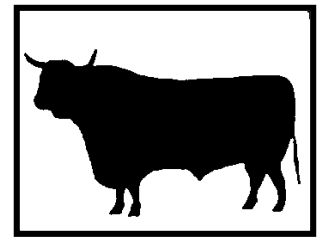


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Please send items for next newsletter by 22nd September 2025 to newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

Editorial

Well, what an interesting couple of months it's been since the last newsletter!

We've seen some great sporting moments — congratulations to the Lions (rugby) and the Lionesses (England Women's Football Team). Sadly, the weather hasn't been quite as kind to the garden, with barely a drop of rain.

Here in Horton, we've had our own highlights too: garden golf, beautiful chamber music, and plenty of activity at the village hall — not least from the local school.

And it doesn't stop there! The coming months are just as busy, so don't forget to check out the 'Dates for the Diary' section.

As summer rolls on, enjoy the sunshine, enjoy your holidays — and why not send us a few snaps to include in the next edition?

And if you have anything else you would like included in the next newsletter ... from the school, from the church, from the Social Club, from local organisations and clubs, or from anything happening in the village, then please let us know by 22nd September 2025 — e-mails sent to newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

Thank you — and have a happy summer !

Dates for the Diary

Here is a list of what will be happening in and around Horton & Little Sodbury in the next few months
You can find out more details when you keep reading this publication.

Tractor Run @ Hawkesbury Upton
Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall AGM @ HVH
KNEAD bread van @ HVH
Horton Beer Fest @ Horton Social Club
Hawkesbury Horticultural Show @ Hawkesbury Upton
The Impossible Bomb — talk by Gareth Williams @ HVH
Harvest Festival @ St Adeline's Church
Harvest Festival @ St James' Church
Harvest Lunch for St James' Church @ HVH
Craft fair @ HVH (in aid of St Adeline's Church)
Cheese & Wine evening + Quiz @ HVH
Carol Service @ St Adeline's Church

Sun 3rd August, starting at 10:50am
Tue 5th August, starting at 7:45pm
Sat 16th Aug at 10-11am
Fri 15th to Sun 17th Aug
Sat 30th August, starting at 12:30pm
Sun 21st September, starting at 3pm
Sun 5th October at 6pm
Sun 12th October
Sun 26th October
Sat 1st November at 10am
Fri 12th Dec — more details in next newsletter
Fri 19th December at 6pm

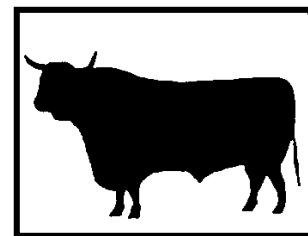
Boxercise classes are every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30- 7.30pm at Village Hall.

Pilates classes starting again — contact Sue Webb on sue@coreandmore.co.uk.

Zumba classes starting again — contact andrea.benson1@btinternet.com to express interest.

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What's in the Diary in detail

Tractor Run

Sun 3rd Aug @ Hawkesbury Village Hall

The annual Tractor Run is a fun feature of the summer in Hawkesbury Upton. This year it will take place on Sunday 3rd August – meeting at Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall at 9:30am, leaving at 10:45 and returning around 2:45pm followed by a family fun day – entertainment, raffle, auction and hot food.

For more info: Sally on 07510 516050 or mel@lowerkilocottfarm.co.uk

(Ed – All tractors, big & small welcome !! For more details on routes and timings, please check out the poster at the end of the pdf.)



Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall AGM

Tue 5th Aug @ Horton Village Hall

A definite date for your diary. ☺

The Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall AGM is now being held on Tuesday 5th August at Horton Village Hall, starting at 7:45. 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. See you there.

(Ed – and don't worry – attendance doesn't mean that you are automatically co-opted onto the committee ☺)

Horton Beer Festival

Fri 15th to Sun 17th August @ Horton Social Club

Yes, it's that time of year again. The annual Horton Beer Festival will be flowing from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th August at the Horton Social Club.

There will be guest real ale, ciders, live music and hot food served every night.

Open from 1pm all 3 days.

