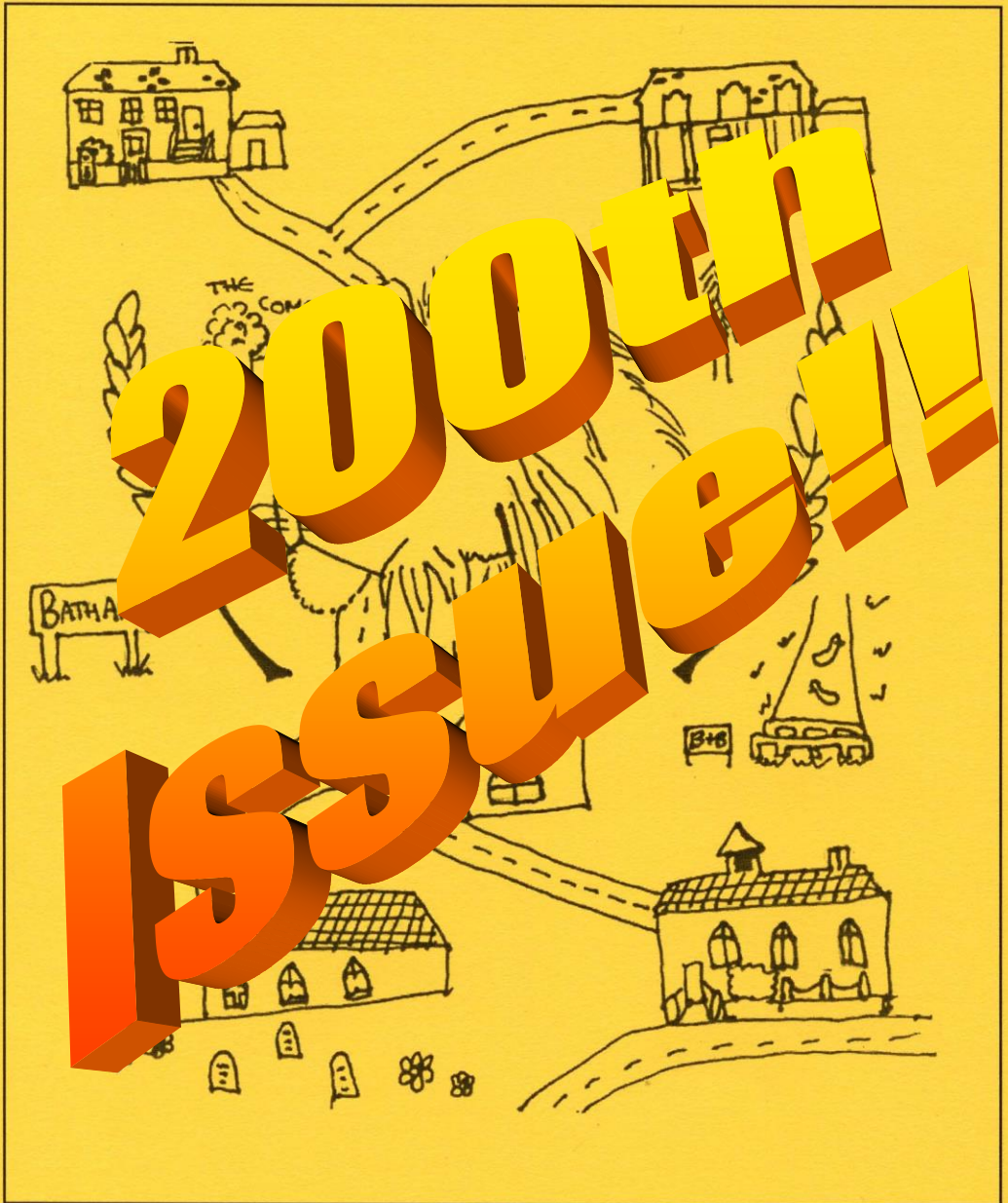


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EDITORIAL

Yes, we really are 200! That band of volunteers really started something back in 1997. One of them still writes for us every issue – our veteran “Roving Reporter” Maggie Osborne. She can still be seen peering at houses to see if anyone has moved in or out. She fearlessly knocks on doors to welcome newcomers to Horningsham and then tells us all about them in her “Ins & Outs” column. Long may she continue!

There is more inside about that first issue (*Page 7*). You will also see that our “Monthly Recipe” has returned thanks to Jayne Glover (*Page 21*). Jayne is a relative newcomer to the village and I am delighted to welcome her to our team of regular contributors. It would be great to hear from anyone else who would like to follow her example and contribute articles to the News – it doesn’t have to be every issue and it doesn’t have to be forever! If you’ve something you would like to write about, just email me at the address below.

Readers of the Parish Council report, and I know there are many of you (!), will find out that the entire Council is up for election soon. So if you would like to be a councillor and help decide on important issues to do with our village, this is your chance. There’s more information inside (*Pages 6 & 19*) and much more at the link on those pages. This is an excellent chance for any parishioner to get more involved in our community – do think about it. If you don’t fancy being a Parish Councillor then why not join the Annual Litter Pick? (*Page 9*) You get to meet people and benefit from having a litter-free village to live in.

Finally, our longer term residents will have been saddened to hear of the death in January of Lord Christopher Thynne aged 82 (*Page 12*). Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Wednesday 15th March

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CHURCH NEWS

There was no service in Horningsham during February. Our church is very cold in the winter, so instead we had the opportunity to worship with our friends in the Deverills at their churches.

