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EDITORIAL

Preparations for Horningsham’s biggest event of the year are gathering pace. In recent years the Summer Fayre has hugely expanded with more and more activities raising more and more money for our village organisations. The Fayre Committee have been crucial in this success but continuing success depends on everyone playing a part. There are appeals for help that vary from putting up tents to baking cakes to turning out unwanted items for the bric a brac to helping with parking, not to mention turning up on the day and having fun. Make sure that Sunday 11th June is in your diary! In fact it all kicks off with the Fayre Quiz Night on Friday 19th May at the Hall.

This month’s Mill Farm Chronicle has news of a surprise arrival, there is also news of arrivals at Longleat. These arrivals don’t feature in Maggie’s “Ins & Outs” which only has one entry this month and that is an “Out” – we are sad to see the Birnie family leaving but pleased that Michael has landed such an excellent job. As “Then & Now” approaches its half century, we have a rather special photo of the old Vicarage, but don’t blame the Estate for pulling it down - that was the Vicar’s idea! We also have the latest instalment in Neil and Caroline’s continuing efforts with Syrian refugees and a tempting recipe from Jayne, our newest contributor. Our continuing series on the men on our War Memorial who died in the First World War passes the half-way mark with the 13th death – Wyndham Trollope.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Monday 15th May

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CHURCH NEWS



It was good to celebrate Easter Day on a lovely sunny morning. The service was taken by Di Britten from Corsley; this was the first service she has taken for us since her post-retirement six month break and we were very pleased to have Di with us again. The music was provided by Lyndy Bishop from Warminster who played her violin alongside her husband Kerry's virtual piano accompaniment. Lyndy usually joins us at Christmas and Easter and we always enjoy her beautiful music.

In May we will have a communion service at the end of the month. On the 21st we have all been invited to a Rogation Service at Manor Farm in Kingston Deverill. The Stratton family have farmed this land for generations and this is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the fruits of the earth and those who produce them, in the surroundings of the Deverill valley.

Helen Taylor

Church Dates

Sunday 21st May	Rogation Service at Kingston Deverill	6.00pm
Sunday 28 th May	Common Worship at Horningsham	10.30am

Dear Friends,

Perhaps by the time you read this you will have heard the song of the cuckoo once more, a sound that announces that spring has truly sprung. For the moment I will content myself with rapidly greening hedgerows and a garden that seems to be budding and flowering before my very eyes. Once again the miracle of new life unfolds and little green shoots push their way through the soil in the vegetable bed.

Biblical writers were acutely aware of the precious beauty of the natural world but they also had the greatest respect for it as well. Life for these nomadic people was hard and food, water and security were understood to be gifts to be treasured; there was no illusion or indeed expectation that life would be easy or that human beings had everything under control.



We live in uncertain times do we not, a time when peace and stability seem to be slipping away and we fear for a future in which volatile leaders make decisions that have far reaching consequences for the whole world order. Most of the time we are able to push any thoughts of our own human vulnerability firmly under the carpet and comfort ourselves that we in the 21st century are far more sophisticated than those biblical men and women, that we have progressed to such an extent that we are completely in control of our own destinies. Now and then a catastrophic event or series of events will jolt us out this complacent and arrogant assumption and I think the context we find ourselves in today is such a time.

Of course our perspective on life is different to our predecessors. We live in a very different age, and, unlike them, our news channels supply us with graphic images of the human suffering of people thousands of miles away twenty four hours a day on a relentless roll of grief and loss; there is something awful about sitting watching all this in the comfort of one's own sitting room.

So, I want to give grateful thanks for the fact that I live in this beautiful and peaceful place, I want to acknowledge that I lead an astonishingly privileged life and that I feel helpless in the face of the suffering I see in Syria and beyond. I want to admit to feeling unnerved by world events but I also want to point to the Christian understanding of hope; however dark the world seems, and however impossible it looks that new life will ever appear, love will prevail in the end, God is in there somewhere. St Francis of Assisi encapsulated everything I have been trying to say with these words: 'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of one single candle.'

With love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 6th April 2017 at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Stephen Crossman, Michael Trollope, Fran Chris, Emma Curtis, Ken Windess, Gerard Brierley.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM and 1 member of the public.

Apologies for absence: John Radley, Dermot FitzGerald, Simon Millar and Matt Simpson

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that Mr Michael Birnie, former Longleat Land Agent, had told him that he had been appointed as Property Director for the Ernest Cook Trust and would soon be relocating to Gloucestershire where the Trust has its headquarters. Mr Hill said this was a very good appointment for Mr Birnie and had congratulated him, though he expressed much regret that he would be leaving Horningsham. Councillors endorsed the Chairman's view and said how good it had been working with Mr Birnie as Land Agent. He had been consistently helpful to the Council and restored what had been a very fractured relationship. Since ceasing to be Land Agent he had continued to work as an active and valued member of the Parish Plan Working Group and would be greatly missed. Council asked the Chairman to write to Mr Birnie to express their appreciation of his contributions to the work of the Council and to wish him every success in his new role.

