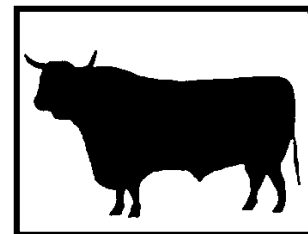


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Please send items for next newsletter by 18th March 2023 to newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

Editorial

A new year – and a new look to the village newsletter! In an attempt to keep things fresh, there is going to be a series of “guest editors” for the bi-monthly newsletter. This month, the honour falls to Tony Wake. If you would like your chance to be guest editor for a month, then please e-mail us on newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

The other thing we have changed is to have effectively two versions of the newsletter. There will be an abridged version readable in the e-mail, and a fuller version in the attached PDF – you can decide which you prefer.

And lastly, if you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter ... from the school, from the Social Club, from local organisations and clubs, from anything happening in the village, then please let us know by 18th March – e-mails sent to newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Here is a list of what will be happening in and around Horton & Little Sodbury in the next few months

6 nations rugby on the big screen	started 4 th Feb	Social Club
Brian Jarvis, and the story of “The Big Stink”	Fri 17 th Feb.	HVH - see below for details
Ninebarrow returning to Horton	Thu 16 th Mar.	HVH - see below for details
Horton Bull Run	Sun 23 rd Apr.	HVH - details to follow
Coronation Day Party	Sat 6 th May	HVH - details to follow

Boxercise classes are every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30- 7.30pm

– no need to book ahead

Pilates classes have resumed

– please contact Sue Webb on sue@coreandmore.co.uk for more information.

Did you know ...

Concrete is stronger if carrots are added to it.

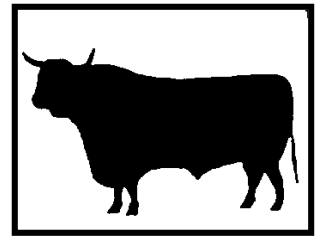
Yellow tennis balls, which look better on colour TV, were the idea of David Attenborough when he was controller of BBC2.

The first police car chase in the UK had a top speed of 15mph.

Don't take my word for it – these come from the QI Elves !

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Dates for the Diary in detail

The Rugby Six Nations

started 4th Feb @ Horton Social Club

Looking for somewhere to watch the rugby Six Nations tournament? Look no further than meeting up at the Horton Social Club. Beer, bar food, and a big screen – what more could you want. See media for timings of forthcoming matches.

Solving the Great Stink – a talk by Brian Jarvis

Fri 17th Feb @ Horton Village Hall

Here's a "must attend" date for your diary – Friday 17th February at Horton Village Hall at 7:30pm. Brian Jarvis is going to talk about Joseph Bazalgette.

Who, I hear your cry ?

Well, arguably, Bazalgette's work has saved more lives than any other British citizen, and yet very few have heard of him. In the 1850s, London was in the midst of a cholera epidemic killing tens of thousands of people.

And it was the engineer, Joseph Bazalgette, who was asked to solve the problem. How did he do it ?

Well, come along on Friday 17th February to Horton Village Hall to find out.

Warning – it is not for the squeamish !!

Doors open at 7pm, talk starts at 7:30 ... and the bar will be open.

Joseph Bazalgette – The man who saved millions but is largely unknown

By the middle of the 19th Century, London had grown to a size where it was becoming a major problem to dispose of all the sewage generated by the increasing population. The obvious solution was to use the river Thames which became so polluted that to fall in often proved fatal, not from drowning, but from ingesting the water. Outbreaks of cholera became frequent and the smell from the river caused an outcry. The death toll was rising rapidly.

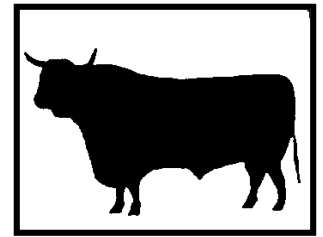
The summer of 1858 was hot and the smell became so overpowering that Parliament had to suspend some of its work in Westminster. Reluctant to spend money on the problem before, the government was now forced to take action. Joseph Bazalgette was employed to design and construct a network of underground sewers to take effluent out to treatment stations in east London before discharge into the Thames at a point where tides would carry away the output.

Bazalgette was a remarkable man. He persuaded the government to pay for a system 4 times larger than was required on the assumption that London would grow. He supervised every detail, putting in long hours of work. The brick constructions he created are some of the finest and extensive in London, but all underground. His network is still in use today. Above all, his work is said to have saved more lives than any other single project in Britain.

By any standards, Bazalgette is a hero, but have you heard of him? If you want to know more, come to the talk on 17th February. Warning – not for the squeamish!

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Ninebarrow returning to Horton

Thursday 16th March @ Horton Village Hall

Yes, Ninebarrow are returning to Horton Village Hall on Thursday 16th March.

