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EDITORIAL

Newspapers are full of suggestions about the best places to see snowdrops but none of them mention the ones on our first cover of 2018. Ours are in Horningsham – in the appropriately named White Street!

In this issue you can discover that Horningsham had nearly 3 feet of rain in 2017. Although, sadly, there is no Mill Farm Chronicle this month due to Margaret’s mother being hospitalised again (we wish Doris a speedy recovery), you can binge-read on no fewer than three Parish Council reports. We also have news of the plan to install a defibrillator in the village as well as a report on what is happening around the War Memorial where a Memorial Orchard is being planted. There is the usual lively report from the School and photos of the Luncheon Club’s Christmas Lunch. On a less cheerful note there is an explanation of the closure of Maiden Bradley Village Shop. Opened in 2001 as a community venture, the shop regrettably became financially unviable in spite of the best efforts of all involved. Our nearest shop is now in Frome or Warminster. Nor is it clear whether our Outreach Post Office will ever open again.

Finally, do join in the annual Litter Pick on Saturday 3rd March starting from the Hall at 10 O’clock. Fran Chris, the organiser, will be there with bags, high visibility tabards and long-handled grabbers – everything you need to tidy up our village after the winter.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Thursday 15th February 2018

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CHURCH NEWS



The Horningsham congregation always looks forward to the Christmas Day service, as it is a little bit different. It can be difficult to find an organist, so for the past few years we have been accompanied by Lyndy Bishop, a violinist from the Minster church in Warminster. Her husband Kerry is the Minster organist and he records our piano accompaniment, and so is with us in spirit. It is a lovely arrangement and the congregation enjoys listening to Lyndy's beautiful playing. We are very grateful to them both for taking the trouble to prepare the music for us.

The flower ladies excelled and the church was full of colour. At this time of the year flowers last well and the church was still colourful for Plough Sunday. This is another annual tradition at Horningsham, as once again we welcomed the Bathampton Morris Men. They too are very colourful, a lively and jolly group who always entertain us with



their music and dancing, although it was probably just as well our churchwarden wasn't able to be there, as during one dance they gave the floor tiles a good bashing with their sticks!

The dancing is always before the sermon, and every year the vicar looks at the congregation and says "how do you follow that?!" The message associated with Plough Sunday is the importance of farming and also the weather. Through the centuries this has been one of the services in the year that all villagers would attend, to pray for the right weather at the right time, to enable the crops to grow and produce a successful harvest. Pauline said thank you to all farmers, who we know work very hard in what is a challenging profession, in order to put food on our tables.

Pauline also thanked the organist, Richard, one of the Morris Men who is kind enough to play for us every year; all the flower ladies, for making the church so colourful, and also to Margaret Crossman who generously provided our refreshments afterwards. It was good to 'go out on a high' as there will not be another service in Horningsham until Easter. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for details of other services in the Deverills.

Helen Taylor

Dear Friends,

I sit writing on a grey old day, BUT, the snowdrops are out and the bulbs are making a bid for freedom; a sign of hope if ever there was one.

I'm working hard on planning at the moment. I have to have everything in place so that the needs of the parishes are taken care of whilst I am on sabbatical, or EMDL, Extended Ministry Development Leave if you want the posh definition. After Easter Day I will be taking three months to take stock and resource myself both practically and spiritually for the next few years ahead. In the Church of England in order to be considered for a sabbatical you have to have been



in post for at least 2 years and in ordained ministry for at least 11. I am very grateful indeed for this opportunity to recharge my batteries, and for the goodwill and support of both the PCC and the wonderful retired clergy and lay ministers who will be covering the services etc. whilst I am away. I'll write a bit more about what I will be doing in the next couple of months.

During Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th with a 10am service in St Philip's and St James at Chapmanslade and a 6pm service at St Peter and St Paul's at Longbridge Deverill, we will be running our usual Lent course. This year we will be using a course centred around Ken Loach's film '*I Daniel Blake*'. If you have seen the film you will know that it is very powerful and very challenging, raising huge questions about our society's view of those who find themselves dependant on the benefit system for their daily needs, and the effect of government policy on their well-being. I deliberated long and hard about whether or not to use this material as it is not easy to engage with, but I

think the film communicates truths about the way we are now that cannot be ignored. Jesus told us that we should care for the poor and needy, what might that look like in the context of the lives we see depicted in *I Daniel Blake*? So if you want to be challenged, probably shocked, possibly annoyed and certainly moved then come along to our 5 week course, everyone is most warmly welcome whether you come to church or not. In fact I'd love it if some people came who don't subscribe to the Christian faith, it would be really good to have contributions from a different viewpoint. The first session is on Monday February 19th at 10am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade and here at The Rectory, Longbridge Deverill at 2pm. All the sessions will be on a Monday apart from the final one on Tuesday 20th March. Do come along.

