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**EDITORIAL**

We are starting the New Year of 2016 with a wide range of articles reflecting life in our village. It's good to see a whole page on Ins & Outs – thankfully there are many more “Ins” than “Outs” including two new Horningsham babies! On a less cheerful note, the “Outs” include two couples bearing the name Trollope who will be greatly missed. In fact, this year sees the end of Trollopes in Horningsham after at least 448 years! There may be other village names, such as Marsh, that have been here even longer, but it is strange to think of the village without Trollopes.

As well as bringing you news of the various village organisations, we also have our regular update on the doings at Mill Farm. Bob Grove is back with another walk. There is advance news of another one man show by Pip Utton – this time with Maggie Thatcher. The series commemorating World War One continues with a death that changed the course of the succession of Longleat 100 years ago. Henry would not have become the 6<sup>th</sup> Marquess had his older brother John not been shot in the back of the head in the trenches aged just 20. Finally, Wiltshire Council is looking to reduce its subsidies on bus services. Our village buses are all subsidised by Wiltshire and so are under threat. There is a consultation underway on the proposals so give them your views about our buses.

**Tim Hill**

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

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## CHURCH NEWS



It was lovely to see so many people in church on Christmas morning. Some of them were visitors and it was good to share our worship with them in our beautiful village setting. Alison Wadsworth was again kind enough to take the service for us and she always brings two friends to accompany our singing with violin and keyboard. It creates a completely different atmosphere and was most enjoyable.

Plough Sunday is one of our most popular services and was well supported. It was good to see the farming community across the parish well represented for the blessing of the plough. Everyone enjoys the dances performed by the Morris Men and the hobby horse makes everyone smile. It was all very jolly. Afterwards we enjoyed some suitable refreshment. The hot, mulled cider was particularly welcome on a cold morning.

There will be no service in Horningsham during February. Instead, we hope you will join us at one of the services in the Deverills. The times are on the notice board.

**Helen Taylor**



### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

#### ***HELP WANTED!***

Most of the team who do the flowers in the Church have left the village, so please let Maggie Osborne (844414) know if you are willing to play a part. It means doing the flowers about twice a year, plus on the special occasions when everyone is involved. It does not include a requirement to attend the church services!

Dear Friends,

As I write we are experiencing the first really cold days of the winter with an icy wind, but it's so lovely to see blue sky and the sun rather than endless grey; we have passed the shortest day now so we are moving towards spring, even though it seems a long way away at this point in time.

We are also, extraordinarily, moving towards Easter, which is very early this year on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Sometimes there is a big gap between the season of Epiphany, which follows Christmas, and Lent, which precedes Easter, but this year there is only one Sunday of 'Ordinary time' as we call it

and then it's Ash Wednesday on February 10<sup>th</sup> and off we go into 40 days of preparation for the big day. Of course before all that we end Epiphany with Candlemas; I do hope you will be able to join us for what is a beautiful service: 10.30am February 7<sup>th</sup> at Longbridge, 31<sup>st</sup> January 3.30pm at St Margaret's Corsley where there will be a Christingle and Candlemas service combined.



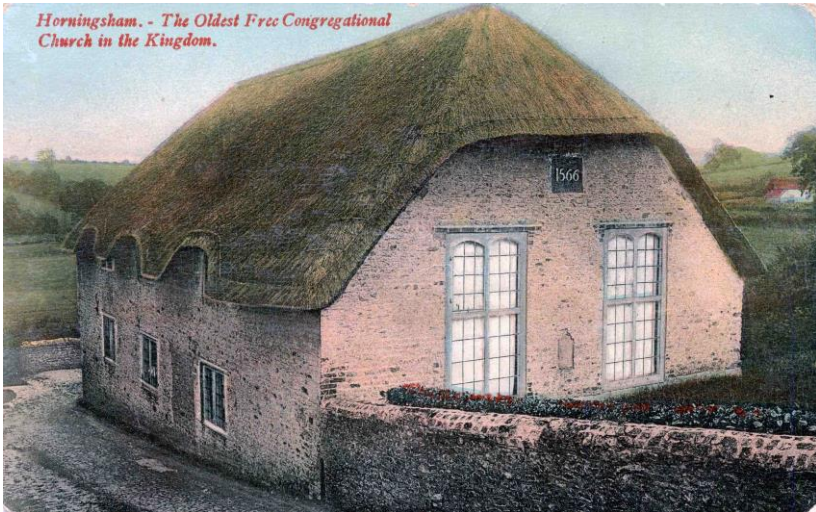
I wonder if you have been to an Ash Wednesday service? True to its name, on this Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent the priest takes ashes from burnt palm crosses mixed with oil to mark a cross on the forehead of each person saying, 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.' Not exactly cheery is it? Yet I always find the Ash Wednesday service profoundly moving and life affirming. Confronted by those stark words the detritus and pretence that we surround ourselves with is stripped away. There is nothing like being told that one day you will be dust to clarify your perspective and enable you to see what is important and what is quite simply, irrelevant. But there is more: Malcome Guite writes: 'There is a deeper wisdom still in the tradition of ashing. For the ash that is left after purging fires is itself a fertilizer, a life enabler, a source of new growth; we place these unpromising leavings on the garden and new things bloom.' Paradoxically, in embracing our own mortality, our own capacity for making an almighty mess of things, we are released to begin again, to make something beautiful of our lives.

