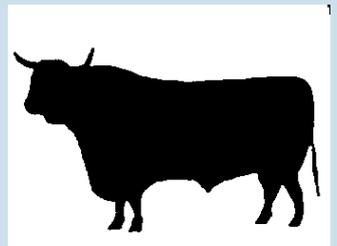


THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Dates for the diary...

Friday 20th Sept 10.30 - 2.30 MacMillan Coffee Morning at Horton Village Hall
Saturday, September 21, 2013 - 15:00 Pirate day - fun forrr all the family
Friday, September 27, 2013 - 11:00 Walking Festival—See Carol Brodie or Lynn Edwards FFI
Saturday, September 28, 2013 - 11:00 Walking Festival—See Carol Brodie or Lynn Edwards FFI
Sunday, September 29, 2013 - 11:00 Walking Festival—See Carol Brodie or Lynn Edwards FFI
Friday, October 18, 2013 - 19:30 Quiz night
Sunday, October 20, 2013 - 11:00 Winter Bull Run
Saturday, October 26, 2013 - 19:30 Bavarian evening
Friday, November 8, 2013 - 18:30 Bonfire night and fireworks display
Saturday, November 16, 2013 - 19:30 Armistice Day remembrance and Blackadder

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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

Special points of interest:-

Village Christmas Meal

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Village Christmas Meal

Now that the weather has changed, maybe thinking about Christmas is not so difficult!

So! Please let me know if you wish to join us in *The Orangery at the Compass* on **Saturday 7th December** for a celebration dinner @ £27.50 per head.

I do have the menu, so let me know if you wish to have a copy, and I will be circulating it nearer the date!

Caroline Bannister
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From the new editor:-

I hope you have all enjoyed the fantastic weather we have had this summer. I have had a huge amount of articles through for the newsletter this month which is great—however please do not be disappointed if your article does not appear in this edition, I will do my best to add to the next addition which is due out in November.

Happy reading!

Katherine

Horton Toddler Group Wednesdays 10am-11:30am at the Village Hall

Toddlers will start this term from Wednesday 11th September

Come along and join our friendly group of parents and carers for children from bump to age 4.



Events from St James the Elder:-



**Sunday 6th October—
Harvest Festival**

**Saturday 13th October—
Harvest Lunch**

**Friday 29th November
Joint Village Hall and St James the Elder Church
function-**

**5th, 6th and 7th July 2014
Flower Festival**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Music Evening on the 5th July at the churches. £800 was raised for much needed funds. The weather was a gift

from Heaven and I am sure we will all remember it as a very happy evening. Here's to a warmer Church this winter!

It has been decided that the old Church girls are too tired to do a Harvest Supper this year, it will be for the first time—A Harvest Lunch on Sunday 13th October 12:30pm for 1:00pm. That means we can all be putting our slippers on very much earlier.

There will be a joint fund Raising Evening for the Village Hall and Church on Friday 29th November. Richard Williams' Music, dancing, and light supper. Details nearer the time.

St Adeline's

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 6th October at 6p.m. Drinks and nibbles will be available after the service. All welcome.

Donations of food and produce to decorate the church prior to the service gratefully received. Please contact Brenda Cordy on 01454 316447. Afterwards the food will be given to the Sisters of St. Paul's, a charitable organisation.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Come and enjoy some coffee and cake at the village hall on Friday 20th September, 10.30-2.30. It's in aid of a very good cause, Macmillan Cancer Support.

There'll be coffee, tea, cakes, a raffle and much more.

WANTED

Wanted – chainsaw safety trousers to suit 36" waist and 33" leg. Please call Mike on 316687



Piano—free to good home

White standard size piano—free to good home. Piano needs some work, tuning and painting.

Would need collecting!

Please call Katherine 320979 for more information.



There be a Pirate Day at Horton Village Hall on Saturday 21st September



Ahoy me hearties.

If ye are not out sailin' on the Spanish Main or countin' your pieces of eight, then why not come along to arrrgh – sorry, our Pirate Day at Horton Village Hall on Saturday 21st September.

There will be lots of games to play and things to make, as well as competitions and face painting ... and, of course, a treasure hunt.

Refreshments are also available ... why ? because they arrrgh !

So, whether you are Captain Jack Sparrow, Cut-Throat Jake, Gunpowder Gertie or even Tom the cabin boy, why not come along and join in the fun ... there is even a prize for the best dressed pirate.

The fun starts at 1pm and lasts until 4pm, and the admission is absolutely free.

So ... Yo Ho Hope you will be able to come along to what promises to be a really great day.

Arrrrgh Jim Lad !

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



Little Sodbury is one of the 51 Thankful Villages in England and Wales, where everyone who went off to fight in the First World War came home safely. We are in fact Doubly Thankful (of which there are only 14 villages), as everyone who went to fight in the Second World War came home safely too. Descendants of those soldiers still live in the village.

In July, two Welsh motorcyclists visited all 51 Thankful Villages in 9 days (covering 2500 miles) to raise money for the Royal British Legion, who spend £1.6 million a week supporting servicemen and their families. See www.thankfulvillagesrun.com for details of the tour. They rode Triumph motor-bikes, donated by Triumph, as Triumph bikes were first used in the First World War for couriers, replacing horses.

