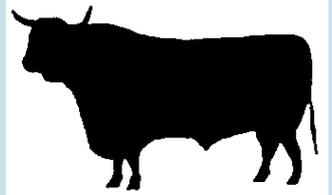


# THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for the diary...

May 2014

Spring Bull Run

May 18th at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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

## Special points of interest:-

Table Top Sale

Grants

Church News

## Table Top Sale

at Horton Village hall

Saturday June 7th 2014 10:00am to 12:30pm

Please book in advance for table cost £5.00

Phone Brigitte on 01454 324094



## STARTING AGAIN ON 29th April 2014!

Come and join the Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness-party™.

Feel the music and let loose!!!

**Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall**

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.15 pm

For more details contact:-

Andrea on 07970125353 or

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## From the editor:-

Dear readers,

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter. I hope you enjoy the latest edition of the newsletter. Please remember to keep sending in Village news and information which you would like published.

Happy reading!

Katherine

## Grass verges

Did you know that there are more than 238,000 hectares of road verge in Britain, supporting two-thirds of the nations wild flowers. As well as colour, wild flowers also offer food for declining populations of pollinating insects such as bumble bees, moths and butterflies. Plant life has launched a 'Flowers on the Edge' campaign to promote sustainable roadside management to councils, farmers and public. Find out more at [www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk) and think before you shave your verges to within an inch of their lives!



## Events from St James the Elder:-

All services are held at 11:15am on Sundays

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

### BELL RINGERS LUNCH

We had a very successful Bell Ringers lunch in the Village Hall in March where we catered for over 70 ringers and their families from the Wotton under Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers. This event, which was held for the third time resulted in over £800.00 being raised for church funds and £200.00 plus from the raffle for Wotton Branch funds. We would like to thank everyone who contributed, in whatever way, particularly those who helped prepare and donate a great deal of the food.

### AMERICAN CHOIR

Union Methodist Church, Belleville, Illinois

We would remind you again that we have an American Choir visiting us on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June and there will be a performance by the choir in the Church on the Friday evening; time to be confirmed but probably 7.00/7.30pm. They will be coming down from Keswick via Stratford on the Thursday afternoon and having a meal with their hosts in the Village Hall in the evening. If anyone else would like to join us to welcome them please contact Richard Needs (01454 329890; e-mail – rich.needs@gmail.com). On the Friday they will be visiting Bristol to see John Wesley's Chapel in Broadmead and Charles Wesley's house, which is just off the bottom of Stokes Croft. For anyone not familiar with Methodism the Wesleys were the founders and have a particular history with the area. After that they will be visiting Castle Coombe and Laycock before returning to Horton for a

meal with their hosts. (see the March Newsletter for full details)

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR HOSTS** for the two nights for members of the choir and if anyone can help please contact Richard Needs (01454 329890).

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Tickets are now for sale for the Preview Evening on Thursday 3rd. July from 7pm 'til 9pm. Tickets are £10.00 to include a glass of wine and canapes, plus of course first views of the wonderful arrangements. Tickets from Pat or Tina, 319356 or 320380.

Many thanks to those of you who have already given to have an arrangement in memory of a loved one, if you would like to give please contact Pat Tily soon as Chip-ping Sodbury Flower Club are having a site meeting in the third week of May to decide what arrangements are going where they have some wonderful ideas. If you are able to give a few hours during the Festival to help steward, just to keep an eye on things, please let Pat know as there will be a rota.

Do any of you have an old glass carboy that you would be willing to lend as we will need containers for donations, or if you have something you think would be suitable? Please let me know.

Teas, coffee and cakes will be served in a marquee outside the Church, if you are a cake maker and would like to cook one or two please contact Tina who as usual will be baking for England. There is also a rota for helping serve the teas etc. all of this planning makes me admire the Normandy Landings even more!



### FOR SALE

Pete's old grey Fergie with front loader and topper and an engine hoist.  
Please call Pat on 319356

## Community groups invited to apply for a grant

From today, Monday 28 April, voluntary groups in South Gloucestershire are invited to apply for a grant of up to £3,000 to benefit their local community.

The grants are available to groups to develop specific projects and provide activities that meet local needs. Projects can include a range of topics including arts and culture, sport, children and play, community safety, developing communities, supporting vulnerable people to promoting equality and tackling poverty.

