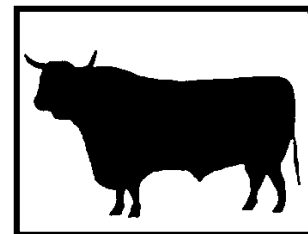


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Please send items for next newsletter by 24th November 2023 to newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

Editorial

I don't know about you, but I always find the months of October and November to be a bit strange. It's probably something to do with them containing Halloween and Bonfire Night ... and it's where autumn really kicks in ... and for some reason you start thinking about Christmas (already ???).

Anyway, back to the newsletter. Please remember that we have "two versions" of the newsletter - the abridged version readable in the e-mail, and a fuller version in the attached PDF. They are different, so please open up the PDF to read the full story ... and see some pictures & quizzes !!

Oh ... you are here already – thank you ☺

Now – there is a huge amount happening over the next few weeks – please check out all the dates and the events, and hope to see you there.

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 24th November – 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

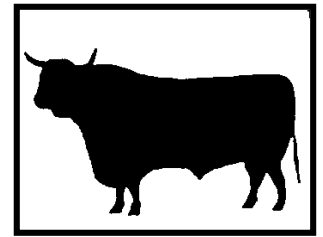
Hawkesbury & Horton WI talk	Tue 3 rd Oct	- see below for details
Sodbury Common Wildflower Planting	Sat 7 th Oct	- see below for details
St James' Church, Horton Harvest Festival	Sun 8 th Oct	- see below for details
The Shepherd's Hut Cream Tea event	Sat 14 th Oct	- see below for details
St Adeline's Church, L. Sodbury Harvest Festival	Sun 15 th Oct	- see below for details
Cheese & Wine evening	Fri 20 th Oct	- see below for details
Horton Harvest Lunch	Sun 22 nd Oct	- see below for details
Horton Village Hall AGM	Mon 6 th Nov	- see below for details
HorseHeard "Coast-to-Coast ride" talk	Fri 17 th Nov	- see below for details
Horton Christmas Card evening	Fri 1 st Dec	- see below for details

Boxercise classes are every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30- 7.30pm at Village Hall.

Pilates classes starting again – see below or contact Sue Webb on sue@coreandmore.co.uk.

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Dates for the Diary in detail

Hawkesbury & Horton WI talk

Tues 3rd Oct. @ Hawkesbury Village Hall

A date for your diary.

Jenny Harris from H&H WI writes :

Hawkesbury & Horton WI Tuesday 3 October at 7.30 in Hawkesbury Village Hall.



A talk by Jacqui Moore on her voluntary work with GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) here and in Calais. Visitors welcome at £4 a session.

Also Hawkesbury Community Library is open on alternate Fridays from 2.30 on 6th & 20th October in Hawkesbury Village Hall.

Pilates sessions starting again

Thu 5th Oct. @ Horton Village Hall

Sue Webb writes :

Pilates classes starting Thursday 5th October 9.30-10:30am

£32.00 for a rolling 4 week block. Suitable for beginners or experienced.

To find out more or to book your place call Sue Webb 07773 492686 or visit <https://www.coreandmore.co.uk/>



Sodbury Common Wildflower Planting

Sat 7th Oct. @ Sodbury Common

A date for your diary.

Brenda Cordy writes :

There is a wild flower planting event on Sodbury Common of the 7th October.

If you are interested, please follow this link for tickets and further info

https://www.sodburytowncouncil.gov.uk/council_events/summer-bandstand/



Horton Harvest Festival

Sun 8th Oct. @ St James' Church

A date for your diary.

The Horton Harvest Festival will be held at 11.15am on Sunday 8th October at St James' Church.

For more details, please see later in the newsletter.

Cream Teas at The Shepherd's Hut

Sat 14th Oct. @ Shepherd's Hut, L. Sodbury End

A date for your diary.



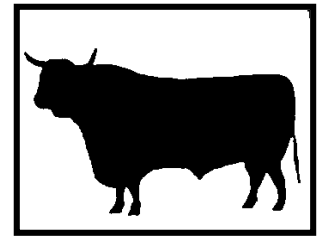
There is a Cream Tea fundraiser being held from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday 14th October at The Shepherd's Hut, Little Sodbury End (formerly the Tyndale Baptist Chapel).

Tickets are £10 (£5 for school age children), and available from Alan on 01454 311702 or dove.house@hotmail.co.uk or from Michelle on 01454 325160.

Book early as tickets are limited due to capacity.

(Ed – for more details about what's going on and why, see later in newsletter.)

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Little Sodbury Harvest Festival

Sun 15th Oct. @ St Adeline's Church

A date for your diary.

Linda from St Adeline's Church writes :

Little Sodbury Harvest Festival will be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 15th October at St Adeline's Church. Drinks and a finger buffet will be served after the service. Also, we will be holding an All Souls Service where we remember our loved ones we see no longer – the provisional date for this is Sunday 6th November, but watch this space for further information. We welcome everyone to these services and look forward to seeing you there.

