



## Dates for the diary ...

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

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**16 July**

*Watch Wimbledon Men's final over strawberries and cream, Pimms, tea and cakes at the Village Hall*

**20th August**

*Afternoon teas with a local history theme (Horton History Detectives)*

**22nd October St James the Elder**

*Harvest Lunch, 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Reserve your place! Contact Pat Tily, Jackie Isaac or Alison Barlow.*

**6th October Quiz night with supper**

**15th October Winter Bull Run**

**28th October**

*Ladies evening, Bollywood and belly dancing with Maisie Martini*

**25th November**

*Horton PCC are holding a barn dance in aid of the church on Saturday 25th November to include a ploughmans supper starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, these evenings are generally great fun.*

**From the editor**

Dear readers

Apologies that the newsletter is a little later this month, it's a very busy time of year as the end of the school term is approaching! I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine so far and are looking forward to the summer ahead.

Thank you for all the articles this month. Happy reading!

Katherine x

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**HORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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



# Hawkesbury Stores

A COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS

After a few weeks in our pop-up shop at The Fox, we are back at 'home'! And it's an all-new light, bright and spacious home since the refurbishment. So, what's new?

We have a fleet of brand new upright fridges and freezers, which has allowed us to stock a much wider range of frozen foods including lots of different flavours from Marshfield Ice-creams, frozen meals for one, and a large vegetarian selection. We have a wonderful new coffee machine and are able to serve fresh coffee, cappuccino, latte or hot chocolate to take away drink in, because we have a couple of tables you can sit at while you sip and chat with a friend. We'll be serving cakes too, in the future. Still to come is a small veg chiller, which will really improve our ability to provide high quality fruit and vegetables.

Huge thanks to Aggie and Giuseppe at The Fox for hosting us so generously over the past weeks. And thanks to the army of more than 50 volunteers who gave their time, strength and expertise to make the refurbishment and relocation possible.

**We'll be celebrating our first birthday one year after our Grand Opening, on Saturday 22 July 2017 10am-12pm. Please join us for free tasters of new products, the launch of a summer hamper raffle, and the unveiling of the Hawkesbury Stores Hare (to join in with the Cotswold Hare Trail).**



## 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.

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## Summer term at Horton CE VA Primary School

We are having the usual busy summer term, taking part in all sorts of things. There has been a lot of singing and sport going on this term. Our production was Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. It went down extremely well! We have some very talented young actors and actresses at the school.



There are really mixed emotions this time of year as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We will miss them enormously but know that they are ready for the next stage in their adventure.

As part of our Inside Out Week, we will be having visitors to the school talking about different religious faiths. We have also hired the Life Bus where the children will learn about how to take care of themselves and to keep healthy and safe. We will also be paying a visit to @Bristol where the children will be given the opportunity to do a bit of star gazing.

We say goodbye to two members of staff this term. Miss Peplow is leaving us to begin her training as a teacher and Mrs Mansbridge is looking forward to having a well-deserved rest, (that is, until her grandchild arrives). They will be greatly missed.

## HORTON HISTORY DETECTIVES

Interested in the history of the village in which you live? Do you have any information or photos of Horton or Little Sodbury in times gone by?

If so we would like to invite those who have information to bring it along to the Village Hall on Sunday 20th August [2-4pm](#) and share it with other interested Hortonians.

If you have anything you think others may be interested in then please let either Judy Redfearn or Carol Brodie know, giving some idea of what you have to show and how much table space you would need to put it out for others to see.

If you don't have any information about the village but would like to know more then come along and see what you can find out.

Tea, coffee and cake will be on sale to allow you to recharge your batteries after learning more about Horton and its history.



## News from the Village Hall

Just to update you on developments at the Village Hall:

- We are about to order a wifi connection for the hall. We know that the mobile signal is very poor there, so wifi should make life easier for everyone. It should also enable us to attract local businesses to hire the hall for seminars etc.
- We've just ordered new chairs to replace the old brown stacking ones. They'll be much more comfortable (with padded seats) and will be easier to store and move around.
- The planned improvements to the back store room are being carried out at the end of August. We'll be creating better access from the back of the hall, underneath the projection screen, with big sliding doors so we can manoeuvre large items in and out. It'll also provide a proper backstage area for theatrical productions. There will be a mezzanine floor inside the store room to increase the storage space.

As ever, bookings are busy. We've already taken several bookings for 2018 and even one for 2019! Be sure to book early if you want to reserve a slot for your special event.

The Village Hall committee

### Report from South Gloucestershire Councillor Sue Hope

For those of you travelling into Bristol or Bath, you need to be aware of the **Bromley Heath Viaduct Works** – Large repair works which are taking place in the summer – the viaduct is on the Ring Road, and people have been advised about the disruption.

These works are now impacting on the local area – temporary traffic lights are being introduced on the B4465/A46 junction (Tormarton) to enable smoother traffic flows as traffic will be signed to leave the ring road and travel via the B4465 to access the motorway junction. Please be advised that there will be more traffic in the area.