If you would like to apply for funding, applications can be made up until the closing date on Monday 2 June and we can help you with your application every step of the way.

For more information and to make an application visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/grants](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/grants)  
Alternatively, you can call our helpline Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm on 01454 865865, or email [grants@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:grants@southglos.gov.uk)

Community Grant is the new name for the Small (Revenue) Grant and Capital Grant. You can apply online for both funds on the same form.

The South Gloucestershire Compact is an agreement to support partnership working between the public sector and voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. Visit our website for more information about how Compact can help you.

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## From the Village Hall Committee

We're extremely grateful to Councillor Sue Hope and the Parish Council for telling us about some one-off additional grant funding that was open to us this year. This was the New Homes Bonus, which is money raised from house builders who get planning permission for new homes in South Glos. The money is awarded and distributed by South Glos Council. We were told that about £18,000 had been allocated to Horton (for the financial year that has just ended), to be spent on community projects. As no one else claimed the money, we were thrilled to be awarded that sum to spend on new patio doors for the side of the hall, new front doors, plus paving the patio area and around the front doors. This will give us draught free energy efficient doors that close and lock properly, and proper paved disabled access to the front and side of the hall. The new doors were installed just before Easter and look fantastic. The paving will be done over the summer break. Keep an eye out for these improvements as you walk or drive past the hall.

We've also been given New Homes Bonus funding to pay for a more efficient hot water system, meaning that we'll be able to offer hot water all the time. It will also give us proper hot showers in the changing rooms. Finally, the New Homes Bonus is enabling us to replace our temperamental cooker in the kitchen.

This New Homes Bonus was such a huge boost to our finances that we are now able to start thinking about whether we might be able to fund an extension to create much needed storage space, to replace the steel container that's been on the playing field for the past few years.



## Announcements

Mathew Richardson and Hanna Holloway married at St. James the Elder on Saturday 22nd February. Fortunately it did not rain! The sun even came out a few times. The church looked lovely with spring flowers kindly arranged by Christine and Edna, many thanks to both of you I know you worked very hard on Friday. We are grateful to Yvonne for conducting the ceremony at such short notice. The choir and bell ringers both made the day very special and did a magnificent job. Everyone enjoyed the mulled wine and sausage rolls thank you Tina for all your help. Sarah Holloway

**Congratulations** to David and Shirley Ham on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



## Horton School

The new Head of Horton CE VA Primary School, Mrs Isabel Stevens has asked if there is anyone in the village who would like to volunteer to hear the children read. Volunteers would need to give an hour at a time and come to the school as often as they are able. If you are interested please contact Horton CE VA Primary School on 318834.

## “A Grand Day Out”

Being members of the Horton Church bell ringers, albeit extreme novices, Chris and I were invited to join the local historical group on a visit to Taylor’s Bell Foundry in Loughborough. We had recently watched a TV programme in which Michael Portillo visited the same foundry so we thought “if it’s good enough for him ....”.



A well supported group of 16 met in the Horton Village Hall car park at 8.30 am on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> and duly set off in four cars. We arrived at a pub (of course!) for lunch – all well organised by Bert Gough. Fed and watered we headed off to the foundry, about 9 miles away, and arrived in good time for our 1.30 pm guided tour.

We were met by a very knowledgeable George Dawson who told us how the Taylor family has continued the business since 1784. This line of bell ringing has been unbroken since the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. The Taylor family moved the bell making operation to Loughborough in 1839.

Bells and bell moulds of all sizes were on show; not just church tower bells but hand bells and even bells for buoys. We saw how the wooden rope wheels are made, also the making of the bell ropes and sallies (the fluffy bit on the end of the rope which we grab hold of to ring the bell!). There was also a museum stuffed full of interesting relics and facts of years gone by. Our factory tour lasted for 2 ½ hours and everyone departed feeling well impressed and much informed as to the manufacture of bells, headstocks, clappers, ropes, sallies and bell tuning which was explained to us in great detail.

Our trip home was uneventful and we would like to say a big thank you to the Horton and Little Sodbury Historical Group for organising such an interesting day out.



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Katherine Standerwick

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