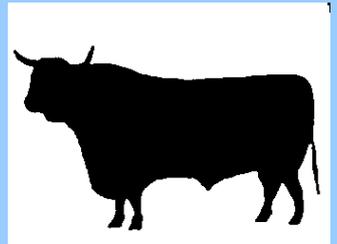


# THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED FOR THE HORTON AND LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



## Dates for the diary...

6th December— Annual Village Christmas Meal

15th-17th January 2015—Pantomime, Cinderella

Sunday 22nd February - **Village Hall 25th birthday celebrations** - details to follow!

### Quiz trilogy:

Friday 27th February

Friday 27th March

Friday 24th April

**Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-**

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

## Special points of

interest:

Panto

Broadband

Councillor's Report

*"I understand that the Historical Society created the super posters detailing items of Local History that now hang in the village hall. I think that they are lovely and add to the atmosphere!" -  
Caroline Bannister*

## From the editor:-

Dear readers,

I hope you enjoy the latest edition of the newsletter!

Christmas is just around the corner now so am wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I look forward to hearing all the latest news at the beginning of 2015!!

Happy reading!

Katherine



## If I only had a Hairy Fairy Godmother ....

The Hortonian Players are proud to announce that Panto is back. Oh Yes It Is !!

At 7:15pm on the Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th January '15, they will be performing "Cinderella" at the Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall, with the same old cast and the same old jokes.

Tickets are £9 (and £5 for children under 13) and are available from Caroline Banister via the e-mail address [boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk), and be on the lookout for the posters for more information. So, dust off those glass slippers and we look forward to seeing you at the Prince's Ball in January ... but remember – you must leave before midnight !!

## MACMILLAN CANCER COFFEE MORNING 2014

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning at Horton Village Hall. We managed to raise £558.50! Thank you to everyone you donated cakes and for attending and supporting this worthy cause. Margaret Bond





## Events from St James the Elder:-

All services are held at 11:15am on Sundays

Dates for your Diary

**14 DECEMBER, 6PM CAROL SERVICE**  
**24 DECEMBER, 8PM CHRISTMAS COMMUNION**

OTHER SERVICES 11.15AM SUNDAY

16 November Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

23 November Communion (Common Worship)

7 December Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)

21 December Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

## St Adeleine's, Little Sodbury End

### Thankful Village Plaque

About forty villagers and parishioners of Little Sodbury and Horton met at St Adeline's at 11.00 on Sunday 3rd August for the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate Little Sodbury being one of the 51 Thankful Villages. Roy Gowen from Little Sodbury unveiled the plaque which is situated between the rolls of honour for the two wars on the north wall of the Church

**St Adeline's Carol Service - Friday 19th December at 7pm. All welcome.**

*Christmas Fair  
at Berkeley  
Castle*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
10am - 7pm

Berkeley Castle, Berkeley,  
Gloucestershire, GL13 9BQ

Take the hassle out of Christmas Shopping and come to our Fair where over 40 stall holders offer a varied selection of unique and affordable gifts to delight your loved ones, as well as inspired ideas to bring that magical Christmas sparkle to your home.

Refreshments served all day. Plenty of parking available

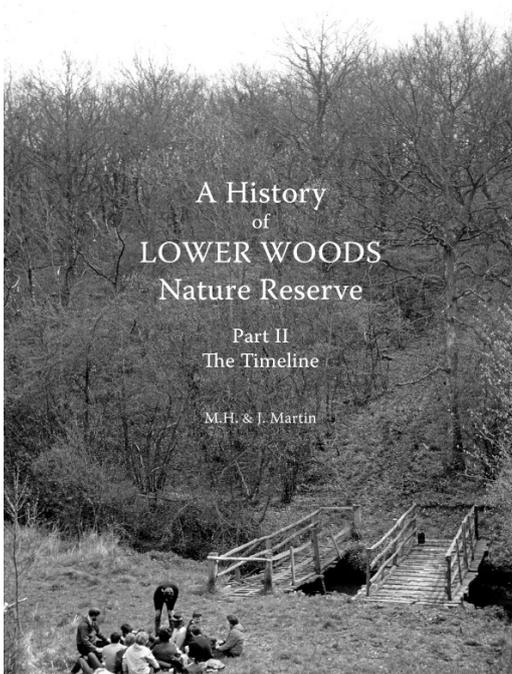
**Entrance: Adults £5.00 Under 15 Free**

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Hawkesbury Local History Society

## IT'S HERE!

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16% of the book is solely devoted to Horton, its history and its association with Lower Woods!