This year we are sharing our Ash Wednesday with Bishop Ed. We'll begin with a service of ashing at 10am at Chapmanslade then walk round the benefice stopping to pray in each church. We'll end at Longbridge Deverill for tea in the village hall where we hope lots of people will join us to chat with Bishop Ed. It won't be possible for everyone to walk the whole route but we will give approximate times for reaching each church so that people can join us as they wish for a shorter walk. Do come, it promises to be a very special day.

Love and prayers,

**Pauline Reid** revpauline@btinternet.com 01985841290

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am Morning Service**

**Carol Cox**  
horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

## WELCOME CLUB

Here we are on the verge of another Club year – we shall hold our first meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm in the Hall. Subs will be taken and new programmes issued plus our usual chat and tea and raffle! It would be lovely to see you there.

We ended last year on a high. Prizes were won by several people following the quiz. £155.75 was the sum made at the “Bingo at Bradley” night. Many thanks to Brenda and her team for working so hard to achieve this. Our Christmas Tea was a friendly affair when Santa sent biscuits for all – beautifully wrapped!

Here’s to another season of laughter and friendship and some enjoyable trips. Looking forward to seeing you all during the year.

**Chris Short 01985 847373**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at the Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors Tim Hill (Chairman); Fran Chris; Michael Trollope; Emma Curtis; Ken Windess; Matt Simpson; Simon Millar; and Gerard Brierley.

**In attendance:** The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM.

**Apologies:** Councillors: Steve Crossman (Vice Chairman); John Radley.

### **Planning**

There were no new planning applications to consider though a decision by Wiltshire Council to approve the following application was communicated.

**15/11307/FUL Location: 27 Newbury Horningsham Wiltshire BA12 7LG**

**Proposal: Construction of dormer window to rear elevation.**

### **Vacancy**

One application had been received by the closing date and Council unanimously decided to co-opt Mr Dermot FitzGerald.

### **Parish Steward – Highways**

It was reported that the hedge, which belongs to Longleat, and the verge in the lane from the telephone box in Gentle Street to the junction of Rose Hill and White Street need attention.

Subsidence in Water Lane was reported. It requires digging out and refilling to the level of the road. Also, water is seeping out from the drain across the road and this would be dangerous if it turns to ice.

### **Litter Pick**

Councillor Fran Chris reported that she had written a piece for the Horningsham News publicising the litter pick that will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. She will be at the Hall from 10 am to 12 noon with black sacks, high visibility vests and litter pickers. Councillors were asked to draw parishioners' attention to this with a request for as many volunteers as possible.

### **Hedges**

It was noted with appreciation that Longleat Estate has recently cut a large number of the overgrown hedges in the village.

### **Play Area**

The Chairman reported that he had, as requested, contacted Ceawlin regarding the possibility of him funding a more modest version of the play area and had received a favourable response. The Clerk and Councillor Emma Curtis will supply the Chairman with a revised plan that he can use in his discussions with Ceawlin.

### **Community Emergency Plan**

A report on the project to date from Councillor Matt Simpson was heard. A sheet was circulated with details of the plan to date. Councillor Simpson informed Council that he had been contacted by Wiltshire Council Snow team regarding the plan. He asked

Councillors to contribute to the information on the list. It was noted that the grit bin by the War Memorial was still to be moved by Councillor Steve Crossman.

### **Asset Maintenance**

Councillor Ken Windess reported to Council on the bus shelter project. He told Council that he had completed the work on the wooden structure. Longleat Estate's new Maintenance Manager Mr Graeme Metcalfe has taken responsibility for the new block work and offered to assist Councillor Windess in erecting the wooden structure. Councillor Windess mentioned that he will not be able to undertake the work on the other bus shelter at Hollybush. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts to date, and said that his generous help was very much appreciated.

### **Grounds Maintenance Contracts for 2016**

It was unanimously agreed that Council award the contract for cutting the village grass to Mr. Pete Wellstead. It was also unanimously agreed that Council award the contract for the Burial Grounds and the Church Yard to Mr. Carl Trollope. Councillors expressed the view that both contractors had done excellent work in 2015.

### **Good Neighbours Scheme**

Councillor Emma Curtis told Council that Wiltshire Council funding had been withdrawn and would be given to the Area Boards to use. It was suggested that a volunteer base would be used instead. Doubts were expressed about whether this would be satisfactory. Councillor Curtis was invited to the Luncheon Club and Welcome Club by Councillor Fran Chris to inform them of the changes afoot.

### **Budget**

In view of the fact that the grant received from the Government this year had decreased by £250.89 to £55.07, Council approved a final precept request of £12177.71 which represents an increase of £9.39 (14.17%) for the year on a band D property. As Parish Councils do not have any other means of raising revenue, it was agreed that a sound budget for future planning needed to be considered and it was decided that this budget would fulfil the Parish Council's commitments for the 2016/2017 year.

