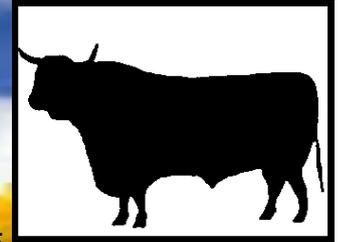


THE HORTON & LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED FOR THE HORTON AND LITTLE SODBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



Dates for the diary ...

Please check the website for updates between newsletters:-

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

17 th April 2016	Spring Bull Run - see Barbera Denton FFI
4th May 2016	Theatre Night, The Thankful Village—see page 6
19th June 2016	Sunday afternoon teas

From the editor

Dear Readers

The sun is shining, let's hope that spring is on it's way! Thank you for all the articles that have been sent in for this edition.

Please could I ask that all articles are submitted by the deadline as a number have come in this week which means that the newsletter is being sent out later each month. I will happily add to the next newsletter if the deadline is missed.

Happy reading and Happy Easter!

Katherine x

If muesli be the food of love ...

It was early morning on Sunday the 14th February, Valentine's Day. I tumbled out of bed and stumbled to the kitchen ... and spotted a bright red envelope. I opened it up – it read ...

Roses are Red;
Violets are Blue:
Fried eggs are Yellow
and white ... so lets go to the village hall for Breakfast.
Now that's true love !!

So over to the Village Hall we went. We arrived, and were escorted to our red and white, heart decorated table, and a veritable smorgasbord of breakfast delights were brought to us - a fabulous Full English, beautifully cooked, accompanied by gallons of tea and a never-ending supply of toast.

And, even though it was only 10am on a Sunday morning, there was the opportunity to imbibe in a small glass of Bucks Fizz ... or two.

Love was well and truly in the air. It was as if Ryan O'Neal & Ali MacGraw, Tom Hanks & Meg Ryan, George Peppard & Audrey Hepburn, and Lady & Tramp were all in the room. Looking around, the hall was full of couples and families, all laughing, joking and totally enjoying the company and the occasion.

It was lovely. To end, we were gifted with a red rose.

Many thanks to all the cooks and waitresses and the tidy-uppers for putting on this lovely, really excellent romantic event.

... and then we went home and watched the rugby in the afternoon.

Perfect end to a perfect day 😊



Tyndale Baptist Community Church

www.tyndale.org.uk

6.30pm every Sunday

Evening Worship at Tyndale Baptist Chapel, Little Sodbury End.
ALL WELCOME!

10am to Midday - First Saturday of the month

COFFEE AND CHAT in the Chapel

Come along and enjoy some company, a chat and a (free!) cup of
Tea or Coffee.

Tyndale Baptist Chapel has been a part of the community for 125 years, an anniversary we recently celebrated. The church - now named Tyndale Baptist Community Church - meets for Morning Worship every Sunday at 11am at Dodington Parish Hall in Chipping Sodbury. But we still hold our Evening Worship time at the Chapel in Little Sodbury End every Sunday at 6.30pm and give a warm welcome to all.

If you would like any further information, please contact:

Pastor Bert Weenink, 01454 325009, lbweenink@blueyonder.co.uk or
Steve and Sue Mills, Chapel View, Little Sodbury End, 01454 314720, sem2986@gmail.com



Announcements

Congratulations to James Fannon and Rachael Field on their recent marriage.

House in Corbieres, South of France

Forget the winter weather and warm yourself up by booking your holiday in a 5 bedrooomed house with a pool in the wine region of the Corbieres in the south of France. Convenient flight choices from Bristol to Carcassonne, Perpignan, Toulouse, Montpellier and now Beziers - all between one and two hours drive to the house. Contact Mark and Andrea via email : mark.andrea.taylor@gmail.com.



HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Village Ads

Wine-making equipment

Everything for the novice to get started
- for free! If you're interested call
Maggie White: 01454 314436



PILATES

AT HORTON VILLAGE HALL

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

Feeling sluggish after the festivities? In need a pick me up to start 2016 strong?
Then Pilates is the answer.

The exercises will help to 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

Sue Webb 0777 349 2686 or
Visit me at www.coreandmore.co.uk
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We all have a wardrobe full of clothes, bags, shoes etc.
But never have anything to wear! Items that have been worn once,
or still with tags on clogging up our wardrobe...

Well now is your chance to do your bit for charity and
walk away with a whole new wardrobe!
Bring your unwanted items with you and
swap them for some new ones.

**There will also be some new goods for sale,
FREE make overs and much more!**

Tickets are £5

This includes entry, a goody bag and your first drink
All monies raised go to Look Good Feel Better

**Wednesday 8th June
7pm til late @ Horton Village Hall**

**For tickets call or email
01454 601295 allaboutmibeauty@gmail.com**

News from Horton CE VA Primary School

It has been quite a busy term, yet again. We were very excited when our outdoor classroom finally went up. It has been a very long process but has been well worth the wait. The children use it at playtime if they want some quiet time and will be able to eat packed lunches out there when it gets a little warmer. We will also be able to use it for some of our lessons.



