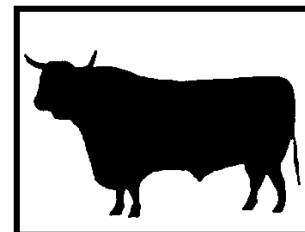


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June 2023

Please send items for next newsletter by 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to [newsletter@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@halsvh.org.uk)

## Editorial

Ok, ok ... so we are still planning to have a series of “guest editors” for this bi-monthly newsletter, so if you would like your chance to be guest editor for a month, then please e-mail us on [newsletter@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@halsvh.org.uk) Also, we are going to continue with the “two versions” of the newsletter - the abridged version readable in the e-mail, and a fuller version in the attached PDF. Please note that they are different, so please open up the PDF to read the full story ... and see some pictures & quizzes !! Also, as you are now reading the PDF version ... we have added the various posters in full at the end of the issue for the articles below. And lastly, if you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter ... from the school, from the church, from the Social Club, from local organisations and clubs, from anything happening in the village, then please let us know by 21<sup>st</sup> July – e-mails sent to [newsletter@halsvh.org.uk](mailto: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

Quiz & Tai Chi session with WI	Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> June	- see below for details
The Horton Hoe Down / Barn Dance	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	- see below for details
Craft Fair	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	- see below for details
Teas at St James' Church, Horton	starts Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	- see below for details
Horton Beer Fest	18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	- see below for details
GreenMatthews' Witty Ditties	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	- see below for details
HorseHeard “Coast-to-Coast ride” talk	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	- details to follow
Cheese & Wine quiz evening	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	- 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](mailto:sue@coreandmore.co.uk) for more information.

## Did you know ...

Did you know "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel? (incidentally, the longest word with no “real” vowels is “rhythm”).

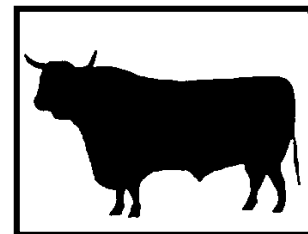
American country singer-songwriter Johnny Cash was the first American to hear of Joseph Stalin's death.

Oxford University is older than the Aztec empire

All genuine facts – honest !! Just google them if you don't believe me !! (other search engines are available)

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## Dates for the Diary in detail

### WI Quiz and Tai Chi session

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June @ Horton Village Hall

A date for your diary.

The Hawkesbury & Horton WI are meeting up at Horton Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm. The evening includes a quiz and a Tai Chi session with Andrea. Please bring a plate of food to share. For more details, call Louise on 07817 226612.

*(Ed - And for those, like me, who didn't know, Tai chi, sometimes called "shadowboxing", is a Chinese martial art practised for defence training, health benefits and meditation.)*



### Yee Haw – it's The Horton Hoe Down !

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June @ Horton Social Club

A date for your diary.

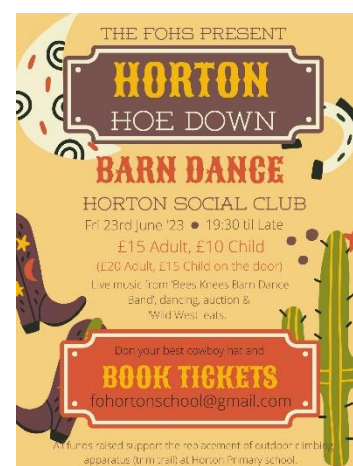
The Friends of Horton School invite you all to the Horton Hoe Down ! Yee Haw ! The barn dance will be at Horton Social Club on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, starting at 7:30 and goes on till late.

The costs are £15 Adult, and £10 Child (or £20 Adult & £15 Child on the door).

Live music is provided by the 'Bees Knees Barn Dance Band', and there will also be an auction and 'Wild West' eats. So don your best cowboy hat and book those tickets from [fhortonschool@gmail.com](mailto:fhortonschool@gmail.com)

All funds raised support the replacement climbing apparatus at Horton Primary School).

