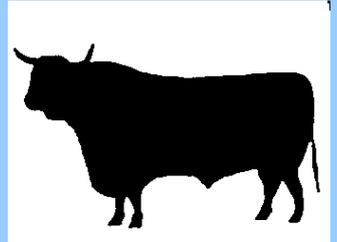


THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED FOR THE HORTON AND LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



Dates for the diary...

Sunday 28th June 3pm—5pm—Afternoon teas at the Hall

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August—Afternoon teas at the Hall

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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

Special points of

interest:

Horton School

From the editor:-

Dear Readers

Summer is nearly here and I think we are all hoping for some lovely sunshine.

Slightly fewer articles this month so please keep sending them in for the next edition. Thank you for all the information sent through for this edition.

Happy reading!

Katherine



Events from St James the Elder:-

All services are held at 11:15am on Sundays

Friends of Horton School Barn Dance

Saturday 9th May at Horton Village Hall

Barn Dance 6pm—8.30pm

Hotdog included in ticket price

family(4) ticket £20, Child £5 and adult £7

Bar and raffle all raising funds for Horton School

Contact Marina Hawker on

07971 011662

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Announcements



Welcome to David who has moved into the Barton and Tom and Antonia who have recently moved into Bridlepath Cottage. We hope you are settling in well to Village life.

Wanted flat for rent

Does anyone have a room or studio flat to rent locally to a man who has relocated to this area to work at Williams Morgan at Totter oak. If so please call 01454 315112 and ask for Dave in our trim department.

For Sale

Mamas and Papas Pliko pramette, converts from lie flat position pram for babies 0-6 months into a pushchair for children up to 4 years old.

Includes foot muff and rain cover. £10

Please email Katherine at kstanderwick@btinternet.com



FOR SALE!

Shoes; Hotter make size 5 sandals

Size 5 Ankle boots Silver grey

Black gloves size 6 1/2 New

Gloves brown and tan size 7 new

Norma Dori Head scarf stirrups motif

2 x Estee Lauder Lipsticks (Perfect Tulip and Maple Sugar)

Various Costume Jewellery

Apply Mrs Brigitte A Stafford Tel:- 01454 324094

Bridlepath

Would ALL people who walk their dogs on the Bridlepath through the garden and Caravan Site at Horseshoe Farm PLEASE keep your dogs on a lead and clear up after them. Amazingly I don't enjoy going out with my shovel to scoop up after YOUR dogs. Lots of children use this path including my grandchildren and it is not nice when they step in the mess. Apart from the health hazard it is an offence to let your dogs soil a public footpath. I would appreciate your co-operation. Pat Tily.

Notice of an event at Chipping Sodbury Festival

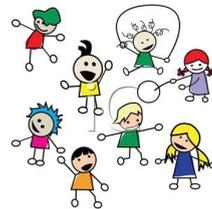
Date for your diary:- Saturday June 13th, 7.30pm at Sodbury Town Hall. 'From Captivity to a Castle'

Tom Hart-Dyke (who has a famous sister) will return to tell us about being kidnapped while plant-hunting, and the subsequent result of a wonderful garden at his family home at Lullingstone, Kent. True story, but also real entertainment!

See the website which is still in the process of being completed :- chippingsodburyfestival.co.uk for all the other events planned from June 12th-21st.

Fancy a night out and need a babysitter?

A mother of 3 young children, fully CRB checked, my own transport and working during the daytime at a local school please give Katherine a call on 07866 981084 or email kstanderwick@btinternet.com. Happy to look after babies and children from 0-12 years old.



Visit to the Somme and Ypres

For a long time I have wanted to make a pilgrimage to the Somme Battlefields. Research into my Grandfather's war records, establishing that this was where he had been drafted for most of his WW1 service and the marking of the Hundredth Anniversary gave me the impetus to do it in October of last year.

Rex and Jackie Isaac, Mike and Chris Gordon joined me for the four day trip, which was to include a day in and around Ypres. We travelled south for a couple of hours after arriving in Calais to Cambrin Church and Cemetery, which was the British base area, described by Edmund Blunden and Robert Graves. The Cemetery is in the middle of Cambrin, next to the Church and village cemetery and has over 1203 graves all immaculately kept. The Village was a casualty clearing station during the war and hence has a lesser number of unmarked graves.

Our base for the trip was in Arras and on Sunday morning we first visited Serre which was the location of the Northern Pals Battalions on July 1st 1916. When we arrived there was a thick mist which gave the



whole area an eerie quality. We were taken up a small track away from the main Cemetery, which led to four other small Cemeteries the first being Serre Road No.3, which was right on the original front line. As we gathered around the mist began to lift and within a couple of minutes the sun burst through and we could see the village of Serre, which was the object of the attack, less than a mile away and two of the other three Cemeteries.