In March we will welcome the Rev Jane Shaw from the Upper Wylve Valley Team who will be taking our service. We are very grateful to Jane and hope she will enjoy her visit to Horningsham. Moving on to Easter in April, we are very much looking forward to a visit from the Rev Di Britten. Di retired last summer and then had a six month break. She has now returned to the Team and will be taking one service a month. Di has taken many services in Horningsham and was also very involved with the school, so we are very pleased to welcome her back to Horningsham.

For the past few years our Easter service has been taken by the Rev Alison Wadsworth. Sadly, Alison has now retired. Alison has a strong bond with Horningsham which began in 1986 when she took over as headmistress of our school. Alison spent ten very happy years

there, retiring in 1996. She immediately began training for the priesthood and was ordained Deacon in 1997 and Priest in 1998.

A glance at the church service register shows that Alison began taking services at Horningsham as soon as she was ordained and has been doing so ever since. She has shared regular Sunday worship with us and also the important festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Rogation. Alison's pupils at the school felt a deep affection for her and many of them asked her to take their marriage service and to baptise their children. These special occasions gave her great joy. Twenty years have passed and Alison has reluctantly decided it is time to retire. To say thank you doesn't seem sufficient, but we do thank you Alison, very



much, for all that you have done for our village school and our church. We hope that you will enjoy your retirement and the opportunities it will bring, especially being able to spend more time with your family. Perhaps one day you will join us in the congregation!

Helen Taylor

Church Date

Sunday 5th March

BCP said Communion

10.30am

Dear Friends,

The unfolding seasons of the year are one of the great joys of living in this country I think and similarly I really enjoying the unfolding of the church's year, a year whose colours and themes echo and embrace the earth's seasons.

On the first day of March we begin the solemn six-week season of Lent with a service of penitence and ashing on Ash Wednesday. I don't think the word 'penitence' features very heavily in our collective vocabulary these days does it, but whether you believe in God or not there is something incredibly powerful and cathartic about acknowledging our past failings in ritual action, and committing ourselves to a given time of deeper attention and reflection.

The ancient rite of the 'imposition ashes' – marking the sign of the cross in oil and ash on penitents' foreheads – is an incredibly powerful and moving moment and the words that accompany it are equally powerful: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ." Crikey, pretty heavy stuff isn't it? But in our achingly beautiful, sad old broken world anybody can see that as human beings we haven't made a very good job caring for the created order, nor for each other. A reminder that we are 'but dust' is no bad thing I feel because it's a reminder that we are not the centre of the universe and that we need to take responsibility for our actions if we are to go any way towards building a better world. There is another word in there that we rarely use outside of church, 'sin'. Now I would be the first person to say that the Church has been a bit too focused on sin over the centuries to the detriment of God's message of grace and love. But, a bit of self-examination and a realisation of our own shortcomings before we get to the Easter promise of resurrection and hope is no bad thing. One of the prayers in the service talks about God rescuing us from 'the chaos of sin'; we do need rescuing from the mess we create do we not?

It's good to gather together to discuss and our thoughts and feelings so as usual over Lent we will be running our Lent Course. This year we will be using a course entitled 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' which was inspired by the film "Chocolat". We'll be using clips from the film to stimulate our discussions about God, the world and ultimately what it means to be human. And yes I know traditionally people give up chocolate for Lent; personally I've never found that a very helpful thing to do as I then spend the whole time desperately craving it which is totally counter-productive. Rather, I prefer to do something positive to deepen my relationship with God or think of something really lovely to do for people who are not so well. Do come along and join in, you don't have to have come to church, we'd love to see you, and there will be chocolate-themed refreshments on offer too.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Stephen Crossman, Michael Trollope, Fran Chris, Emma Curtis, Ken Windess, Gerard Brierley, John Radley, Dermot FitzGerald, Simon Millar and Matt Simpson.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM and 2 members of the public.

Council heard a report from Dr Bob Grove, Chairman of Horningsham School Governors. On funding, he said that the new formula for funding schools is much in the news at present with many schools receiving less money in future. However, because of two measures currently under consultation that would safeguard budgets at small rural primary schools, it seemed likely that Horningsham would be able to have a break-even budget without reducing staffing. He said that the annual contribution from the Longleat Charitable Trust would continue to be vital. On accommodation, he said that the owner of a nursery in Frome had taken on the lease of the mobile classroom on the field which had a projected life of maybe 5 more years. The rooms in the former School House would no longer be part of the Nursery and would revert to the School after renovation. The new Nursery aimed to commence in April and would take children aged 3 and 4. He also referred to the Church. The Diocese is keen to find uses for the building that would benefit the community, these were most likely to be educational and thus not in competition with the Village Hall. The School is considering whether there might be uses of the building that would be of benefit to it but there may be other educational uses such as the Nursery.

The Chairman thanked Dr Grove for his informative contribution.

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman said he had received a document from Mr Geoffrey Wheating recording the courtesy briefing on the projected hotel that he and the Longleat CEO had given to the Council at their last meeting. The Chairman asked the Clerk to add the document to the record.

The Chairman explained to Council that Longleat had submitted plans of the hotel to Wiltshire Council for outline planning permission. Horningsham Parish Council is not a statutory consultee because no part of the proposed development lies within the parish of Horningsham. The Parish Council had therefore not received the plans and would not be taking a position on them. He pointed out to councillors that any individual citizen was entitled to examine the plans which are on Wiltshire's website and to make a comment should they so wish.

Planning

Planning Applications

17/00522/FUL

Proposal: Installation of themed temporary sculptures (Backyard Bugs) for a period of seven months between April 2017 and October 2017.

Location: Longleat Safari and Adventure Park BA12 7NW

The Chairman invited Mr Bob Montgomery, Longleat CEO, to explain the application. He said that they were animatronic models of common backyard bugs that would be on display for this season only. He said that they would be displayed in a similar way to the dinosaurs.