The Chairman said he was pleased to inform Council that at long last Munday's Lane had been cleared by Wiltshire Council using a digger. The lane is now open again, though Councillor Brierley pointed out that the configuration of the tarmac where it joined Church Street meant it was still hazardous for vehicles without a high clearance.

The Chairman announced that this is Councillor Emma Curtis's last meeting as a Councillor as she had decided not to stand again due to family and work commitments. The Chairman thanked her for her tireless efforts as a Councillor, especially in relation to the Play Area. His views were echoed by all present.

The Chairman announced that, as 11 nominations had been received for the 11 places on Horningsham Parish Council, the election had been uncontested and there was no need for a poll. He said that Mrs Jayne Glover, who was attending as a member of the public, would attend the next meeting as a Councillor.

Planning

Planning Applications

None had been received for consideration at this meeting.

Planning Decisions

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

Approved with conditions

17/006521/FUL

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

Location: Longleat Safari and Adventure Park BA12 7NW

Approved with conditions

Old Timbers, Gentle Street, Horningsham, Warminster BA12 7LD - 16/02502/FUL & 16/02721/LBC

Appeal Decisions

Site visit made on 25 January 2017 by Jane Miles BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI
an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
Decision date: 24 March 2017

I do not doubt that some of the proposed works would be beneficial in terms of improving the building's condition, thereby helping to ensure its long term future and its significance as a heritage asset. It is reasonable to give some weight to those works as a public benefits. On the other hand, there is little of substance to indicate the condition of the building is so poor, or otherwise at risk, to justify giving greater weight to those benefits than to the harm the appeal scheme would cause. In short, I find no sufficiently compelling grounds to conclude the appeal scheme would deliver public benefits of such magnitude that they would outweigh the harm to the significance of the heritage assets and the harm to the character of the listed building and of the CA.

The appeal site is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty but the appeal proposals would not harm the quality or scenic beauty of the wider landscape.

I have had regard to all other matters raised but have found nothing sufficient to alter or outweigh my conclusions on the main issues. Overall therefore I conclude the proposals would conflict with the development plan and with the Framework, and thus both appeals must fail.

Litter Pick

Councillor Fran Chris reported that the Litter Pick had been a great success with an energetic band of volunteers collecting 40 sacks of litter that had been taken away by Wiltshire Council. The Chairman thanked her for organising the clear up and the volunteers for their efforts in producing a litter-free village.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Ken Windess said that only the seat by the former shop still required treating. This seat, which had been generously donated by Miss Helen Taylor from the profits on her book on Horningsham, had been secured in a way that prevented him from accessing it for maintenance. Councillors approved his suggestion that it should be removed and then re-attached in the same way as the other seats. They also expressed great appreciation of his efforts in maintaining the Council's assets.

Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors reiterated their wish to enter the competition this year. Councillor Steve Crossman said he would work with the Chairman to bring the competition to the attention of parishioners.

WW1 Commemorations

Councillor Steve Crossman reported that the area around the War Memorial would shortly be sprayed, rotavated and sown with grass seed by a Longleat contractor. He further

reported that he would organise a working party to clear off the tarmac paths that surround the area. The paths remain from when the area was part of the now defunct Longleat Tree Nursery.

Play Area

The Chairman reported that he had met with Anne Strong, Assistant Land Agent, to discuss the lease of the site. The Clerk reported that the lease had been received and Council decided unanimously to sign it and to make an *ex gratia* payment of £25 towards the cost of preparing the lease. The Chairman reported also that Mr Bob Montgomery, CEO Longleat, had received some quotes for the play area which he would consider upon his return from the USA.

Parish Plan

Councillor Steve Crossman reported that work is proceeding well. The Working Group is contacting all of the village organisations asking about their objectives and where they hope their organisation will be in 5 years' time.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.30 on Thursday 18th May in the Village Hall to be followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk will invite representatives from the various village organisations to report on their activities and any concerns they might have.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 18th May at the Village Hall preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

All are welcome to attend.



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HALL NEWS



Our new Hall Committee has been elected with James Osborne as Chairman, Rick Gunning - Vice Chair, Ken Windess - Treasurer & Louisa Cruickshank - Secretary.

One of the biggest aims for this year is to continue to improve the Hall; redecorate; install new heating; & have wifi & phone network available are just some of the most important things we hope to have sorted as soon as possible.

On that note we would like a big community paint & decorate team weekend! If you can spare any time over the weekend of the 20th & 21st of May please come along and give us a hand to spruce the Hall up. It's also our monthly Coffee Morning on the 21st May so why not attend both!