We have had a new library installed in school. The old library was not very accessible to the children. Now the children will be able to choose their own books and get real enjoyment from reading a book of their choice.

We have had a big focus on safety this term and have had a lot of people in to talk to the children. They have learnt about road safety, fire safety, internet safety and keeping safe around dogs. The children have really enjoyed these visits and have learnt a lot.

The topic this term has been deserts and the children have been learning about climates and habitats. As part of our topic we will be going on a whole school trip at the end of term to The Wild Place which is an extension of Bristol Zoo. The children will be learning about different habitats and preservation.



Sunday 24 April is annual 'Drive-It' day, encouraging owners of any classic car to take to the roads. The 'Horton Historic Vehicle Club' is kicking off its 2016 season with a run out on that day, heading off for a lunch stop at the Fromebridge Mill. Cars will gather from about 11 am with a view to getting under way around 11:30. We are expecting a variety of pre and post war cars and anyone is welcome to join in. Just come along on the day. You can keep up to date with the club's activities here: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/HortonHistoricVehicleClub/> .

Horton & Little Sodbury Local History Group

Those of you new to the village may not be familiar with our history group, so here's something to give you an idea of our activities, in case you would like to join in. This year we are waiving our membership fee, so you could have a single or family membership for 2016.

We've done quite a bit of research over the 15 years since we formed, and this is ongoing. You may have seen the framed posters in the Village Hall which show how our locality has been the site of significant aspects of history. We book interesting speakers on a wide variety of subjects for the winter months. In 2015 our talk on the Wickwar Gang broke our attendance record, to the point of wondering if we had enough chairs. A large contingent from Wickwar came to preserve their reputation! The Ration Books to Rock 'n Roll evening was full of music and pictures including TV adverts and jingles, and another speaker from Frenchay Village Museum revealed amazing facts about its development from grand house and park, via Fry's chocolate factory, children's TB hospital and rehab unit for US servicemen, as well as why Frank Sinatra and Mikhail Gorbachev came to visit.

During the warmer months we visit historically interesting places, mostly day trips, but some also morning, afternoon or evening, so those of you with regular commitments can fit around each schedule. We try to fit in an op-

portional pub lunch or afternoon tea. This year we took a Brigantia Grand Cruise devised by Mark Steeds of the Beaufort Arms who was our informative guide for the day. It took us from the Cumberland Basin and up the Avon Gorge, past Leigh Woods and its wildlife habitat, to Seamills. Another excellent guided tour was of Westonbirt House, with its beautiful interior.

Here, with pictures to follow, are write-ups from members who organised two of last year's trips: *Paul Denton*: The May visit was to Avebury Henge, a Neolithic/Bronze Age (circa 2500 BC) ceremonial site which has been described as "one of the greatest marvels of prehistoric Britain". It has been classified a World Heritage Site. The henge is a huge circular bank and ditch that includes part of Avebury village. Also within it is the largest prehistoric stone circle in the world and two smaller ones.

In addition to the henge we took the opportunity to visit the Alexander Keiller Museum which details Avebury's history and displays many finds from the site. Keiller was a former resident of the adjacent Avebury Manor, a National Trust property that featured in the television series "The Manor Reborn". The group also visited this Tudor manor within which a number of the rooms have been decorated and furnished to reflect periods in which residents of the manor have lived (Tudor, Queen Anne, Georgian,

Victorian and the 20th century). The Avebury trip proved varied and fascinating, complemented by the fact that the weather was kind to us.

Judy Redfern: In July eleven of us visited Warmley Museum and Gardens. The museum contains many interesting facts and stories about the history of Kingswood including the coal mining industry, the early Quakers and stories about famous and notorious individuals. It's housed in the copper works, built by William Champion in the 1740s as part of his impressive brass works. Champion wanted to create a pleasant, as well as functional environment, so incorporated a landscaped garden into his industrial development, including a grotto, which we visited, and a statue of Neptune, now rather ravaged by the passage of time. We were impressed by Champion's pioneering and innovative spirit and the impact of this local man on industrial development globally.

Badapple Theatre On Your Doorstep present

THE THANKFUL VILLAGE

4th May at Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall at 7.30pm

An original comedy-drama by Kate Bramley (ex-Hull Truck Theatre) with music by (SONY Radio Academy Award Winner) Jez Lowe.

A poignant play that follows the lives of three women from the same rural household- above and below stairs- through the long years of The Great War, left behind, to cope as their men-folk march off to Flanders.