Cheese & Wine Evening

Fri 20th Oct. @ Horton Village Hall

A revised date for your diary.

Do you like cheese ? Do you like wine ??

Do you like spending an evening with friends ???

Do you wine a little and laugh a lot ???? If so, do we have the event for you !!

There is going to be a cheese & wine evening at Horton Village Hall on Friday 20th October, starting at 7.30pm.

Now, you do need to book your tickets prior to the evening, so please contact Caroline Bannister on caroline@bannistersfamily.co.uk The entrance fee of £12 gets you a glass of wine and various cheeses plus olives, bread/crackers. The bar will also be open AND there will also be a wine tasting quiz.

See you there !! Cheers !!

(Ed – sometimes I make pour decisions, but everything happens for a riesling, right?)



St James' Horton Harvest Lunch

Sun 22nd Oct. @ Horton Village Hall

A date for your diary.

The St James' Church team writes :

The date for the Harvest Festival Lunch this year will be Sunday 22nd October. There will be a new format and menu this year, which will hopefully be less demanding to prepare, and an interesting change for the village .

The price for a ticket is £20, the same as last year. Payments for tickets by the 15th Oct. please.

Contact Tina on 01454 320380 or Richard on 01454 329890

Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall AGM

Mon 6th Nov. @ Horton Village Hall

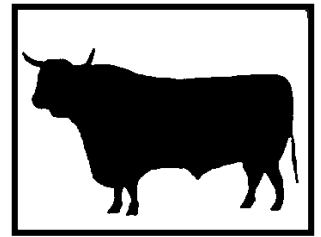
A definite date for your diary. ☺

The Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall AGM is being held on Monday 6th November at the village hall. This provides a great opportunity to hear what has been achieved at the hall this year, and your chance to offer suggestions as to what can happen in the future. All welcome ... and don't worry – attendance doesn't mean that you are automatically co-opted onto the committee ☺. See you there.

(Ed – maybe we could even have a discussion about what we do with the pavilion ??)

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The HorseHeard Coast to Coast Trail

Fri 17th Nov. @ Horton Village Hall

Another re-scheduled date for your diary.

Many of you generously sponsored Alison Barlow in 2016 when she rode from Coast to Coast across Britain on horseback. She will be talking about the challenges and experiences the trip presented on Friday 17th November at Horton Village Hall at 7:30pm.

All welcome – tickets free, with donations shared between HorseHeard and Village Hall.

(Ed – I do hope that Alison doesn't stirrup trouble, but I do hear that she has a colt following 😊)



The Village Christmas Card sign-up evening

Fri 1st Dec. @ Horton Village Hall

A date for your diary.

In the words of the great Noddy Holder ... "It's Christmas !" ... well, nearly ... but let's start getting into the Christmas spirit !!. The doors will open at Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall on Friday 1st December at 7pm for a good ol' fashioned pre-Christmas get-together. The bar will be open, there will be mince pies and mulled wine, and if you are lucky, we may even sing some Christmas carols.

We will also be launching the traditional Village Christmas Card, which, this year, will be supporting local charities (including the St James' Church Roof Appeal, and Little Sodbury Church).

(Ed – Merry Christmas Everybody ?? You do know that it's only October !!)

What else has happened

Container Clear Out party and much, much more

Wow. There is so much happening at the village hall.

- ✓ We had the car park entrance repaved – that was back in July.
Many thanks to Nick Rugman and SJP Paving for all their hard work
- ✓ We then had the Container Clear Out in August.
Again, many thanks to all those who came along.
- ✓ And currently we are painting the bar & carpet and kitchen areas in the village hall, with a plan to paint the toilets and lobby in November.



Obviously all this upkeep costs a lot of money. If you want to know just how much it actually costs to maintain our village hall, then why not come along to the AGM on the 6th November!

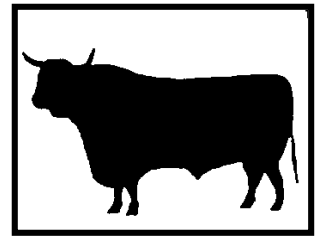
GreenMatthews' Witty Ditties cancelled

Disappointingly, the 'Witty Ditties' concert was cancelled. This was a joint decision between organisers and performers as, with less than 10 days to go prior to the date of the concert, fewer than half the tickets required to make this event viable to both parties had been sold.

In future, can we please urge all event-goers to purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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British Cycling Tour of Britain

Well ... it was a hot one for the cyclists and spectators alike.

Seeing the Stage 7 of the British Cycling Tour of Britain coming down Horton Hill and across the common was absolutely amazing.

I'm not sure that I have been down the hill that fast on four wheels, never mind two !!