*(Ed - And for those , like me, who didn't know, a Hoe Down is a barn dance, and not a party where you use gardening equipment to get rid of weeds !)*



### Fundraising Craft Fair

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June @ Old Grammar School, C/S

A date for your diary.



Please come along to the Craft Fair, being held at the Old Grammar School rooms, Chipping Sodbury on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. This is all being organised by the friends, family and members of USA Quilters, who are once again fundraising in support of Ukraine.

The fair opens at 10am and goes on to 4pm. There'll be crafts, cakes, coffee, and cream teas, as well as a plant sale plus displays.

Please come along and support this worthy cause.

### Anyone for tea ?

starting Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July @ Horton Church

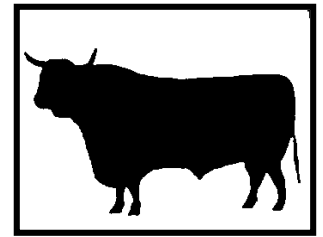
A set of dates for your diary.

You will be pleased to hear that as from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, teas and coffees (and possibly the odd bit of cake !) will again be served at St James' Church, Horton. It will be open every Saturday from 12 noon until 4:40pm throughout the summer.

Proceeds from the sale of teas and coffees will go towards the fund for the Church roof.



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## Beer Festival

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun 20<sup>th</sup> August @ Horton Social Club**

Now this IS a set of dates for your diary.



Don't worry, be hoppy !!

Yes, it's that time of year again. The annual Horton Beer Festival will be flowing from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at the Horton Social Club.

There will be real ale, ciders and live music.

More details to follow.

*(Ed - Hum ... To beer or not to beer; that is the question.)*

## GreenMatthews present Witty Ditties

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept @ Horton Village Hall**

Another date for your diary.

Chris Green and Sophie Matthews are returning to Horton in September.

They are modern-day balladeers, specialising in story telling through song.

Following on from their acclaimed show "A Brief History of Music", GreenMatthews have a new show which explores our rich history of witty wordplay and melodic mirth.

Chris Green (piano, guitar, accordion) and Sophie Matthews (early woodwinds, flute, saxophone) summarise 4 centuries of chromatic comedy, ranging from bawdy Restoration ballads to stinging Sixties satire. Featuring songs by Noël Coward, Tom Lehrer, Flanders and Swann and a host of other lesser-known songwriters, this fun and fast-moving revue will have you rolling in the aisles!

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

Tickets are £15 ( + booking charge) and are available via <https://hortonwittyditties.eventbrite.co.uk>

Book your tickets now to secure your seat – it's likely to be a sell out !! Hope to see you there.



## Cheese & Wine Quiz Evening

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. @ Horton Village Hall**

A revised date for your diary.



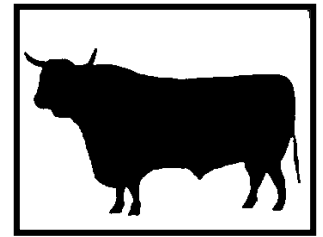
Please note the change of date !

The Cheese & Wine Quiz Evening at Horton Village Hall has now been scheduled for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. More details will be made available nearer the time.

*(Ed - I've trained my dog to bring me a glass of red wine. It's a Bordeaux collie.)*

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## What else has happened

### The 2023 Horton Bull Run

Paul Denton writes :-

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April saw the 40th anniversary of the Horton Bull Run. Fortunately, the weather was fine for the 100 serious club and fun runners who completed the 4.26 mile (6.85km) route through our delightful countryside.

The winning time was a remarkable 23 minutes and 56 seconds set by Freddie Cooper, a member of the Westbury Harriers Running Club.

A big thank you to all the helpers, the not insignificant funds raised by the event going towards the upkeep of our village hall.