In the meantime, keep warm and enjoy the miraculous sight of those beautiful snowdrops. Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com



Longleat Estate's Tree Safety Supervisor, Steve Woollard, will be undertaking tree inspections in the gardens of tenanted properties during February, March and April. He will be identifying trees that are hazardous or that are likely to cause direct damage to property, thereby fulfilling the Estate's duty of care. Access to gardens will be essential but will not be made by prior appointment due to the sheer number of properties involved. We politely request your assistance by allowing access to your property to facilitate inspections. The Tree Safety Supervisor will be wearing Longleat branded clothing at all times.

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 14th December at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Michael Trollope, Fran Chris, Jayne Glover, Ken Windess, Dermot FitzGerald, and Matt Simpson.

Apologies: Councillors Stephen Crossman, Gerard Brierley, John Radley and Simon Millar

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

Public Question Time

A parishioner, Mrs. Katie Gullick, addressed the Council with a proposal for the provision of defibrillators.

Planning

Planning Applications

Application Ref: 17/11330/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area 17/155

Proposal: - Fell 1no Norway spruce

At: 146 West Common, Horningsham, BA12 7LS

Decision: No objection.

Application Ref: 17/11332/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: - Pollard remaining stems on goat willow at 1.5m.

At: 123 Scotland, Horningsham, BA12 7NH

Decision: No objection

Application Ref: 17/11791/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

**Proposal: - Goat Willow, Hazel and Laurel. Pollard Goat Willow and Coppice Hazel
Reduce laurel and other vegetation to give approx. 2m clearance to the sides of the path and 2.4m overhead**

At: War Memorial the Island, Horningsham

Decision: No objection.

The clerk was instructed to ask the Estate if the footpath there could be cleared as a matter of priority, as there are two fallen trees preventing access. It was also requested that the clerk bring attention to the chestnut tree stumps in Water Lane, which need grinding as it was felt that they are to be unsightly if left as they are.

Application Ref: 17/11866/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: - Tree of Heaven. Fell (monolith).

At: 92 Water Lane, HORNINGSHAM, BA12 7LL

Decision: No objection.

Planning Decisions

Application Ref: 17/08722/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: - Cooper Beech tree - fell

Location: - The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7LW

Decision: No objection.

Parish Steward - Highways

A reflective bollard in Cock Road has been displaced to the other side of the road, a request to reinstate this would be made.

Holly Bush to Church Street drain blocked. Councillor Fran Chris highlighted 2 further drains that require regular unblocking.

Directional Signage

It was agreed that signage was required highlighting Longleat Main Entrance to visitors in vehicles coming into the parish. It was agreed that Longleat would be approached by Councillor Matt Simpson to be the provider of the signage. Signage needed to be placed on Forest Road leaving the Maiden Bradley to Frome road. B3092. Also at the Bath Arms junction so vehicles entering the village will see the signage.

Annual Litter Pick

The date of the litter pick would be Saturday 3rd March 2018. The Clerk would arrange for the litter bags to be purchased. Councillor Fran Chris would again organise the day.

Grounds Maintenance

It was noted that as of the 7th December only one bid had been received by the Clerk who had received questions from the other two bidders to which responses had been issued prior to the submission deadline. It had also been highlighted to the Clerk that the War Memorial Area had been omitted from the tender documentation and that this needed to be included for 2018.

The clerk reminded Councillors of the Financial Regulations and Standing Order procedures relevant to the tender process. These were noted. Council agreed that the War Memorial area was a requirement and that the number of cuts required increasing following clarification questions from one of the bidders.

Council instructed the Clerk to re-issue the documentation with the changes.

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Ken Windess reported that he was still trying to meet with Longleat over the action required. He will update Council at the next meeting.