(Ed – yep – I'll be there – let's make some pour decisions together ! "Ale" you need is love ☺)



KNEAD Van back at the Village Hall !

Sat 16th Aug @ Horton Village Hall

The KNEAD bread van returns to Horton Village Hall on Saturday 16th August.

The van will be at the hall from 10am to 11am, selling their artisan fresh pastries, patisserie, bread, coffee and other goodies.

See www.kneadbakery.co.uk for further information about KNEAD.

(Ed – ok – no crumby jokes – no half-baked bread puns. And, following on from the previous article, all you knead is love... or should I say, all you knead is loaf ☺)



The Impossible Bomb – talk by Gareth Williams Sun 21st Sept @ Horton Village Hall

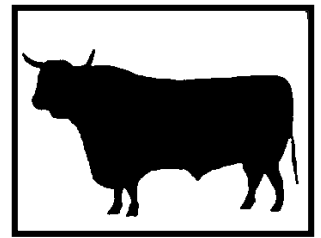
Six brilliant physicists: two Nobel prize winners, three Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany and a hot-tempered Australian. You probably won't know their names, but they changed the course of history. Without them, the Manhattan Project and Los Alamos would never have happened and no atomic bombs could have been built during the Second World War.

Piqued your interest ? What to know more ?? In which case, please come to Horton Village Hall on Sunday 21st September at 3pm to hear Gareth Williams talk about the remarkable story of the top-secret British nuclear programme, set up in 1940 and codenamed 'Tube Alloys'.

*(Ed – and ... this event is **free** !! ... and the bar is open plus teas & cakes will be on sale. So, please come along to this amazing talk.)*

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What's been happening

Horton Garden Golf Day

Sunday 29th June saw the revival of the Horton Golf Day – an event where you go to various houses in Horton, and you play golf (although strictly speaking, you just putt).

Sadly, even though it was a lovely day, the turnout was a little disappointing.

But, all in all, and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by those who came along, as were the teas and cake at the hall ... and the 'par-tee' made around £200.

(Ed – well done to everyone who came along and to all the volunteers and gardens for 'putting' the event on!)



Feria Chamber Ensemble Summer Concert



And on Sunday 6th July, we had the most wonderful Chamber Music concert at the village hall. We had music being played everywhere – we had Bach under the tree, we had flutes by the pavilion and various pieces being played around the hall ... all culminating with "The Carnival of the Animals", accompanied by poems written and performed by Dominic Lopez-Real.

It really was amazing, although maybe the music itself was not quite as "family friendly" as advertised.

However, the quality of the performances was incredible – a truly magical afternoon.



Again, sadly, the turnout was a little disappointing, but now we know just how good these musicians are, we hope that there will be a full house when they return again next year – watch this space.

What's happening elsewhere

Church News

Update from St James' Church, Horton

The PCC writes :-

By the time you read this, our final Saturday Teas (on 2nd August) will be about to take place. However, we're delighted to be supporting the National Trust during their open days at Horton Court on 20th and 21st September. We'll be serving tea and cake in the Church during these days — and you don't need to be a National Trust member to attend.

Our teas play an important role in fundraising, so please come along and support us.

There will be a service in the Church on Sunday 21st, with refreshments available afterwards.

If you have ever wanted to see inside Horton Court, this is your chance! For more information about Horton Court and other Heritage Open Days, visit: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Since our last newsletter, we have celebrated two baptisms and held the school's end-of-term service. It's always wonderful to see young people in the Church.

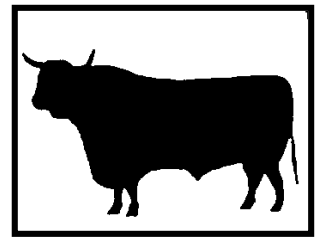
Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

- Harvest Festival – Sunday 12th October (with refreshments served)
- Harvest Lunch – Sunday 26th October

Enjoy delicious food, wine, and great company. Please book your tickets or table through Tina.