The bikers and their entourage came to Little Sodbury at the end of the first day of their trip, which started near Aberystwyth and then came to us via Pembrokeshire, South Wales and Gloucestershire. First stop was a short ceremony at St Adeline's church, which was packed for the occasion. It was very wet that day, so the bikers sailed past the church when they arrived - we were all sheltering in the church out of the rain! Eventually the bikers turned round, found the church and presented a commemorative plaque to Roy Gowen, whose grandfather and uncle were First and Second World War survivors. The plaque will be unveiled on 3 August next year, the centenary of the start of the war.

We then moved onto the village hall, where we hosted a buffet supper for 86 people - bikers and villagers. Profits from the event went to the Royal British Legion - we raised over £600. Hobbs House Bakery and Butchery were extremely generous, giving us a wonderful selection of pork pies, Scotch eggs and ice cream, plus the leftover pastries and bread from Saturday's trading. Sainsbury's in Emerson's Green also donated £20 towards the food.

11 bikers stayed overnight at my house. Some of them were planning to camp, but the weather was so wet that they all found floor space in the house instead. My patio was full of bikes.

On the Sunday morning, the bikers had to be on their way by 8am, so Brenda Cordy, Jill Dolman and Dick Murray all kindly came over to my house at 6am to help cook a full English breakfast to send the bikers on their way.

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

Katharine Barnes



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 Barbara 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.



HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Our next council meeting will be held at the Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm. Sue Hope has organised Dick Whittington to come and speak to us about starting to set up a Village Plan. Please come along to the meeting to learn more and/or to get involved.

Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Jo Baker (email: india-jo_@excite.com) for more information.

Horton Energy Savers



This time last year I was writing to encourage you all to join Horton Energy Group in order to try and reduce your energy use and save money just by making a few life style adjustments. As the project has now ended I thought I'd write and tell you how we got on. 7 Households joined the group and after a short training session where we looked at how much energy different appliances used and discussed various strategies for reducing energy use, members went off and started to monitor their energy use on a weekly basis. We were part of the European Energy Neighbourhood Project and through this we were given information packs, loaned a meter to monitor the energy use of our appliances and a meter to monitor energy use on a real time basis. Everyone was really surprised just what a difference monitoring

their energy use regularly made to their energy bills; several members were able to achieve 7% reductions just by being more aware of how much energy they were using. The highlight of the project was when Karen from Severn Wye Energy Agency visited us and brought with her a thermal imaging camera, with this she was able to show us just where heat was escaping from our homes. Everyone found this exercise exceptionally helpful, it not only showed where we needed to focus on to improve the insulation - this was pretty scary for those of us living in older properties, but it was also able to show members how much the previous investments they had made on insulation had improved their homes.

Energy saving is often thought of as rather boring but if you manage to scale 7% off your bill it can suddenly become more interesting! In several households in Horton ironing and vacuuming have now become eco crimes! Sadly our group didn't win the competition. The winning group in the UK managed to cut an amazing 19.93% off their energy use. Overall teams in the UK saved 5.62% and the European winner was Greece who saved 27.03%. But even though we didn't win we were taken for a day out in Cardiff where we were treated to an excellent lunch made with local produce and had the opportunity to explore all sorts of interesting places and of course we saved money on our energy bills so we all feel that the experience was well worth the effort.

If you want to see more about what we did and find out things you can do to help to reduce your energy bills visit our display at the walking festival.

Lynn Edwards

Announcements



Congratulations to new grandparents Tim and Karen Dolman of Newhouse Farm, Sodbury Common. Their daughter Suzanna and her husband Tim are proud parents to baby Olivia born 26th June weighing 5lb 7oz. Mum and baby are doing well. All the family are very pleased.

Marriage— Congratulations to Steven Tubby and Susan Leese who were married at St. Adeline's on the 21st July 2013.



Baptism— Milo Lampson, son of Miles and Emily Lampson, was baptised on the 4th August 2013 at St. Adeline's.

Get Well Wishes— To Victor Skuse after his short stay in hospital and also to Jan Ashby who remains in hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Pat and Bert Gough on their 60th Wedding Anniversary and to George and Lynn Hammersley on their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Welcome to Steve & Nina, Emily and Ryan, who have moved into 1 Little Sodbury End.

The Windebank's have moved from The Gables, Little Sodbury. We would like to say Goodbye, and a big Thank You to everyone in Little Sodbury, Little Sodbury End and Horton who have made us feel very welcome over the last six years, we have enjoyed living in the community.

Welcome Helen and John Evans who have moved into Mill Farm.

Bulbs for the Queen

Last year the parish of Little Sodbury celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by giving a commemorative teaspoon to each child in the village. At that time Little Sodbury Parish Meeting considered also how to have a more lasting memorial to the occasion. At the May meeting this year it was decided to plant bulbs in various parts of the village. This will be done in October and they will spring forth every year as perennial reminder of the Diamond Jubilee.



HORTON WALKING FESTIVAL 26TH – 29TH SEPTEMBER



Not sure what the Horton Walking Festival involves or think it's not for you because you are unfit or not keen on long walks? Well do think again! Horton Walking Festival will be offering something for absolutely everyone.

