

From the editor

Dear readers

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and are looking forward to 2017.

Thank you for all the contributions for this edition.

The nights are getting lighter now—hooray! Who knows we may even get some snow this month! Hope you enjoy his month's issue.

Happy reading!

Katherine x

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Dates for the diary ...

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- 17th Feb Ninebarrow - see page 6**
- 24th Feb "Food for thought' quiz night**
- 15th March Eddie and the Gold Tops—Badapple Theatre**

TITANIUM

Grants for Community Projects

Calling all Village Groups and Organisations – the South Gloucestershire Area Grants has now changed and is called the Member Awarded Funding Scheme. The local councillor – in this case, me – Sue Hope – has £3000 to allocate to local registered groups operating in the Cotswold Edge Ward.

If you are interested in applying for a grant - contact me to discuss in the first instance – I have application and guidance forms. Details can also be found on www.southglos.gov/MAF

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SMALL, FRIENDLY YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are held each Thursday morning in the Methodist School Room, Back Street, Hawkesbury Upton from 10am to 11.30am. Suitable for all ages and abilities, £6 a session. For more information call 01454 238044.

A message from the Village Hall Committee

Dear Villagers

We need to raise money for ongoing maintenance and a storage conversion project at the village hall. One of the tasks planned is to decorate and re-tile the old section of the kitchen. A little while ago a number of the villagers "bought a tile" on which they have written a message of their choice. These are to form the top of splash-back tiles. Should anyone wish to subscribe and have their personal message displayed in the kitchen, please contact Barbera Denton 1454319889 or barbera.denton@gmail.com. Donations of £25 or beyond would be greatly appreciated. For examples please see the photograph below.



HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Dave Morgan's Sodbury Slog

On Sunday 13th November 2016 (remembrance Sunday) I headed off to Chipping Sodbury School for the annual mud frolic. After the infamous "Terry the Tornado" disc warm-up (does anyone remember the Green Goddess??? Well a bit like that but men in tights???) and this year accompanied by his new backing group the Soul Sisters, we had a rather moving remembrance day service before joining up with 1,400 like minded (some say simple minded) souls before heading off on this year's epic Sodbury Slog!!!

A string of runners could be seen heading across the fields from Chipping Sodbury up to Little Sodbury manor, running through the "sheep dip", "Pig trough" and of course LOTS of mud.... I had spent days musing over my costume (it's now become traditional) and finally decided to run as a Gondolier, fabulous!! Only one problem almost all the field and spectators thought I was a "Morris dancer" ...WHAT WITH THESE LEGS?

After two and a half hours, including a forty minute wait at the Pig trough while race officials extracted numerous participants out of the very sticky mud, the end was in site. Past the drummer at Waitrose, up the high street and amazingly I had made it...Phew!!! A quick hose down to remove most of the mud (smelly) and an invigorating COLD shower then off to meet the village team for a swift rehydration programme.

A really successful day all round with Linda's band of village marshals raising £150 for Village Hall funds and my sponsors, you brilliant people pledging over £550 to be divided between more good causes...GREAT!

Thanks to all for your support and if I missed anyone you can still donate to the pot...

Dave M

Christmas Run-up events

The Dinner held at the Old Royal Ship on 3rd December started the festive season in a lovely way! The food was superb, (and very plentiful!) and ditto the company!!

The next week saw the Carol Service in Horton Church which was beautiful, with glorious singing from the Choir and congregation (maybe more gusto than glorious in the case of the latter)!!

The children of Horton School performed their Christmas songs – a reminder of the meaning of Christmas for us all. Refreshments and chatter followed, also very festive!!

A very relaxed time was had by all who came to the Village Hall on 17th December for the 'Christmas Chill-Out' - a few mulled wines and mince pies really did make the 'season merry and bright'!!

Father Christmas appeared here and there in Horton – at the school, and at the toddlers Christmas Party – very exciting!

Just the New Year's Eve Party on Saturday to look forward to and then back to Zumba, Pilates and generally de-toxing!!!

Happy New Year to us all!!

Caroline

Life at Horton CE VA Primary School

As usual, we had an extremely busy run up to Christmas. We performed our nativity play in the beautifully decorated church. The children did very well, remembering their lines and singing enthusiastically. Some of our children also attended the village carol concert and sang for the congregation.



Our older children sang some Christmas carols to elderly people who use the Cambrian Green services for dementia. They were very appreciative and sent a box of biscuits as a thank you.



I want to thank village residents for their support for the school, particularly Dave Morgan who helped us out over the Christmas period and made a donation to the school after completing the Sodbury Slog in unusual attire! I also want to thank members of the local community who come up to the school to help out in different capacities. It is very much appreciated. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Party held at the Village Hall on 29th December. Special thanks go to Alison Barlow without whose help and encouragement I would probably not have persevered, and to Keith, Heather (Alison's sister) and her husband James not forgetting new Dad Leigh who all ran the games so well. Thanks also go to Jane Cox who ran the craft area for the young ones when they wanted a break from the games, to Marina for her fab facepainting (Tigerlily Facepainting), to Pat Gough and Christine Edwards who with me made many cups of tea for the Mums and Dads and to those who helped with food for the children and cake for grownups.

Thanks also go to the Village Hall and Williams Automobiles for their donations to help with the costs.

I think that I'm safe in saying that the event was a success with many new friends made, both with parents and children, we all rush around in our cars and don't always get the chance to say hello. We have been asked if we would do the same again next year....watch this space and for those who say that there are not many children in the village, there are well over 40 under 10's in Horton and Little Sodbury End!

Pat Tily

"A massive thank you to all involved in organising the children's Christmas party it was great fun."