Council voted unanimously to support the application.

17/006521/FUL

Proposal: Creation of new carnivore enclosure with associated housing within the safari park

Location: Longleat Safari and Adventure Park BA12 7NW

The Chairman again invited Mr Montgomery to explain the proposal. He said that the enclosure would be within the present enclosure near the wolves. It would provide a new safe and low stress area where carnivores could be housed when necessary. For example, there were currently three lions that could not be kept with the rest of the lions and were currently near the tigers which was not satisfactory for either the lions or the tigers.

Council voted unanimously to support the application.

Planning Decisions

Application 16/11746/TCA

Location 197-198 Pottle Street Horningsham BA12 7LX

Proposal: T1 - Oak tree - lift crown to 2.5m & reduce laterals by 2m & balance crown

T2 - Acer tree - fell

T3 - Beech - crown reduce by 2m

T4 - Birch - fell

T5 - Beech tree - lift crown to 3.5m & reduce lower laterals by 3.5m

Decision: Supported

Motion by Councillor Gerard Brierley: To consider meeting with local parish councils to consider the proposed hotel near Warminster in the parish of Corsley.

Councillor Brierley explained that he was concerned that the proposal was beyond the A36 bypass and outside the Warminster Plan and could lead to further development. He said he was also concerned about the implications for traffic in the area.

The Chairman reminded Council of his earlier remarks about the development not being in the Parish and that the Parish Council was therefore not a statutory consultee, had not received the plans and would not be taking a position on the application. However individuals could provide their comments to Wiltshire Council in their capacity as citizens.

Councillors discussed Councillor Brierley's motion but were generally of the view that it was not appropriate for Horningsham Parish Council to organise a meeting to oppose the application. Councillor Brierley then withdrew his motion.

Parish Steward – Highways

Councillors reported potholes on Dock Hill and a broken drainage pipe at Hitcombe Bottom. In Church Lane, the channel in which the stream runs is clogged and overgrown and needs attention as does the gulley opposite where water goes down into the field.

Litter Pick

The Clerk reported that she had received the grant to pay for Horningsham to have its own litter picking equipment and that the equipment had been received. Councillor Fran Chris said she would be at the Hall at 10 O'clock on Saturday 11th March to organise the volunteers, of whom she hoped there would be many. Wiltshire Council will collect the bags of rubbish on the Monday.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Ken Windess reported that he was refurbishing and painting the village seats and would replace them when the work was done.

Best Kept Village Competition

Council voted 9 to 2 in favour of entering the competition in 2017 after a gap of some years. The view was expressed that the feedback from the judges would be helpful in highlighting areas that still needed attention. The Chairman and Vice Chairman said they would ensure that publicity would be given so that parishioners were aware of the competition.

Play Area

The Chairman reported that Bob Montgomery was actively engaged in seeking quotes from suppliers of equipment to Longleat. Councillor Emma Curtis reported that she and the Clerk had been successful in entering the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. The Tesco Express in Warminster would be part of this and shoppers would be able to give their tokens towards the Play Area.

Parish Plan

Vice Chairman Steve Crossman reported that the working group had contacted various groups within the village including the Hall Committee where concerns had been expressed about the coordination of activities in the village. The group would be meeting shortly to plan their next moves.

Clerk's Report

May 2017 Election

The Clerk informed Council that all terms of office of Parish Councillors end this year and the election will take place on 4th May. Horningsham Parish Council has 11 members and if no more than 11 valid nominations are received those nominated will be deemed elected. Should the number of nominations exceed 11 then a ballot will be held on 4th May at the same time as the elections for the Wiltshire Unitary Authority.

The Chairman urged Councillors to draw the election to the notice of parishioners who might wish to stand. Full details, including nomination forms are available on the Wiltshire website at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-2017>

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6th April at the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend

HORNINGSHAM NEWS REACHES 200

- and still going strong!

Just over 20 years ago the very first Horningsham News dropped through every letter box in the parish. A “Village Appraisal” by the Parish Council had revealed enthusiasm for having a village newsletter. The two Editors, Maggie Osborne and Chrissie Buttery set to work and highlighted funding as a major concern: the Parish Council put up the initial funding and Vera Crossman and Valerie Wheeler sold the advertising space on the cover. Three of those advertisers are still with us today: The Bath Arms; Longleat Forestry; and Starline Taxis. Their continuous support, and that of more recent advertisers, has been important in keeping us going as a free publication. However the substantial annual grant from the Summer Fayre has been the bedrock of our funding for many years and 20 years on, funding is no longer precarious.

Horningsham as a community has changed a great deal over the 20 years. In 1997 it was still the case that most of the villagers had a direct connection with Longleat Estate usually as their current or former employer. Many of the families had been here for generations. However, looking through the early editions it is striking that some things have changed but equally striking how many have not.

Changes first - Issue Number 1 had nearly a whole page report from the Women’s Institute; a report from the Bath Arms Skittles Team; and a piece from the Sunday School. There was also a full page advert for Horningsham Post Office and Stores in which Dorothy and Philip warned that they needed more support for the store to survive.

Unchanged – reports from: the Luncheon Club; the Church; the Chapel; the School; the Hall Committee; the Parish Council; the Cricket Club; a letter from the Rector; and there was also the first of the monthly recipes. Unchanged too was the matter of getting enough people to attend village events – Vera Crossman lamented the drop in numbers attending Tuesday evening Line Dancing down from an initial 50 to 30. As she wrote, “you asked for this in the Village Appraisal, so where are you all!”

1997 was the year that the BBC filmed “Lion Country” and Issue 1 had a thank you letter from the presenter Paul Heiney saying how much the team had enjoyed themselves and were reluctant to leave because they wouldn’t know how the stories they had filmed would end. He concluded by writing:

“Horningsham is a special place, not only by virtue of its obvious beauty but because of the people who live there. I can honestly say it has been a pleasure knowing you all.”