On Saturday 6th May we have a Table Top Sale - hopefully we'll see you there, either selling or buying.

On Friday 19th May there is a Village Fayre Quiz Night - doors open at 7.30 for an 8pm start.

The Village Hall is very important to so many of us so please support us, attend a meeting or just help whenever you can to ensure the Hall remains.

Louisa Cruickshank

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Village Fayre Plant Stall heads up



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Carole Hill 844365



CAKE STALL

Time to start thinking about this year's Cake Stall
Could you help on the day of the Fayre?
How about making something to sell on the stall?



You can make anything from a cup cake to a gateau, jam tart to a
quiche, marmalade to chutney,
in fact anything that is home made and delicious.

Susie Hilleary 844454



Wanted any saleable items (not electrical) for the above stall at the
Village Fayre on June 11th

Please contact me and I will arrange collection or you can deliver to 15 Gentle St.

Margaret Long 844756



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

Finally, the news you've all been waiting for: the dog show is confirmed. Bellevue Vets are hosting the incredibly popular dog show again this year. There will be several categories, no doubt including "best young handler" and "dog with the waggiest tail". Get your kids practising with the family pet to be in with a chance of a rosette. All categories will be announced in June's edition of the Horningsham News, along with the arena events schedule. The Plank Race will also be back for its third year. This is a brilliant team challenge AND you can win a proper shiny cup. We'll engrave your name on it and everything. You even get to keep it for a year. We only need 4 in a team, so get your family signed up or enter a team from the pub, cricket club, luncheon club or grab some neighbours on the day. Practice plank racing will be available on the day.

We also have Tim Moore confirmed for a stint on the Whisky Raffle and a musical first with The Graham and Brian Band playing for our delight in the bar area. Expect Country and Western and some classic covers.

As well as generously donating much of her house contents, Ros and family have also made a financial contribution to the Bric-a-Brac stall to get them off to a flying start. Ros sent me a message on Facebook saying she would miss the Fayre this year but wanted to still be involved. It's important to remember that all the proceeds from the Fayre support seven village causes: the Village Hall; the School; the Chapel; the Church; the Cricket Club; the Luncheon Club and the Horningsham News. Without the support from residents (and past residents) we wouldn't be such a success. Last year we gave away £7,000 in total. I'm hoping we can match that this year.

We've also had a generous donation towards our advertising spend. Last year we spent a little over £300 on advertising. This was a combination of Facebook targeted ads, local press and websites. Nick & Iliana Baughan have given us £100 towards the Facebook advertising. I credit Facebook with swelling our visitor numbers to over 2,500, so thank you to the Nunney Street Market team who initially taught me how to make the ads and to the Baughan family for supporting our advertising.

By the time you read this, hopefully the street signage will be up and the new bunting made. Last year we splashed out on new signage for the field, this year we are having some new bunting. We continue to try to invest in and improve the Fayre. I hope it will be another great day out and thank you in advance to everyone who is contributing already by baking a cake, making jam, growing plants, donating bric-a-brac, sorting things, storing things and making things. I am looking forward to June already!

Hope to see you there on Sunday 11th June 11am - 4pm.

Caroline Dykes chb.bristol@gmail.com or 07779 121228

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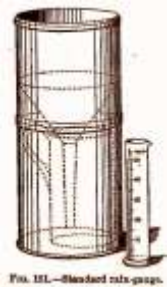
INS & OUTS



We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Michael and Kate Birnie and their daughter Emma May (who was born in Horningsham 16 months ago). They are leaving for Michael to start his new appointment as Property Director of the Ernest Cook Trust, where he will be responsible for the Trust's 22,000 acres over nine estates. The Trust, founded by a Grandson of Thomas Cook, is one of the UK's leading outdoor learning charities. Rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on outdoor learning opportunities on its estates and by offering grants. They will be living at Filkins near the Trust's base at Fairford Glos. Kate for the moment is happily occupied as a housewife and Mum. They have promised to keep in touch and come back to see us.

Maggie Osborne

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL



March started dull and damp with some heavy rain on the 3rd and stayed wet and windy for the next few days. We then started to get warmer but with our usual March winds thrown in on the odd day, stirring up the dust and drying out the ground. This continued for really the rest of the month with the odd small shower and thankfully only a slight frost some mornings, I expect a few spuds got caught, but not mine as I had only just planted!

This March has certainly felt a dry one but in fact we had 3.03 inches.

April has again followed on being dry and cool at night but quite pleasant during the day.

John Whatley

WELCOME CLUB



I am writing this at Easter – so I'm a bit in advance but need to be careful to catch the printing date. Things may change – but hopefully not!

We have had our bingo games and also been on our mystery trip – I'll tell you all about that next time.

