

Would you be interested in helping to organise a village show in September 2016?

Several people have said that it would be nice to revive the tradition of our Village Show. If it's to be a viable event, we'll need help from across the village. If you'd like to help organise, plan and run the show, please contact Katharine Barnes on chairman@halsvh.org.uk or 07711 672007.

Cheese and wine evening, AGM and slideshow - 7 July

A good time was had by all at the cheese and wine evening on 7 July. About 30 villagers came along. The evening started with buffet of cheeses, crackers and nibbles, accompanied by a glass or two of wine. Many thanks to Carol Brodie for arranging the food.

After a brief AGM, which included reports from Katharine Barnes (Chair) and Brian Jarvis (Treasurer), Brian then entertained us with a fascinating slideshow about the Via Ferrata in the Italian Dolomites.

The scenery in the area is breathtaking, with dramatic rocky mountains. Brian told us about the history of the area in the First World War, where long battles were fought between Italy and Austria-Hungary in this hostile terrain. The slideshow included a newsreel from about 1915 showing how difficult it was to operate in the area, even hauling huge guns up steep snowy mountains just using ropes and manpower. To help the soldiers move around, tunnels were dug into the mountains, bridges were built and steel cables were attached to the rock faces ("Via Ferrata" means "Iron Road").

After the war, the cables and other equipment were left behind, and then climbers started using the Via Ferrata equipment to help them scale the peaks. This has now become a very popular sport, which is how Brian came to visit the area. The final part of the slideshow included some of Brian's holiday snaps including amazing views with perilous drops.

Many thanks to Brian Jarvis for such an entertaining and informative talk.

Katharine Barnes
Chair

From the editor:-

Dear Readers

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter, thank you for all the items that have been sent in. Have a lovely summer, let's hope the sun shines!

Katherine

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www.halsvh.org.uk

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APPEAL FROM RICHARD NEEDS

My best friend, Mike Gregory, who I had known for 50 years died on 18th February 2012 of a brain tumour several years after being diagnosed as having an aggressive melanoma on his back. I miss him as much as his family. Despite the fact that Mike, in his usual style, was always kindly deprecating about my exploits, this year, after failing to gain an entry into the London Marathon I am completing the Tour du Mont Blanc in his memory.

This involves Trekking 110miles in 9 days with a total ascent and descent of 33,000ft and walking through three countries; Switzerland, Italy and France, starting and finishing in Chamonix.

I am asking anyone in the village who feels able to consider sponsoring me for this Trek with **all the money raised** going to Cancer Research UK in memory of Mike and if you can **GIFT AID** your donation it helps even more.

You can give on line at justgiving.com/MJGregory or I can provide you with a sponsorship form. (tel 01454 329890; e-mail rich.needs@gmail.com)



St Adeline's, Little Sodbury

Evensong 6pm BCP

St Adeline's is always open for anyone that wishes to visit.

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Following on from the **hottest** day of the year, I thought it must be time to think about the



CHRISTMAS DINNER!!!!

On asking around, folk seem very happy with the last couple of years at the Compass and would be happy to go there again!

If you have strong views either way, do please let me know, otherwise, please pencil

Saturday 5th December 2015

into those very busy diaries!!!!

More info will follow nearer the date.

Caroline Bannister

Happy Birthday!

Belated Birthday Congratulations to Pete and Joy Chappell who both recently celebrated their 80th Birthday.
Happy Birthday to Shirley Ham who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday in July.

Retirement

John Pitman has retired from being Herdsman of Sodbury Commons, he was often seen carrying out his duties. One of the last duties John had to carry out was the clean up of rubbish left from the last lot of travellers that had camped on the common. When I drove to work in the morning I could see such a vast amount of rubbish on both sides of the road, in the hedges. There was John and his wife Glynis armed with litter pickers and black bags. On my return all that remained was the ashes of a fire.

Thank you John and Glynis it is greatly appreciated what you did that day and previous times clearing up behind people that litter the common.

Brenda Cordy

The Horton History Group on Thursday 22nd October 7.30 pm Horton Village Hall

The Horton History Group invite you to join them at the village hall on Thursday 22nd October to listen to Terry Merrett-Smith's entertaining talk entitled 'Ration books to rock and roll'. The talk will be interspersed with highlights of events and music from the 40s and 50s. Do join us, there will be a small charge to cover costs.

