



Dates for the diary ...

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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

15th March Eddie and the Gold Tops—Badapple Theatre

9th April @ Horton Bull Run 10.30am

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!

From the editor

Dear readers

Hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter.

We are seeing glimpses of spring already with daffodils and snowdrops making an appearance in our beautiful village, with lighter nights and some welcome sunshine—hooray!

Happy reading!

Katherine x

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DON'T MAKE A DRAMA OUT OF A CRISIS!



HAWKESBURY THEATRICAL GROUP INVITE YOU TO
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A fun and interactive evening with questions on performances of songs and sketches loosely based around good old Bristle!

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Tickets available from Fiona Webb on 01454 238758 or
email: webbfamily@waitrose.com

CHIPPING SODBURY LIBRARY

Chipping Sodbury Library is likely to close unless a Community Group can be developed to carry it on, depending on decisions made by South Gloucestershire Council in March.

One of the key needs for the continuance of the library is a bank of volunteers willing to do a stint on a rota basis. There is a list of willing volunteers but not enough names on it.

This is a plea to people to offer what they can to increase the impact of one of Chipping Sodbury's facilities. Training will be given and it would be a pleasurable way to volunteer for our community.

Please respond to: rob.creer@southglos.gov.uk

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.

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Saturday 6th May 10am—2pm Coffee Morning

We are 3 women who are doing the Cotswold great hike for MacMillan Cancer. All of us have been touched in one way or another. Our aim is to raise as much as possible.

Our coffee and cake morning with raffle will be at 10am until 2pm on Saturday 6th May at Horton Village Hall. Please come along and support a great Charity.
Hope to see you all there!

Angela x

HORTON'S COMMEMORATIVE BENCH



The bench recently installed outside the Village Hall commemorates those from both Horton and Little Sodbury who fought in the Great War. The bench was funded by the Village Hall Association and the commemorative plaque by the History Group.



Sunday 9th April 10.30am.
For details phone 01454319889 or
email: barbera.denton@gmail.com

Horton Bull Run

News from the Village Hall

There are some more new developments planned for the Village Hall this year. Look out for:

- New chairs to replace the old brown stacking ones. They'll be much more comfortable (padded seats) and easier to store.*
- Improvements to the back store room. We'll be creating better access from the back of the hall and a mezzanine floor to increase the storage space.*

Meanwhile hall bookings are going from strength to strength and we're getting lots of positive comments. "Great facility with ample parking" is typical. As well as weddings, the hall's being used for golden weddings, 30th birthday parties, bellringers lunches, Beavers overnight outings etc. etc. So be sure to book early if you want to reserve a slot for your special event.

HORTON COURT

Work is progressing well at Horton Court - we have started stripping back the layers of wallpaper and paint from the walls. Some of the modern partitions have been removed to improve the circulation on the first floor. Cupboards have been opened up to reveal openings hundreds of years old. Redundant pipework and cabling is being removed and new installed hidden under floors and behind panelling wherever possible. We have discovered cigarette packets from the 1960's, newspapers from the 1980's and several signatures - one behind the panelling dating to 1927.

Scaffolding has started to go up to enable us to carry out repairs to the roofs, dormer windows and to repoint the stonework. Work to remove the 1920's bathrooms to the internal courtyard should begin in April after the bats have left their hibernation and before they start roosting.

The house feels so different already - lighter and brighter and more welcoming - I have to say it is still absolutely freezing inside with no heating!

We have had an archaeologist carrying out a 'watching brief' during excavations - so far we have found the remains of a medieval dump to the rear of the house and the possible location of the kitchen to the Norman Hall near the Stable block in the garden.

We are still on programme to complete the house by next Spring.

It is a great pleasure to see the 'Bide-a-While' seat (opposite to Glen Cottage on Horton Hill) restored – thank you to whoever is responsible!

Caroline Bannister

Has anyone lost a drone....Yeph! A drone camera and all, found in a tree in my garden....Battery is flat and it's lost a propeller...it just wants to get back home..

Dave M

**Friday 19th May Race Night
Friends of Horton School fund raiser
details to follow
Thank you**

**Marina Hawker
Friends of Horton School**



**Hawkesbury
Stores**
A COMMUNITY-
OWNED BUSINESS

The Stores are getting involved in the forthcoming Cotswold Hare Trail, which begins on 25 March and will see painted hare statues appearing all over the region. We'll be welcoming an 18" 'leveret' to the shop, to be displayed in the window until September. Our Leveret is unpainted so we've been running a competition for children to have a go at designing its decoration. We'll pick a winner in early March and it'll be carefully applied to our statue. The Beaufort Arms will be also be hosting a (much larger) hare in the pub garden throughout the trail. Do come along and see them both!

In other news, a project team has been appointed to manage the work to refurbish the stores with our grant money from the Rural Development Fund and the Big Lottery Fund. Work should begin in the spring, and we apologise in advance for any disruption this may cause in the coming months.

Finally, if you have a couple of spare hours each week or fortnight, could you consider joining our plucky team of shop volunteers? You'll receive full training, meet new people, and have a thoroughly sociable time!

HORTON SCHOOL REUNION

On Saturday 1st July at 1pm

At Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall and Horton CE VA School

10am meet at Horton Village Hall and walk up to school for 11am. The school will be open for us all to look around from 11am—1pm.

Tea and coffee will be served back at the Village Hall after for us to share any stories or memorabilia/photos.

Please invite as many people that you know that attended Horton School over the years including parents, grandparents, children or anyone who may have worked there.

Margaret Bond and Emma Cordy-Rugman



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Little Sodbury End



Sundays at 6.30pm
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



HORTON HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB
ROAD RUN FOR DRIVE-IT DAY

Sunday, April 23rd 2017

Meet at Horton Social club at
10.30 am

Drive-it day is a nationwide day to encourage owners of classic vehicles to get them on the road.

Details of the route nearer the time, but will probably be a morning run to an interesting lunch stop - Check our Facebook page for more details:

www.facebook.com/groups/HortonHistoricVehicleClub

No need to book.
No entry fee.

Any historic vehicle welcome. Rides may be available for those without a classic.

Members' cars range from a 1920's Model T Ford to a 1990's MG TF.

St James the Elder Church, Horton

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Sunday 16th April, 11.15am
EASTER DAY SERVICE

Sunday 22nd October
HARVEST LUNCH



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contacts

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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.

Katherine Standerwick