Remembrance Day

It was recommended that Rev. Di Britton be asked to lead the service again. In view of the fact that 2018 would mark the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice it was suggested that a luncheon be provided at the Hall. The Council could invite relatives of the fallen to the occasion. The clerk was instructed to place this on the next Agenda.

WWI Commemorations

Councillor Matt Simpson reported on the WWI Commemorations Orchard Project to date. A plan to plant the trees in a fan below the War Memorial was suggested. Council approved retrospectively the cheque payment for £570.00 for the purchase of the heritage varieties of apple trees – one for each man on the War Memorial plus one for the Belgian soldier in the Churchyard.

Play Area

The Chairman reported that he had a positive meeting with Longleat CEO, Mr Bob Montgomery when they had discussed the possibility of a grant from the Longleat Charitable Trust. Council noted the update from the Clerk on the financial position regarding the Play Area reserves.

Defibrillator Project

The Chairman proposed that Councillors seek Parishioners' views on Mrs Gullick's proposal. He said he would also consult with the community via the Horningsham News Facebook page. The Clerk was instructed to research the cost implications.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th January at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 11th January at the Village Hall.

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

Apologies: Councillor Stephen Crossman

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

Planning Applications

Application Ref: 17/12532/TCA

Location: 124 Scotland, Horningsham, BA12 7LY

Application for Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: - Goat Willow tree – coppice, Hawthorn tree - cut back overhanging growth by 1m, Hawthorn tree – fell, 2 Hazel trees – coppice, 3 Cypress trees – fell, Yew tree - reduce & shape, Apple tree – prune and Yew tree - reduce lower branches by up to 1m
The Parish Council supported this application.

Planning Decisions

Application Ref: 17/08722/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Cooper Beech tree - fell

Location: - The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7LW

Decision: No Objection

Parish Steward - Highways

Pot holes at Holly Bush and the Church were marked on the map for the Parish Steward. It was reported that pot holes had been reported at Doctor's Lane by a parishioner whose car was damaged and had been notified via the Wiltshire Council Online system.

At the front of the Alms Houses, it was highlighted that there is a lot of debris along the pavement causing an issue for children walking to School. The clerk was instructed to place this on the Parish Steward's list.

Directional Signage

Councillor Matt Simpson reported that he had nothing to report to date as the meeting with the Estate had not taken place to date. He asked if he could approach the Longleat Estate and Batsford Timber about having a brown highways sign advertising an alternative route to use to Longleat on the B3092 on the junction with Forest Road and Bradley Road. He felt that an additional sign “no access for Longleat” would help the situation. Council approved his suggestion of talks with the Longleat Estate when the new Assistant Land Agent is in place.

Grounds Maintenance

Three anonymised quotations were considered for the annual grass-cutting contract. Contractor B was approved from the three quotations received. Proposed Councillor Gerard Brierley Seconded Councillor Dermot Fitzgerald Councillor Jayne Glover abstained from voting. The Clerk was instructed to award the contract to Contractor B (Mr Peter Wellstead).

Asset Maintenance

Councillor Ken Windess reported on the lack of progress to date. No communications were forthcoming from Longleat Estate as the present Assistant Land Agent is leaving and a new person is due to be in position soon. He reported that he will action a repair to a hole in the side of bus stop at the Bath Arms.

Defibrillator

Councillors reported responses they had collated from parishioners subsequent to the discussion prompted at the last meeting by Mrs Katie Gullick. It was felt that the preferred site for a defibrillator was at the Village Hall. One unit was seen as the preferred number. The Clerk was instructed to set the process in place via the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. Councillor Jayne Glover volunteered to carry out the daily visual check that would be required. The Clerk was instructed to approach the Village Hall Chairman in the first place to gain permission for the project to go ahead.

WWI Commemorations

Councillor Matt Simpson reported that he had set out the markers for the trees to be planted on the selected area. Councillors had noted the markers and approved the positions. Approval to go ahead with the planting of the trees in these positions was given. A date would be set for a group planting by Councillors and photographs, including one of the Chairman planting a tree, would be taken for the Society of Local Council Clerks publication. Councillor Simon Millar offered to arrange for further local publications to be approached using contacts he has access to.