Back by popular demand, this multi award winning folk duo (and stars of TV, radio, online concerts and walking holidays) are back in Horton as part of their extensive national tour.

Doors open at 7pm, with concert starting at 7:30 ... and yes, the bar will be open !!

Tickets are £18 (+46p booking charge) and are available via www.ninebarrow.co.uk/horton

Book your tickets now to secure your seat – it's likely to be a sell out !!

BEST DUO WINNERS TO VISIT GLOUCESTERSHIRE THIS SPRING



After their explosion onto the national folk roots scene over the past few years, duo Ninebarrow will be performing on 16th March at Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall as part of their extensive national tour this spring.

In a few short years, the Dorset-based duo have carved themselves a distinctive niche on the folk roots scene for their outstanding harmonies, delicate instrumentation and engaging songs.

In 2017, they were nominated at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in the 'Horizon' category for 'Best Emerging Artist'. One of the highest accolades in their genre, it was made even more exceptional because it was only a few months prior to this that Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere relinquished their jobs as a teacher and GP in favour of a full-time music career – an act of faith that has clearly paid dividends.

Since then, the duo have continued their upwards trajectory, graduating to more senior award categories, most recently picking up 'Best Duo' in the 2019 Folking.com awards whilst also making a name for themselves with outstanding online broadcasts during the pandemic and beyond.

Named after Nine Barrow Down in Dorset's Purbeck hills, the duo have released four critically acclaimed albums with their most recent, 'A Pocket Full of Acorns', which they released to a raft of four and five star reviews in the folk and mainstream media in March 2021. Within just a few days of release, the album had already reached No. 1 on Amazon's Folk Best Sellers Chart.

In the week leading up to the arboreal-titled album's release (March 5, 2021) Jon and Jay fulfilled a long-held wish to address their carbon footprint by planting 1000 native English trees and 200 shrubs to form 'The Ninebarrow Woodland'. Funded partly by the Woodland Trust's MOREWoods scheme, and partly by the incredibly generous donations of their beloved 'Barrow Bods' fan base, the duo embarked upon an epic, five-day planting project during the third national lockdown. Unable to safely invite the working party of volunteers they'd hoped for, all 1000 saplings and 200 shrubs were planted by Jon, Jay, Jay's mum, Vicki, and her partner Kevin. Sited on three acres of land near Gillingham in north Dorset, the ambitious project saw saplings of 10 different species planted, half of which were English oaks.

Because of the strong link between Ninebarrow's music and the Dorset landscape, the duo were invited to record a segment for BBC1's Countryfile in March 2021. Following the broadcast, all four of the duo's current releases immediately jumped into the Amazon's Top 40 Folk Releases, with the new album 'A Pocket Full of Acorns' cemented securely at the top of the chart. Ninebarrow have also received high praise from folk legend Seth Lakeman and Mercury Music Prize nominee, Kate Rusby, who have both been supported by the duo.

Thursday night's concert starts at 7:30pm (with doors at 7pm) and tickets are available from www.ninebarrow.co.uk/horton

The famous Horton Bull Run

Sunday 23rd April @ Horton Village Hall

Another date for your diary !

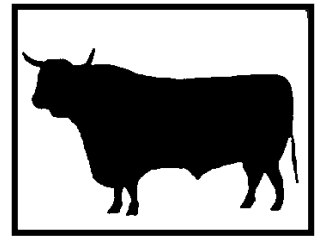
Why not spend a sunny Sunday morning enjoying a scenic 4 mile run through the Horton countryside Starting at Horton Village Hall at 10.30 on Sunday 23rd April, the Bull Run is road run catering for all abilities.

More details to follow, but start by visiting the site www.hortonbullrun.co.uk



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What else has happened

The Horton Christmas Card raised £300 for Tumaini UK

Many thanks for your contributions to the Horton Christmas Card.

The charity that we supported this year is Tumaini UK. The Tumaini Fund Charity was set up by Dr Susan Wilson MBE with help from Paul and Pauline Anthony after seeing the dreadful plights of large numbers of orphans in the Kagera region of Tanzania

The idea was to offer support to families of orphans staying within their communities by giving them basic needs such as healthcare, shelter, mosquitos nets, school uniforms and exercise books so they could access education for primary school. It has grown and evolved over the years, whilst continuing pastoral support and practical help to improve the health of orphans, providing clean water, milk for infants, chickens and goat rearing projects etc; it now sponsors 100,000 orphans through primary and secondary school, and in some cases offers higher education or vocational training to teenagers such as tailoring and carpentry so mature orphans can not only become self-sufficient but contribute back to the charity.

Not surprisingly they had a decrease in funds last year and they are desperately short of money for orphans to access their education.

100% of UK donations go directly to Tanzania to bring hope to orphans that they support.