This month, on the 18th, we will be having another reading from Tom and on the 23rd May we will travel to Bognor Regis, a fairly new destination for us – watch out for the report. As usual please let me know if you are coming with us.

Chris Short 01985 847373

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



If anyone would like to join us this summer please do. I feel sure we will be short of players at times, and skill is not essential.

I write this as we play our second game of the season. It seems hard work. Last week it was a team from Chilmark who came to Horningsham, bringing a fifteen year old who opened the batting and scored 60 against us. And then another fifteen year old who bowled us out. Perhaps it was the same one. A chastening experience.

Today we are in Mere, where the local team, who are old friends, have just scored 208, making us run around all over fetching their hits for four and six. One ball was lost in a fish farm beyond the fence. We had always thought it was a sewage plant; occasional glimpses of objects in the water evoke less horror now. Tea was a welcome relief. And the game has moved decisively in our favour. In our innings, Harry Hatch and Angus Hilleary have put on a partnership of over 160, and are about to win it, while the rest of us have enjoyed a pleasant couple of hours of chat in the April sun. The Mere wicket keeper runs a local pub so we all know what is happening next.

The serious part of the season is about to start. 14 Sunday League games against sides we do not know. This may be our toughest ever season. If you would like to join, please don't hesitate to email jamesoborne@btinternet.com or just pop down one Sunday afternoon when we are playing.

James Osborne

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Horningsham Parish Church was filled almost to capacity for the Thanksgiving Service for Lord Christopher on 28th March. The large congregation comprised family, friends and former Longleat colleagues who had all gathered to remember his long and colourful life. Family members provided the two readings and a song. A memorable address was given by close friend Tertius Murray Thriepland which caught perfectly Christopher's acute sense of humour, much to the amusement of all present. Following the service the congregation were invited to a reception at Longleat.

An obituary appeared in the March issue of Horningsham News

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GOOD NEWS! Our meeting about the future of the Shop was extremely well attended. The Hall was full and the Committee was reassured that the Shop was very much wanted. The meeting was very positive and with lots of constructive ideas flowing. There were some pleasing outcomes, including a donation to improve all the signage of the Shop. The passing trade is important to us and so you will soon be seeing some very smart new signs on the approaches to the village and at the Shop itself. We have also received other donations and with the increasing trade for the summer months, Sue, our Manager, is now bringing in more lines.

Our new 'market fresh' fruit and vegetables every Thursday are becoming very popular. We can get anything you want – just order it!

The freezer is filling up again and Marshfield ice-cream is back in stock.

Our Homebase raffle was a great success and we raised £365 with the addition of advertising the Shop further afield.



The Shop will now be **open again on a Tuesday afternoon** – but the Post Office hours remain the same.

We are happy to deliver – just give us your order!

Thank you to all of you who support us and came to the meeting.

Liz Nixon ernixon66@gmail.com

MONTHLY RECIPE

Egg Custard Tart

May is ushered in by the May Day celebrations once enjoyed as the highlight of the year in every town and village. Customs and superstitions varied from area to area, but the ones we still recognise are Maypole dancing, Morris men, Beating the Bounds, Hobby Horses and Well Dressing. The fairest maiden of the village was chosen as Queen of the May and she had 'Maids of Honour' to attend her. There are many theories as to how the Maids of Honour Tart(s) came about. Said to date back to the time of Henry VI when he witnessed the Queen's Maids of Honour eating some cakes, he demanded to taste one. They got the King's seal of approval! Made from puff pastry and cheese curds they are a classic but for me nothing beats a beautifully made egg custard tart, recipes for which go back as far as the 14th century. It's the simplicity that does it, you could really go to town with egg yolks and cream but that somehow that changes something that doesn't need to be changed.

Ingredients

For the pastry

225g butter

150g caster sugar

1 egg beaten

300g plain flour

For the egg custard

4 eggs

100g caster sugar

2 tsps vanilla paste

500 ml milk (preferably whole milk) (try Tytherington milk station for free range)

Nutmeg (nice freshly grated)

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C, 180 fan or gas mark 6.

Lightly grease a 7 inch flan tin.

In a bowl cream the butter and caster sugar together until smooth. Add the egg and beat until smooth. Incorporate the flour steadily and bring the dough together finally using a squeezing action rather than a kneading one. Wrap with cling or greaseproof and rest in the fridge for half an hour.

For the egg custard: whisk the 4 eggs together with the caster sugar thoroughly, add the vanilla paste and finally the milk, the end result should look like creamy milk, very different to making a quiche or an omelette.

Roll the pastry out and offer it to the tin, it is quite short so it can be safely pressed into corners and up the sides. Prick all over with a fork. Line with greaseproof and add baking beans or rice. Put it on a baking tray and bake 'blind' for 15 mins.