Remembrance Day

Councillors approved the suggestion of contacting relatives of the fallen listed on the War Memorial and inviting them to be present at this year’s event. Chairman Tim Hill said he would work with Helen Taylor to establish the names of the relatives. He would also endeavour to make contact with the Belgian soldier’s family members. The Clerk was instructed to contact Rev. Di Britten to arrange for Remembrance Day Service this year. Councillor Ken Windess was asked to book the Village Hall on the 11th November 2018.

Play Area

The Chairman said he was confident that a contribution would be made by the Longleat Charitable Trust in April 2018. The Clerk reported that she has spoken at length with Community First and a reapplication has been approved to be put forward. The Clerk will receive clarification in February as to whether the funding will be put in place, there would be a year to spend the grant if approved. The Clerk was instructed to action an application for £5,000.00 to the Area Board. Council noted that the Clerk would have to go through the EU procurement process gaining updated quotations for the play area.

Budget

Councillors discussed the draft budget the Clerk had produced following the previous meetings' discussions. Council discussed each line of projected spend. Council voted unanimously to set the precept balancing figure to be requested from Wiltshire Council at £13,865.40 which would amount to a £3.99 increase (5.14%) for the year for a Band D property.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 1st March at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 18th January at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Michael Trollope, Fran Chris, Jayne Glover, Gerard Brierley and Simon Millar.

Apologies: Councillors Stephen Crossman, Ken Windess, Matt Simpson, John Radley and Dermot FitzGerald.

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

Planning Application

Application Ref: 17/12418/FUL

Location: The Old Forge – 11 – 12 Gentle Street Horningsham Warminster BA12 7LD

Proposal: New Garden Room and lean-to utility room.

Following discussion Councillors voted unanimously to have “no objection” to the application.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 1st March at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.



POPPY APPEAL

The total amount raised in 2017 from Horningsham, outlying farms, Longleat and Center Parcs was £2,025.02. A big thank you to John Osborne and Keith Shattock for collecting.

Susie FitzGerald

WELCOME CLUB



Looking forward to a fresh season of meetings in the Hall and coach trips to exciting places! Everyone very welcome to join us as you choose. We serve delicious sandwiches and cakes too!

Chris Short 01985 847373



HORNINGSHAM FAYRE

The good news is that there will definitely be a village fayre this year!

The new committee has held its first meeting and there were lots of good ideas. The core elements that make the fayre so successful will all be there plus one or two new items. The committee are open to suggestions so do let us know if there is something that you would like to see. We are always on the lookout for volunteers so if you can help for an hour on the day we will be very pleased to hear from you! Our next committee meeting is on Monday 5th February, but more importantly please put the date of the fayre in your diary now – **Sunday 10th June.**

Helen Taylor

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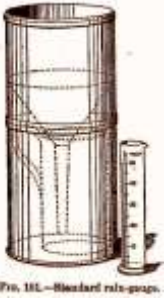
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PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL



Since my last report the total was 26.56 inches at the end of October.

November gave us a few hard frosts in the first few days, then very windy mid-month, ending up with very hard frosts. We had 3.46 inches total for the month.

December also started with a hard frost but soon changed, with wind starting to get quite strong at times. A flurry of snow appeared on the 8th but did not last. We then had wintry showers and heavy rain at times, and by the 21st we had 2.32 inches. Boxing Day was a really wet day and this sort of weather continued for the remaining days of December.

Total for 2017 was 34.59 inches

Previous year total was 32.38 inches

January has continued to be dull, cold and wet with the odd day of thick fog/low cloud. So far we have collected 3.11 inches.

John Whatley



If you are clearing out after Christmas please remember the Bric a Brac stall for the Village Fayre. Any saleable items are required. I have storage so you can either deliver to me at 15 Gentle Street or I will collect.

Thank you!

Margaret Long 844756

The Big Horningsham Litter Pick

Saturday 3rd March

At the Village Hall

10 am – 12 noon

Bags, High Vis. Vests & Grabbers Provided

Please come and clean up our village!



HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB



The Christmas Lunch cooked for us by Kim and helpers was again well attended although several of our regulars missed it through illness. Our thanks to all those who helped with the meal. Unfortunately the children from Horningsham School were unable to attend, but we were entertained with music and carols by Graham Long on his accordion which was much appreciated.



The members had made a collection and £80.00 has been sent off to Wiltshire Air Ambulance as our chosen charity.

We will be closed on 15th February due to the electricity in the village being cut off between 10am and 3pm. Although we cook on gas, no electricity would mean we are without heating or hot water.