We then walked further up the track to a small copse where it is still possible to see the line of the original front line trenches by way of a slight depression in the ground and past the memorial to the Northern Pals Battalions. To the west of the copse, down a small incline was the site of another small cemetery called 'Railway Hollow' cemetery; its name is derived from the light railway which ran along the base of the incline and was used to bring troops, food, munitions etc. up to the front line. It was here that we placed a small wooden cross, with the names of the servicemen remembered on the War Memorial in Horton Church, on an unmarked grave. We stood quietly and thought about them and the sacrifice that they made.

2nd Lt. P.A. Bourdillon RE.
L/Cpl. J.R. Iles 2nd Bn. Essex Regt.
Pte. J.T. Whittern 15th Bn. Hants Regt

At the Ulster Tower, built as a memorial to 36th Division, we toured the recently restored trenches, giving us some idea of what a pristine front line trench was like. These trenches provided the launch point for one of the earliest gas attacks of the war.

I have previously referred to the unmarked graves and earlier on in the year when the road adjacent to the cemetery was being widened two bodies were found, one unidentifiable and one which provided enough clues as to be able to be identified. The name of the second soldier is engraved on the walls of the Thiepval Memorial, visible from the Ulster Tower just over the trees. This year, in the summer, that name will be removed and the body reburied, as will the other remains, with full military honours in the Ulster Cemetery. This sort of discovery is not particularly unusual despite the efforts that were made after the War to find the missing. In fact the whole battlefield was divided into a grid which was meticulously searched for bodies, each discovery being recorded with full details of the remains found.

In the afternoon we travelled on to Newfoundland Park, the memorial to the Newfoundland Regiment and the site of preserved trenches from 1916, where the ground has been left undisturbed since the cessation of hostilities. Later we moved on to La Boisselle, and the site of the Lochnagar mine crater and finally late in the afternoon we visited the Devonshire Cemetery and learnt of the slaughter of the Devonshire Regiment during their attack on 1st July 1916.

On Monday morning we drove north into Belgium to visit first the Tyne Cot Cemetery and Visitors Centre. This is the largest British Military

Cemetery in the world and is in many ways overwhelming but, as in all the cemeteries that we visited, it had a feeling of peace and tranquillity which can only be described as beautiful. There is an incredible feeling, particular at the smaller cemeteries that the soldiers buried there are at last at rest in a rural English country garden. All the cemeteries are extremely well maintained and looked after but the sheer scale of Tyne Cot reinforces the level of care by the CWGC.

'Tyne Cot' or 'Tyne Cottage' was the name given by the Northumberland Fusiliers to a barn which stood near the level crossing on the Passchendaele-Broodseinde road. The barn, which had become the centre of five or six German blockhouses, or pill-boxes, was captured by the 3rd Australian Division on 4th October 1917, in the advance on Passchendaele. One of these pill-boxes was unusually large and was used as an advanced dressing station after its capture. From 6 October to the end of March 1918, 343 graves were made, on two sides of it, by the 50th Northumbrian and 33rd Divisions, and by two Canadian units. The cemetery was in German hands again from 13 April to 28 September, when it was finally recaptured, with Passchendaele, by the Belgian Army.

The Cemetery was greatly enlarged after the Armistice when remains were brought in from the battlefields of Passchendaele and Langemarck, and from a few small burial grounds. There are now 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery. 8,369 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to more than 80 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials commemorate 20 casualties whose graves were destroyed by shell fire. At the suggestion of King George V, who visited the cemetery in 1922, the Cross of Sacrifice was placed on the original pill-box.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of the Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16 August 1917 and whose graves are not known. Walking around and looking at name after name one can almost become detached and immune to the sheer scale of the slaughter but when you find an individual name next to which someone, presumably a relative, has attached a photograph, it becomes incredibly personal and poignant.



We later visited Vancouver Corner the site of the first gas attack and then on to Langemark, a German Cemetery and the resting place for over 44,000 German soldiers. In contrast to the British Cemeteries it is not particularly well maintained, being funded by public subscriptions rather than through government and is dark, dreary and frankly depressing.

At Varlet Farm where we were shown a huge collection of memorabilia, dug up by the owner from his fields before travelling on to Hooge to see the mine carters, trenches and bunkers followed by Hill 60, the site of bitter fighting and mining activity throughout the war, before finally arriving in Ypres. The town was completely destroyed by shell fire and has been entirely rebuilt to match the original buildings. At 8.0pm we attended 'The Last Post Ceremony' at the Menin Gate, which has been performed every evening since 1928, concluding always with the sounding of the 'last post'. This year will mark the 30,000th act of remembrance and my attendance was one of the most important on the list of things that I was able to cross off my 'bucket list'.

The next day, the last of our trip we visited The Tank memorial and Australian 2nd Division memorial on route to Thiepval and our Eurotunnel crossing from Calais. The Thiepval Memorial is probably the grandest in scale and is the largest of all the Memorials to the Missing. The site of the towering arch disappearing into the low mist was a particularly moving experience and the memorial lists over 70,000 British and 830 South African soldiers who died in the area between July 1915 and March 1918 but have no known graves. The way the tower peeps over the skyline for miles around and is visible from parts of the 1st July 1916 front makes it particularly impressive.

