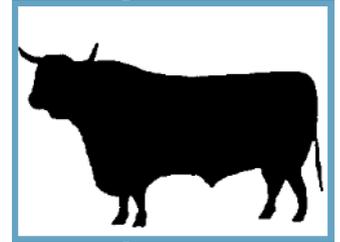


THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



From the editor

Dear readers

Happy New Year!
Wishing you a very
happy and healthy
2018...

Thank you for all
the articles this
month. I would
really like to in-
clude some more
'fun' articles if you
have any old vil-
lage photos or
memories you
would like to share
please send to me
at the normal
email address.

Many thanks
Katherine x

Please check the
website for up-
dates between
newsletters:-

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Dates for the diary ...

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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Saturday 27th January 2018—Burns Night (page 8)

Friday 23rd February 2018—Noche Cubana evening (page 2)

Friday 9th March 2018—The Carrivick Sisters—an evening of bluegrass and folk music

Saturday 12th May 2018—Badapple Theatre present "Amy Johnson"



*"Escaped? No, it's the new
Horton traffic calming scheme"*

George H.

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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



Booty Camp Class in the Village Hall

New class for the new year:

A unisex fitness class for those wanting to burn fat, tone and strengthen in ALL areas of the body, particularly the *bum, tum and upper arms*.

Fun and varied sessions suitable for all abilities.

1 hour sessions, pay as you go.

Contact Tess for more information 07810 203059
tess@tbatemanfitness.co.uk

Facebook @tessbatfitness

Noche Cubana - an evening of live music, food and dance!

Friday 23rd February at 7pm

Indira Roman from Cuba and Julian Segura from Colombia, both members of Ajipati, return to Horton for an evening of music that will get you to your feet! Following on from the success of Noce Latina last summer, Noche Cubana will include instruction in basic salsa steps. Dance the evening away accompanied by Indira's vibrant voice, Julian's sparkling guitar playing and Michel Padron, also from Cuba, on trumpet. Come dressed for the part - or at least in comfortable shoes. Or, if you prefer, come simply prepared to listen and soak up the atmosphere.

Tickets £20. The evening will also include canapes, a hot Cuban-style meal and coffee. The bar will be open.

Tickets available on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/noche-cubana-an-evening-of-live-music-food-and-dance-tickets-41611523186>.

Once you've bought tickets, you can reserve a table for 8, or seats for a group of 4 or more, by e-mailing your request to halsvh@petal.org.uk - or come alone or in a smaller group and join a table on the night.

Any queries, call Katharine on 07711 672007.

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The Power of Love

I had just been Baptised in a Bedford Church. The instruction by the Pastor was 'do not fall back or you will pull me in'! Well – I was so consumed by the moment that he was the last person on my mind – and so he got a drenching too! A lesson in grace, because he smiled from ear to ear whilst we dried off along with the others down in the changing rooms.

Once I had returned to the main Church Worship area, a lovely couple approached me.

They asked whether I would join their team, to travel overseas to an orphanage 'to love the children'.

Now in all honesty, I didn't really understand the significance of that description. I believed that working as a volunteer in an orphanage was about painting walls, repairing the plumbing and building work.

I considered their suggestion and sensed God saying – "Go".

Following several months of training and a week in an adjoining country adjusting to their culture, we went over the border and came to a large orphanage.

Nothing prepared me for what we saw. The building was over three floors and contained two hundred youngsters. The top floor had one hundred babies, the middle floor had fifty toddlers and the ground floor had fifty 'special needs' teenagers. The entire orphanage was run by just twenty staff. Ten for the day shift and ten for the night. They worked flat out to care for these dear children.

As we climbed the stairs in broad daylight to the top floor, I was stunned by the complete silence. Nothing. The stench of sweat hit us as we entered the huge room with cots laid out in military, uniformed rows.

The babies had all given up crying and were descending into a dormant stage, before dying where they lay.

The urgency hit us with a flash, and we tenderly picked up each child in turn, prayed for them, loved them and grin. Incredibly, and miraculously, they started to focus on our faces and smile. It was an incredible sight. They were gorgeous children, and each one needed a beautiful loving home. The noise intensified, and they came back from the brink.

We stayed there for two weeks and new teams followed to keep up the momentum. The children stopped dying, and hope filled the air.

It was an incredible time and one that had a deep impact on my life. We have a God who is LOVE. We all have a responsibility to share His love as instruments of His Peace, to a World that desperately seeks to find the Way, the Truth and Life in all its fullness.

To fall in love with God, is to forget the former things and stay focussed on Him. Others get a drenching when you do!

Jeremy Hassell

Information from the Parish Council

Please find attached the newly adopted [South Gloucestershire biodiversity action plan](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Biodiversity-Action-Plan-2016-26.pdf) available at www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Biodiversity-Action-Plan-2016-26.pdf. This sets out the local vision for wild-life.

The plan has also been broken down to parish level and here is the link to Horton's plan - www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Horton-BAP.pdf.

The document has maps showing Horton's designated wildlife sites, lists of species and suggested actions.

Sally Pattison at SGC is always interested in wildlife sightings/updates/ issues etc. Wildlife records are always needed at www.brerc.org.uk which made up Horton's list.

Christmas time at Horton CE VA Primary School

In December we enjoyed our usual Christmas festivities. The children had a party at the Village Hall and Santa came to visit bringing a gift for all the children. The infant children really enjoyed taking part in the nativity production this year, with some help from the juniors. A lot of parents commented that it was the best nativity yet so a huge thank you to class teacher Melissa Preston and class TA Taryn Meredith for all the work they put into it.