The Club sends our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Gerald and Ian who we hope to see back with us soon.

Lesley Trollope

HALL NEWS



At the end of last year we had a very successful bingo night raising over £250 for the Hall. It's so important for us to keep up fund raising for the Hall and thank everyone that came along. There was a great atmosphere and hopefully everyone enjoyed the night.

We are starting this year pushing forward with heating & decorating improvements at the Hall.

All groups have started again: Luncheon Club and Welcome Club on Thursdays & Lion Cubs playgroup on Thursday mornings.

We'll keep you up to date with any future events at the Hall and hope to see the continued support we had last year.

Louisa Cruickshank

Horningsham Commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Great War

As part of commemorating the centenary of the Great War, Horningsham News has been featuring the men on our village War Memorial in the month that they died 100 years ago. The Parish Council with Longleat Estate has been working to create an attractive area below the Memorial. The planting of a heritage variety of apple tree for each man has begun. By the time we reach the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the war in November this year, that work will be completed. The project has attracted the attention of the Society of Local Council Clerks as part of their survey of how Parish Councils are marking the anniversary. A version of the article below is scheduled to be featured in the March issue of their magazine.



Horningsham at the time of the Great War was, and in some ways remains, the village of Longleat Estate that would be familiar to viewers of Downton Abbey. The village War Memorial records the names of 25 men who died. They range from the young heir to Longleat to a footman and include workers on the land and in the woods. In the churchyard there is also a Belgian soldier who died of wounds in the hospital in Longleat House. As part of commemorating the war, the village magazine, *Horningsham News*, has been telling the story of each man on the Memorial in the month that he died.

The Memorial was paid for by public subscription and built on a very prominent site in the village on land given by the 5th Marquess of Bath whose son and brother head the list of names. It was inaugurated in 1920 at a large ceremony reported in the *Wiltshire Times*:

“It was a typical winter day and the surrounding country was covered in a thin layer of snow which must have brought home with tremendous force the hardships bravely borne during the grip of a hard winter in France and Flanders by the 25 villagers before they fell . . . The ex-servicemen of the village were given a privileged position on the left-hand side of the wicket gate leading to the memorial, near by were the school children, who, under the conductorship of Mr T Wellborn, with the united church choirs sang the hymn “The Supreme Sacrifice” and at the close of the service, and after the singing of the National Anthem, Mr N U White (Warminster) sounded the “Last Post” with “Reveille” following immediately after.”

However, over the years since the Memorial was built, the view of it from the village, and of the village from the Memorial, had become obscured by an untended part of the former tree nursery. In 2014 the Parish Council decided to make the Memorial and the area around it the focus of their activity to commemorate the war.

Timely anonymous donations paid for the cleaning of the Memorial and the re-painting of the names. The Council contacted the Estate about the overgrown area with the suggestion that it be cleared, sown with grass and used as a space where people could sit and appreciate their beautiful surroundings. The suggestion was taken up enthusiastically by Longleat’s Land Agent and the work is now completed. The question then arose of how the land could be made even more attractive. This was when a Councillor who runs a

nursery in the former Longleat kitchen garden put forward the idea of planting an orchard. The idea developed into having an apple tree for each man on the Memorial and that the varieties should be heritage ones that were common in the village at the time the men died. As well as those 25 apple trees, it was decided to have one for the Belgian soldier and one for each of the men who died in World War Two and whose names are also on the Memorial.

So much effort had gone into clearing the land that there was some concern that the trees should not again obscure the view. The solution was to have the trees lower down the site and on a rootstock that meant they would not grow too large and also would allow access to lawnmowers. A working group of Parish Councillors has planted the trees, the seat made from a Longleat tree trunk is awaited, which just leaves a gate to be fitted.



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Take One...

We are excited to announce that we are doing another Take One... project this spring term. Our theme this time is journeys. Owls are going back in time to Anglo Saxons and Vikings, Woodpeckers are exploring the Titanic and Robins are going to space! The whole school are also looking over the village from the skies with work including hot air balloons! We will have an exhibition for the whole community 16th -20th April – put the date in your diary!



Arts Council

Our Arts Council joined Arts Ambassadors from Princemcroft and Sutton Veny to discuss ways to develop the arts in our schools. "I think it was really nice to all come together and share ideas. We now have lots of inspiration for projects to come" Charlie B (Arts Leader).



