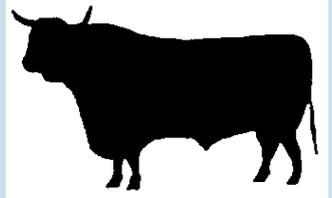


THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Dates for the diary...

Friday, November 8, 2013 - 18:30 Bonfire night and fireworks display
Saturday, November 16, 2013 - 19:30 Horton goes "Over the Top" (Armistice Day remembrance and Blackadder)

Thursday 19th December— Carol Singing, meeting outside the Village Hall at 6.30pm



Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

<http://www.halsvh.org.uk/>

Special points of interest:-

METAS

BONFIRE NIGHT

**UPDATE FROM HORTON
SCHOOL**

'METAS'

John and Jean Loye had some great news recently from their son James who now resides in Montreal Canada and continues to pursue his acting career.

He won two awards at the prestigious 'Montreal English Theatre Awards (METAS) which took place on the 21st October 2013.

One was for Outstanding Supporting Male Actor for his role as Prince John in Robin Hood. The other was for Outstanding Ensemble for his role as Dr Watson in The Hound of the Baskervilles.

Its so good to know that we Brits can be successful 'treading the boards' in Quebec, Canada.

Well done James! Jean and John Loye



From the editor:-

I hope you have all had a good couple of months. Now we are in Autumn and starting to think about Christmas!

It would be much appreciated if you could get any newsletter items to me asap for the January issue as I have baby number 3 due mid January and you never know if I may have any early arrival! So the sooner the better and hopefully I can get it sent out during the last week of December.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy reading!

Katherine

Horton goes "Over The Top" on Saturday 16th November



At this time of remembrance, and the leading up to the centenary to the start of the Great War, Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall are putting on a show. On Saturday 16th November at 7pm, there will be an evening of entertainment, featuring music and drama themed around that era.

With a live band, light supper food, and 'that' episode of Blackadder Goes Forth, this "Over The Top" night will be an action packed evening that epitomises the bulldog spirit. So why not come along ... wearing a period costume is optional, but recommended.

Tickets cost £10, and are available via boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk, or contact Caroline on 01454 312277.

Events from St James the Elder:-



**Sunday 10th November at 10:50am
Remembrance Service**

**Friday 29th November
Joint Village Hall and St James the Elder Church
function- *has now been postponed until late January/
February 2014 due to everyone having rather full diaries
at this time of year! More details nearer the time.***

**Sunday 15th December at 6:30pm -
Carol Service. No morning service on this day**

**December 24th at 8:00pm -
Christmas Eucharist**

All other services will be held at 11:15am as usual

**4th, 5th and 6th July 2014
Flower Festival**

**Thank you so much to all those who supported our
Harvest Lunch either buying tickets or helping with
the food. £1000 was raised for the Church.**

I am sure everyone will be absolutely delighted, and amazed that at long last we have got the heating in the Church completed. Thank you to Mr George Hammersley, for hours of work behind the scenes and to My fellow Church Warden for the hands on dirty work, to install under pew heaters, for two thirds of the church. The rest will have to wait a little while. We tried the heaters out with great anticipation on Sunday 20th and to our delight they actually work. Positively cooking in the choir pews! Next and immediate project has to be replacing the carpet, which after months of Bell re hanging work, two summers of visitors for the Court teas, and now last weeks massive electrical work, it really does look very tired. So you will all have to sit in the heated pews until we get them finished next year. A bit more fund raising, I think.

Tina Hildick- Smith

Flower Festival

Chipping Sodbury flower club will be decorating our church for the festival on the 4th, 5th and 6th July next Year. On Thursday 3rd July in the evening there will be a preview—tickets will be available (drinks and nibbles Horton style). On Sunday 6th we will finish with a service of evensong. Teas will be served at the Church during the festival and lunches in the Village Hall.

St Adeleine's

**Carols by Candlelight
St Adeline's Church, Little Sodbury
Friday 20th December at 7pm.**

To Err is Human, but to Arr is Pirate

The High Seas came to Horton on 21st September, when local children and townsfolk dressed up as pirates to celebrate "Pirates Day" at the village hall. There were games, quizzes and treasure hunts to enjoy, and the crowds were entertained with numerous sailors hornpipe dances performed by students and teachers from Horton School. This was a highly successful joint venture between school and village hall, with everyone having a good day with plenty of swashbuckling and "Arrgh Jim Lad"s.



Strange Signs

Sometime between 8.00am and 1.00pm on Sunday 20 October 2013, somebody placed these signs in two of my fields together with various blobs of the same white substance nearby. I have attached two pictures taken on Monday 21 October after they were discovered. Cattle graze on the ground where this white substance was used. I also found a white arrow in Mr Hawker's field near the R sign and another white circle with two lines attached near another of Mr Hawker's fields next to Vinney Lane.



The individual behind these signs must realise that you cannot organise a public event on private land without the permission of the landowner and you certainly can't use what is to me an unknown substance on land where animals are grazing.

John Mastrangelo



Thankful Villages Run - visit to Little Sodbury on 27-28 July

Little Sodbury is one of 51 'Thankful Villages' where every local man called up for World War One returned home. William Leach was one such man. His young wife Mary travelled to France when she heard he had been badly injured to safely bring him back. Bobby Paget and Margaret Faithfull (nee Paget) who are the grandchildren of William and Mary Leach were also pleased to be present at the Thankful Village event.

Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall 100 Club

Buy your tickets now!! Make sure you have a chance of winning one of the cash prizes of £10 plus each month. There will be 12 monthly draws, so lots of opportunities to be a prize winner. The first draw is in October and then there will be a draw each month for the next eleven months. Tickets cost £24 each and can be purchased from Village Hall committee members from the beginning of September or by telephoning Barbera on 01454 319889 or Carol on 01454 317471. Monies raised from the sale of tickets will go towards the continued maintenance and improvement of our village hall.



Thank you to everyone who helped build the bonfire ready for Bonfire night on Friday 8th November, it was a brilliant turn out, with quite a few new faces, we had the whole job done in 90 minutes flat.



Horton Bonfire Night

Horton
Village
Hall

Fire - 6.30
Fireworks - 7.00

Adults - £5
Children - £2.50
Food included

Friday 8th November



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Hawkesbury Theatrical Group & Youth Theatre Group present:

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in Hawkesbury

An original pantomime with lots of fun for all the family

Friday 22 November and Saturday 23 November at 7.30pm

**Matinée performance at 2.30pm on Saturday 23rd
in Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall**

Evening tickets £8 adults & £5 children under 16
Special Saturday matinée prices of £6 adults and £4 children.

Box Office: Fiona Webb 01454 238758



Announcements



David and Caroline are delighted to announce the arrival of Bertie, a son born to Simon and Lisa on 21 September 2013. Thanks to everyone for their good wishes!

Look out for Gemma Faithful's article in the December edition of Country Living!

Get well wishes to Captain Kit Rawlins—wishing you a speedy recovery



For the first time in 18 years, Chipping Sodbury Tourist Information Centre will be opening over the winter period. Another first is that they will be selling Christmas cards from Cards for Good Causes that help support the following charities:-

Action for Children, Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Arthritis Research UK, Barnardo's, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Diabetes UK, Epilepsy Action, Hft, Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, Macmillan Cancer Support, Mencap, Mind, Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Autistic Society, NSPCC, Parkinsons UK, Perennial Gardeners RBS, Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People, RNLI, Save the Children, Shelter, SSAFA, Stroke Association, The National Deaf Children's Society.

Pop in and see if you can support some of the good causes.

The Tourist Information Centre is open 10am – 5pm, Monday – Saturday all year round. It is manned by a team of volunteers, if you would like to volunteer please ask for an application form. Contact Laura Lee Phillips at The Tourist Information Centre, The Clock Tower, High Street, Chipping Sodbury BS37 6AH. Tel: [01454 888686](tel:01454888686) or email chippingsodburytic@gmail.com.

The Tourist Information Centre will be open until 8pm on Friday 6th December, Victorian Day in Chipping Sodbury.

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News from Horton CE VA Primary School

Following an exciting start to the school year with our Tudor day, the children's study of that time period has



gone on to even more exciting things. On the first day back the school was awash with Henry's, executioners, various Royal ladies and, lucky, a few servants to sort all the Royals out! The children and staff all took part in the event enjoying archery,

crow scaring, Shakespearean drama, exchanging Tudor compliments and insults, taking part in a Tudor court to set the school rules for this year, creating Tudor portraits and making coffins and sweetmeats. Archery was so popular that it is now one of our afterschool clubs and we hope to invite other schools to visit to use our equipment too.

Keeping with the Tudor theme we went on a whole school trip to sail on The Matthew and visit the M-Shed in Bristol. Sailing along the docks in Bristol on The Matthew was, to quote one of the children, 'a treat of a lifetime!' – I think the staff all felt the same too. It was the most beautiful day and we all learnt about what life would have been like on the real Matthew, as well as what life was like for those who sail the Matthew now. In the M-



Shed the children explored the history of Bristol linked to the Tudors – although some were more excited to be on the top of an old fashioned double decker – not known for it's Tudor links!

We are still focusing on the Tudors until Christmas so if you have any knowledge you would like to share with the children please contact Lesley Leahey in the School Office –

Lesley.leahey@hortonprimary.org.uk.

The children enjoy dressing up and this showed at the very successful Pirate day held in conjunction with the Village Hall. A big thank you to all the organisers for this popular event – see elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

At the end of September we held our Harvest Service at St James the Elder. Items were donated in support of the Food bank at Chipping Sodbury and money was donated to go towards supplying a beehive through the Christian Aid scheme that supports people to start their own businesses in the developing world. It is always humbling to hear the children's reflections on helping others and why that is an important part of what they learn about here at Horton.

In my last news update, during the summer, I mentioned that the school looked a little the worse for wear – this is all changing! Our new sign was put up in the last week of term – designed by the children, who wanted 'a sign that is just for us, special to our school', we think you'll agree that it is bright and colourful and there is no danger of anyone not knowing we are here! Thank you also to those of you who have got involved in sorting out the school grounds – all and any help is appreciated.



Next term sees the run up to Christmas – which is always a special time in a primary school. The children will be singing at Dyrham Park, as

part of the Park's festivities, on Saturday December 7th (they will be playing ukuleles and using djembe drums as part of this performance too); a 25 strong choir is singing with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Colston Hall in November; we have a whole school trip to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe in Bristol; we'll be taking part in the Lessons and Carols Service at St James the Elder on Sunday 15th December and will have our own school Christmas Service on Thursday 19th December... apart from all that it's another exciting term of learning... caring...exploring... sharing...

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Katherine Standerwick

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