**The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend.**

### **ADVERTISING RATES**

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## HALL NEWS



Firstly, **Thank You** to everyone who attended one of our events last year. Thanks also to all those who have helped out either front of house or behind the scenes – it is, as always, much appreciated.

2015 saw the Hall Committee change and with that came a few of the teething problems you would expect when roles and responsibilities change (missing tea towels, mysteriously locked cupboards ...) as well as the odd plumbing emergency!

Some of our events were unfortunately postponed or cancelled - the August Bank Holiday washout/picnic, for example, which was a shame, but who can predict the weather!

Other events proved popular, however, such as the Plays, the Feasts and the Bingo. All of these will be making a return in the coming months, so watch out for details. We also introduced some coffee mornings, had a Christmas party and had great fun decorating the Hall/tree to get everyone in the festive spirit.

In other news, Jane Yates' beautiful quilt, which was raffled over 6 months for the Hall roof appeal, raised a whopping £375. The winner was Jane's sister which is lovely, as it stays in the family and Jane will get to see it again.

A date has been set for the next Hall Committee AGM – this will be on 21<sup>st</sup> April and everyone is welcome. This is also the time to get involved in the committee. There will be some changes in members so, if you fancy organising/helping out at events, or want to get involved in some other way, please let one of the existing committee know, or have a chat to find out more.

**Hall Feast:** this will now be on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> – put the date in your diary!

So here's to 2016 at the Hall. We hope to see you there again soon.

**The Village Hall Committee**

*For tickets and more information, please contact [horningshamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:horningshamvillagehall@gmail.com), speak to a committee member or check out Horningsham News & its Facebook Page for the latest news*

## HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Although not present, I have it on very good authority that the Christmas Lunch was a great success. Over 60 members and guests sat down to an excellent Christmas Meal kindly prepared and cooked by Kim and her band of helpers to whom we extend our grateful thanks.



Jane had travelled back from her new home to attend and the draw was made for the beautiful patchwork bedspread that she had made. This was won by Jane's sister and a grand total of £375 was raised for the Hall roof fund.



After lunch the raffle was held and the afternoon concluded with the children from Horningsham Primary School singing and entertaining everyone with seasonal music. This was very much appreciated and our thanks to the teachers and children for concluding the afternoon on such a festive note.



Instead of sending cards to each other the luncheon club members made a collection and £67 has been sent to their chosen charity the ' Wiltshire Air Ambulance'.

We have four new members who have joined us for 2016 and we look forward to swelling our numbers over the coming months. Don't forget we meet every Thursday from 12 noon (excepting holiday breaks) for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee for £2.50 a head (what a bargain).

If any more information is needed please contact Margaret or myself.

**Margaret Long (844756) Lesley Trollope (211355)**



## **HORNINGSHAM FAYRE**

Calling all Elton John look-a-likes. Anyone free on Sunday 12th June to don a pair of big specs, wig and sparkly outerwear? We can't be outdone by Elton and some fancy finger work on the piano; the Fayre shall go on!

There was a flurry of committee discussion around the announcement of Elton's concert, the clash of dates and much debate about traffic concerns etc but we are sticking with Sunday 12th June for our fabulous annual Fayre. There will probably be a slight alteration of timings but we'll confirm that in the March edition. The good news is that Longleat have confirmed Ceawlin and Emma are still free to open the Fayre. We are delighted.

By the time you read this, the applications for the stallholders will have gone out. We would like applications from local residents who have a business or craft they want to showcase at the Fayre. Please get in touch for a form - Horningsham residents are particularly welcomed and two people can share a stall if you're just setting out and want to test the waters.

Louisa, Sammy and Ange from the school PTA as joint representatives have joined the Fayre Committee - one member will be present at each meeting and we look forward to working with the new PTA members on this year's Fayre.

There is some new entertainment booked in for the arena - it involves velvet and I'm not sure it will work on grass but what could possibly go wrong? We've yet to contact the lovely Mrs H about the dog show but if you're reading this Charlotte please say "Yes"! And we're on the lookout for some live music. Are you in a band or know of a good band who would like to play a couple of sets? Get in touch and give yourself the chance to perform to over crowd of 2,000 plus.

As ever, we are open to new ideas for performers and arena acts. Drop me a line or speak to another committee member.

All the best,

**Caroline Dykes and the Fayre Committee.**

## INS & OUTS

There are more people to welcome this month as the village continues to fill up, but sadly we are also saying farewell to two important long-term residents.

### ***Ins***

We start by announcing two important arrivals: Emma May Birnie born on 28<sup>th</sup> December weighing 8lbs 3oz and measuring 56cm long. Many congratulations to Kate and Mike! Also Oliver Russell born on 29<sup>th</sup> December – many congratulations to Micah and Andrew. Welcome to Allan and Clare Sleeman, both Wiltshire people who have moved back from Cornwall to live at 165 Chapel Street. Allan is a care officer supporting children with disabilities. He was previously a fireman, at one time working at Fire and Rescue with the NASA Columbia Space Mission. Clare, now retired, was a nurse. They have two sons, one a surgeon and the other a photographer, 4 grandchildren and two border collies. Allan is a keen cricketer.