The full results and photographs of the event can be viewed at our website (<https://hortonbullrun.co.uk/home.php>). By clicking on "album" and then "select a gallery" the photographs of the 1983 event featuring The Green Goddess, a six legged monster and numerous villagers can be viewed!



### The Coronation Day Tea Party

What an occasion. Apparently more than 20 million people in the UK tuned in to watch King Charles III coronation, with an estimated 400 million worldwide. At Horton Village Hall, nearly 100 came along to watch the ceremony, to enjoy the fabulous "coronation tea", to revel in the atmosphere, and to share the day with family and friends. Luckily the weather did not inhibit the festivities, although it did mean that the outdoor games were curtailed. Many thanks to all the organisers for all their hard work in putting on a fantastic event at the hall to celebrate the coronation. A great time was had by all. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event.

Paul Denton writes:-

On the morning of Saturday 6th May, villagers and friends joined with the millions of people across the UK to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III along with his Queen Consort. The grandeur of the occasion was witnessed on the large-screen television in our village hall. The full-house enjoyed a sumptuous tea along with, for those who wished, a libation or two.



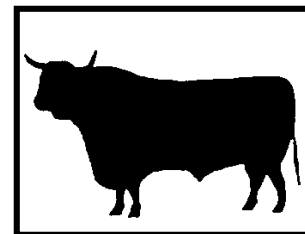
Alison Barlow writes:-

It was great seeing so many at the celebrations – an event enjoyed by young and old alike. It was encouraging to see so many younger villagers present who have the potential to take over the mantle of arranging events to ensure the Village Hall continues to thrive in the future. Please can I encourage you to get together and get involved. The Hall needs you.



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## Other news

### Patricia Fack

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Patricia Fack, who passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

A local resident for 46 years, Patricia was a much loved family member who was admired by her great great grandchildren for being the “Girl on the tractor”. She died peacefully in arms of her family.



## Please pick up !



**Dog faeces spread  
Neospora causing  
abortion in cattle  
Please pick up  
after your dog**

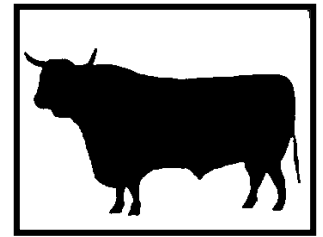
Picking up after your dog isn't exactly the most enjoyable chore. Let's face it — it's gross!  
It can be tempting to skip this task, but ...

- Dog Poop Is Not Fertilizer. ...
- It's an Environmental Pollutant. ...
- It Carries Diseases. ...
- It Can Overwhelm the Ecosystem. ...
- It Smells Bad. ...
- It's Common Courtesy.

It also spreads Neospora, a single celled parasite that causes abortions in cattle and paralysis in companion animals.

Please. We live in a lovely farming community, surrounded by wonderful farmland countryside.  
Please pick up after your dog. Thank you.

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## Useful Local Information

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Web site: [www.halsvh.org.uk](http://www.halsvh.org.uk)  
Chair [chairman@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:chairman@halsvh.org.uk)  
Hall bookings [emma@halsvh.org.uk](mailto:emma@halsvh.org.uk) or on 01454 322879

## Quick Quiz

### Answers to last edition's quiz

- 1.. Carlo Lorenzini, better known by the pen name Carlo Collodi is best known for writing what?  
**The Adventures of Pinocchio**
2. How many edges does an octahedron have?  
**12**
3. Whose last words were "I'm going to the bathroom to read"  
**Elvis Presley**
4. What was the name of the best selling game on the Sony PlayStation, released in 1997 ?  
**Gran Turismo**
5. In what year was the county of Avon abolished and the area split between four new unitary authorities: Bath and NE Somerset, Bristol, N Somerset and South Glos ?  
**1996**

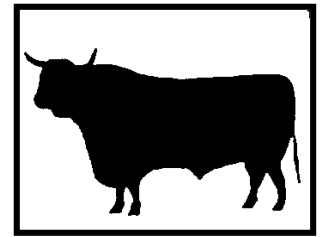
### 5 quick questions to test your general knowledge. Answers provided in next edition

#### This is an animal related quiz ...

1. What is a group of baby porcupines called ?
2. How many digits do pandas have on each hand ?
3. How many bones does a shark have ?
4. What is the offspring's name between a male lion and a female tiger ?  
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5. What organ does a giraffe use to clean its ears ?