We owe so much to those who started up the Horningsham News and to all those who have kept it going for 20 years. It has chronicled the changes and continuities in Horningsham through 200 issues. It still has a print circulation of around 180 but who could have imagined that through its spin-off Facebook page it would reach hundreds more in the Horningsham diaspora in 12 countries around the world. The Mill Farm Chronicles regularly reach over 1,500 and even the Parish Council reports reach several hundred but the record so far was 12,437 for January’s story about Emma, Ceawlin and baby Henry. Who knows where the Horningsham News will be when it reaches 400?

Tim Hill (Editor)

INS & OUTS



No “ins” this month and only one “out”.

We say farewell to Ros Algar who has lived at the Old Vicarage in Church Street for many years, and whose children went to Horningsham School. She and her husband Julian have now moved to France.

Maggie Osborne

WELCOME CLUB

Our 2017 season is under way! For various reasons the new programmes have been delayed. Hopefully they will be available at the next meeting which will be on March 16th when we will be entertained by Tom and his Bingo wizardry – of course with prizes!

Early notice of our first trip – a Mystery Trip on 25th April.

See you soon!

Chris Short 847373

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HALL NEWS



Our next Coffee Morning is on Sunday 19th March, 10.30-12pm.
We hope to host a spring dinner soon so keep your eyes peeled for dates and it'll be eyes down for the Spring Bingo on Saturday 8th April at 7.00pm.
Your continued support and use of the Village Hall is always appreciated and we hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events.

Louisa Cruikshank

THE GREAT LITTER PICK: SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

10.00 – 12.00 at the Village Hall

“Many hands make light work” – do come and take part in our annual clean-up.
I will have sacks, litter pickers, gloves and high vis jackets.
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Many Thanks!

Fran Chris



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For more details call me on 844711 or email jamesoborne@btinternet.com

April

16 Apr	Sun	Friendly	H	Chilmark
30 Apr	Sun	Friendly	H	Pakistan High Commission

May

2 May	Tue	T20	H	Sherborne
7 May	Sun	MWL	H	Compton House
14 May	Sun	MWL	H	Glastonbury
21 May	Sun	MWL	A	Long Sutton
28 May	Sun	Friendly	H	White City

June

4 Jun	Sun	MWL	A	Yeovil
18 Jun	Sun	MWL	H	Broadway & Horton
22 Jun	Thu	T20	H	Frome Incidentals
25 Jun	Sun	Friendly	H	Buckhorn

July

2 Jul	Sun	MWL	H	Long Sutton
9 Jul	Sun	MWL	A	Compton House
16 Jul	Sun	MWL	H	Lydford Sports
23 Jul	Sun	MWL	H	Street
26 Jul	Wed	T20	A	Fonthill Park
30 Jul	Sun	MWL	A	Glastonbury

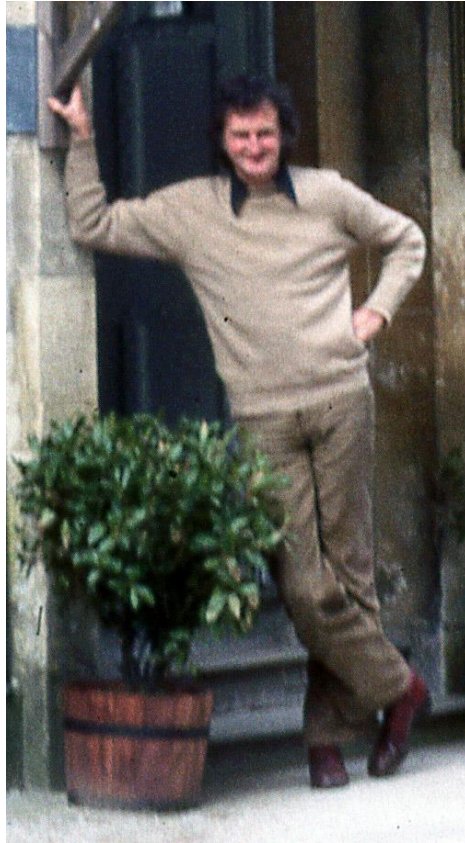
August

6 Aug	Sun	MWL	A	Broadway & Horton
13 Aug	Sun	MWL	A	Street
20 Aug	Sun	MWL	H	Yeovil

September

10 Sep	Sun	Friendly	H	White City
17 Sep	Sun	Friendly	A	Buckhorn Weston

Lord Christopher Thynne



Lord Christopher was a popular figure in the village when he moved into the Curatage opposite the Hall with his wife Antonia and their daughter Sophie. In 1978 his father, Henry, had asked him to run the leisure industry side of Longleat and appointed him Comptroller. He performed this role with panache and enthusiasm for 15 years until his brother inherited the marquessate in 1992 and took control of Longleat himself.

Christopher was the fourth child of Henry, 6th Marquess of Bath and his first wife Daphne. The first born, Timothy, died in infancy, the second was Caroline, Duchess of Beaufort, Alexander, the 7th Marquess was third and the youngest was Valentine who committed suicide in 1979.

Christopher was born on April 9th 1934 and spent most of his childhood in the family home at Sturford Mead. Like his brother he attended Eton and then did his National Service in the Life Guards. After a number of years in the USA he returned to England and set up as a photographer in South Kensington. In 1968 he married Antonia whose mother had been a lady-in-waiting to the Queen. The couple were married in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy with the reception afterwards at St James's Palace. As well as the Queen, the guests included Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull.