Beshlie McKelvie and Jude Selby, with Namaya aged 7½ months, have moved to Prospect House (No. 44) in Newbury. Jude also has two young sons living in the Lake District who visit here often. Beshlie is an artist and has a business sourcing textiles from women's cooperatives in India, Africa, and South America ([www.Beshlie.com](http://www.Beshlie.com)). Jude works in the travel industry and is an 'extreme sportsman'.

Helen Buckley with Ria (aged 5) has moved from Frome to 86 Water Lane. Ria is at the Steiner School in Frome. Helen is a full-time Mum, but also writes music and teaches the violin.

David and Jackie Porter have moved from Upton Noble to 38 Newbury, and are excited to be in such a beautiful place. David is a self-employed carpenter and Jackie works with dressage horses. Their daughter Katie is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Plymouth University studying Business. Jackie has horses for show jumping when she has time.

### ***Outs***

It is very sad to be saying farewell to the last members of the Trollope family to leave the village. As you will read elsewhere in the 'News' the family has been here since the building of Longleat, so they are a great loss.

First, Vic and Ann have moved from Chapel Street. Vic was born in 200 Pottle Street and spent 63 years working for the Estate, first in forestry and the last three in the gardens. He married Ann from Feltham in Somerset and their children Cynthia and Carl (Flash) were born and grew up in the village. Vic and Ann celebrated their Diamond Wedding on Boxing Day.

Mike and Lesley will have moved by the time you read this. Mike was born in 207 Pottle Street and he started work while still at school for John Crossman at Mill Farm and for the Whatleys at Parsonage Farm. He then worked for the Estate until becoming self-employed in 1982 and he has been for many years a member of the Parish Council. He and Lesley, a Warminster girl, have been married 48 years and their sons Jeremy and Matthew were born and brought up here. Lesley has been a wonderful supporter of the village: for 40 years a very active member of the Hall Committee; managing the Fayre finances from the time it began; School Governor; Parish Clerk; and working for Mr Haskell in the village shop.

The village will never be the same again!

**Maggie Osborne**

# Horningsham Primary School

## Take One Book...

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We are very excited to be doing a whole school project this term. We have done Take One Picture and Take One ... before, but this time we have created our own Take One project with a focus on books. Each class has one book which will be the inspiration for all their work over the Spring Term, with one additional book as a whole school focus. We plan to put on an exhibition for the community, which will run the first week back after the Easter Holidays. We will send out more details nearer the time. If you're interested in helping in any way then please don't hesitate to contact the School Office.

### **Robins: "James and the Giant Peach"**

Robins are looking at "James and the Giant Peach" for Take One Book. We are looking forward to taking a trip to Longleat to look at the insects there and comparing them to the characters in the book. We will then be making giant fantasy bugs based on what we see. These will sit on a giant peach surrounded by an ocean, which will form our main display piece for the Take One Exhibition. If anyone has any chicken wire they could spare to form the structure of the peach, we would be most grateful.



Finn and Beatrix making a 'scene in a box' as part of our "James and the Giant Peach" Take One Book project.

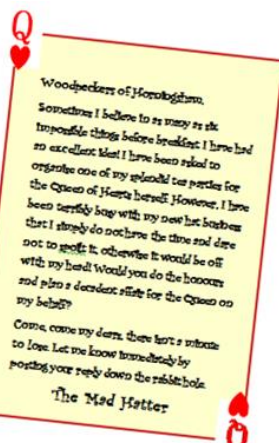
### **"Woodpeckers in Wonderland"**

For our Take One Book project we have chosen 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. Our topic began with a letter being delivered by a little white rabbit; the letter was from the Mad Hatter. He has asked us to organise a tea party for the Queen of Hearts on his behalf. We are doing lots of research to make sure that we get it just right, don't want to lose her heads after all!



This Rabbit Hole appeared in our Secret Garden!

We use it like a post box for sending our replies to the Mad Hatter!



## Owls: "Carrie's War"



We had an emotional morning one day at school this term as Owls were evacuated to the safety of the countryside as part of their Take One Book experience focusing on "Carrie's War". After a brave farewell on the playground, the children, along with their teachers Mr Castle (Mr Dix), Mrs Bagshaw (Mrs Woodward), Mrs Stocking and Mrs Ballamy and made their way to Cranmore Station in Somerset to experience both being evacuated and then billeted with local families. During the journey the children enjoyed authentic period packed lunches, which included a selection of delicious looking scotch eggs, pork pies and jam tarts. The children were also fortunate enough to visit the engine shed and signal box,

before being transported back to Horningsham. It was both a pleasure to see the children looking so in keeping with the period, and being thanked by the station staff on their great manners.



**If anyone was an evacuee or has relatives or friends who were, we would love for you to come in and share your story with the children in Owls Class. Just contact the School Office if you are interested (844342).**



### **Whole School: "Varmints" by Helen Ward**

The whole school are doing a combined project using the picture book "Varmints". This is a very thought-provoking book and one that enables the children to explore themes of pollution and extinction, amongst other issues. We are excited to see how we can use the book to develop our own ideas about global issues.