This was a truly memorable trip in so many ways and fulfilled a long standing ambition on my part to visit the WW1 battlefields. The travel company we used was excellent and the company from the village was as enjoyable as ever.

Richard Needs
October 2014

NEWS FROM HORTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL



We had a very busy spring term. We had a visit from Angela Jarquin, a Fairtrade cocoa producer from Nicaragua. The Mayor also joined us. Angela talked to the children, with the help of an interpreter, about her work. She talked about living in poverty and how Fairtrade has made a difference to her life. The children benefitted enormously by hearing a first-hand account of how cocoa is grown and the way Fairtrade has made a difference.

We have been learning about the Romans this term. The children have

made their own shields and have practised different formations, including the turtle which was used by the Roman Legions during battle. We all went off on a coach to the Corinium Museum at Cirencester earlier this month to learn more about the Romans. The children really enjoyed the experience.

I am trying to organise a Community Cohesion week in the summer term. I am looking for people from the local community who would be interested in coming in to talk to the children about their jobs. If you would be happy to come in for half an hour or so we would really appreciate it. Please contact us on enquiries@hortonprimary.org.uk.



Would you like to raise money for your favourite charity whilst getting fit and having fun?

Entries for the 4th annual Hawkesbury 5K Run open on **1st March 2015**. Visit our website www.hu5k.org to enter and pay online or download an entry form. You can also download a sponsorship form to raise money for a charity of your choice.

Whether you are a regular runner, a beginner, or a family that want to get fit together we have something for everyone. Not run before but would like to take part or feeling a bit rusty and need some additional motivation?

Visit www.nhs.uk/livewell/c25k/pages/couch-to-5K.asp where you will find a 9 week training plan along with podcasts that you can download to give you your own personal trainer and some motivational music to train to.

Want to walk it? We'd love to see you too!

hu5k gets more popular each year and with this year's entries capped at 300 we recommend registering early, so book your place for **Saturday 20th June 2015** and come and join in the fun.

For more information, visit our website: www.hu5k.org, call Vicki Parker on 07824 640540, or email vicki.parker@ezek.com. HU5K is organised by Hawkesbury Primary School PTA, so all funds raised go to our village school.

A big thank you to the Hawkesbury Writers Group for their generous donation of £50. Additional corporate event sponsors are also needed – if you think you can help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Hedge Cutter
Jethro Tool
Seth Pitt

The MANGLED WURZELS ARE COMING TO HORTON

A FUN PACKED EVENING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
HORTON SCHOOL

FRIDAY 3 JULY 7:30 - 11:30 @ HORTON VILLAGE HALL
£15.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDES SUPPER - CHILLI & HOTDOGS

PLUS TOMBOLA, COUNTRY STALLS,
PHOTOGRAPHER, BUCKING BRONCO, CARTOONIST
AND LOTS MORE

 **FOR TICKETS PHONE OR TEXT
KAREN ON 07962 907431**

ALL WELCOME - HAVE FUN AND DRESS IN CHARACTER!

We would also welcome enquiries from local trade people who may like a stall at the event.

Please contact Karen as per Mangled Wurzels poster details.

Horton School have two water butts to be free to the collector! Also a couple of compost bins. At least one bin has a lid.

They are not able to have water stored, and are changing the use of the small garden.

Please contact Mrs Lesley Leahy on 01454 318834.

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We are a small rural school in an idyllic setting just outside Chipping Sodbury for boys & girls aged between 4 & 11 years.

Your children will benefit from small class sizes, high quality adult support and the warm, personal feel to the school.

We Still Have Spaces For September!
Visits Are Warmly Welcomed

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CRICKET, LOVELY CRICKET

Do you want to play cricket this year? Whether you would like to play just one or two games or play every Saturday, we want to hear from you! If you are the next Joe Root or you feel that you have taken root to the sofa, we want you to join us.

Hawkesbury CC is a friendly village cricket club that welcomes players of all ages and abilities.

This year, we are running two Saturday teams. Our first team currently plays in division 3 of the Gloucestershire County Cricket League. Our second team will be playing friendly cricket in the lower reaches of the Stroud League.

In addition, we also have a very active youth section, running four teams at U9s, U11s, U13s, and U15s/U17s. They play in the Stroud & District Cricket Association Youth Leagues and compete in regional cups.

We are also looking to see if there is interest in bringing back our women's team, who would play friendly cricket against local sides.

Our club is very much at the heart of village life. We hold a number of social events throughout the year, including our annual Rounders Tournament, Race Night and Presentation Evening.

If you would like to find out more, please contact either:

Jay Westwood: 07875 525311 / Dean Simmonds: 01454 238327

Barry Wright: 01454 299034 / Anne & Bernie Evans: 01454 294202

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Katherine Standerwick

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