WOODPECKERS VISIT TO THE ROMAN BATHS



In the last week of term Woodpeckers went on a trip to the Roman Baths to support their topic 'The Roman Empire'. They took part in a workshop, learning about Roman food, mosaics and even got to dress up in togas and tunics. The children were fascinated to meet a Roman slave at the side of the Great Bath, she gave them a lesson in applying Roman make-up and mixing aromas to create perfumes. The children had a great time putting their learning in context.

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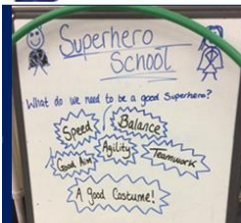
We are hoping to put on a really fun and memorable evening for the whole community that will also raise money for the school. Watch out for further details. In the meantime, if you can help by providing any promises people could bid on in an auction then please contact the school! It could be gardening, specific items, experiences or events ... things money can't buy – usually!

THEATRE TREAT

The children in Owls and Woodpeckers had a surprise as Quantum Theatre came to the school and put on a performance just for them in the hall! The show was called "Shape, Space and Desperate Measures" and was a twist on Star Wars. It starred Luke Spacewalker, who leaves his home planet Isosceles to measure the length and breadth of the galaxy. Aided by his trusty robot companion, 2D3D, he aims to calculate the shape and size of everything. The children helped the actors solve maths problems as the story unfolded. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and the actors were very impressed with the children's mathematical knowledge and problem solving!



ROBINS THE SUPERHEROES



Superhero Sports Morning:

Robins had great fun dressing up and taking part in a superhero training morning with Mr Martin, one of our sports coaches. They worked as a team to negotiate molten lava, practised their skills throwing missiles at baddies and tackled a superhero assault course. It was great to see so many fantastic superhero costumes! Everyone had a fantastic time!



MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

A group of Y3/4 children went to Kingdown to take part in a multi-sports festival. They got to try a range of activities, such as trampolining and new age hurling, which was a great opportunity for all of them. Ashlyn French (Y4) said "It was great fun! We got to practise lots of skills!" Well done everyone!

EXPLORING JUDAISM

Iris Segall on behalf of the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation came in and spoke to Woodpeckers and Owls. She talked with them about the festival of Passover, exploring the history and how they celebrate it today. The children tried the crackers they eat during the festival and enjoyed finding out first hand from someone from the Jewish faith. Thank you Mrs Woodward for organising the visit.



Mill Farm Chronicles Jan- Feb 2017

Now the euphoria of having a clear TB test has died down it's back to the daily slog and grind for Steve. All the cows were PD (Pregnancy Diagnosed) by the vet to see how many are in calf, Steve was delighted to discover that all but 2 are so that's good news. We are due to start calving on March 1st but we've already had one early arrival in the form of a dinky little heifer calf who we thought we would call "Ivy" but Ivy wants to call "Calf". Fair enough!

Hedge trimming has been an on/off job because our Bomford hedge trimmer keeps breaking down so Steve has to keep mending it . . . oh for a piece of equipment that isn't second hand! I had to laugh last week though because Steve went off hedging telling me that he wouldn't be back till dark, only to arrive back mid-afternoon. On checking if he was ok, I was told that the chap cutting Longleat's hedges had started working opposite Steve and was doing such a professional job that Steve felt he couldn't compete so he gave up and came home!! Lol

While the hedge trimmer has been out of action Steve still found a boy's toy to play with, namely a mini digger that we hired for a weekend to sort out some wet spots in the fields. Apparently controlling the digger is a bit like patting your head and rubbing your belly at the same time and until Steve got this sorted he was going round and round on the spot like a demented wasp.

The cows were turned out of the sheds for a day and night in the fields while Steve cleaned the muck out and went dung spreading. I think the cows were a) happy to go out for a while but b) equally happy after 24hrs out in the wet to be back in again in the dry.

Half term has come and gone with Longleat opening and us having a few families to stay. I'm always concerned about guests staying at this time of year because the farm is really rather unappealing and muddy and the geese are very noisy due to it being the breeding season but as I apologise over breakfast nobody seems to mind or hear them (must be just me they wake up then!)

Socially it's been a quiet month but what has happened revolves around eating. Earlier this month I was lucky enough to attend an evening with celebrity chef Lesley Waters at Maiden Bradley house. Myself and my 2 sisters-in-law were treated to tickets by my mother-in-law Vera. It was a fund raiser for Bradley shop and the evening went like this.

Drinks and canapés in Maiden Bradley House and the chance to look around the ground floor of this lovely house, courtesy of The Duke of Somerset who was there as well. After drinks we went into the recently refurbished stable block and into a room that had been transformed into a kitchen. Lesley demonstrated how to cook a stress-free 3 course meal which the audience, around 50 of us, got to taste. Now when I say taste, what I mean is we all had full sized servings of all 3 courses, which included 2 puddings and different wines to accompany each course. It was all really delicious and a lovely way to spend an evening but boy was I full when I finally got home.

The second good excuse to eat out was Valentine's Day. Generally this is a non-day in the Crossman household since "cauliflower gate" many years ago, but this year, following on from the veg theme, I got my own back. Whilst cooking for the beaters a few weeks ago I found a perfect little heart shaped new potato that I saved and put in a clear gift bag,

attached this with a ribbon to a heart shaped helium balloon and presented it to Stephen on Valentines morning. I also bought him a new pair of wellies. Romantic? Hmmm I'm not sure. Ironically amusing? Definitely and luckily Steve saw the humour intended. In the evening we drove to The Wheatsheaf at Combe Hay near Bath which is owned by a shooting friend of Steve's, for a romantic dinner for two. We had a really nice evening and it was a delicious meal.