**Community Opportunities: we would love to involve the villagers in some of our projects (as already indicated). We are planning on doing lots of art and sculpture (possibly metal work!) so let us know if you have any expertise or resources you may be able to share!**

## Mill Farm Chronicles December 2015 - January 2016

Blink and you miss it seems to sum up my Christmas. It was lovely, busy, but over far too quickly and yes, I was still delivering village cards on Christmas Eve!

Steve was out early every morning doing the routine stuff on the farm, feeding, strawing down and mucking out. Thankfully it wasn't icy so no pipes required thawing out over the holiday period unlike today which is supposed to be the coldest for ages. I prefer cold and frosty as opposed to mild and wet and a bit of snow wouldn't go amiss either. I know it makes life difficult for lots of people and for Steve but it's exciting for a few days and the farm and village always looks so pretty with some frost or snow about.





Nothing of note has happened on the farm these last few weeks, the fat cattle are getting fatter and the in-calf cows are getting fatter too but for a different reason. Calving is due to start mid-February so life will step up a gear then. The donkeys had their hooves trimmed before Christmas so that they looked their best for their guest appearance up at the Village Hall's Christmas do. I think they enjoyed it! Woody the horse has gone to pastures new . . . quite literally. His owner is moving to Newbury so Woody has a nice field close to the new house.

The shoots stopped for 4 days which was a nice break from sausage cooking. We are on the home run now and heading towards the beaters' meal at the end of the month which is my last commitment for this season.

Steve has been away loading for a few days since New Year. He had two days at Warter Priory near York which is a large, privately owned estate which is reputed to have one of the finest shoots in England. Last week he was on the Isle of Wight at a place called Bowcombe. He's lucky because he gets to see some beautiful countryside around the country at all times of the year.

The bed and breakfast was nicely busy up to, over, and after Christmas. The Festival of Lights seems to have been immensely popular which had a knock-on effect for my business with people deciding it would be nice to have a pre-Christmas treat and combine it with an overnight stop. The majority of guests had children and it was lovely talking to them about the singing Christmas tree, the pantomime people in the house, the beautiful lanterns and watching their faces light up when they told me about meeting Father Christmas. We took Ivy down to see the lanterns and she was mesmerised by them. I'm looking forward to her being old enough next Christmas for us to be able to take her to see the big man himself.

We are decommissioning our upstairs twin room and converting our downstairs dining room into another bed and breakfast family room. I'm hopeful that it will be up and running by Easter but there is a lot of work to do before that happens.

Socially life has been quiet too. We went to the christening of little Rufus Crossman on 27<sup>th</sup> December at Seend which was lovely and then celebrated his Dad's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday at the beginning of January. We went to a friend's house for supper and party games just before Christmas and we attended the Plough Sunday service last weekend. This is always a nice bouncy service where the Bathampton Morris men entertain the congregation and there is bread and cheese and mulled cider afterwards. Other than that we've just been working during the day and hunkering down in front of the fire and TV in the evenings.

Ivy continues to delight us. She has started to say a few words, her newest two being bubble and banana and her latest trick is to "post" anything and everything into the kitchen bin or, when she's at home, through the cat flap into the garden.

Any one seen the TV remote?

**Margaret Crossman**



Horningsham's Megan Jefferies received an award in the annual awards ceremony of the Orders of St John Care Trust held at Trowbridge Civic Centre. The awards were presented by OSJCT Trustees and directors, along with Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire Mrs Sarah Troughton and CEO of Dementia UK Hilda Hayo.

Megan, pictured here with Mrs Troughton, works at the Ashwood Care Centre in Warminster and won the title of **Young Carer of the Year** due to her calm and sensitive nature and always going the extra mile. Despite being a relatively new carer, Megan has been described as a role model for other new employees by picking up extra shifts, making the most of every training opportunity and giving up her personal time for residents. Ashwood Care Centre opened in November 2014 and is in Gipsy Lane, Warminster where it provides care for 82 over-65s on a not-for-profit basis.

OSJCT is sponsored by two historic Orders of Chivalry. One is the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of Jerusalem, Rhodes & Malta. The other is the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. Between them, these two Orders bring a combined total of over 1,000 years of experience in care, relief and service. Today, they provide OSJCT's Trustees. The first association between the two Orders in Britain was formalised in 1975 through the provision of care in almshouses. In 1999 it assumed responsibility for 18 care homes from Wiltshire County Council. At this point, the name of the charity was changed to The Orders of St John Care Trust and remains so today.

## The End of The Trollopes



**Victor Trollope**



**Michael Trollope**

There have been Trollopes in Horningsham for 448 years, but now no longer. One of the oldest family names in Horningsham is no more, now that Michael and Lesley and Vic and Anne Trollope have all moved to Warminster.

The first Trollope in Horningsham is recorded in Longleat's records in February 1568. William Trollope, a freemason, was paid 19 shillings for 19 days work on the building of Longleat House. In 1540, the 25 year old John Thynne paid £23 for 60 acres of land, a rabbit warren, an orchard, a water mill and a dilapidated priory called "Longlete". Conversion work on making the priory habitable was devastated by fire in April 1567 and Thynne decided to build a much grander new house and hired Smythson, also a freemason, to design and build the house we know today. William Trollope would have been one of the most skilled craftsmen involved in the building project and his name appears continuously in the Longleat accounts.