Remove from the oven and, having removed the baking beans and paper, fill the tart case with the custard mixture. Grate or sprinkle nutmeg over the entire surface of the tart. Return to the oven for approximately 40 minutes or until filling is just set.

Serve warm or cold.



Jayne Glover

THEN & NOW



Vicarage from the East



We are back for another look at the Vicarage with the most shocking pair of photos in the series so far. The top photo shows the old Vicarage seen from the East before it was demolished in 1902 to make room for the new Vicarage. The view last month was from the West and, looking at this month's old photo, the building in that photo was the rear part (with 3 chimneys) in this one. Comparing the two photos, one can see that only the stable block survives, now without its thatch and completely detached from the house.

The Parish Magazine for July 1901 said:

“It is now just twelve months since the Vicar came to Horningsham and found himself confronted by two facts, or rather one fact and one statement. The *fact* was that the Vicarage had to be rebuilt; the *statement* was that it was quite useless to attempt to do so, as nobody would help.”

Unfortunately the “statement” proved wrong as there ensued a huge fundraising effort with donations from the Marquess of Bath (£500) topping the list. A two-day bazaar at Longleat in aid of the rebuilding fund, which featured a band hired by Lord Bath, suffered from terrible weather but still raised £300. However, a loan from the splendidly named “Queen Anne’s Bounty” achieved the target of £2,500.

A prominent architect, Mr H F Price was hired to draw up the plans. Price, who had married into a property-owning family, designed many buildings in Weston-super-Mare including roads of houses and a major extension to the Town Hall. Horningsham Vicarage does not feature strongly in his oeuvre.

In February 1902 demolition began but not everyone was as pleased as the Rev Arthur Murray and his wife. There was even an attempt by the Rural District Council to get the haulage contractor to pay for the repair of the road to Horningsham which had been damaged by his traction engine hauling loads of bricks for the new building. On a more aesthetic note there was this report in the Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette:

“The old thatched Vicarage with its ivy-clad walls will soon be a thing of the past for already the work of destruction has begun. The tourist will miss the quaint old house by the roadside, with its giant rhododendron and its ancient hawthorn. To those who knew it so well there will be a feeling of sadness at its departure. For years it has stood as a landmark. Generations have come and gone, but still the Vicarage remained, and how beautiful in its green old age, and dear to many by its associations, its turn to go has come at last.”

Just as the Church had been hugely expanded for a congregation that had already started to decline, so too the new Vicarage must quickly have seemed also to have been a white elephant. In the 1911 Census only Rev Murray and his 22 year old student son were there with their housekeeper in a house with 14 rooms. In 1930 he retired to Burnham where he died two years later.

By 1956 the Vicarage was no longer needed as Horningsham no longer had its own Vicar and it was offered for sale for £3,500 and was bought by Longleat Estate. It was renamed Forest House and it replaced Woodwards as the Head Forester’s house until John McHardy retired in 1976. Since then, subsequent Head Foresters have been given somewhat less spacious accommodation.



Children's Easter Service



Forgiveness

A beautiful kindness
Empathising to feel others' pain,
Fighting a wrong -
Their wrong,
Redeeming yourself,
Telling the truth
Is an onable gesture
To any sorry,
To fix a friendship feud.

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Pain expands,
Anger, resentment bubble
Inside you like a volcano,
Until you erupt
Covering a Friendship
In ash.
Realisation can appear too late
And what was, is changed forever.

Forgiveness blossoms out of the darkness
It transforms the damage into a new bond,
Believing the pain,
It's never too late
To right a wrong,
Things we have done aren't always fixed,
There's hope in mercy, kindness and love,
Forgiveness is all of this.

And more.

By Livi Holden



We were really proud of the children for planning and delivering their own Easter Service. They created the service as part of their RE work with Mrs Woodward, focussing on the theme of Forgiveness. The children shared lots of their own personal stories interspersed with readings. It was a lovely service and wonderful to see the church full of families.

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Kinsey at the end of term and wish her well for the future. Mrs Diane Perret joins us as a Teaching Assistant in Robins Class. Mrs Yan Ho will be joining us as our new Admin Assistant. Mrs Palmer will be with us in the interim and hopes to still come in and join in with activities and cover staff, which is great.

BANANAGRAMS CHALLENGE Congratulations to William Cruickshank for finishing in 7th place in the Banagrams Challenge. The next round certainly squeezed brains as you had to complete anagrams and word searches against the clock. We look forward to next year's Banagrams Challenge at Horningham.



SHAKESPEARE WEEK

All three classes celebrated the works of William Shakespeare for National Shakespeare Week. Owls explored Macbeth and looked at the links between Shakespearean plots and those of Star Wars and created some great insults Shakespeare style between Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker! Robins also explored Macbeth, focussing on the three witches as part of their topic on Winnie the Witch. Woodpeckers had a challenge to make a film of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which they brought to life brilliantly.