About a week ago we woke up to snow, I say snow but it was more like a very heavy frost but there was a tiny covering on the grass and a bit more of an accumulation on the top of my car. Now Ivy hasn't experienced the joys of snow in her 2½ years so this was an opportunity not to be missed. Having ascertained that Trowbridge had even less lying snow than us, Amy hotfooted it over to the farm with Ivy in tow for "operation build a snowman". We had to be quick because it was thawing before our eyes so no breakfast and straight outside. Grandad and Amy, with a bemused Ivy looking on, made the smallest snowman ever, complete with a carrot nose and coal eyes and then had a very quick snowball fight with Ivy to complete her snowy debut. To say Ivy was underwhelmed with the whole



snow experience is an understatement, she posed with the miniature snowman (which actually looked more like a penguin to me) but couldn't wait to get back in the warm and have some Weetabix. Still, Grandad enjoyed himself!

As I write this it's blowing a hooley outside, Storm Doris is here. As you all know my mum's name is Doris so I couldn't resist buying the Daily Mirror yesterday because the headline on the front read: **Batten down the hatches . . . here comes Doris.** Sums my mum up to a tee! 😊

Margaret Crossman

THEN & NOW



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This month we are at the bottom of Haskell's Lane at numbers 144, 145 & 146 West Common. Haskell's Lane, or Haskell's Hill as one of the Victorian censuses has it, is the local name for the lane that cuts off the corner as it links West Common with Chapel Street. It seems most likely that 145 was absorbed into 146 when the cottages were reconditioned in 1947. This is another of the group of watercolours done between 1859 and 1863 by an amateur artist, whose name is not known. In the 2017 the now defunct late nineteenth century cast iron water pump is just visible and in the 1863 painting there appears to be an earlier pump in the same position.

In 1911 No.146 was two dwellings. No.145 had just two rooms whereas 146 was larger with four. No.144, to the left in our photo, had three rooms. It was home to Francis Trollope and his wife Charlotte for at least 30 years. Both were born in Horningsham, Francis's father was a "shoe maker" who lived most of his life in Little Scotland. Francis was a "flower gardener". The only record of them having children is that in the 1911 Census they stated that there had been one child "born alive" who was already dead.

The earliest census in which we can positively identify particular houses is that of 1881 and this shows a 77 year old widowed farm labourer, John Barber, who was born in Horningsham, living alone in 145. Ten years later in 1891, the sole inhabitant was Harriet Trollope, a 56 year old spinster, also born in Horningsham, who was "receiving parochial relief". This was the Victorian version of "living on benefits". Harriet was receiving "outdoor relief" which was usually a temporary measure as recipients were more often forced to receive "indoor relief" which meant going into the workhouse. For Harriet that would have meant the Warminster Workhouse at Sambourne, formerly Sambourne Hospital, now residential housing. By 1901 she had moved across the road to No. 150 where she described herself as a "retired farm labourer" and had taken in a boarder. She was still there in 1911. After Harriet left No. 145 it was listed as uninhabited in the 1901 Census. By 1911 widowed 74 year old Elizabeth Barnes was living there alone. Elizabeth was also born in Horningsham and described herself as a "retired Domestic Servant".

In 1881 No. 146 was home to 64 year old David Garrett and his 60 year old wife Elizabeth, both of whom were born in Horningsham. David described himself as a "chair maker". Doubtless he worked at Thornes chair factory at Tompkins Pool in Chapel Street. By 1891 David had retired and he died in 1892. His wife Elizabeth died in 1900. So in 1901, there was a new family in No. 146 – the Fords. Joseph (43) a "general agricultural labourer on farm" with his wife, Louisa (44) and their five children. Daughter Laura was 19, Willie was 16 and working as an "Under Gardener (Estate)", while Maggie (11), and Wallace (7) were at school, Stanley (4) was the youngest. The 1911 Census records that the Fords actually had seven children, one of whom was dead and six were still living though only two were still living at home. Wallace (17) was now a "farm labourer" while 14 year old Stanley had left school and was working as a "Grocer's Errand Boy". William Robins (32) son-in-law lived with them and worked as a "Gardener on Estate Gardens". At the outbreak of war in 1939, Joseph was still in No.146 aged 82. We can tell he was now widowed but we do not know when Louisa died. Living with him are his son Stanley, now known by his first given name of George, a "Wood Machinist", his wife Lilian and their 13 year old son Ronald. George Stanley Ford died in 1980.



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

Only 3 months to go so it's good to see the Fayre starting to take shape. The logistics are in hand - PA system, signage, bunting, first aid and marquees all confirmed. We are working on the finer details for the arena (Dog show, dancers, entertainment, plank races) and the small stall applications continue to come through the door. If you run a local business and would like a stall at the Fayre, please get in touch.

Longleat Enterprises and Longleat Forestry are keen to be involved again. Watch this space for more info on what to expect. There's still plenty of time for you to be involved. If you have a talent or skill you would like to share, play in a band or can bring something unique to the Fayre; please get in touch. Cheryl; I haven't forgotten you and your owls!

Caroline Dykes

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

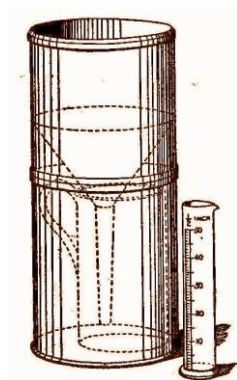


FIG. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.

January started cold and frosty. The frosts continued well into the month and by the 26th we started to see a change with a very "lazy wind" that tended to cut you in two, whatever you were wearing. It's "lazy" because it doesn't bother going round you!

We had a few sharp downpours which by the end of January gave us 3.57 inches, compared with 5.37 inches in 2016.