#### **M4/Junction 18a**

There will be consultation on the Options for a new motorway junction later in the summer. This will give two options for a route to the motorway from the ring road- A4174. It doesn't appear that the link to Yate is included in these Options.

**Community Engagement Forum** – the next Forum for Horton & Little Sodbury Parishes is on the 26<sup>th</sup> July at the Old Grammar School, Chipping Sodbury, starting at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to raise matters of concern.

**The Cotswolds AONB Conservation Board** has produced its Annual Report reporting on the works and achievements of the Board during the last year. Check out [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) for further information.

**The Cotswolds Way, which is a National Trail is well** used; it is managed by the AONB officer – it has been suggested that organized groups should be asked to make a donation to help with the upkeep of paths in the area. The AONBCB also runs a Visitor Giving scheme asking those visiting the area to help support it.

#### **PREVENT**

In the light of recent terrorist attacks, South Gloucestershire Council is providing free Home Office accredited training to voluntary, social enterprise and community groups to help protect our communities.

As a precursor to 7 day open access in libraries; **Yate Library** will be closed at the end of August.- check out the website for further details.

**Member Awarded Funding** – last year the local playgroup benefitted from a small grant; if your group is interested in a small grant, please get in touch to discuss with me.

If I can help with any other matters, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

We all want to enjoy the benefits of living in the beautiful rural village of Horton. Many of us also own a dog, which can bring great happiness but is also a big responsibility.

A group of dog loving and dog owning villagers have got together to create a campaign to promote responsible dog ownership within Horton, seeking to improve quality of life for us all, including our dogs.

Watch this space for a leaflet drop coming your way soon!

Here's some ideas on how to both care for your dog and respect your neighbours:

- \*Train your dog - a well-behaved and properly socialised dog is less likely to upset people and other pets in public places.
- \*Pick up after your dog within residential areas
- \*Do not leave a barking dog outdoors. Continuous barking is not only unfair to your dog, as it is likely they are stressed or frustrated, but it can also be upsetting and frustrating for your neighbours too.
- \*Do not let your dog wander the village or get out of your sight. This may lead to an accident where people, other animals, property and your dog may be injured. They may also mess in inappropriate places including in other villagers' gardens.

**Let's give dog owners a good name in Horton!**

Did you know we have dog training at Horton Village Hall? 'Clever Canine Education' offers a wide range of dog training classes and private home visits. Contact Emma on 07813 826008 for further information.

Want further advice? Contact the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) via [www.apdt.co.uk](http://www.apdt.co.uk), as recommended by the RSPCA, or see [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk).



*A collective of neighbourly Hortonians*

**Come and join us at  
Horton Toddler Group  
Every Wednesday during term time..  
10am-11:30am  
at Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall**

**£2 for children, £1 for babies under 6 months  
includes crafts, play and snack...  
Plus a well deserved cuppa for parents and carers**

**Hope to see you there!**



## **HORTON SCHOOL REUNION**

A big thank you to Margaret Bond, Emma Cordy-Rugman and Brenda Cordy for organising the Horton School reunion on 1st July, it was lovely to see some old faces, reminisce about old times and see how the school had changed since some of us had been there. Also a big thank you to Mrs Stephens and Mrs Leahey for giving up there Saturday to open the school so we could look round. The school has certainly changed a lot over the years, I remember when it almost closed in the 80s, now it is a fantastic and thriving place to learn and no sign of the ominous cupboard! :)



## **HAWKESBURY THEATRICAL GROUP 'GOLDILOCKS & THE THREE BEARS'**

**Fun read-through in The Fox on Wednesday 30th August  
from 8.15. This is just an informal reading, everyone welcome  
to join in.**

### **CASTING MEETING WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

**Methodist School Room, Back Street at 8.15pm**

Following the success of our last show 'A Question of Drama' in March, we are already planning ahead for our next production. This will be a Pantomime and will take place on 24th & 25th November with a matinée performance on the Saturday and a dress rehearsal on 19th November. If you would like to be involved in any way, whether on stage or back stage, please come along to the meeting. This is also open to young people aged 14 and over who would like to take part in the adult rehearsals.

*Call Fiona Webb on 238758 for more information.*

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Evening Worship

**1st Saturday of month**  
'COFFEE AND CHAT'  
10am to 12 midday



**Tuesdays - term time only 9.15 to 11am**  
'COFFEE AND CHAT' with an informal  
adult art class - all materials provided,  
no skill needed! Drop in any time.  
**Pre-school children welcome - some  
toys provided**

**3rd Thursday of month at 8pm**  
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SOCIAL CLUB**

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# BEER FESTIVAL

**18th, 19th and 20th August 2017**

**range of real ales and ciders from local brewers**

plus entertainment from local Rock 'n' Roll Band

THE HEARTBEATS on Friday 18th and

singer RAVEL on Saturday 19th

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opening times: 1pm - 5pm all over the weekend

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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).

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