Each one faces up to the challenges in her own way, with resilience, humour, a sense of duty and whatever vestiges of hope she can muster, as the years pass by and they wait anxiously for news of their loved ones far away. They cannot know that their village will end the war as one of a very few similar communities, for which fate has reserved a special place in history.

"defiant humour...emotional clout and poignant final twist, making you thankful for the under-appreciated Great War service of women as much as the men whose story is familiar from history books and the War Poets alike." YORK PRESS

Badapple Theatre's brand new production **THE THANKFUL VILLAGE** shows clearly what this Yorkshire-based company has learned, after spending a fruitful decade honing their skills in presenting original and inspirational theatre in a small-scale, yet impressive and stimulating style.

"Badapple Theatre triumphs in a tour that takes the magic of theatre to remote venues" The Stage, Dec 2015

The Thankful Villages were those which lost no men in the Great War because all those who left to serve came home again, and there were some 52 settlements in England and Wales which had this blessing at the end of the conflict.

Starring Kaitlin Howard, Zoe Land and Fiona Organ.

Songs and music from Jez Lowe, part of the award winning team behind the BBC Radio 2 Radio Ballads series.

www.badappletheatre.com

For more information contact Claire Jeffrey 01423339168

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Horton & Little Sodbury Local History Group Cont.



We're interested in both big things, like the stones at **Avebury**, left (see write-up) and little ones like this tray to carry glasses of **Weston brewery's** bubbly we saw on our visit there 5 years ago, right. From the other write-up on last year's **Warmley** trip, our photo, below left, shows only our guide and a couple of members ready to smile for the camera, whereas the sunny day for our visit to **Corsham Court** a year later shows us all smiling, below right!



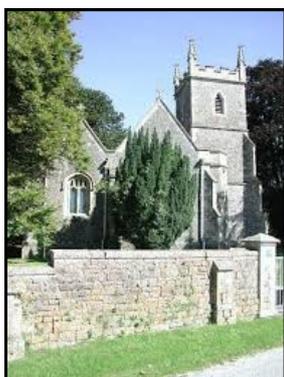
Some of the beautiful things we see include, L to R above, **Sezincote arboretum**, a magnificent boar at **Chavenage** and a decorative detail at **Cardiff Castle**. We do get about! We cater for all tastes too, viz. our visit to the **GWR museum** in Swindon, below L.

There are some members who like to get themselves in tight spots: Ray in St.Mary's church, **Swinbrook** in Oxfordshire, a fabulous trip organised by the Groves's after they'd moved there; also Barbera looking out over the whole of Bristol from the top of the **Wills building**.



St Adeline's Church, Little Sodbury

St Adeline's Church Little Sodbury and The Life of William Tyndale



You can purchase a copy of the above booklet for £3 from any of the churches in the Benefice. Profits from the sale of the booklet go to support St Adeline's Church also each church selling the booklet will benefit from a percentage of the sale price. Alternatively I can deliver a copy to you if required. Please contact Brenda Cordy on 316447.

Revd Canon David Bowers



The announcement was made on Sunday 14th February in St James the Elder, Horton and St Adeline's, Little Sodbury that an appointment had been made for the post of Rector of the Sodbury Vale Benefice, Revd Canon David Bowers. David will be licensed by Bishop Rachel in a service on 13th July, more details of the service to follow.

Please see the following page for Revd Canon David's statement.

CANON DAVID BOWERS

I am very pleased to have been offered, subject to due process, and to have accepted, the post of Rector of the Sodbury Vale Benefice and Judith and I look forward to joining you as we look to the future together as God leads and guides us.

We are both from Salford and we have two grown up children. Judith works as a nurse for the Orders of St John at Athelstan House in Malmesbury and will continue her work there after our move. I studied at Manchester University and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford and worked as a civil servant for three years before ordination training. After ordination I worked in parishes in Manchester, Bolton and Rochdale before moving in 1998 to the Gloucester Diocese, where for ten years I was Associate Director of Ordinands as well as Vicar of a group of parishes near Tewkesbury. Since 2008 I have been Vicar of South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston.

We enjoy walking, travel, music, cooking and entertaining and we have a special interest in Indian culture and food as we have visited the country several times. I enjoy watching sport, especially rugby and football, and have been a lifelong Manchester United supporter, as well as a more recent follower of rugby at Gloucester.

We are looking forward to being part of your communities and to getting to know all of you as we settle into our new home in Chipping Sodbury.

St James the Elder, Horton



Benefice Services for Easter are as below:-

- 30th March - PALM SUNDAY - 10.30am, Benefice Communion at St.John's Chipping Sodbury
- 24th March - MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7.30pm, Service at St.James the Elder , Horton
- 25th March - GOOD FRIDAY - 2.00pm, Service at St.John's Chipping Sodbury
- 26th March - NO EASTER VIGIL Service
- 27th March - EASTER SUNDAY - 11.15am, Service at St.James the Elder, Horton

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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