The name Trollope originates in Northumberland from a place called "Trollhop" (now Troughburn) derived from the old Norse meaning the valley of the trolls. Wherever William came from, we know that he settled locally and in 1569 married a Corsley girl, Alice Trapp. We also know that they had a son called Allen who married Ursula Carpenter – another old Horningsham name that disappeared from the village only last year with the death of Barbara Carpenter. They also had John, Roger, Robert, Morris and Agnes. William was buried in the churchyard at Horningsham in November 1596.

We don't have a family tree for William but by the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Trollope had become the most common surname in Horningsham. In the 1851 Census, no fewer than 167 people out of a population of 1,189 were called Trollope. From this peak of 14% of Horningsham residents being Trollopes, the name gradually declined until in the 1911 Census there were just 55 Trollopes in a population of 612 (9%) and now in 2016 there are none left.

## MONTHLY RECIPE

### *Lemon, Ginger and Blueberry Flan*



This simple but delicious pudding takes a while to set, so make it the night before if possible.

Serves 6 - 8

#### ***Ingredients***

15oz ginger biscuits

50g melted butter

500ml double cream

150g caster sugar

Juice and grated zest of 2 lemons

150g blueberries

Fresh mint leaves and icing sugar for garnish

#### ***Method***

1. Put the ginger biscuits in a plastic bag and crush them into crumbs with a rolling pin. Add the melted butter, mix well and use the mixture to line a loose bottomed 20cm flan tin. Press it down firmly.
2. Pour the cream into a small saucepan, add the sugar and the lemon zest. Bring to the boil for 3-4 minutes, watching carefully. Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Strain the mixture through a fine sieve to remove the lemon zest and leave to cool for a few minutes.
3. Spread the blueberries over the prepared flan base, reserving some for decoration, and pour over the cream mixture.
4. Allow to set in the fridge.
5. Before serving, decorate the top with blueberries, mint leaves and a dusting of icing sugar.

***Enjoy!***

**Jan Smy**

## Walks from Horningsham Snowdrops and elf caps

February can be full of surprises. Due to many years of loving work by Fran and Nicola, White Street has a marvellous display of snowdrops each year. However, in the woods at Whitbourne Springs on the Corsley Heath side of the Estate, there is another spectacular display of snowdrops, among which if you tread lightly, minding where you put your feet, you can find small brown cup shaped fungi with bright scarlet insides known as scarlet elf caps or elf cups (*Sarcosypha coccinea*).



There are two ways of approaching this display. If you have a Resident's Grounds Pass you can walk along the ridge from Heaven's Gate along Park Hill Screen towards the Longleat pay booths and the Janus sculpture - in winter the higher track through the new field gate is more interesting than the road albeit muddier after recent forestry work. Just before the sculpture turn left down a very clear forest track and keep going down. Near the bottom of the hill on your left in a depression in the woods you will see the remains of an old cottage. In front of this on the north side you will find a field of snowdrops covering a good sized area of the woodland.

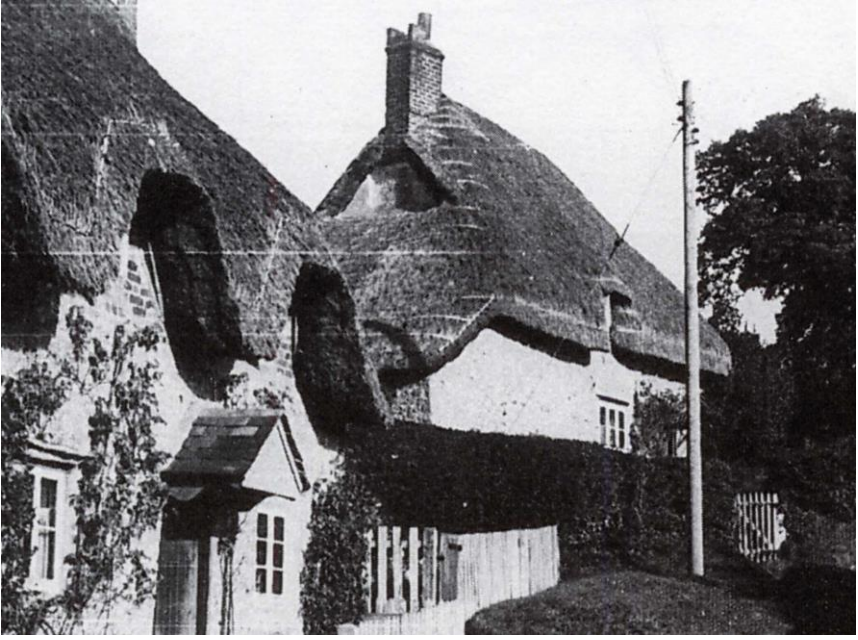


Take great care walking among them and look for small decaying twigs and branches covered with lichen. It is here you will find the elf caps. They are now rare in Great Britain and thrive in undisturbed places so please leave them as you find them. Time from Heaven's Gate - 30-40 minutes.