School House Update

As you may have noticed, there is lots of work underway at the downstairs of the School House. We are absolutely thrilled that we will be having the whole house for the school and can't wait for all the renovations to be complete so we can start using the whole building. It will be a fantastic and much needed addition to the school and give us more teaching space.

London Marathon

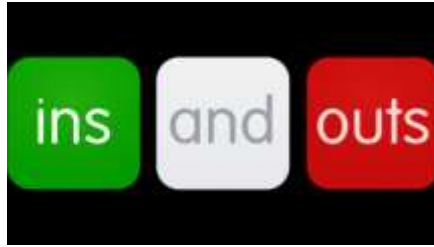
We are so proud of Mr Edwards for qualifying for the London Marathon – he's very dedicated and runs every night as part of his training (no matter how late school finishes! He will be raising money for the school and will shortly be setting up a donation page and blog so you can be involved. We hope everyone will get behind him and support him as he tries to achieve his personal best. Money raised for the school will support curriculum visits for each class over the year. We also are planning to do something special on the day – so watch this space!



Thank you Longleat!

We can't thank Longleat enough for all they do to support the school. Our newest members of the school arrived recently (much to the delight of all the children!) and have taken up residence in our Magic Wood.

They look incredible and will be well looked after and enjoyed. Thank you also to Lord and Lady Bath for hosting a wonderful Christmas Party at the end of last term for all of the children – we all had a great time!



Welcome to two new families:

Julian and Melissa Gairdner have moved to Rose Cottage in Water Lane with Oliver (14), Freddie (8) and Phoebe (6), who are at school in Warminster. Julian is a consultant in digital solutions within agriculture and has been working in New Zealand for the past 5 years. Originally from Sussex they have come back to the UK for family reasons, and chose to come here to enjoy country life. Melissa is a children's physiotherapist and is planning to go back to work in the spring. They have two cats (one black, one tabby).

Rowan Somerville and Lainey Sheridan Young have moved to The Last House in Pottle Street with Inigo and Alba (both 7) and Camilla (6). Rowan is an author of several novels, and his most recently published book is on Palestine. He is also a keen bird-watcher, cook and wine expert. Lainey is a brand consultant (mainly fashion), a venture capitalist, and a yoga expert. Both are keen walkers.

Maggie Osborne



Horningsham to Have a Defibrillator



A defibrillator is a device used to give an electric shock to help restart a patient's heart when they are in cardiac arrest. If there were more public access defibrillators, more people could get a lifesaving shock as quickly as possible, ahead of an ambulance, which would assist in giving them the best possible chance of survival.

When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, the heart stops and blood is no longer being pumped around their body. The longer they go without emergency life-support, the harder it is to restart their heart.

Automatic defibrillators are easy and safe to use by anyone with little or no training. The device talks and displays what you need to do, with many devices also showing pictures.

Over 3,600 people are resuscitated by ambulance staff every year in the South West because they suffer a pre-hospital cardiac arrest. For every minute that passes once in cardiac arrest, a person loses a further 10% chance of survival. If more public places have defibrillators the chance of survival would increase.

Thanks to a presentation by Mrs Katie Gullick, Horningsham Parish Council decided to finance the provision of a defibrillator in the village. The device would be supplied and maintained by South West Ambulance Service with daily checks being made by Councillor Jayne Glover.

With Horningsham being such a dispersed settlement, there was discussion of various locations for the defibrillator. Eventually it was decided that outside the Village Hall would be the best place. The Hall is reasonably central and is used by many people including the Luncheon Club, the Welcome Club, sporting clubs as well as special events both public and private.



MAIDEN BRADLEY VILLAGE SHOP



The Committee members are deeply saddened by the closure of the shop. We were presented with the December accounts on 8th January which showed extremely poor sales. We immediately sought professional advice and were advised that we had to cease trading straightaway. To continue would have been illegal. The bad December sales were a shock and disappointment to us as we had expected a buoyant December to see us through the lean months of January and February.

The shop has been struggling to stay afloat for the last 5 years and as all of you know who were at the AGM and Shop Meeting last March, the financial position was extremely precarious then. Elaine gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation which demonstrated clearly how increasing customer sales would be essential to the survival of the shop. As a result of the meeting the shop received some generous donations to help it through the crisis. The shop also embarked on fundraising activities. These measures helped to keep the shop going but the needed increase in customer sales did not materialise which meant that we were quickly going under again.