It is not in the
stars to hold
our destiny
but in
ourselves.

William Shakespeare

They also explored Julius Caesar as part of their work on the Romans. It was a fun and interesting week and it was wonderful to see the children appreciating and being inspired by such great works by the Bard!



STAR WARS



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

Owls treated the whole school to a really fun and inspiring Star Wars Convention in the last week of term. They worked in groups to prepare their own stands and activities and provided a memorable experience for all the children and staff as they embraced the world of Star Wars. Everyone came away with lots of free hand made gifts and had great fun meeting the characters and exploring the exhibits. This was the culmination of lots of hard work over the term for their space topic.

Mill Farm Chronicles March-April 2017

This month has brought an “Ouch!” an “Ooh!” and an “OMG, where did that come from?”

The “Ouch!” was for Steve who managed to cut his knee open whilst sitting on the skidsteer. Sounds improbable but actually the pallet forks he was carrying fell off the front and bounced on the concrete and pinged back into the cab catching his knee a glancing blow. Steve, being Steve, assumed that because he couldn't see blood and his trousers weren't torn that he was okay. 10 minutes later the pain started and on inspection he had a gaping hole that you could see bone through.....euwwww! Two hours later and a trip to Casualty saw him with three stitches, antibiotics, a tetanus injection and a X-ray appointment for the next day. Luckily nothing was broken but the bruising and swelling was so bad that he could hardly walk for a week and couldn't get in the tractor, skiddy or truck, let alone drive them. The stitches are due to come out soon. I have offered to remove them for him but he has declined the offer for some reason. I can't think why.

The “Ooh!” is for the blossom on our cherry trees this year. It's been really lovely here the last 4 weeks and the blossom on the trees by the pond is spectacular. We haven't had the winds or the rain yet which usually blow it off the boughs so it's lasting well. Steve says that he can't remember the last time that we've had such a long dry spell of weather so early on in the year. I've heard several people who say that the long hot summer of 1976 started just like this. With my farmer's wife hat on, I hope that it's not that hot because no rain means less grass in the fields and hence shortage of good silage etc for the cows for the winter, but equally it would be lovely to have a nice warm summer for a change. Life seems so much easier when the sun is shining.

Calving is ticking on quietly. Unusually we have had three sets of twins which is great as it puts up our calving percentages.

The silage fields have all had fertiliser applied, and the cow muck from the sheds has been spread on the maize ground ready for ploughing. We have been holding off planting grass seed because of the dry weather but based on the weather for forecast this week we took the plunge and drilled the fields on Thursday.

The vet came last week to PD (pregnancy diagnose) our summer calving herd and we are looking forward to another 42 calves from June.

The Bed and Breakfast continues to be mostly workmen. The specialist painters working for Wessex Water are still here in the self-catering, and we have had a variety of carpenters, painters and renderers working nights at Center Parcs, and sleeping days, staying bed and breakfast. Interspersed with those we have also had regular visitors going to Longleat particularly over the Easter holidays. I've seen photographs of the giant bugs that are the main attraction at Longleat this year and they look amazing.

It's been a pretty quiet month socially. Steve attended the finals and presentation night of the winter skittles league we play in, to receive Runners Up Cup for the Captain's Cup. One of our lady players won ladies highest score with a rather impressive 72 pins knocked down over 6 goes but as a team we only managed to finish mid league. Our last game was a Crossman Derby. Our team, with Steve as captain, has one half of the family playing

and the other half play for Peter's team (Steve's brother) so you can see how it turns into a bit of a needle match. I'm happy to say that our team whooped them!

Easter weekend was busy work-wise and socially. We had my Mum's 88th birthday on Good Friday. So we drove to Lacock and met up with my brothers and sister-in-law and had lunch together. Unfortunately Mum wasn't feeling 100% so decided not to come out so we had to celebrate her birthday for her by proxy. On the Saturday we had Ivy staying whilst Amy and Guy went out for the night. Steve, Ivy and I had all been invited to a wedding celebration party which started at 4pm till later. We had a lovely time eating and chatting (in Steve's case) eating and drinking delicious rhubarb pressé (in my case) and playing with the doggies and eating hotdogs (in Ivy's case). Thank you Suzie and Jim.

Now for the **“OMG where did that come from?”**

It was Easter Monday morning, very early, around 5.30am and Steve was up (I know . . . a rare occurrence) and off out to do the feeding. I heard the back door slam and then 5 minutes later I heard him come back in, run upstairs and slam into Jack's room. Uh oh I thought, the cows are out. He then ran into our room and shouted, get dressed quickly and come downstairs you won't believe what's outside. Well I didn't bother to get dressed I just flung on a dressing gown and followed Steve. He took me across the lawn and towards the donkey paddock and there in the field with Lucky and Rosie was a **BABY DONKEY!!** I couldn't believe my eyes, where did that come from???