February started wet and very windy so already by the 4th we had 0.93 of an inch, and the dreaded fog has been rolling in most mornings over the farm making it feel spooky! (Just seen the movie "The Mist".)

It has remained cold and damp, but now (the 15th) it is mild and what a difference in the mornings and evenings as it is now getting lighter. I'll be out gardening again soon.

John Whatley

Unitary and parish elections 2017

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2017 is the year that all Parish Councillors in Wiltshire are elected Horningsham Parish Council has 11 unpaid councillors How about becoming a Parish Councillor?

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented. They are also consulted by Wiltshire Council about planning applications in the parish.

2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:

Going to meetings of local organisations

Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community

Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or;
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be a least 18 years old.

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:

- be an elector of the parish, or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

Much more information and nomination forms are available on the Wiltshire Council website at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-2017>

The deadline for nominations is 4.00 pm on Tuesday 4th April

BINGO



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MONTHLY RECIPE

Lentil & Bacon Soup

Experience tells us that March is a changeable month. The proverb 'If March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb' is well known and appears to mean simply that the month of March is a bridge between two seasons, although March is named after Mars the ancient Roman god of war and agricultural guardian. The choice of name seems well thought out. So until the lamb arrives there is much to celebrate this month and hopefully a hearty Lentil and Bacon Soup will sustain you.

You will need:

4½ litres of ham stock

500g red lentils

1 pack of cooking bacon (smoked and plain)

2 large carrots (peeled)

1 medium onion

1 small bayleaf (folded in half)



To make the stock:

Add 1 large carrot, the onion and the bayleaf to 4½ litres of water. Add the bacon reserving a palm sized piece for cutting into cubes to be added later.(I usually choose smoked for this) Bring to the boil and then simmer for 30 minutes.

Pass 4 litres of stock through a sieve into a large saucepan. Chop the remaining carrot into chunks and add to the pan. Then add the lentils stirring all the time so that they don't stick to the bottom in a clump. Finally add the cubes of bacon and simmer for 30 minutes.

The soup may then be blended, seasoned (good black pepper), and garnished to your personal taste and served with a chunk of soda bread and some cheese.

Top Tip

Adding a tin of beans (such as cannellini) will create a complete protein meal

A veggie version demands a good stock such as Marigold bouillon, beans and more carrot. Omit the lentils and substitute leeks and St David is remembered. Add the soda bread and St Patrick will not be forgotten.

Jayne Glover

Accidental Volunteers 5

Caroline and I have been back and forth to the UK over the last few weeks and a lot has changed for the families at the camp while we have been away. The camp has closed down completely now, that's a pretty big change! The larger NGOs and the UN took a lead from independent volunteers like ourselves and moved everyone out of unheated tents and into hotels and apartments in the surrounding area. The standards vary a lot, but everyone has a roof over their head now and access to hot water for the first time in 12 months. Our focus was always the camp at Oraioakastro, and with its closure we have had a chance to consolidate our own housing stock and focus on current tenants. We now have 40 residents and 10 apartments. Oraioakastro was one of the worst camps but others are still open, and soon we will identify another one to focus on, but for now we are helping our people with paperwork and arranging for food and medical support to be on hand when they need it. Sometimes the details have to be taken care of.

The support we have been getting from everyone is reaching the families and they are enormously grateful. I'm not sure which I find more difficult to convey in these updates, what these people are going through, or how much your support is appreciated by them. It really makes a huge difference to them just feeling that they are not forgotten. I wish there was some other medium so everyone could share the experience we are having here through helping them.



Mostly things are calmer here now, its warmer and the sun joins in more regularly. Instead of shuffling into cold tents talking to our people in their coats under blankets we are meeting freshly washed and laundered tenants in bright warm apartments offering us home baked cakes and chai. The difference we, (that's you and us!) have made in their lives is something that was missing for far too long, and shouldn't have been, not in 2017 with the resources available.

Try to keep in mind that all of the people in the photos, without exception, arrived by overcrowded inflatable boat across the Aegean Sea from Turkey about a year ago, and have been living in tents in a warehouse right up to the point that they moved into the apartments they are photographed in. It is remarkable testimony to the human spirit that they are here at all, let alone smiling and looking so relaxed.

We are very grateful for everything you've sent so far and if you wish to donate please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/SyrianFamilyHousing>

Neil & Caroline Dykes



Meeting up for a trip to the Swiss Red Cross warehouse with Caroline for supplies and clothes



Mohammad sharing his breakfast with visiting kids from another apartment.

Mohammed preparing to cut 7 year old Omar's hair in a Cristiano Ronaldo style. Me next!



MAIDEN BRADLEY SHOP



Our fundraising event in February was a huge success and we would like to thank all those who supported it. The Duke of Somerset welcomed everyone to his home with a pre-demonstration reception. Derek James created a wonderful 'Chefs on Stage' set for Lesley Waters who gave a fun and stimulating cookery demonstration of a 3 course dinner.



She was joined on stage by Antony from Oxford Wines who selected various wines to match her dishes. After the demonstration Lesley gave everyone a 3 course supper accompanied by all the recommended wines. The evening raised £2,000 for the shop which will help enormously with the

running costs and help let the shop live another day!

The winter months are a slow time for the shop but they give us time to work out new strategies. We are now buying super fresh vegetables direct from the market every Thursday. We are doing this slowly until people become used to this. In the meantime do let us know if you would like us to get in anything for you for the weekend. Just phone us – 844206 – and we will do our best to get it for you. We are also trying out some more healthy foods.



We will be holding our AGM in mid-March and we are looking for people to stand on the committee. Forms will be available in the shop. It would be good to have a Horningsham representative. Many thanks!