The event will be opened with an Owl Prowl in Lower Woods on Thursday 26th; this will be a fun evening for Adults and Children. Walk leader Ian McGuire is very experienced in tracking down our local wild owls and although we cannot guarantee a sighting Ian's knowledge and guidance will ensure that no one goes home disappointed. Places are limited so please book for this event.

If you enjoy walking we have a wide range of walks on offer. There are long ones which will cover some of the prettiest sections of the Cotswold Way, there are short ones which offer the opportunity to learn more about our local history or see our local countryside from a different perspective, and there are walks for families and walks for health.

If you are an armchair adventurer then come along and enjoy Neil Carmichael MP's beautifully illustrated talk on Antarctica which will take place on Friday evening.

Or if it is your brain cells you prefer to exercise then come along to Horton Social Club on Saturday 28th at 7.30 to pit your wits against your friends at the Pub quiz where there will be at least one round of local knowledge questions.

If you are still thinking – Horton Walking Festival is not for me all I want to do on my weekend is to drink coffee, eat a Bacon Butty and read the paper, or have a pint and a ploughman's or sup tea and eat cake then we can offer that too. Sumptuous refreshments will be served all weekend at the village hall where there will be ample opportunity to just chill out.

We would love to see everyone from the village at least at one event but better still why not bring your friends along too. It promises to be a really fun weekend. If anyone can help us advertise the event by putting up posters or giving out flyers then please get in touch.

For more information <http://tinyurl.com/a9rmsqx> or

Or contact
Lynn Edwards or Carol Brodie.



For booking boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk or telephone
01454 312277

News from Horton CE VA Primary

Our OFSTED result was published on the 5th July and we received a grade of Outstanding. This is a tribute to the whole community, including you, as the inspector commented often about the ethos and atmosphere of the school and the links between the school and the village through the events like the Strawberry Tea (more on this below) and the involvement of people from the village in our creative curriculum. Obviously we are extremely pleased but know that there is much more we can do to ensure that the learning opportunities here for children and adults alike continue to develop and be of the highest standard we are able to provide. One of the aspects the inspector was interested in was developments and innovations in learning and we were able to show him examples of how we are creative in our approaches to education and how we share those ideas with other schools in the area; this sharing of ideas keeps our learning community at the leading edge of learning developments.

At the moment, as I sit here in the summer holidays, the school itself does not look outstanding! The

weeds have all grown and our gorgeous mosaic sign suffered from the extremely hot weather we had and has broken up. We are having a new sign made and the grounds are being worked on so hopefully we will look smarter very soon. We have a school garden and vegetable plot which we struggle to keep up with and so is overgrown – if you would like to volunteer to take this on as a project then contact Lesley Leahey in the school office 01454 318834 or Lesley.leahey@hortonprimary.org.uk. We have other volunteering opportunities – would you like to support children learning to read? If so we have openings for volunteer readers and are happy to give short training sessions for this role. Are you an expert in the Tudors? We will be studying the Tudors until Christmas and always welcome visitors who would like to share their knowledge of our focus topic. We run various clubs after school – if you have a skill or talent you would like to share then get in touch.

The end of the term saw our annual play – this year's production was Olivia. The children worked extremely hard in rehearsals and there were many examples of talents on show – from excellent acting to su-

perb singing to stealthy pick-pocketing! Talents were also on show at our Strawberry Tea and Talent show – thank you to all those of you who came along or responded to our invitations. If you were able to join us you will have seen the many and varied talents that the children here have and also a demonstration of the excellent organisation skills of the children who ran the show – a very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

The end of term also saw our Year 6's go off to secondary school. We said goodbye to Ben, Jamie, Kimberleigh, Lewis, Olivia and Zoe and wish them well in their new schools. We have 8 new reception children coming to us in September, which brings our numbers to 65 in total – we do have spaces in years 1 and 2 (one space in each year) as these year groups are currently at 7 children each. If you know of anyone that is looking for a reception school space for September 2014 then please mention us as somewhere they might be interested in and suggest they ring the school for a visit, we are happy to show anyone around at a time to suit them.



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Too early to think about Christmas? Of course it is!

Unless you like to buy your cards that support worthwhile Charities?

On Sat 5th October from 10-12noon at Sodbury Baptist Church Hall there will be cards available from RNLI, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK and Save the Children etc



Brilliant theatre group coming to Chipping Sodbury on a Tuesday in October!!

The Riding Lights Theatre Company, on tour from York, are well known for their slick and thought-provoking productions. "A Different Drum", delivering a new take on a bit of history, will be staged at Sodbury Baptist, 7.30pm, on Tuesday 22nd October.

Beginning in the 17th century the play follows a thread through to the present day, picking up accounts of other men and women who dare to break the boundaries of self-interest. These are stories of individuals who set out in hope and discover their potential for remarkable love in action.

You can get more details from us, Peter and Jenny Llewellyn, (tel 318442) We have seen this play and thoroughly recommend it! Tickets are £10, and one free for every ten booked together.

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Katherine Standerwick

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