The other approach is from the lane leading to Longhedge – just off the A362. By a corner in the lane just before Longhedge (GR:828443) is a track which leads into the woods. The snowdrops are then to your right over a small ridge, but approaching them from this direction you can see why Whitbourne Springs are so called – wellies are recommended. These are in fact very beautiful, peaceful woods - especially now the mountain bikers have disappeared - and are worth exploring at other times of the year.

**Bob Grove**

THEN & NOW



c.1942



c.1965



2016

This month we are back in White Street which was sold off by Longleat Estate in the early 1960s. We are at Number 53 and the first photo shows how it looked in around 1942. The second photo shows the house built on the site after it was sold off. It appears to be a completely new build though the original walls survive in the right hand two-thirds of the house. The third photo shows how it is today.

Like most of the cottages in Horningsham Number 53 was home to working class tenants. In 1871 George Chapman, age 26, lived there with his wife Mary (32). George was a gardener as was their lodger John Grist age 66. By 1881 James Dredge, age 47, an agricultural labourer had moved in with his wife Sarah (48) and their three daughters. In 1891 only the eldest daughter, now a dressmaker, was still at home. In 1901 Sarah, aged 68, was now widowed and living with her middle daughter, Louisa (28) who was a housemaid. For the first time, Sarah now gives an occupation: that of dressmaker. By 1911 the house was unoccupied.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Number 53 was home to the Rotherhams: Leonard and Nora. Leonard was a distinguished metallurgist and a Fellow of the Royal Society who became Vice Chancellor of the University of Bath from 1969 to 1976. Nora died in 1991 and Leonard in 2001 aged 87.

## LITTER PICK

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March is this year's date for the Great Village Litter Pick. I shall be at the Hall from 10 am to 12 noon with black sacks, high vis vests and litter pickers.

If you can manage this time please would you let me know what part of the village you will clear so that we can cover the whole village. It certainly needs a spruce up.

**Hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup> March!**

**Fran Chris**



## POLICE NEWS



The Community Policing Team pilot has now completed its initial 10 week mark and the general feedback is positive. We should not underestimate the impact that austerity has, and will have, on the way that we work, but this does not diminish our commitment to deliver Local Policing that balances the threats, harms and risks that have been identified as having the greatest impact on our Communities. Feedback is essential in this regards and I encourage any views, positive or negative in this respect to

be directed to our Feedback email address of [feedback@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:feedback@wiltshire.police.uk)

The Volunteer Police Cadets are now fully trained and we are looking to utilise them again in the upcoming School holidays – if you have any events that you would like them to attend then please let us know!

There have been 37 reported occurrences in Warminster Rural, across the month of December, compared to 68 occurrences reported to Police in the month of November. This is a massive drop in incidents. This is most likely linked to a series of bicycle thefts, for which five males have been arrested. Two of these males have received Police Cautions, and three currently remain on Police bail until February.

**PCSO Debbie Robbins**



### **Long Stint at Longleat**

Joan Trollope retired recently after 41 years working for Longleat. During that time Joan had several different roles. Readers with long memories will probably remember her best for the 19 years she spent filling our cars with petrol. In 1971 she and her husband Michael took over the village petrol station near the Bath Arms. She remembers that when she started petrol was just 6/11d – just under 35p – and that was per gallon – not per litre! She recalls that when the price reached an unheard-of £1 per gallon the pumps had to be changed because they couldn't cope with such high price. For most of her 19 years, the pumps were at the roadside with cars being filled up in the road but a change in the law led to the Estate building a new pull-in off the road. Her next job was working with Fran Chris in the ice cream kiosks selling ice creams to visitors. At its height there were 5 kiosks and an Ice Cream Parlour that was in the Stable Yard. When Fran left, Joan decided she too would like a change and she moved in 2002 to the toll gates where she worked with a short break until she finally retired this year. Joan's co-workers marked her well-earned retirement with a celebratory meal. Joan is now enjoying her retirement though she does now have to share the housework with Michael! We wish them both long and happy retirements.



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## LONGLEAT NEWS

As readers will have guessed from the enormous queues of cars entering Longleat, this year's Festival of Lights at Longleat has been a huge success with attendances up by 22% over last year – in spite of all that rain. As Margaret Crossman writes elsewhere in this issue, her B&B business has definitely benefitted. It looks as though even some of Longleat's animals were impressed!





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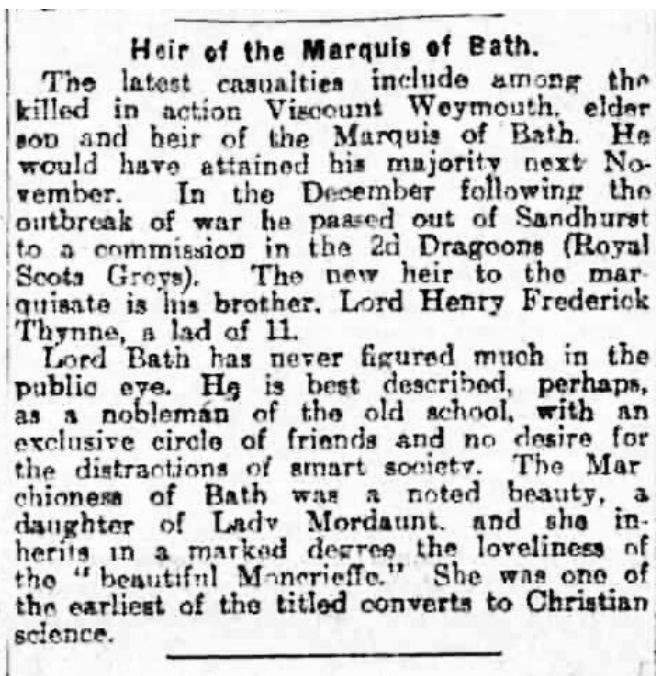
**Refreshments Available**