Liz Nixon 844242 ernixon66@gmail.com



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LONGLEAT NEWS



A baby giraffe which was born over Christmas has ventured outside for the first time at Longleat. The male Rothschild's giraffe, who has been named Evan in honour of a long-time keeper, was delivered inside the centrally-heated giraffery in December. Since then the youngster – believed to be the 122nd baby giraffe born at Longleat – has been sticking close to mum Gertie.

Rothschild's are considered to be among the most endangered giraffe subspecies with only an estimated 1,500 remaining in the wild. Longleat has one of the most successful captive breeding programmes for this type of giraffe in Europe.

“Gertie is a very attentive parent and an experienced mum. This is her third baby and she is taking extremely good care of him,” said Longleat keeper Dan Gray. “At this time of year we tend to keep the calves inside a little longer, particularly if the weather is poor, as it gives them more time to grow stronger and master their coordination. As the weather improves we start to let them out more and more often into the smaller paddock which adjoins the giraffery before they are eventually allowed into the main East African Reserve, where they will get to meet the public. Once Evan reaches maturity the likelihood is he will leave Longleat to set up a new breeding programme elsewhere.”

Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world and, after 15 month pregnancies Gertie gave birth standing up, leaving the baby to negotiate a tricky six-foot drop to the ground. Far from harming the calf however, this undignified entrance into the world actually helps stimulate the newborn baby to start breathing on its own. Fully grown male giraffes can grow to heights in excess of five and a half metres. They can reach speeds of up to 56 kilometres per hour and, in captivity, can live to be 25 years old.



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Wiltshire Mid Branch
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Large Company at Longleat Sale

**SPIRITED BIDDING FOR COPHEAP
PURCHASED FOR TOWNSPEOPLE
BY URBAN COUNCIL.**

Considerable interest was taken in the sale at the Town Hall, Warminster on Monday when a number of attractive lots came under the auctioneer's hammer of Messrs. Cooper and Tanner on instructions from the Longleat Estate Company by direction of the Marquess of Bath for payment of death duties. The Assembly Room was crowded with buyers and interested townspeople.

Before commencing business, the Auctioneer said there had so far been three sales when every lot had been sold under the hammer. The sale was being held solely to meet death duties. It would have been possible to have sold the whole in a block but that would have deprived the present tenants of the option to buy.

HIGH PRICE FOR COP HEAP

The townspeople were immensely interested in the sale of the Beech Plantation, at Cop Heap. Described in the particulars as a very valuable freehold the area was estimated to be 6 acres, 23 perches in extent. The timber and timber-like trees had been valued at £682 10s. As announced last week the Urban Council felt under an obligation to purchase to enable the amenities of the district to be covered for all time.

“The bidding rapidly rose from £500 to £1,900 and was knocked down at that price. . . The apex of the knoll is a barrow raised to a considerable height, with a bank and a ditch. It was opened by Sir H Hoare in October 1809. He found . . . a skeleton of a man with the head pointed towards the south, some pieces of worked flint and fragments of stag horns. . . On the north a grave was discovered that had been disturbed in making the plantation: it contained the remains of a woman with an infant by her side, some ivory beads and a sea-shell.”

The sale also included the sale of: Lord Weymouth's School; Cordens; the two buildings on the corners of Weymouth Street; and numerous houses and blocks of pasture land.



BUSES FROM BUS SHELTER AT THE COMMON

Salisbury every Tuesday **83**

Leaves Horningsham 09.35 *Holly Bush 09.37* Arrives Salisbury 10.30
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

Warminster every Friday **82**

Friday leaves Horningsham 09.45 *Holly Bush 09.48* Arrives Warminster 10.10
Departs Warminster Coach Station 12.20

Frome every Wednesday & Thursday

Wednesday **80** leaves Horningsham 10.06 *Holly Bush 10.01*

Departs Cork St. Car Park 12.15 and 13.45

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

Departs Frome Market Place 13.50



BLACK AND YELLOW PAGES

Black Boxes	Thursday 2 nd 16 th & 30 th March Thursday 13 th & 27 th April
Grey Bins	Friday 3 rd 17 th & 31 st March Friday 14 th & 28 th April
Blue Bins	Friday 10 th & 24 th March Friday 7 th & 21 st April
Mobile Library	Tuesday 14 th March Tuesday 11 th April <i>10.00 – 10.30 opposite the Hall</i>

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Horningsham Church Rector	Rev Pauline Reid	841290
Warminster District Link Scheme		211655
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Stray or Fouling Dogs		0300 456 0100

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 11th March *Annual Village Litter Pick* 10 – 12 noon from the Hall

Sunday 19th March *Coffee Morning* 10.30 – 12 noon at the Hall

Thursday 6th April *Parish Council* 7.30 pm at the Hall

Saturday 8th April *Spring Bingo* 7.00 pm at the Hall



DINNER MENU

Sunday - Friday 6pm-9pm · Saturday until 9.30pm

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V vegetarian
N nuts

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Grilled scallops, black pudding and pea purée	£9.75
Orsotto with leek and Bath Blue cheese (V)	£7.25
Oak smoked bacon, bubble & squeak, hollandaise, free range poached egg	£7.25

MAINS

Ruby Red burger with cheese and bacon, chips and slaw	£13.95
Twice cooked chicken breast, potato cake, baby spinach	£14.50
Beetroot and ricotta ravioli, sesame seed butter (VN)	£9.95
Blackened cod with a chorizo and bean ragu	£14.95
Confit duck leg, red cabbage, fondant potato	£13.75
Daube of venison, horseradish mash	£13.95
Ruby Red steak, hand cut chips or fries, bone marrow butter or peppercorn sauce and a mixed salad (N)	Rump 10oz £18.95 Rib-eye 8oz £20.50

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