After we had picked our jaws back up, we realised that the baby's mum was Rosie our rescue donkey from Ireland. We couldn't work out how she could have been pregnant because she has been nowhere near a daddy donkey for over a year. A spot of Googling later and we found out that donkeys are pregnant for 11-14 months so Rosie was probably expecting when she came to us. Consequently we now have the most beautiful little Jenny donkey called Poppy who is the most welcome addition to Mill Farm ever. How lucky are we?

Margaret Crossman

LONGLEAT NEWS

TRIO OF 'UNICORN' CALVES BORN AT LONGLEAT



A trio of 'extinct' antelope whose extraordinary horns are believed to have been the origin of the unicorn myth have been born at Longleat Safar Park. The scimitar horned oryx calves, two females and a male, were born over the last month and all three are doing well. Originally from North Africa, the antelope is thought to have gone extinct in the wild in 1999 – due to a combination of hunting and loss of habitat. Longleat is part of an international captive breeding programme for the species with numbers worldwide now thought to be in excess of 1,500. To date they have successfully reared a total of 16 calves. Re-introduction programmes are currently taking place in Tunisia, Morocco, Chad and Senegal with captive-bred animals being released into fenced reserves.



The scimitar horned oryx gets its name from its magnificent, scimitar-shaped horn which can measure up to 1.5 metres in length. Longleat's Ian Turner said: "The scimitar horned oryx is one of the most iconic types of antelope with these truly magnificent curved horns which are actually quite thin and break off comparatively easily. Our captive breeding programme has been extremely successful over the years and all three mums have previously given birth. If all goes according to plan the calves should be fully weaned around 14 weeks after being born."

Some experts believe oryx may be the basis for the legendary unicorn. Viewed from the side it can look like the antelope

have only a single horn. Also, as the horns are made from hollow bone they can also break off quite easily and do not grow back – making one horned oryx a relatively common occurrence.



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Accidental Volunteers 7

I'm reading about the person who drove a van up to a crowd of people waiting to be bussed away from the fighting in Syria. He handed out packets of crisps to the children and when enough had gathered around the van he detonated the explosives inside it, killing himself and 115 other people, many of them children, many only halfway through their free crisps.

It seems more than a million miles from my meeting with Ahmed in Brussels last Sunday. Ahmed is a pharmacist, he escaped through ISIS controlled Syria only to be jailed by Kurds from where he managed to cross the border into Turkey, somehow losing his shoes, and threw himself, barefoot, at the mercy of Turkish smugglers who got him to Greece.

It was in Greece that we met him in his tent at the refugee camp in Oraiokastro. He was effectively head of the camp council until he smartened himself up one day. With a sharp haircut, a close shave and a new pullover he walked into the airport in Thessaloniki with a false Spanish ID card, and boarded a flight Germany. He made his way to Belgium by train and turned himself over to the authorities. They put him in a camp for six weeks, then a shared house with 3 lads from Afghanistan and gave him asylum and the right to stay in Belgium for 5 years. Now he has to get a job and his own place.



Ahmed at the Camp

So I went to see how he was getting along. I met him at home, he was waiting for me outside, just like he used to at the camp. He made me a chai, we caught up with our news and we headed the 20 miles into Brussels to meet a friend of his for dinner. Pietro is an Italian living in Belgium working as a political reporter for Swiss TV. He's no fool either. We ate under the trees on a leafy springtime street in the heart of the city. I was the dunce at the table. These two had the names of every newsworthy event and person on their lips and I just thought how clever I was to have squeezed into this company. Pietro played a YouTube movie made a year ago that featured Ahmed walking, with 40,000 other refugees to get to the Macedonian border before it closed. The image was of a cold, unshaven man, walking in the darkness towards an uncertain goal. Pietro said, "You look very different there." To which Ahmed replied, "but that was me as a refugee."

Ahmed has escaped the carnage that continues in Syria. It was me who went pullover shopping with him the night before he disappeared. I now realise why he kept asking me if the ones he was trying on “looked European”. For that he calls me his brother, but mostly he wants to thank Caroline for meeting him in the camp and slowly restoring his self-respect and confidence. It’s to her he feels he owes the most gratitude.



Ahmed and Neil with Pietro in Brussels

So far we’ve housed 75 refugees in our apartments in Greece. Caroline is back there now moving more in. Every one of them has a story to tell, all as interesting and many more tragic than Ahmed’s.

Neil Dykes

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TRAGIC BIRTHDAY TOUR.


Sudden Death at the "Bath Arms" Hotel.