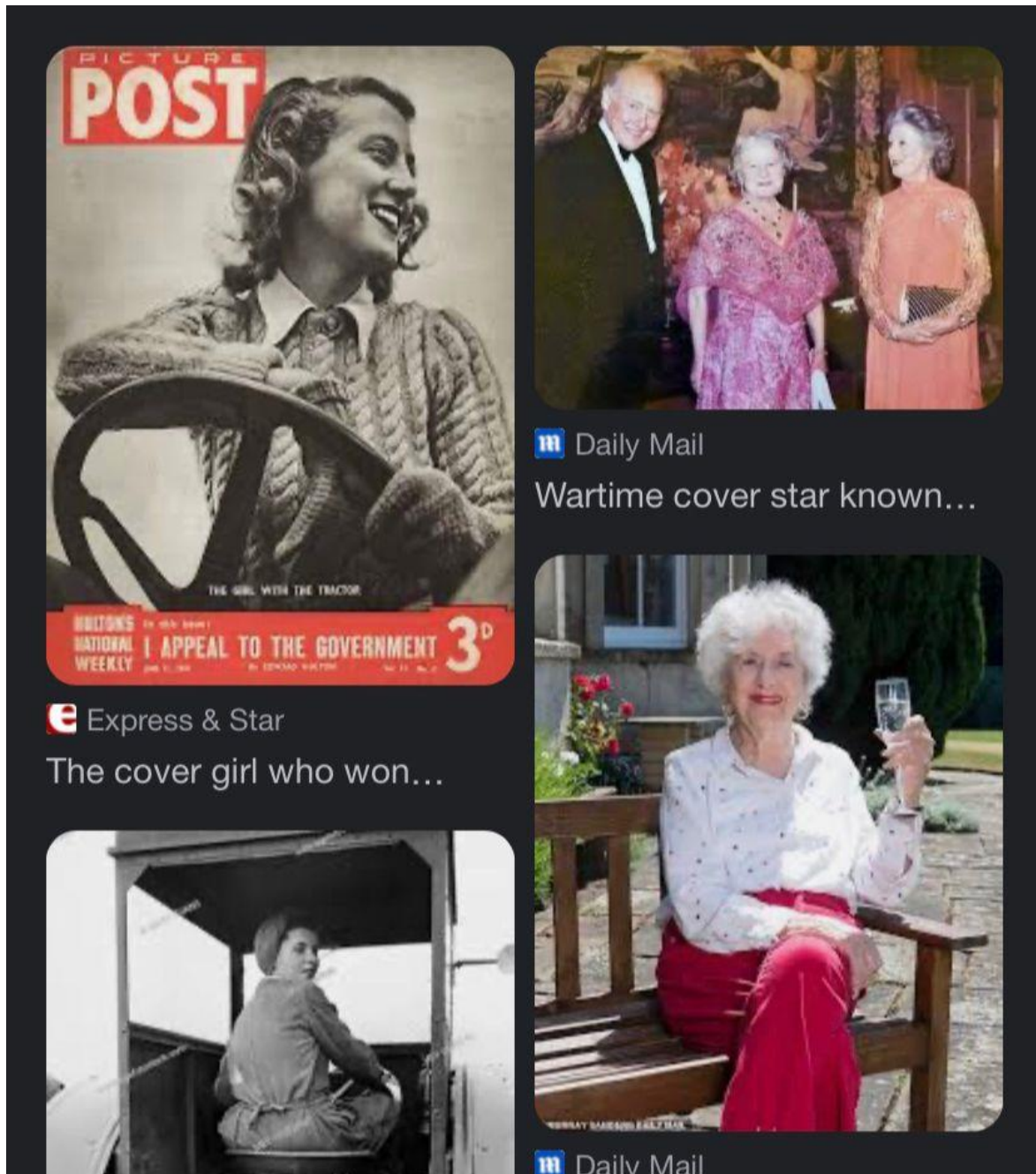
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## The posters in detail !!

