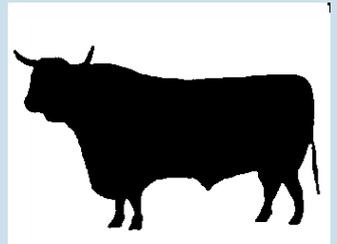


THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Dates for the diary...

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Teas will be served at the Church.

Entry free, donations to the church.

Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall AGM

You are invited to our
Annual General Meeting

at the Village Hall

At 7.45 pm on Tuesday, 15th July 2014

All are welcome, especially if you

- [live in the area](#)
- or you are a [member of one of the groups that use our hall](#)

The agenda will include reports for the past year and opportunities for people to put forward their ideas and suggestions for improving our Hall and our activities.

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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

Special points of interest:-



From the editor:-

Dear readers,

Summer is finally here— hooray! What glorious sunshine we have had over the last few weeks, let's hope it continues for a super summer this year.

Keep the articles coming in, we have a full edition this month which is great.

Happy reading....

Katherine



Events from St James the Elder:-

All services are held at 11:15am on Sundays

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

Pat and Tina would like to thank all of those who have given so generously towards the Flower Festival and hope that you will come along and see the beautiful flowers that you have given towards. As the saying goes 'Take time to stop and smell the flowers' and maybe have a cup of tea and a slice of cake!

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Tel 01454 319356 for further information.

Union United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir Visit



As anticipated and after much preparation the Choir arrived at the Village Hall on Thursday afternoon, 12th June after travelling down from Kendal, in the Lake District via Stratford.

I must first thank everyone who helped to make this visit so successful; from providing accommodation and hospitality, donating towards the meal on Thursday to clearing up afterwards and in any other way, however small. The response to my request for offers of accommodation was fantastic and took a lot of the early pressure off the or-

ganisation of the trip. The Village once again rallied round and supported the Church and on behalf of St James the Elder we would extend a huge thank you to Horton residents.

After some confusion, probably caused by myself, the choir were introduced to their hosts and transported to the Church for a rehearsal for their concert the following evening. They were bowled over by the Church, its history and setting and we sometimes forget what we have in our midst; it really is worth supporting. This was followed by a very enjoyable meal at the Village Hall organised by our village caterer in chief, Tina Hildick-Smith. I must report that the American's even enjoyed Bert Gough's coleslaw! They were then whisked away with their hosts for what must have been a very welcome night's sleep.

On Friday morning they were off bright and early again into Bristol primarily to visit 'The New Room' and 'John Wesley's Chapel' in Broadmead. This, together with Charles Wesley's house in Charles Street is the Holy Grail to Methodists visiting from abroad and is the birth place of Methodism. On the way I took them on a very brief tour of Bristol, across the Downs to view the Suspension Bridge then along College Road past Clifton College. This was to see where the Americans planned the D-Day landings on Utah and Omaha beaches. Following this we went down to Hotwells to see the SS Great Britain, back up to Clifton and past the University's Wills Tower. Finally we went down Park Street, across College Green, the Centre and then into Broadmead for their 10.00am appointment at The New Room.

At 12.30pm we left Bristol for lunch at Acton Turville before continuing on to Castle Coombe and then Laycock before returning to Horton for a short break before the main Concert in the evening. American visitors certainly pack in the sightseeing!

The Concert in the evening was preceded by the ringing of the Church Bells and in case you were wondering why; it was at the particular request of the choir Director, Carole Eckert. The Concert was, I think without exaggeration, an outstanding and enjoyable event judging by the feedback that I have received from those who were able to attend. The evening will be remembered for a long, long time and included sacred music, songs from Broadway and finally American spirituals. I knew that the Choir were good, having heard them sing in their Church in Belleville but I did not appreciate how professional they actually were and the diversity of the music that they were able to perform. Our thanks go out to them for what was a truly magical evening.

All too quickly the visit came to a close and our visitors left on Friday morning at 8.15am, to travel on to North Devon for a couple of days and then back to London via Bath, before returning home the following Tuesday. How to see the UK in seven days!