Little Sodbury Broadband

It's great that Horton has now been fibred up but we are still on dial up speeds at Little Sodbury end so am still fighting to get an adequate service. I have registered "the campaign for rural broadband" with BDUK. If anybody in the outlying areas still has poor broadband please let me know. My email is rw@williamsautomobiles.com.

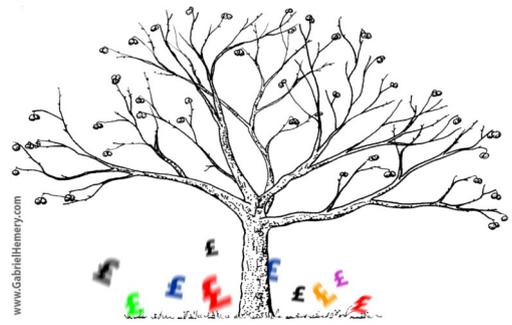
Regards
Richard

“Mighty Oaks from little Acorns grow”

This was certainly the case for the Horton Money Tree; from small £5 shares our Horton Entrepreneurs generated considerable profits. The 12 households that took up the Money Tree Challenge were tasked to increase the £5 share they were given using any legal method, and what a range of ideas they came up with. We had raffles and tombola's, they made bread, cakes, preserves and sweets, grew plants, brokered a private car sale, used the money for a car park so they could work some overtime, organised table top sales and our own Horton Market. They made lavender bags, sold antique buttons and organised a Wassailing event and many more things besides. In total £1400.66 was made from £60. The winners of the challenge were Barbera Denton and Lynne Hammersley who pooled their 2 shares and tirelessly baked artisan bread for villagers to enjoy each week, they raised £325 (£162.50 each), second came Alison Barlow who made preserves and acted as kitchen slave at the two Horton Markets and raised £152.17 and third came our youngest contestants Jamie and Kobi Cordy-Rugman who raised £148.60. Everyone did exceptionally well the boys especially as they competed at the same level as the adults; they clearly demonstrated that if you are charming you can get much further in business!

Thank you to all the challengers, Barbera, Lynne, Alison, Jamie and Kobi, Sue Jarvis, Jenny and Peter Llewellyn, Dave and Linda Morgan, Judy Singleton, Pat Gough, Carol and Ian Brodie and Bridgette Stafford. Thanks to the Horton Energy Neighbourhood Group who donated the original share money and thanks to all of you who supported the Markets, Table Top Sales and Wassailing and enabled us to make the money for the village hall. We hope the crop from the Money Tree Oak will help to keep our village hall in good working order; who knows a bit of the money raised may be used to make it more energy efficient (as the village's resident tree hugger I would have to wish for that!)

Lynn Edwards



South Gloucestershire Councillor Report

Thank you to all those who supported me during the election and I will continue to do my best for all the residents of the Cotswold Edge ward. The Council make up is 40 Conservatives; 16 Lib Dems; 14 Labour; this is reflected in 7:3:3 representation on committees. At its first meeting the Council received presentations from the public on access to superfast broadband from Littleton and Elberton where residents are trying to run businesses, as well as pleas for Council support for public transport – something residents of Horton are well acquainted with. The Council has entered Phase 2 of the rollout of Broadband and they have also bid for more money from the West of England Partnership. My understanding is the next announcement will not be until September.

All Council meeting agendas can be found on the website www.southglos.gov.uk I will be serving on the Adults & Housing Committee and the Public Health and Health Scrutiny Committee, as well as the Public Transport Forum. If I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I have circulated grant opportunities to local groups and organisations – all groups do have to be registered before making an application. Decisions on grants are made at the Area Forums by local councillors. The next forum is on the 9th July at Shireway Community Centre in Yate.

Public Transport

I asked for the unreliability of our local No.86 to be raised, at the Public Transport Forum, apparently the Wessex director was not aware of any problems! He has gone back to investigate. Let us hope this results in a more reliable (and comfortable) service – please do let me know if there any further no shows or lateness of the service.