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We have finally made progress on addressing the much-needed repairs to the Church roof. We are now gearing up for a Lottery Heritage fund application, a process that will take some time to bear fruit. But we're also gratefully accepting any donations – big or small. If you have any spare change (even under the mattress!), we'd love to hear from you. As one supermarket says, every little helps!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps keep the Church looking its best – from cleaning and flower arranging to making it feel so welcoming. Special thanks to Tina and the "Tea Team" for all their hard work.

For sale on behalf of St James the Elder Church. (we are upgrading our PA system)

Suitable for a DJ or Band.

- SR Technology 12" bass bin.
- 3 channel powered(active) amp.
- 2 x XCR line in.
- 2 x speaker out for powering separate passive mid/high boxes.
- 400w internal bass amp plus 2 x 150w amps for powering mid/high speakers.

Used but in working order (tested 23rd July).

£150 or near offer.

Please contact Martin May 07795 076006

Update from St Adeline's Church

Linda Hurst & Brenda Cordy :-

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who came to help to tidy up the churchyard on 5th July. We are so grateful for the hard work of everyone and the difference in the appearance of the burial ground is amazing after mowing, trimming and the removal of the trees close to the church which were felled by Richard Williams and Tom. We have also removed the shed which had become dilapidated.

The church is now open during the day and we are extremely grateful to Dave Ferris for locking and unlocking the doors and generally keeping an eye on things. We leave bottled water, biscuits and treats for the walkers' dogs which seem to be appreciated.

We have been asked to have a Defibrillator available by the Parish Council. We are very happy to have this and at present we are in communication with the Diocese to see if any permissions are required.

Forthcoming Services:

- Details of a joint service with St James, Horton will be announced in due course.
- Harvest Festival is taking place on Sunday 5 October at 6.00pm.
- Carol Service will be on Friday 19 December at 6.00pm.

A fund raising Craft Fair has been arranged and will take place in Horton Village Hall on Saturday, 1st November between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

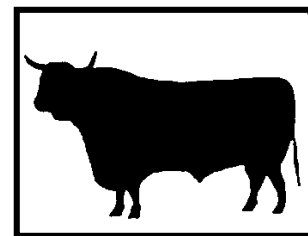
Please contact Brenda Cordy (07767 076985) (brendacordy370@gmail.com) if you wish to reserve a stall.

The times of the services will change to 4.00pm after the clocks change in October

Church Wardens
Brenda and Linda.

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Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall news and events

If you want to know more about that is happening in Hawkesbury Upton, then please check out their newsletter by contacting Colin Dixon on colindixon365@btinternet.com

Hawkesbury Horticultural Show 2024

Saturday 30th August 12.30 – 7.pm

Vicky Rispin (Show booking secretary) writes

Show schedule: This year's Show schedule, which contains a full list and descriptions of all exhibition classes, exhibiting rules, the annual awards, details for entering the carnival and entry forms, is available to buy from Hawkesbury Stores and Hawkesbury Post Office

Showday information: Gates open at 12,30pm. Cash and cards or pre-paid tickets, bought from Hawkesbury Shop or PO. On the Showground - the hog roast, beer tent, Pimms tent, 40 stalls including crafts, hot and cold food, gifts, Forest School activities for children and in the large Show marquee, exhibits of vegetables, flowers and fruit, crafts, home brewing, baking, photography and painting. There is a quiet space with refreshments available in the Village Hall.

Crowning of the Carnival Queen by the war memorial at 1.00pm then the carnival procession along High Street, led by the Nailsworth Silver Band. (High street is closed to traffic 12.30 – 1.30pm)

Entertainment in the Show arena: 'The Sheep Show' is a fun-filled presentation introducing 9 different breeds of sheep to visitors. Each takes their place on stage accompanied, by their very own theme tune. Nobby the Norfolk Horn is the star of the show. There will be a shearing display accompanied by an informative narrative where audiences learn the reasons why sheep are sheared.

There will also be a display of dancing by STREETCRED, a Chipping Sodbury based street dance group. The day ends with an auction of donated produce, led by auctioneer Nick Cragg, Come and bid for a mixed bag of fruit, veg, home baking and flowers.