## Longleat Heir Killed

In February 1916 the shocking news of the death of Longleat's heir John Thynne, Viscount Weymouth, reached Horningsham. The 20 year old was serving on the Western Front with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys) when he was shot in the head in the trenches and died shortly afterwards. His death meant that the new heir to the Marquisate was John's younger brother, 11 year old Lord Henry. As the 6<sup>th</sup> Marquess Henry remembered, he stood outside the house in 1916 on learning of the death of his brother and thought: "How can I look after you? I'll never be able to do it."



John had been commissioned in December 1914 and his regiment went to France in October 1915. In a letter home in December he requested six turkeys and the Scots Greys' war diary records for 25<sup>th</sup> December: "Xmas Day – Troop dinners in each squadron at 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm." The next day he learned that his battalion would be going into action in the trenches. By the time of his last letter home in January, his earlier excitement had evaporated: "I am now at the trenches, or at least in the rest billets behind them, and go up again tomorrow . . . I am afraid that I cannot raise any excitement (except that of funk) or enthusiasm over them." In February he was back in the trenches when on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> he was ordered to fire a mine near the parapet and was shot in the back of the head and died shortly afterwards. The war diary simply records in its losses: "Officers: 1 died of wounds Visct Weymouth. 1 missing . . . 3 wounded."



This was the fourth death of Horningsham men in the war with a further 24 to come before it was all over. According to The Times he was the 45<sup>th</sup> noble heir to have died. The First World War spelled the end of the social order exemplified by Longleat though it was not clear to those

at the time how permanent that was going to be. In one of his letters to his mother, John Thynne reflected on how the war was impacting on the Longleat way of life as his father was doing without footmen and was making do with just a parlour maid to look after him. In a passage strongly reminiscent of "Downton Abbey", he wrote: "If that is going to be the case I am going to look after my own clothes when I come home. It would be awful being waited on by parlour maids at meals." In 1902 Longleat had 43 indoor servants but still employed over 20 in 1921 so in some ways the war seemed more like an interruption to the Thynnes' life style rather than a permanent change.

In April 1916, his father, "Colonel, The Most Honourable, The Marquis of Bath" received John's outstanding pay of £8-17-0d. In February 1920 on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his son's death he received the War Gratuity paid to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant's next of kin of £37. On the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February 1922 he received his son's three service medals.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
WEYMOUTH, <i>(Viscount)</i> John Alexander.	2/Dns.	x 2/15.	
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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Correspondence

Address Col. The Most Honourable (Father).  
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The In Memoriam card sent by his parents to friends, family, tenants and employees.



*John Alexander Viscount Weymouth*  
*Second Lieutenant Royal Scots Greys*  
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# Bus service consultation



We are undertaking a review of our subsidised bus services in Wiltshire and we want to have your views on this important area.

Wiltshire Council currently spends £5.1 million a year supporting bus routes that would not be commercially viable on their own. This supports nearly half of all bus journeys in Wiltshire and is a level of support well above surrounding counties. Due to financial pressure the Council can no longer guarantee this level of support and is therefore looking at a number of options to reduce the number of bus routes it supports. As yet no decisions have been taken. We want your views so we can make the right decision so please take the survey below, it should take no more than 5 minutes and all your responses will be treated as confidential. Whether you are a regular bus user or one who rarely uses a bus it's important you have your say.

Please note that around 50% of bus services in Wiltshire are operated commercially by the main bus operators and are not under threat, as they do not need a subsidy to run. If you need to look at which routes could be affected you can find this on the consultation portal under 'supporting documents'

***Horningsham's bus services are subsidised by Wiltshire Council so your views really do matter!***

**<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>**



**BUSES FROM BUS SHELTER AT THE COMMON**

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Departs Salisbury 13.45 Arrives Horningsham 14.45

**Trowbridge every Thursday 81**

Leaves Horningsham 10.03 *Holly Bush 10.01* Arrives Trowbridge 10.55  
Departs Manvers St Trowbridge 13.10 Arrives Horningsham 14.04

**Bath every Saturday 80**

Leaves Horningsham 10.05 Arrives Bath 11.00  
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**Warminster every Friday 82**

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Thursday **81** leaves Horningsham 10.03 *Holly Bush 10.01*

Departs Frome Market Place 13.50

Saturday **80** leaves Horningsham 10.05 and 14.05

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.10 and 16.30





### **BLACK AND YELLOW PAGES**

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Blue Bins	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Mobile Library	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March Litter Pick from the Hall 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March Hall Feast

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