To celebrate his 71st birthday, a retired Bristol umbrella manufacturer, Mr. Wm. Henry Evered Symes, of 348, Hotwell Road, Clifton, Bristol, on Tuesday went for a motor coach tour to the Longleat country with his wife and his brother and sister-in-law, and a party of friends. His excursion had a sad conclusion. Mr. Symes went alone to Heaven's Gate, to gain what proved to be his last view of the glorious panorama which is afforded from that famous spot. Descending from Heaven's Gate, he proceeded with the rest of the party to Horningsham. There he said he felt unwell, and while the rest of the party proceeded to get a view of Longleat House and the Park he went into the "Bath Arms" Hotel, where he had a glass of whisky. Still feeling far from well, he went into the open-air, but soon returned, and collapsed and expired almost immediately. P.S. Gray was summoned, and with Mr. A. G. Harding (the proprietor of the hotel) rendered assistance; Dr. H. Blackley (Warminster) was also sent for, but on arrival he could only pronounce that death had already taken place from heart failure. A casket was made in the village, and the following evening, Wednesday, the remains were taken to Bath, where the interment will take place in the Cemetery where his son is buried.—An enquiry was deemed unnecessary.

Wyndham Trollope

PTE. TROLLOP DEAD.

Pte. Wyndham Trollop, previously reported ill and wounded, is today reported "died of wounds." He was an English lad, only 21, and only a few years out from the Old Land. His mother lives in Horningsham. In Toronto he worked at Price's Dairy. A brother, Ernest, has just signed up for overseas.



Pte. W. Trollop.

Toronto Star - May 19th, 1917

Wyndham was the fourth of nine children born to William and Sophia Trollope. William was a "woodman on Estate" and by 1911 was working in the Tree Nursery. The family first lived at No.182 Chapel Street, though it was known as Tompkins Pool at the time. The family later moved to a somewhat larger cottage at 209 Pottle Street.



Wyndham was born on 7th November 1893 and attended Horningsham School until the leaving age of 14. We don't know what job he did in Horningsham but, aged 18, he emigrated to Canada. On 17th August 1912 he sailed on SS Megantic of the White Star line from Liverpool bound for Quebec. In Canada he made his way to Toronto where he worked as a labourer in a dairy. Just 2 years later Britain declared war on Germany. There was a huge response from Canadians to the call to arms and on 31st July 1915

Wyndham signed up to serve in the Canadian Infantry. In his papers he is described as 5ft 3½inches, with light brown hair and in good health.

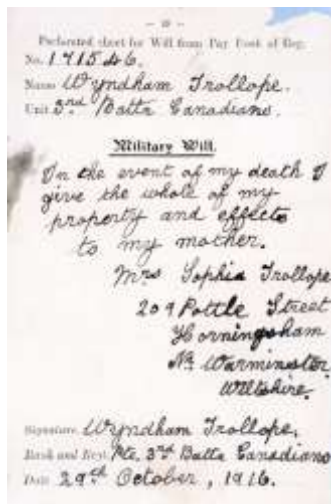
Wyndham underwent initial training at the National Exhibition Park in Toronto which had been turned over to the army. From his military records we learn that on February 4th 1916 he badly scalded his foot and spent 16 days in hospital. However this did not delay his departure back to England and on 28th March his unit sailed from Halifax on SS Olympic, arriving in Liverpool on 7th May less than four years since he left for a better life in Canada.

His unit went straight to the massive Canadian army camp at West Sandling in Kent for more training. At the end of August 1916 he sailed for France where he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion which was at Albert on the Somme. Within days he was in the trenches engaged in heavy fighting which continued until winter set in. In October 1916 he wrote his Military Will on the form provided in his paybook leaving everything to his mother.

In April 1917 the Battalion was heavily involved in the famous attack on Vimy Ridge. The attack was successful in driving the Germans back but the losses to the 3rd Battalion were enormous. Overall the Canadians lost more than 10,000 killed or wounded but the victory is still commemorated in Canada as a defining moment in which Canada emerged from under the shadow of Britain.

April 3rd brought another offensive by the 3rd Battalion and it was in the course of this action that Wyndham received serious shell injuries and a fractured arm. 44 were killed, 41 were missing and 141 were wounded. Wyndham was transferred to the massive General Hospital at Dannes Camiers, near Boulogne, on the 7th May where it was noted that he was “seriously ill”. He died on Sunday May 13th. He was buried at Etaples Military Cemetery with 10,771 others in the largest Commonwealth War Graves cemetery. Wyndham is the only person on the Horningsham War Memorial who was not serving with the British armed forces.

After the war a silver memorial cross was issued to the next of kin of every Canadian soldier who had been killed in action. By an unknown route, Wyndham’s Memorial Cross appeared recently on a website in the US selling medals where it sold for US\$290.





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