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To order by post please send cheques, payable to M.H.Martin, to 43, Harcourt Road, Bristol, BS6 7RF

**Collect in person:** We hope to to be able to deliver copies to Lower Woods from time to time if pre-ordered. Contact

Mike Martin ([mikemartin99@aol.com](mailto:mikemartin99@aol.com)) for further details.

Copies will be also be available at meetings of the Hawkesbury Local History Society from November onwards. Contact Barrie Hope ([hope.poolfarm@btinternet.com](mailto:hope.poolfarm@btinternet.com)) for details of these.

### **Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall 100 Club 2014 -2015**

It is not too late to make sure you have a chance of winning one of the two cash prizes each month by buying a 100 club ticket. There will be 12 monthly draws, starting soon each with a £20 and a £10 cash prize.

There will also be a bonus draw during the year. So there are 26 opportunities to be a winner. Tickets cost £24 each, the equivalent of £2 a month and can be purchased by contacting either Barbera on 01454 319889

[barbera.denton@btinternet.com](mailto:barbera.denton@btinternet.com) or Carol on 01454 317471 [carol@toodlepip.plus.com](mailto:carol@toodlepip.plus.com) .

Last years ticket holders can retain their numbers, will they please confirm as soon as possible with one of the above that this is what they would like to do.

Monies raised from the sale of tickets goes towards the continued maintenance and improvement of our village hall. A major project at present is to refurbish the ladies toilets, we also plan to upgrade the chairs and increase the number of tables. Buy your tickets now and support our village hall!!

COMING SOON.....

HAWKESBURY THEATRICAL GROUP INVITE YOU TO  
**'PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES'**

and join them in a commemoration of the Centenary of  
the First World War

on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm  
with a matinée on Saturday 22nd at 2.30pm at the Village Hall

The show will include music hall, sketches, poetry, songs and local  
reminiscences with contributions from the Youth Theatrical Group  
as well as an extract from:

**'BLACKADDER GOES FORTH'**



Tickets £8 adults, £5 children under 16 for evening performances  
£6 adult and £4 child for matinée

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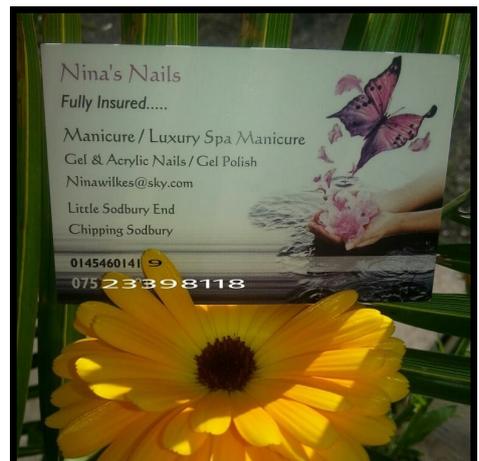
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## Announcements

*Get well wishes for a speedy recovery following operations, Terry Gwynn and Ian Brodie.*

*Happy 80th Birthday Terry Gwynn on 3rd November*

## Christmas Dinner

There are a few places left at the Orangery at Tormarton for the annual Village Christmas Dinner, all are welcome!!!

This takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and is £27.50 per head.

Please let me know if you would like to see the menu.

Caroline Bannister

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[Caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk](mailto:Caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk)



*Horton Local History Group*  
**Gloucestershire Farming**  
FROM PREHISTORY TO VICTORIAN TIMES



Speaker: John Putley of Gloucestershire Records Office



7.30PM THURSDAY  
13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
HORTON VILLAGE HALL

£3 \* Refreshments

There is a book at £7.50 available from Ian Bishop called "Around Yate and the Sodbury's"

It has some fascinating photos of Chipping Sodbury, Yate and Little Sodbury.

Ian's email is [bishopbooks@virginmedia.com](mailto:bishopbooks@virginmedia.com)



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## BROADBAND UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who attended the packed public meeting in the Village Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. The impressive turn-out and questions from the floor certainly got the message home to the BT and SGC representatives.