Finally, I am sure that individual hosts have received e-mails from their visitors but I have had a communication from the Choir's Musical Director, Carole Eckert thanking everyone for their efforts in making the trip so successful.

Richard Needs

Church Warden – St.James the Elder, Horton

News from Horton CE VA Primary School



As the new Head at Horton Primary School it gives me great pleasure to introduce myself and to let you know what the children have been up to during this very busy summer term. My name is Isabel Stephens. I was previously Deputy Head at St. John's Mead in Chipping Sodbury and before that I was Assistant Head at Frampton Cotterell C.E Primary School. Working at Horton Primary School feels such a privilege with its amazing views, lovely community feel and supportive parents.

We have had quite a sporty term starting with Sports Week during which we held Sports Day. We were so lucky to be able hold our Sports Day in the sunshine during a week when there was a lot of rain. At the end of June the children took part in District Sports at KLB and impressed us all with their behaviour, determination and sportsmanship. I was extremely proud of them all.

Our children took a very full and active part in the Chipping Sodbury Festival this year. They produced pieces of art and attended workshops and talks during the festival. Many of the children also sang in the Combined School Concert in the Town Hall on Friday 20th June. It gave them the opportunity to work with children from other schools which is important when you attend a small school. The choir sang really well and included harmonies. The orchestra was particularly impressive considering the fact they had only had a few rehearsals. It was joy to see so much talent in one room. We also took part in the Carnival. The theme was Disney and so we all dressed up as the cast from the Lion King and won the walking entry. The FOHS, (Friends of Horton School), excelled themselves by making a Lion King banner and Pride Rock.



It is the time of year

when we say goodbye to our Year 6 children- Ben, Harry, Joshua, Ursula, Rebecca, Mischa, Ethan, Joe D, Esme, Joe K and Eddie. They attended a lovely Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral. They are currently spending induction days at their new schools and are very excited about taking the next step. We are also welcoming our new Reception children- Lottie and Fred who are joining us for story time so that they will feel more confident when they begin in September.

If you have walked past the school recently you would almost certainly have heard singing as we are practising hard for our summer production, the Lion King. You are warmly invited to the dress rehearsal which we will be holding at the Village Hall on Monday 7th July at 2pm. If you see various wild animals walking past your window



don't worry, it is just the children in their costumes.

On a final note, if anyone would like to come in to hear readers in the school it would be greatly appreciated. You could do anything from an hour a week to a whole morning/afternoon if you wanted. Please let us know if you are interested by phoning the school on 01454 318834 or by just popping in.



Spring Bull Run, May 18th 2014

We were fortunate to be blessed with a beautiful sunny day for the Bull Run this year although the numbers were slightly down due to the date coinciding with that for other events. The first 3 runners home were D.Wright 25.27mins, A. Lane 27.18mins and R Smith 27.35mins. Noting the times, they clearly didn't pause to take in the views of the scenic 4¼ mile course.

Yet again the event raised a significant sum towards the ongoing upkeep of the Village Hall and with this in mind, a special thank you goes to all the marshals and helpers without whom it could not take place.

Barbera Denton

Slow Broadband in Horton, Little Sodbury End and the Hawkesbury common areas

Is your broadband very slow? Do you need faster broadband for your business?

It appears that our area is unlikely to get the promised fast rural broadband in the near (or even probably distant) future. Even if the Horton box is fibre enabled anyone who is over about 900 metres from it is unlikely to benefit. Little Sodbury End is already connected to a fibre enabled box so we are not going to get increased speeds at all because the council will not allocate any of its grants to upgrading the service from this box.

As we need a faster broadband for our business and as we upload data there are really no other cost effective solutions.

If anybody in the community needs a faster service and would like to attend a meeting at the village hall with BT, the council's executive David Perry, Steve Webb and Luke Hall (con candidate) please e mail me at totteroak@yahoo.co.uk and George Hammersley and I will organise one if there is enough interest.
Richard Williams.