CLlr Sue Hope
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- 2 • Photography • Using the internet to save money • Table tennis & Bowls
- 3 • First aid at home • Photography • Using the internet to save money
- 4 • First aid at home • Golf • Photography
- 5 • Modern technology, emails, skype • First aid at home • Art
- 6 • Using the internet to save money • First aid at home • Golf
- 7 • Photography • Golf • Gentle gym, strength & conditioning
- 8 • Art • Gentle gym, strength & conditioning • Modern technology, emails, skype

PROGRAMME 2 – WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY – FRIDAY 17TH JULY

- 1 • First aid at home • Art • Using the internet to save money
- 2 • Table tennis & Bowls • First aid at home • Photography
- 3 • Using the internet to save money • Table tennis & Bowls • First aid at home
- 4 • Photography • Art • Table tennis & Bowls
- 5 • Art • Using the internet to save money • Gentle gym strength and conditioning
- 6 • Golf • Photography • Modern technology, emails, skype
- 7 • Bowls • Photography • Art
- 8 • Modern technology, emails, skype • Table tennis & Bowls • Golf

* Whilst we will endeavour to ensure we match you to the group of your choice, these are based on a first come first serve basis.

Please see flyer which is promoting an innovative taster programme which is aimed at inspiring over-50s to re-engage in learning and hopefully progress to further study.

Further programme details below.

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- ✦ First Aid at home
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- ✦ Chance to have an amazing 3 days, meet likeminded people and just have fun...

There are 2 start dates:

Monday 13th July – Wednesday 15th July and Wednesday 15th July - Friday 17th July. Each day will start at 9.30 finishing no later than 4pm.

Both taking place at our state of the art WISE campus, New Road, Stoke Gifford. Bristol, BS348LP (plenty of free parking available)

Ten tips for encouraging hedgehogs in our village

A leaflet put out by the Hedgehog Preservation trust was available in June at C. S. Festival's 'Sodbury in Bloom' talk. Sally Pattison is a qualified and enthusiastic speaker on all matters of wildlife, flowers and communities caring for the future of the countryside.

1. Allow access! While many Horton gardens have no walls anyway, making a square-ish 13 x 13 cm hole in a fence (5x 5 inches) just might permit a slug and snail eating visitor to come in.
2. Make your pond safe. Hedgehogs can swim but need to be able to climb out if they fall in water. Steep sided ponds need a small plank, a pile of stones or a folded chicken wire ramp to let them out again.
3. Allow a 'wild' and untended corner, or two. Don't cut this back in winter. Leave a couple of bigger sticks to make structure & with fallen leaves, they may nest there.
4. Deal with LITTER – please! Not just removing an elastic band from your garden, but anywhere you see six-pack plastic rings discarded, or plastic cups. These can trap an unwary animal and cause slow death. A sturdy edge to the soft fruit netting, held down with a line of bricks can help save trapping a hedgehog.
5. Water, and possibly, food too. Probably you wouldn't leave dog or cat food out in hopes, whereas putting meal-worms in a dish on the ground will feed the birds anyway. Hedgehogs eat chopped unsalted peanuts. Water, not milk, for them to drink.
6. Stop the chemicals. Slug pellets, lawn treatments, pesticides and insecticides kill the hedgehogs food. They shouldn't be needed in a healthy, well-managed garden.
7. Check before strimming. A) Check, they won't run from the noise. B) Put gloves on and move a single one. C) call 01584 890801 if there should be a family of hedgehogs.
8. Please be careful before starting a bonfire. Rebuild on the day!
9. Build them a log pile for a year round home area, and hope they come for the creepy-crawlies.
10. Register on HEDGEHOG STREET . Text 'HOGS15 £5' to 70070 to give £5.
Or see www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk



Jenny Llewelyn

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May: Mon 4 - (entry at ticket hut, honesty box) Tue 26
July: Mon 6, Tue 7, Mon 13, Tue 14, Mon 20, Tue 21, Mon 27, Tue 28
August: Mon 3, Tue 4, Mon 10, Tue 11, Mon 17, Tue 18, Mon 24, Tue 25, Mon 31 (entry at ticket hut, honesty box)
September: Tue 1,
October: Mon 26, Tue 27

HOUSE & GARDENS OPEN with tour guides available: 11am – 5pm. Entry: £8, Children under 12 free.