Sue and the committee worked very hard to find a solution. The passing trade increased thanks to the newly donated signs. However the average spend of these customers was not sufficient. We needed solid village support. The closure of the Post Office might have lost us some custom but in fact the Shop was on the point of closure several times over the past few years even with the Post Office. The Committees over the last 5 years have often used the slogan 'Use it or lose it'. We were also facing a volunteer shortage and volunteers have been crucial to the success of the community shop since its beginning in 2001.

I will finish by thanking profusely all the dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard and loyally in the shop - some of them since its beginning. It is heart-breaking for them to see the shop close. I would also like to thank the present committee members who have worked very hard to keep the shop open and committee members from the past who also gave time and commitment. Thank you to all the Managers past and present. Sue with the help of her husband, Richard, tried hard to make it work and they gave a lot of their own time.

To all the loyal customers in the village who supported the shop and especially to those who really needed the shop I am very sorry.

Liz Nixon

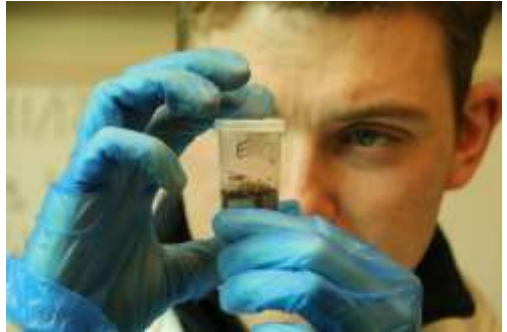
LONGLEAT JOINS RESCUE BID FOR ONE OF WORLD'S RAREST SPIDERS



Longleat has joined an international rescue programme to try and save a Critically Endangered species of wolf spider. It's thought that only around 4,000 Desertas wolf spiders survive in the wild within a small valley on the uninhabited Desertas Grande island, part of an archipelago off the south east coast of Madeira. Longleat is one of seven collections, including Bristol Zoo, which is working with the Portuguese government on the conservation programme.

A total of 52 young spiders arrived at Longleat in December. The plan is to raise the spiderlings to adulthood and then establish a satellite breeding population with batches being released back into the wild to boost native numbers.

Keeper James Gotts, who is overseeing the spider project, said: "As well as being one of the rarest wolf spider species, Desertas wolf spiders are also among the largest with a legspan of up to 13cms. Historically there have been no native mammals on the island so the spiders are effectively one of the top predators. However, the recent expansion of an invasive grass species into the valley the spiders live in has prevented the spiders



from being able to live in their normal rocky environment, putting them increasingly under threat. Since 2005 the spiders' range has declined abruptly. As well as setting up our own breeding colony we hope the new spider laboratory in our Animal Adventure area will aid with research on this little known species and also raise awareness of their plight."

The spiders are being looked after in a carefully-controlled environment which mimics conditions in the wild and staff are even monitoring temperatures on the island.

"The plan is for one of our keepers to travel out to the island in the near future to help with population monitoring and habitat restoration, including hopefully supplementing the wild population with some of our captive reared animals," he added.

To watch a video with keeper James Gott talking about the wolf spiders go to the Horningsham News Facebook page and follow the link.

MONTHLY RECIPE

Shrove Tuesday, also called Pancake Day, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras (which is French for "Fat Tuesday"), is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is observed mainly in English speaking countries, especially Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States, but also in the Philippines and Germany. Shrove Tuesday is linked to Easter, so its date changes on an annual basis. The date can vary from as early as February 3rd to as late as March 9th. Shrove Tuesday is preceded by Shrove Monday and marks the end of Shrovetide, also known as the Pre-Lenten Season. This year Tuesday February 13th is the day to season your trusty frying pan. Quoting from one of my favourite cooking history books "Cattern Cakes and Lace" (Jones, J; Deer, B.1987) I think the following should be re-instated:

"In many churches a bell used to be rung on Shrove Tuesday. Originally rung to call the faithful to confession, it became known as the Pancake Bell - letting housewives know it was time to begin preparing the batter. The bell usually rang at eleven or twelve o' clock, so that the batter would be ready for lunchtime. This bell also released people from work and children from school, so that everyone could join in the afternoon's festivities".