Tyndale Baptist Community Church
Little Sodbury End



Sundays at 6.30pm
Evening Worship



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

3rd Thursday of month at 8pm
'SING UP - PRAISE &
PRAYER'



I would like to say a big
Get Well Soon to Brenda who is
recovering well from her
operation in November.

We are all thinking of you and
can't wait to see you back home
soon xxx

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LAUNCH
of
HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

in Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall, GL9 1AU

on

FRIDAY 2 MARCH FROM 2.15 - 4.15pm
WHEN LOCAL AUTHOR, DEBBIE YOUNG, WILL OPEN THE LIBRARY

*There will also be childrens' craft activities & refreshments available.
If you are already a Library member don't forget to bring your Library card
or alternatively you can join on the day.*

The Library will be run fortnightly every Friday from this date and will offer books for all ages, including childrens' books, which will be supplied by the South Gloucestershire Library Service. Refreshments will be available and you are welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and to browse our selection of books. Next Library Friday 16 March 2.15-4.15pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME

*Thanks to all those local organisations who have supported the
start-up of the Library with donations.*

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PILATES

AT HORTON VILLAGE HALL

MONDAYS 9:30AM & 10:30AM
(term time only)

Classes starting in September.

The Pilates method will improve your flexibility, strength, posture and general wellbeing. The classes are suitable for all. If you're not familiar with Pilates one to one sessions are available to introduce you to the principles and get you started before joining a group session.

Places are limited, so to register call

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ROAD CLOSURE – UPPER CHALKLEY LANE, HORTON/HAWKESBURY

BRIEFING NOTE TO THE PC

The closure of Upper Chalkley Lane in Horton and Hawkesbury Upton due to safety concerns.

As you will be aware, the road has been closed since the end of December 2017 after possible subsidence issues were brought to our attention. Unfortunately during this period the barriers and signs have been continuously removed and discarded to one side contravening the legal order in place and putting motor vehicle users at potentially serious risk. In order that this does not continue the barriers will now be replaced by large concrete rings to ensure the closure remains inaccessible to motor vehicles. These will be placed during the week commencing 15th January.

Since the closures commencement an initial visual survey of the road has established that there is cause for a more detailed, geotechnical investigation. A specialist geotechnical company has been engaged and will be carrying out the investigation works on our behalf and we aim to complete the survey within 12 weeks (maximum duration)

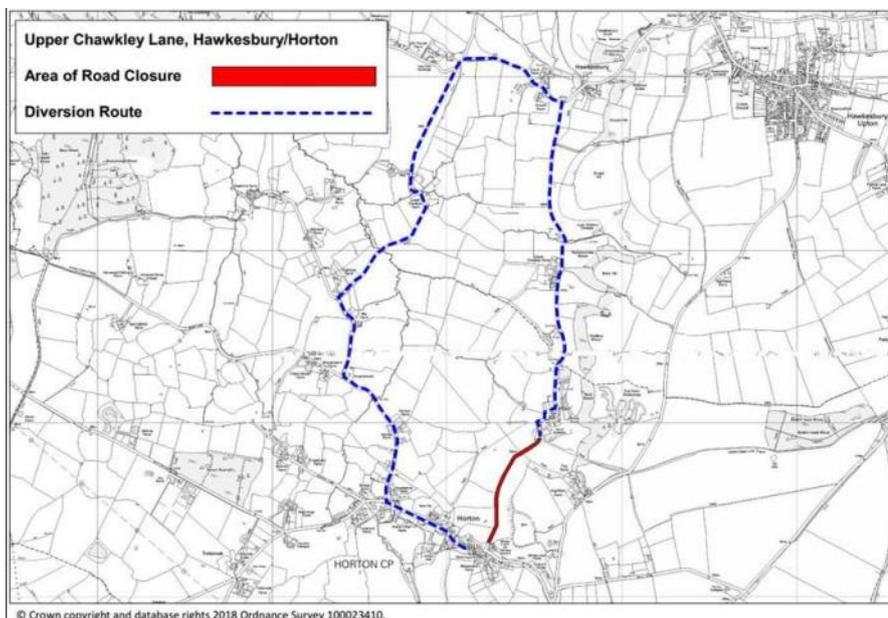
In order to carry out this extensive investigation of the road, and to ensure public safety, we need to keep the road closure in place until we know the full extent of the risk of subsidence.

The closure will be in place 24 hours a day. Access for residents will be via the signed diversion route (see map for details). The road will remain passable to pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists. Due to the size and weight of these users we are confident that these will not increase the likelihood of a slippage/failure.

We will keep local residents, members and the PC updated with the findings of the geotechnical investigation, its consequences on the closure and any subsequent works that may be required.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise on behalf of the Council for any inconvenience that these emergency works may cause, however Public Safety is our highest priority and we thank you for your patience.

A meeting for Key stakeholders is also being organised to discuss their individual concerns.



BURNS NIGHT

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY JAN 27th

A traditional evening of fun food song + tales
A Whiskey or two from Hebradian Isles
The price? the same, that'll be nice
A wee £15 English Pounds will suffice

the cock-a-leekie toast
immortal toasts
Edgum-pipe tipst-mentally
haggi neap + tatties
Auld Lang Syne
7.30 for 8.00pm
to the Single Malts
the reply
piped music

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contacts

Contact details for members of the Village Hall Committee are available on the website 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.

Katherine Standerwick