There are some great pictures going around on social media, but here is one I have found.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mags Bond writes:



Thank you to everyone who came to our MacMillan Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. As always, the morning was a great success and from when our first arrivals walked through the door at 9.55am, we did not stop for the whole 4 hours! The cakes, tombola and raffle tickets were flying out of the door!



On first count we have raised an amazing £2695.13! We cannot do this without all our helpers, bakers, donations of raffle and tombola prizes, and everyone who takes the time to come and support this event and spend money, so thank you to each and every one of you! See you all again next year???

Mags Bond and the Coffee morning team.

(Ed – Many congratulations to Mags and her team - £2.7k is a tremendous effort. Well done all.)

Other news

Church News #1 – we welcome Revd. Chris Butler

Martin May writes:

We are extremely pleased to say that the Revd. Chris Butler's first service at Horton will be at our Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October, starting at 11.15am.

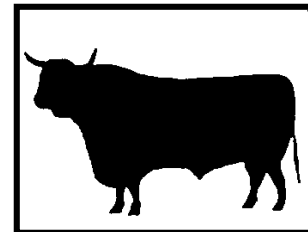
This will be followed by Evensong at Little Sodbury 6.00pm.

Should you wish to attend her Installation service, this is on Wednesday 4th October at Chipping Sodbury 7.00pm.

All Sunday services start at 11.15am; you are guaranteed a warm welcome and delightful refreshments afterwards!



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Church News #2 – Yew tree trimming

Martin May writes:

Work is about/has commenced on trimming the yew trees in the churchyard. Once complete the footpath (thanks to generous donations) will be re-laid to make our walk to the church so much easier.

So no excuses for not attending the HARVEST FESTIVAL on October 8th!!

Church News #3 – Donations required for roof repairs

Martin May writes:

By now most of you will have received our leaflet (begging letter!) asking for donations towards the impending expense of roof repairs. We have received a few responses to our plea, many thanks, but we are a long way off our initial target, so any contribution would be appreciated.

What's happening at the Tyndale Baptist Chapel ?

Those of you who have gone along the road at Little Sodbury End may have noticed that there is something happening on at the Tyndale Baptist Chapel.

You will have seen the signs "Shepherds Hut".

There is a major project of renovation underway. More details and some pictures hopefully in our next newsletter.

But what's it all about ?

Well, The Shepherds Hut is for people who are exploring Christianity and their faith but not ready for Church yet.



Do you want to know more ?

They are running a Cream Tea event on Saturday 14th October from 3pm to 5pm.

Tickets are £10 (£5 for school age children), and available from Alan on 01454 311702 or dove.house@hotmail.co.uk or from Michelle on 01454 325160 (administrator for Sodbury Vale Benefice), whose office is opposite St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury. Money raised from this event is going towards a prayer and reflection garden.

Please come along and see for yourself what is happening both inside and outside, with a chance to talk about the work of The Shepherds Hut and to join the mailing list.

The tickets are limited due to capacity, but please try to come along as it's an opportunity to be involved in this exciting project.



Delving into village history

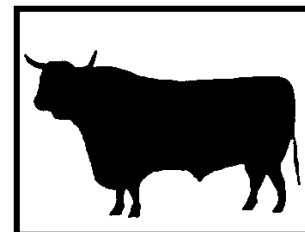
Just a reminder that we have a collection of papers, documents and photos of the village relating to times gone by. These were given to the Village Hall for safekeeping when the History Society was wound up a few years back. If you'd like to look through the papers we have, let us know and we'll tell you when the hall is available.

We are in the process of cataloguing the papers so we have a more detailed record of what is there.

If you'd like to help with that, or have anything else to add to our collection, please let us know.

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Did you know ...

Mozambique is the only one word country with all 5 vowels in it.

The first ever bungee jump took place from the Clifton Suspension Bridge in 1979, with members of the Oxford University Dangerous Sports Club.

Speaking of Bristol, Ribena was invented in Bristol at the National Fruit and Cider institute and marketed as a health drink due to its high concentration of Vitamin C.

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

Quick Quiz

Answers to last edition's quiz

- 1.. Which is the only edible food that never goes bad? **Honey**
2. The unicorn is the national animal of which country? **Scotland**
3. What do you call a group of ravens? **an unkindness**
4. What is measured in "Mickeys"? **the distance of the movement of a computer mouse**
5. What's the name of the talking snowman in Disney's Frozen? **Olaf**

Five quick questions to test your general knowledge – all Halloween or Bonfire Night related !. Answers provided in next edition

1. Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable ?
2. Burke and Hare committed murders on the streets of which city ?
3. What was the first name of the scientist Frankenstein in Mary Shelley's book ?
4. In which year was the failed Gunpowder Plot ?
5. What alias was used by Guy Fawkes who was also known as Guido Fawkes:
(a)John Johnson, (b)Sam Smith, or (c)Roger Brooke ?

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