipshape and Horton fashion, plus window cleaning, redecoration etc. Interested? For more information call Emma on 07766 524591.

LOCAL WI ACTIVITIES

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.

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 March and April at 11.15 am and 6pm respectively.

FAITHFULL'S QUALITY BAKING

This local business was mentioned in an earlier newsletter. For further information and a newsletter you can access their web site: www.faithfullsqualitybaking.co.uk

We began the school year studying the Ancient Egyptians - the children enjoyed an activity day where they built pyramids from shoe boxes; created hieroglyphic name signs; debated how our school community should run, what rules we should follow; took part in an archaeological dig and made boats for our very own River Nile... and that was all on the first day of term! During the rest of terms 1 and 2 the children studied aspects of Ancient Egypt in more depth both within school and on a trip to the Bristol Museum. Seeing real Egyptian artefacts and learning about how these might have been used by people who lived at that time fascinated the children - many of them also liked the more gruesome parts of the history study that involved mummification! The children produced fact books, presentations and posters illustrating the many aspects of the subject that they studied.

The Christmas period saw our usual involvement with the Lessons and Carols Service at St James the Elder, where the children collaborated with the choir in a beautifully scored version of Away in the Manger. This service was soon followed by the usual school festivities of parties, Christmas dinner and our own school Christmas Service. Unfortunately this year our walk to the Church was thwarted by the unpleasant weather but the service was led extremely well by the children and was a wonderful end to the term.

The Friends of Horton School have been doing sterling work fundraising for the children and have supported both outdoor equipment renewals and additions and, much to the children's excitement, a fantastic range of games and activities for wet play times. Coming up is a Bingo Night on Friday 1st March at Horton Social Club and an Easter Fayre at the Village Hall on March 20th at 3:30 pm - you are most welcome to join us at these fundraising events.

January saw us begin the new school term and with it the snow. Though we were closed for one day, the other days we opened and the children enjoyed the fact that the snow remained on the ground for quite some time at the top of the hill. We discovered that sledging doesn't have to be done on real sledges... blue plastic barrels seem to do a great job, especially when you have a steep sloped playground. Snow ball fights and snow man building competition became a regular feature of our days for the 'snow period' - the children even enjoyed wearing their slippers inside as a treat too, though storage for snowy boots and shoes became tricky!

Our focus study topic for terms 3 and 4 is Space. Through this topic the children have studied science - about the solar system, day/night, phases of the moon and the seasons; art - creating planets using pastels and 3D effects; DT - building rockets, a space station and moving aliens; geography - looking at rocket launch sites and views of Earth from space; history - moon landings and space exploration and thinking skills - debating life on other planets and the environmental impacts of space exploration and our responsibility to the solar system. Alongside this the children have used literacy, maths and ICT skills in their research and recording as well as team work and individual study skills within their projects.

After Easter we will be studying environmental issues both locally and globally. If you have any experiences in this area that you would be happy to share please email or call the school as we are always happy to have visitors in to share their knowledge with us. You would also be welcome at our Easter Service on the 22nd March at 2:00 pm at St James the Elder or to join us at the Mother's Day service on 10th March 11:15 am when children from the school will be leading the normal Sunday service at St James the Elder.

Jane Yeo

FOR SALE

Padded envelopes

A large quantity of used padded envelopes in many different sizes are available free if they are of use to anyone. Contact Caroline by email if you are interested in taking a few off her hands using ...

caroline@bannisterfamily.co.uk.

Alloy wheels for Ford Fiesta

Set of 4 alloys with Continental tyres fitted- 195/45 R16 – almost new – available for £600. Contact Richard on 0781 8000 560 if interested.

White UPVC Window Frames

Three window frames with partial glazing have been removed from a new development due to planning changes. They might be of interest to a DIY enthusiast or builder.

All the frames are top-hung with two sashes; they take 28mm glazing units. The dimensions are as follows.

1105w*2325h with spacer=2275h
complete with glazing

950w*1802h no glazing

955w*1785h with spacer=1835h
one glazed unit

£200 the lot or may separate if required. All enquiries to David Bannister 07899 866683

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 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

THE SECOND HORTON WALKING FESTIVAL. 27TH TO 29TH SEPTEMBER 2013

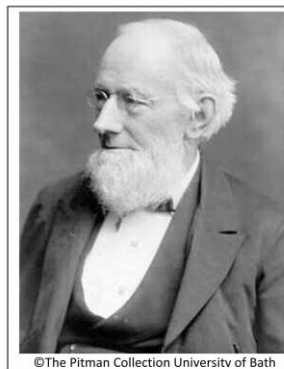
The programme of walks and related events is even now being finalised. There will be new and familiar themed walks, a return of the popular quiz night and a talk on the Antarctic from Neil Carmichael MP for Stroud. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-20887205>. Full details of all the activities will be published soon.

Walks will all start and finish at Horton village hall where refreshments will be on sale. If you are interested in leading a themed walk or running a workshop please contact either Lynn Edwards office@lenergyassessor.co.uk or Carol Brodie cbrosecottage@gmail.com.

The Walking Festival now has a dedicated web page address so that you can see the evolving programme of activities: tinyurl.com/a9rnsqx.

All proceeds from the event will go towards the upkeep and continued improvement of the facilities of the village hall.

Isaac Pitman



Sir Isaac Pitman founded The British School in Wotton under-Edge, but is most famous for planning a revolution in written English from a small printing works in Bath. His development of Sound Hand - his phonetic shorthand system - was a much larger and ambitious scheme to rationalise written English and its teaching. A vegetarian, anti-vivisectionist and opponent of smoking in public, Isaac Pitman was knighted in 1890 and is one of Bath's most famous figures.

Stuart Burroughs

Director of the Museum of Bath at Work

will deliver a lecture on this remarkable man which will include a short recording of the great man's voice.

Friday 15th March at 7.30pm

HORTON VILLAGE HALL

Entry £3 • Refreshments



COMING SOON

More hilarious comedy from Hawkesbury Theatrical Group

THE VICAR OF DIBLEY

And

Fawlty Towers

In Hawkesbury Village Hall on

Friday and Saturday 22 & 23 March at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 for adults; £5 for under 16s

NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

village. You can feed approximately 100-120 people for just £600. For more information please contact Phillip Dolman 07866 910447 or via www.dolmancatering.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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MISSED RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS

We are sorry that bad weather has disrupted some of the collection services in South Gloucestershire during the winter.

If we are unable to collect on your usual due date due to bad weather etc, please note:

- you should take your waste back in and bring it out on the next due date for that material
- food waste in the food buckets will be collected one week later
- other materials, such as the black bin waste, will be collected on their next scheduled date
- if you have additional waste that can no longer fit inside the black bin, we suggest storing it in bags inside a container such as the green wheeled bin. Simply take it out and place it next to the black wheeled bin on your next black bin collection date.

By keeping to the published schedule, only the collections impacted by the bad weather are affected and everyone knows when their next collection is due.

We apologise for the disruption, but experience has taught us that this is the best way to schedule collections, now that food waste can be collected weekly.

If you have any questions about recycling and waste collections, please phone 01454 868000 or visit www.southglos.gov.uk/missedcollection.

South Glos Council

SOUTH GLOS CONSULTATION ON SPEED LIMITS ETC

SGC is running an online consultation on its plans for a road casualty reduction scheme which will affect the A432 Kennedy Way, Cotswold Road and Badminton Road. These plans, if implemented, will affect local residents on trips to Yate. To participate in the consultation use the following URL to access the SGC website:

consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/A432CasualtyReductionScheme/consultationhome.

Sue Hope