129th HAWKESBURY HORTICULTURAL SHOW & FAIR
Saturday 30th August 2014

www.hawkesburyshow.org

At the Village Hall and Rec, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton GL9 1AU

Horticultural Produce and Crafts Marquee

Entertainment in the Arena:

Falconry Display by Michael Davie - Both static and flying displays with interactive audience participation

Clever Dog Company Rally Group - dog agility & obedience demonstration

Nailsworth silver band

Bath Archers * Beer Tent * Craft Stalls * Pimms Tent * Ukulele group

Hog and Deer roast * Fairground rides * Children's activities tent

Auction of donated produce at the end of the day - Auctioneer: Mr Nick Cragg

Crowning of the Carnival Queen on The Plain at 1.30pm

Carnival Parade through the village (High Street closed to vehicles 1.00pm – 2.00pm)

Showground gates open at 12.30pm

Pay on the gate or in advance at The Village Shop or The Post Office, Hawkesbury Upton

Adults £5, children £2, Seniors £3 and a family ticket £12 (2 adults + 4 children)

Dogs welcome on a lead : Disabled parking in the Village Hall car park : Wheelchair accessible
For further information or to book a stall phone 01454 232910 or email: vicky@coombeview.com

Announcements

Farewell from the Hares Family who are leaving Little Sodbury End after nearly 25 years . Amanda bought her own home in Yate at the beginning of the year and Christopher has plans to live closer to his business which is based near Thornbury. So, with both of the "children" moving on, I decided to do the same and have bought a cottage in Hatters Lane – not going far! Thank you to everyone who we have got to know over the years in Horton and our dear neighbours in Little Sodbury End, I couldn't have wished for a better place to live and bring up the children.
Catrina Hares

Welcome to Michael and Ann Weaver and their daughters who are moving into Tyndale Lodge, Little Sodbury End from Hawkesbury. Welcome to Horton & Little Sodbury!



Family home wanted

Family renting in Horton would really like to buy a house locally - potential for an annexe would be a bonus. If anyone is considering selling, please give us a call and help us stay in the village (or surrounding areas). We would love to hear from you.
Please call 325822.

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Garden Open Westonbirt School Gardens

Tetbury GL8 8QG

Sun 20 July
11am - 5pm

Adm: £5
Children: free



The National Gardens Scheme: Registered Charity No. 1112664

www.ngs.org.uk

Telephone box

I was wondering if anyone would mind if BT or I cleaned or painted the phone box or generally cleaned up that particular area since it is looking a bit of a state.

We have been in contact with BT who state they will paint the telephone box but they were unable to confirm exactly when this will be done!

Cheers
Huw Williams

williamshuw@outlook.com



Wanted

Second hand bike required for general use. Please contact Sara Gray on (01454) 325865



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RIDE AND STRIDE on SEPTEMBER 13th
A DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHURCH

Ride and Stride, run by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, is a great way to support this church and churches across the county when they most need help. So if you fancy walking, cycling or horse-riding church to church, put Saturday 13 September in your diary now.

You can plan your own route between churches, depending on how far you want to go and whether you want to be in towns or villages. Take a picnic and top up with drinks & biscuits that many of the churches provide - or perhaps incorporate a pub or a tea shop on your route. Whether you go on your own or with friends and family, you'll be joining thousands of people countrywide raising money for an important cause. 2013 was one of the best years so far for Ride and Stride in Gloucestershire. 121 churches took part raising around £47,500. Why not join in this year and help us make it to £50,000?

What's in it for you, this church and the county's churches?

- a perfect motivation to get out, explore part of the county and enjoy yourself
- the satisfaction of raising money and taking part in a nationwide initiative
- 50% of the money you raise (before Gift Aid) goes to the church of your choice
- the chance to see inside some historic gems which are not always open for visits
- the chance for the church you nominate to apply for a grant

If you are unable to ride or stride, you can be sponsored to man your church, ring the bells, sing hymns or bake cakes!

Further information, together with a sponsorship form, is available from your Local Organiser on the contact details below. the contact details below.

For information about the Trust's work and how to support it please look at the website:
www.ghct.org.uk

The Local Organiser for your church is
Contact details
Jacqui Isaac Tel: 318079

County Ride and Stride Organiser can be contacted on rideandstride@ghct.org.uk

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newsletter items

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Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to: newsletter@halsvh.org.uk.

Katherine Standerwick

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