Information: For any further information, please contact Vicky at vicky.rispin@btinternet.com

Full details about timings, stalls and lots more info on the Show website www.hawkesburyshow.org

Hawkesbury Baby and Toddler Group

The Hawkesbury Baby and Toddler Group will open every Tuesday during the holidays 9.30 – 11am in Hawkesbury Village Hall. £3.00 per family. Infant aged brothers and sisters, friends, relatives are all welcome. Refreshments and snacks included

Old Sodbury WI news and events

Sam Newick writes :-

- Old Sodbury WI met on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at Old Sodbury Village Hall.
- We welcomed Sarah Harris from the 'Spinning Weal' in Clevedon on 'Marie Antoinette's Guide to Farming'. She delighted us with her hilarious descriptions of family life on a smallholding and her experiences as a novice farmer.
- Our book club meets monthly and are currently reading 'The Night Tiger' by Yangsze Choo.
- We are looking forward to the Hawkesbury Fayre in August. We have lots of planned visits including Blenheim Palace, Bletchley Park, The Guide Dogs National Centre at Bishop's Tachbrook, Organic Blooms and Old Sodbury Tree and Plant Nursery.
- We are arranging an Autumn 2025 Harvest Ploughman's Supper and an Auction of Harvest Offerings on Saturday 4th October.
- We meet on the first Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd of September 2025 at Old Sodbury Village Hall at 7.30pm.

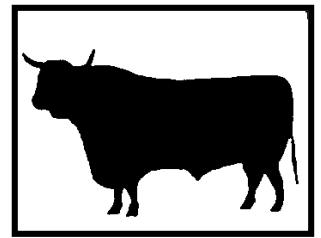
If you would like to know more or attend a meeting, do get in touch. You would be most welcome to attend one of our future meetings.

Sam Newick. Old Sodbury WI. Tel: 07534 930 630 e-mail: woldsodbury@gmail.com.



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What else

Defibrillator – update from Little Sodbury End

Phil Thornley writes :

Readers from the Little Sodbury End area will remember that about three months ago we installed a defibrillator on the front of our garage to help anyone locally who had a sudden cardiac event.

Well I never could have predicted how soon I might be needing one!

At the end of May, I was on my motorbike and took the M5 exit at Tewkesbury. On the roundabout I had a very serious collision with a car. I don't remember anything about it but a passing paramedic attended to me and said my Coma Scale was 3-4 (fifteen is normal and zero is dead !). The paramedic was local so he sent a passer-by to the local Porsche dealer to grab their public defibrillator.

Thankfully I didn't need it and I was helicoptered to the major trauma centre in Birmingham where I got fantastic treatment. I had a lot of injuries but I've been very blessed that my recuperation has been much quicker than people thought and I'm expected to make a full recovery.

It just shows that we don't know when or how we might come to need a defibrillator one day.

I believe all of us are now within reach of a defibrillator either in Horton or Little Sodbury End, so please do make yourself familiar with it and think about going on a course or at least watching some good YouTube videos about using an automated defibrillator. Do feel free to pop in if you want to have a closer look at this defibrillator.

Thank you so much to all our neighbours who have shown such care and kindness to us.

Phil and Gill Thornley, Coverdale House, Little Sodbury End

(Ed – This is an amazing story, and we are all so pleased that Phil is making such a good recovery.

There are plans to install another defib in Little Sodbury [see update from St Adeline's] – watch this space!)

Want to hire out the hall ??

Are you looking for an event venue for 2025, then look no further than Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall. Our village hall is perfect for birthday parties, wedding receptions, craft fairs, musical evenings, business meetings, off-site away-days, or team building events. Our rates are very competitive and you can host whatever kind of event suits your social or business needs.



We have free high speed wireless internet and a screen for you to project slides or other presentations. The hall seats up to about 100 people theatre style, and about 60 cabaret style.

Outside we have space for a hog roast or a barbecue. Our well fitted kitchen means that food can be cooked on site if you wish. We have a plumbed in water boiler to provide copious cups of tea or coffee.

Tables, chairs, use of the kitchen, crockery, cutlery, glasses, teapots and cafetieres are included in the hire charge. And we have a bar area. No hidden extras.