In particular we owe special thanks to Richard Williams who chaired the meeting and engineered maximum publicity for this campaign via the BBC and the printed press. Also, to Sid Crighton (of Hawkesbury Common) who gave a presentation demonstrating that the current approach to deliver broadband in rural areas is limited by the technology being applied. Sid has worked very hard on our behalf and through this Newsletter, we would like to record our appreciation of the time he has freely given.

Everyone will now know that the BT cabinet (Number 32), opposite the Horton Social Club will be fibre enabled by early Spring 2015, if all goes to plan of course. This means that Horton residents and businesses will be able to take out broadband contracts such as "BT Infinity" or similar by other ISP's. The problem, as Sid identified in his presentation, is that the broadband speed in so-called "Fibre To The Cabinet" schemes tails off after about 1 kilometre distance from the cabinet.

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee concluded after an interim review of the BDUK roll-out, that a combination of fibre and fixed wireless is the only way to maximise coverage in rural areas.

It is therefore good news to hear from Sue Hope that SGC, at the Resources Sub-Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> October, have agreed that the next phase of the roll-out will be a mix of open market and framework procurement. In essence, this opens the door for other companies as well as BT to provide (for instance), fixed wireless technologies to serve the more remote areas. The officers of the council have also been directed to investigate support for residents in using alternative technologies and to explore the possibility of community broadband with grants to pay for expert advice.

There will also be further lobbying of Government to be allow greater flexibility and transparency in the broadband contracts awarded by Local Authorities.

For any Parish Council issues please contact the Clerk to Horton Parish Council,  
Jo Baker, email Jo at:- india-jo\_@excite.com

### FOR SALE

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### FOR SALE

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£100.00 the lot.

Bought by me at the Millenium for course at the Village Hall. No longer used -- but what a way to spend the long winter evenings!  
Tel. Pat Tily on 319356

## Horton Toddler Group

**Come and join our friendly baby and toddler group every Wednesday during term time from 10am–11:30am at Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall**

**There's lots to do for children age 0-4 years with craft table, toys and much more.. Plus tea and coffee for parents/carers.**

**Come along and say hello we would love to see you there!**



## South Gloucestershire Councillor's Report

As widely reported, things are moving forward with Super fast **Broadband**, however parts of the area still fall outside the upgrade. We have managed to get agreement on a mixed contract for the next phase of the super fast roll out. We also received agreement that officers work with BT on improving the take-up through improved communications and appropriate use of mapping; investigate what level of national support is available to provide expertise to residents on alternative technologies and explore the possibility for DIY/community broadband schemes, with use of grants/vouchers, to act as a conduit for expert advice. As elements of the take-up are deemed commercially sensitive under the terms of the national contract, the South Gloucestershire Council will lobby government to ensure that future contracts are more transparent. Thank you to everyone for their help in lobbying for improved services.

### Grants

Horton Village Hall has received many generous grants over the last couple of years.. Well done. The Grant process is changing – I wish I could say it would be more simple – and going on-line. A briefing note has been produced, but all the details have not yet been agreed. I will circulate to village groups once this is finalised, however, to not hesitate to contact me should you require further information. The next round of grants opened on the 20<sup>th</sup> October and closes on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. Grant decisions are to be made at the Area Forum and it is hoped to make this more user friendly! For further information: [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk)

The Parish Council has to respond to comments on the Draft Policy Sites and Places document by early November. Many people attended the meeting earlier in the year to view the possibilities of further housing in the village. This includes comments regarding extra housing and green space. Comments received during the consultation will shortly be on the website.

September and October saw many consultations on the future of Council services in view of shrinking budgets. People were asked to prioritise the services on offer; this includes support to Police Community Support Officers, support for domestic violence victims and the ASBO team. Further consultations on Council savings will become available on the Council website.

### HOSPITAL – BUS SERVICES

Press reports are reflecting poor performance figures at the new Southmead Hospital. Although improvements are being made to access to the Hospital, including an hourly bus service from Wotton under Edge (via Charfield/ Wickwar/Yate) being introduced early in November, the hospital performance figures remain poor. Southmead Hospital is the major trauma hospital for our region.

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### contacts

Contact details for members of the Village Hall Committee are available on the website [www.halsvh.org.uk](http://www.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. Items for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to: [newsletter@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@halsvh.org.uk) .

Katherine Standerwick

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