We managed to raise over £300 from the Village Christmas Card donations and that will be sent to Tumaini UK to help in their valuable work.

The Fat Boys Burns Supper

To celebrate the Scottish poet Robert Burns, the Horton Fat Boys in Lycra put on a Burns Supper at the village hall on Wednesday 25th January. Over 60 people spent a very enjoyable evening eating haggis, drinking whisky, reciting poems, telling stories, and singing songs. One of the highlights of the evening was Keith McBarlow and his passionate rendition of Address to a Haggis.

The evening raised over £600 for charity.

Many congratulations to Bob, David, Ian and all the other Fat Boys, and Fat Boy spouses for a wonderful evening.



The Horton Historic Vehicle Club

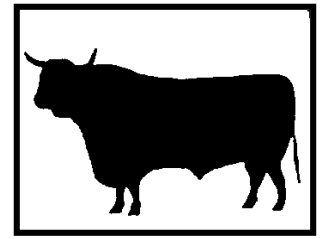


John Moon writes:

Horton Historic Vehicle Club is looking forward to another great year of events, including its popular monthly Breakfast Meetings at the Cross Hands, every 4th Sunday.

More details on <https://hortonhistoricvehicleclub.co.uk/>

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Things have happened to the Village Hall ...

Many of you will have spotted that a few things have happened at the Village Hall.

Firstly, the car park has been extended. Gone is the old tapered car park that could only fit a few cars before it became congested. Now we have a much larger car park and an overflow car park by the pavilion, allowing us to accommodate over 40 cars. All we are asking for now is for people not to block the slip-road to the pavilion car park – thank you.

And secondly, thanks to the Woodland Trust back in November 2022, we were donated a number of trees and bushes, which we planted around the field at the Village Hall. Following another successful application, we have been awarded another “community tree pack”, this time containing just over 100 ‘wild wood’ saplings. These will be arriving sometime in March, so we will be looking for another working party to help plant the trees. Watch this space !!

The Hedgerows of Horton and Hawkesbury

Sally Pattison, from Biodiversity, StreetCare, South Gloucestershire Council writes :

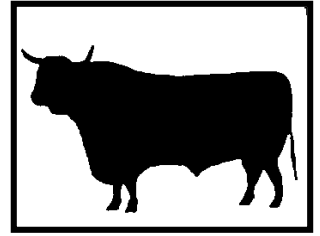
Some of you may have noticed some new hedgerow planting along Highfield lane between Horton and Hawkesbury. This was carried out by the Cotswold wardens over two days either side of Christmas. During January and February this will be added to with more new hedges plus three small woodland blocks. The planting is across two different adjacent pieces of private land but some of it will be visible from lanes and footpaths.

The hedgerow plants are predominantly hawthorn and hazel with some additions of dogrose, dogwood and various other native shrubs. There will also be a range of trees including oak, cherry and field maple. They are all guarded from nibbling deer and rabbits with guards. Some guards are old style plastic, some are (so say) recyclable and some are cardboard (bit of a trial). The new hedges and new woodlands have been grant funded by the Forest of Avon. The grant doesn't include gapping up existing hedges so this is where the Cotswold Wardens came to the rescue with the extra plants kindly funded by Hawkesbury Parish Council. The whole thing has been project managed by Sally Pattison, ecologist from South Gloucestershire Council and the plants have all be bought from Landcare, Old Sodbury. The location was targeted by Sally who also planted 2km of new hedges here 13 years ago with help from lots of local groups including Hawkesbury Upton primary school pupils. This spot was an obvious gap between the amazing woods around Petty France and Badminton, and Lower woods nearer Wickwar. Adding further planting will only help to fill this gap and allow wildlife to move through the landscape; from butterflies and birds, to dormice and hedgehogs.

Experts now know that nature reserves don't protect wildlife. They are too small and too dispersed. Larger areas which act as landscape corridors have instead been identified for wildlife. Unfortunately, these wildlife corridors have gaps and filling them is one of the most urgent actions in the region's climate and nature action plan. There are approx. 60 habitat gaps identified across South Glos. 30 are wetlands and the rest are a mix of woods and wildflower meadows. East of Lower Woods is one of these critical woodland habitat gaps and whilst finding land for new woods is tricky hedges are easier to accommodate.

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Quick Quiz

5 quick questions to test your general knowledge. Answers provided in next edition

- 1..In which city is the Eurovision Song Contest 2023 to be held?
And in which city was it held previously?
2. Officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 1973, October 20th sees the 50th anniversary of which iconic building?
3. How old will King Charles be on the day of his coronation on the 6th May?
4. Which three word phrase accredited to Sir Alex Ferguson has made it into the Oxford English Dictionary?
5. The actor Ryan Reynolds is part-owner of which football club?

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