Outside we have a patio, a large car park and also a large playing field where you could have teambuilding events. We are within easy reach of Bristol, Bath, Yate,

Stroud and the M4 and M5 motorways.

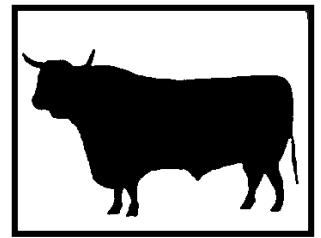
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or contact Emma on emma@halsvh.org.uk or 01454 322879 for further information and to arrange a visit.



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Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall

Web site: www.halsvh.org.uk
Chair: chairman@halsvh.org.uk
Hall bookings: emma@halsvh.org.uk or on 01454 322879

Village Agent

Position vacant

Horton Parish Council

<https://hortonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Nearest Defibrillators

(<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>)

Horton Village Hall	BS37 6QN (available 24/7)
Horton School	BS37 6QP (restricted availability)
Little Sodbury End	BS37 6QE (available 24/7)

Quick Quiz

Answers to last edition's quiz

- 1..“Biennial” does it mean (a) twice a year or (b) every two years??
2. How many time zones are there in the world??
3. What's the main ingredient in tofu??
4. If you get an eagle in golf, how many strokes did you get?
5. What was the name of the first cloned animal?

B – every 2 years

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Soybeans

Two strokes under par

Dolly the sheep (in 1996!)

Five quick questions to test your knowledge ! Answers provided in next edition

Alphabetically - who or what comes first in these groups

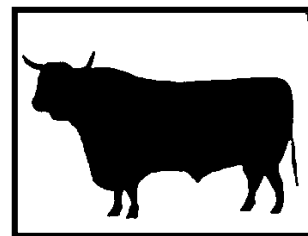
So here, we are looking for the first in the list alphabetically (*so if we were asking what would come first in 'days of the week', the answer is "Friday"*)

1. Cities in England
2. Numbers 1 to 10
3. The seven dwarfs
4. Shakespeare plays
5. Surname of Actors who have played James Bond (in the EON Films)

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The Poster section



Summer Tractor Run Route



Sunday August 3rd

Hawkesbury Village Hall - Meet at 9.30am to start at 10.45am

All times after this point are approximate and depend on stops

10.50am Through Hawkesbury Upton High Street to A46

11am Over A46 To Badminton



11.15-11.30am Through Badminton to Luckington

11.45-12pm Through Sherston High Street

12.15-1pm To Westonbirt then Beverston



1 – 1.30pm To Chavenage, Hazelcote to Kingscote

1.30 - 2.15pm To Bagpath, Ozelworth and then Wortley

2.15 - 2.45pm To Hillesley then to Hawkesbury Village Hall

All Tractors Big or Small Welcome

Lots of fun for all the family, raffle, auction, and hot food
before & after the run

The brilliant Harry Round

will be entertaining us after the run



Please do come along the route and give us a wave & a cheer

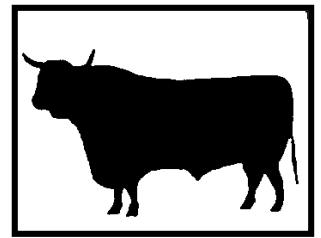
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A poster for the 2025 Beer Festival at Horton Social Club. The background is dark with a stylized, wavy pattern. At the top, a blue banner reads "HORTON SOCIAL CLUB" flanked by two wheat stalks. Below this, the text "2025 Beer Festival" is written in large, bold, white letters. A blue diagonal banner on the left says "Gourmet burgers Friday night". A red horizontal banner on the right says "Fresh made Pizza Saturday night". In the center is a large, stylized glass of beer. Below the glass, the text "Real Ales, Guest Ciders." and "Open from 1pm, all day." is written in white. At the bottom, it says "15th - 17th August" and "Live Music, Hot Food." in white. The phrase "Free Entry" is written in large, bold, white letters at the very bottom. A small flame icon is in the bottom right corner.

HORTON SOCIAL CLUB

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