What a lovely thought! Note that this prep time indicates that the batter is left to stand allowing the flour to develop. This applies to the following recipe which makes a lovely light lunch or supper.

SAVOURY PANCAKES WITH CHEESE SAUCE

Serves 4

Ingredients for the shallot confit

400g peeled shallots

100g butter

Ingredients for the pancakes

2 eggs

100g flour

150ml milk

10g Parsley or par-cel

10g chives

Ingredients for the béchamel

1 Shallot

1 bay leaf

2 cloves

500ml milk

50g butter

50g flour

50g Gruyere /Emmental/Comte cheese – grated

50g Mustard powder

250g Tenderstem broccoli

To Garnish

50g Gruyere/Emmental/Comte cheese – grated

Baby watercress leaves



METHOD

1. To make the shallot confit, finely chop the shallots, place the butter into a pan and melt, then add the diced shallots. Season with sea salt and pepper and cook slowly on a low heat not allowing them to colour. Cook for 30 minutes until they are very tender.
2. Make your pancake batter well ahead of time by mixing the eggs with the milk then adding the flour and beating until smooth. Chop the herbs and add to the mixture and allow to rest for 30 minutes.
3. Then make your pancakes. In a hot non-stick pan add a small knob of butter and once melted add enough batter for one pancake. Cook for 2 minutes on each side. Allow 2 per person, keep these in between layers of greaseproof paper until required.
4. To make basic Béchamel sauce. Cut the shallot in half and then stick the bay leaf to one half of the shallot with the cloves. Place the milk and shallot in a pan and warm up. Make a roux with butter, mustard and flour, add the hot milk to the roux and beat with a whisk until smooth, season with salt and white pepper then add $\frac{1}{2}$ the cheese. Set aside until required.
5. Blanch the Tenderstem in boiling salted water for 2 minutes and then refresh by placing in ice cold water, then allow to drain on kitchen paper.
6. In a clean bowl add $\frac{1}{2}$ the shallot confit and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the béchamel sauce, now add the drained Tenderstem, check the seasoning and adjust if necessary.
7. Roll each piece of Tenderstem, along with the sauce and shallots into a pancake and place into an ovenproof dish ready to warm up.
8. Cook at 180°C for 8-10 minutes, checking they are hot on the inside.
9. To serve, remove the hot pancakes from the dish and place 2 per person in the centre of hot plates. Pour the remaining sauce over the pancakes then add the remaining shallot confit. Sprinkle with grated Gruyere and gratinate with a chef's blow torch or under a hot grill. Garnish with baby salad leaves.

Jayne Glover

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A COLLECTION OF CHURCHILLIANA MARKS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH



Above: This rare anti-Churchill propaganda sheet was dropped by the Luftwaffe over Britain at the beginning of the last war.

On January 26, a year and two days after Sir Winston Churchill's death, his life-long friend, Baroness Asquith, opened the world's most extensive exhibition of Churchilliana at Longleat House, the Wiltshire home of the Marquess of Bath. But the Marquess has worked at assembling the exhibition for much longer than a year; it is a project that has occupied him for the past 20 years.

"I started this collection long before Longleat was even opened to the public," the Marquess said, "and in fact if I hadn't it is very unlikely that the collection would have been as inclusive as it is. At the end of the last war one was still able to buy first editions of Churchill's books for £1, and I actually got *Malakand Field Force* for twelve-and-six. Today a first edition would cost at least £30. The 1895 Churchill passport I bought the other day for £850 I could have probably got in 1945 for a tanner. The Americans have got a

Churchill craze on at the moment which has pushed the prices right up."

Not only has the Marquess been able to secure such obvious memorabilia as all of Churchill's books and pamphlets, all the Churchill medals that have been struck, prints of all the films about him, all the Churchill recordings, and every stamp that bears his portrait, but also a vast collection of purely personal mementoes. There are cigars both smoked and un-smoked; the key to Pretoria Prison, where he was held as a prisoner of war in 1899; and an Epstein bust which cost £3000. There are paintings by his own hand and the originals of caricatures by political cartoonists. A Nazi photograph shows the Old Warrior with a sub-machine gun and a caption reading "Wanted for Incitement to Murder."



The Marquess of Bath stands by an Epstein bust of Churchill; this is the centrepiece of a collection now valued at £100,000.



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