Ninebarrow

A well regarded folk duo are performing at Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall on Friday 17th February at 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments. Tickets £8.00 or £7 concessions. Contact 07711672007 or boxoffice@halsvh.org.uk for tickets.

A Ninebarrow concert is a hugely engaging evening of entertainment, a mix of song and storytelling which transports the audience through mysterious folktales, wild landscapes and fascinating bits of history.

Engaging, charismatic and humorous - Ninebarrow are winning new fans wherever they go. See them live, and you'll quickly understand why.

'Another example of how strong British folk music is at the moment.' *The Telegraph.*

'Exquisite harmonies: apt, appealing and pitch-perfect.' *R2 Magazine*

'What an immaculate affair this is – beautifully performed' *EFDSS Magazine*

Most recently, Ninebarrow's second album, 'Releasing the Leaves', was released to wide-spread critical acclaim. Recorded and produced in the duo's own studio and mastered by Mark Tucker (whose other credits include Show of Hands and Fairport Convention) the album received a raft of stellar reviews including five stars in both Maverick Magazine and the English Dance and Song Magazine produced by the EFDSS. Receiving airplay on national and regional radio stations across the UK, including the BBC Radio 2 Folk Show, it was described by Suzi Klein on BBC Radio 3 as demonstrating the duo's harmonies 'to perfection'. It was also awarded four stars by The Telegraph and listed in the paper's Top Folk Albums of 2016.

Find out more from their website: www.ninebarrow.co.uk .

New Years Eve Party

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Hall on 31 December – we had a great night!!

Thanks to Caroline and Tony for organising, Nick for the music and the 'chimes', David for running the bar, Jeff Glanville for the bottle of Bells for the Whisky Roll, and to everyone who provided a banquet for their table!!

Many thanks to everyone who helped set-up beforehand, and then on the clear-up on the day after!

Happy New Year to you all!!!!

Announcements



Happy 30th birthday to Dominic Fannon on 2nd January

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas coffee morning held at the village hall on 19th November. We raised a fantastic £550 for FAB, (Frenchay after burns for children).

Wishing you all a very happy new year!

Sue and Emma

Book Worm Corner

The Guilty One by Lisa Ballantyne

An 8 year old boy is found dead in a playground...and his 11 year old neighbour is accused of the crime. Leading the defence is London solicitor Daniel Hunter, a champion of lost causes.

A damaged boy from a troubled home, Daniel's young client, Sebastian, reminds him of his own turbulent childhood, and of Minnie, the devoted woman whose love saved him.

I am not a fan of books about child killers or abuse but found this book, though about the death of a child, was much more about Daniel and his life and relationships and how the circumstances of this crime brought back his own childhood memories.

MISTRESS OF THE ART OF DEATH BY ARIANA FRANKLIN

Four children turn up murdered in 12th century Cambridge, England, and the restless Catholic townspeople immediately pin the blame on the local Jews. As the Jews flee to the safety of the Castle, King Henry 11 seeking the truth as much as the return of his Jewish citizens to their tax-paying status hires a highly recommended investigator from the Salerno School of Medicine in Sicily to uncover the true killer. Enter Adelia, the so-called mistress of the art of death, who is not at all what Henry had been expecting. Whereas in Sicily, women attend medical school (Adelia studied a rudimentary form of forensic science, dissecting pigs in a Salerno lab), in England a female doctor would be labelled a witch. In a romantic twist Adelia is attracted to a handsome tax collector, Sir Rowley, who is close to King Henry.

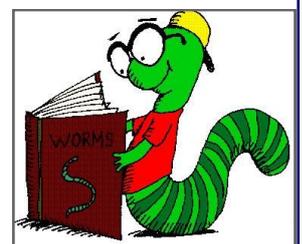
Ariana Franklin, wife of Barry Norman, produces a gripping narrative with meticulous detail about everything from the topography of Cambridge to race relations to medical conventions of the era. The religious warfare strikes a particularly modern chord and the insights into the mind of Henry, 11 and the way he made a huge difference to life in medieval England were very interesting. I have read all the books in this series and learnt a great deal about life in those times.

Thought for the New Year:-

*LOVE IS COMPOSED OF A SINGLE SOUL INHABITING TWO BODIES
'ARISTOTLE'*

What would you loan from your library?

'A BOOK WORM'.





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Happy New Year to all our customers! Thank you for making 2016 a year to remember for the Stores!

We celebrated the end of the year with a small get-together for our volunteers just before Christmas, attended by around 50 of the team. At the event our Chair thanked all those who have given time and energy to our community-owned business. He told us that around 2,500 hours have been donated in-store since we opened in June, and hundreds more behind the scenes.

And then he announced some HUGE news to end the year on a high. We have been successful in our largest grant application of £35k! This money will be used to refurbish part of the property and make improvements to the shop - including installing a small cafe area. Then, just a couple of days later, we heard that we have also been granted another £10k for a new till system and chillers! Read the full story at: <http://hawkesbury-stores.co.uk/a-big-announcement-to-end-2016/>

2017 is set to be a busy year, and we can't wait to get cracking! Find us on Facebook, or sign up to our newsletter via the website, to keep up with all the news.



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Evening Worship

1st Saturday of Month

COFFEE AND CHAT

10am to 12 midday



3rd Thursday of Month

SING UP - PRAISE & PRAYER

8pm

Bert Weenink, our Pastor for the past 16 years, retired at the end of September, and we have not yet appointed his successor. For any further details, please contact Steve & Sue Mills, Chapel View, Little Sodbury End. 07790 984645

St James the Elder Church, Horton

Dates for the diary

Pencil in! Sunday 22nd October
2017 ...**Harvest Lunch**



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