### Pictures of Patricia Fack



**PICTURE POST**  
THE GIRL WITH THE TRACTOR  
BILLIONS NATIONAL WEEKLY  
I APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT  
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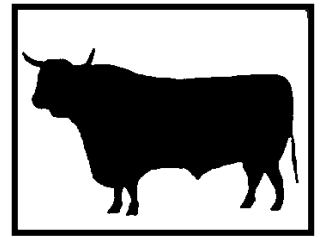
**Express & Star**  
The cover girl who won...

**Daily Mail**  
Wartime cover star known...

**Daily Mail**

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## Horton Social Club – Beer Festival

Horton Social Club  
**BEER FESTIVAL**  
live music  
Real and Ciders  
18th - 20th August 2023

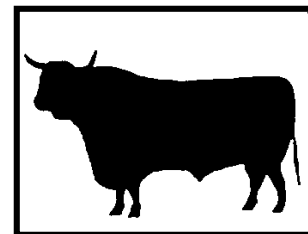
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## The Friends of Horton School Hoe Down

THE FOHS PRESENT

**HORTON**  
HOE DOWN

**BARN DANCE**

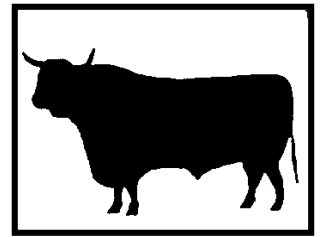
HORTON SOCIAL CLUB  
Fri 23rd June '23 • 19:30 til Late  
£15 Adult, £10 Child  
(£20 Adult, £15 Child on the door)  
Live music from 'Bees Knees Barn Dance Band', dancing, auction & 'Wild West' eats.

Don your best cowboy hat and  
**BOOK TICKETS**  
[fohortonschool@gmail.com](mailto:fohortonschool@gmail.com)

All funds raised support the replacement of outdoor climbing apparatus (trim trail) at Horton Primary school.

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## U3A Quilters – Craft Fair

Friends, family and members of U3A  
quilters are once again fundraising  
in support of Ukraine



at the Old Grammar School Rooms  
Chipping Sodbury

Crafts ✂️ 🧵 🧶

Cakes 🍪 🍰 🍰

Coffee ☕ 🍪

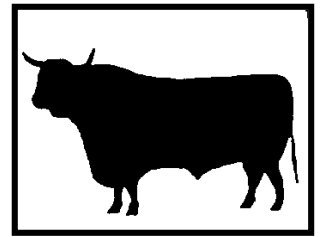
Cream teas 🍵 🍰

Plant sale 🌱 🌱

+ displays

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## Neospora awareness



**Please Pick Up Your Dog Waste**

Did you know that dog faeces can carry **Neospora** parasites that cause cows to abort their calves?

**BAG IT, TIE IT, BIN IT!**

For more information about Neospora visit [www.moredun.org.uk/research/diseases/neosporosis](http://www.moredun.org.uk/research/diseases/neosporosis)

Moredun



**DOGS CAN CARRY A PARASITE CALLED NEOSPORA THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF BOVINE ABORTION.**

**PLEASE KEEP TO THE FOOTPATHS AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG ON FARMLAND**



**THE GRASS IN OUR FIELDS FEEDS COWS!**



**Dog faeces spread Neospora causing abortion in cattle  
Please pick up after your dog**

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