June: Sun 21
July: Sun 19 (National Garden Scheme NGS)
August: Sun 2, Sun 9, Sun 30
September: Sun 20
October: Sun 25

PRIVATE TOURS

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Saint James the Elder, Horton

Services for July and August

12/07/15	Holy Communion (BCP)
19/07/15	Benefice Service – 10.30am St. John the Baptist CS Jane Kenchington's Leaving Service
26/07/15	Holy Communion (CW)
02/08/15	Matins (BCP)
09/08/15	Holy Communion (BCP)
16/08/15	Morning Prayer (CW)
23/08/15	Holy Communion (CW)
30/08/15	Benefice Service



The Church Grave Yard

The Grave yard immediately to the Church, as I am sure most people are aware, is closed and is maintained and is the responsibility of, in terms of the grass cutting, the Local Authority.

Last year we were approached by the L.A. and asked to consider a change in the maintenance regime which involved leaving some areas uncut for part of the year. In the past rural Grave Yards were not cut regularly and this initiative, promoted by an organisation called 'Caring for God's Acre' and whose President is HRH The Prince of Wales is intended to maximise the conservation potential of the area around the Church. In this respect Conservation does not mean neglect and wilderness but sensitive and careful management.

Leaving some areas uncut will help to promote the growth of naturally occurring spring or summer meadow plants, which attract butterflies and bees. It may be possible to over seed these areas to introduce other wild flowers for next season. This sort of habit is rapidly disappearing and it is rare these days to find natural meadowland unaffected by pesticides or fertilizer.

The cut in the middle of May was the first in relation to the trial and it will take a little time for the whole plan to mature but by the end of the summer, when the longer grassed areas are finally cut, we hope that the benefits will become apparent. There is a leaflet in the Church Porch which explains in more detail what we are hoping to achieve. Also there is more information on the CfGA website if anyone is interested.

In relation to the main cut this may be done by traditional methods i.e. using scythes so if you see a larger group in the Grave Yard at the end of summer you will know what is happening. In this respect we may be able to entice Ross Poldark to make an appearance when more filming takes place at Horton Court later this year.

Jane Kenchington

Jane is leaving the Benefice in July to take up a new position in Solihull and her final service will be at Saint John's Chipping Sodbury at 10.30am Sunday 19th July and this will be a Benefice Service.

However in order to accommodate Ministers in other Churches, Schools, Civic dignitaries, various organisations in the area (not of our Benefice) who would like to say cheerio to Jane too, we are having a 4pm service for her to which the Benefice can invite lots of people who wouldn't be able to come to the morning Service. The service will take the form of a 'Songs of Praise' Service with Jane supplying us with 4-5 hymns and music slots that she'd like to share with everyone; she can tell us what they mean to her as well. This will be followed by a tea. Please come along to one or both of those Services.

Jane's last service at Horton will be on Sunday 12th July at 11.15pm and this will be a Service of Holy Communion.

We wish Jane and her family well in her new position and thank her for her friendship, pastoral oversight and ministry to us since joining the Benefice. In particular for the huge contribution she has made to bring the four Parishes much closer together both practically and spiritually.

Peter Fewing

Peter Fewing, who has been with us in the Benefice for nearly twelve months will be Ordained as a Priest at Gloucester Cathedral at 3.00pm on Saturday 20th June 2015. He would very much appreciate some support him and anyone wishing to go and would like to make use of the coach being organised please sign the sheet inside the Church.

Harvest festival service in the church on Sunday 11th October

Harvest Lunch in the hall Sunday 25th October.

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July 19th 2015



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Litter in Horton

Here is some of the litter and rubbish collected in just a few minutes on one short stretch of Hall Lane. This is typical of the litter dumped thoughtlessly on every road leading out of the village in every direction - mostly McDonalds containers, lager cans and Red Bull and Coke cans, but there's also evidence of more serious fly-tipping in hedgerows and lay-bys.

Litter is regularly collected around Horton by hardy souls such as Derek Pearce and Rosie Craig. Any help that you can give would be appreciated. When you're out walking your dog or just for a stroll, maybe think about taking a carrier bag with you and picking up any rubbish you see. Sharp metal and broken plastic is dangerous for pets and wildlife, and can even give you a puncture.

And if you witness people littering, don't be afraid to say something!



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Katherine Standerwick

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