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**EDITORIAL**

This month's cover photo by Matt Simpson features heroic Steve Crossman digging out snowed-in residents. Last month we mentioned snow and even had photos of the Great Snow of 1978 but then we had not one, but two lots of snow in March. If you haven't already seen them there are lots of photos of snowy Horningsham on our Facebook page that were sent in from all over the village. Do have a look at them – you don't have to join Facebook and give them your data to sell on – just Google Horningsham News Facebook to find it.

Inside this issue you can read in the Chronicle about snow at Mill Farm as well see as their latest arrival! As Longleat opens for its new season there is news of their new restaurant, their animatronic predators and an article from Kate Harris about their new exhibition to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. Jayne Glover continues her new series on notable trees and she also encourages you to go out foraging in her Monthly Recipe. The new cricket season is almost upon us and we have a complete listing of Horningsham Cricket Club's matches for the year. Plus we have news from most of our village organisations including the School and a not-to-be-missed report of the Parish Council meeting.

**Tim Hill**

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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## CHURCH NEWS



The first half of the year is going to be a quiet one for our church. As I write this, we are still looking forward to our Easter service. After that, there will not be another service here until June. I am sure that most of you know that Pauline will be taking a three-month sabbatical from April until June. The Cley Hill Villages is a large benefice and a huge commitment for Pauline; understandably she feels that it is now time for a short break. I'm sure that Pauline will enjoy this period of rest, recuperation and some new challenges, and will return both physically and spiritually refreshed in time to celebrate the Village Reunion with us in July.

**Helen Taylor**

### Church Dates

There is no service in Horningsham during the rest of April or in May.

Please see the church noticeboard for services in the Deverills

Dear Friends,

We live in crazy times do we not? At the time of writing little old Salisbury is the centre of world attention after the poisoning of an ex Russian spy and his daughter with a nerve agent. Images that could be out of a space age movie are beamed into our sitting rooms as we listen to the News with increasing unease; if something so --- and I'm searching for words here --- so sinister, so outside of our control, can happen in Salisbury, then where in the world can we go to keep safe, where is normal



life to be found with its predictable rhythms and comfortable certainties? The response to the above is of course that we kid ourselves if we think we have everything under control; much of how we live our lives is an attempt to shield ourselves from the more difficult aspects of what it means to be human, as T.S Elliot famously said, “Human beings cannot bear very much reality.”

What’s all this got to do with Easter? If you thought that the Christmas story was bonkers then the Easter one is even more bonkers quite frankly, with the hero’s grisly end on a cross and then three days later an audacious statement by his followers that he wasn’t dead after all. And to cap it all, the laughable story that this weirdo then made several appearances, even, and here’s the killer, sharing a breakfast of fish and bread with his friends on the shores of Lake Galilee.

According to the gospel of John, the first person to see the risen Jesus was Mary Magdalene, who is, I note, the subject of a new film released on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. In popular culture Mary Magdalene has more often than not been portrayed as a prostitute who found redemption when she met Jesus. The new film ‘flips the script to show Mary in a new light - as an independent free-thinker who bore witness to Jesus’s death and resurrection and who deserves to be considered as an apostle in her own right.’ Amen to that! Because there is actually not one single word in the bible that describes Mary in this way, the claim that Mary was a sex worker comes from Pope Gregory I, who declared her to be a penitent prostitute in the year 591. Whoever she was, and how she lived her life are not the things that matter, what matters is that she was the very first witness to the resurrection. Coming to the burial ground in the early light of that first Easter Day she sees with horror that the huge stone sealing Jesus’ tomb has been rolled away. She turns and rushes home to tell the others, quickly returning with them. Peter looks inside the tomb and sees the linen wrapping lying there, bewildered and shocked the disciples return home. But Mary remains, weeping. Sensing someone behind her she turns, and not yet recognising the risen Christ she begs him to tell her where the body is. And Jesus says to her ‘Mary’, and in that moment the world turns and she recognises him for who he is; *he calls her by her name*, he knows her at the deepest level, he loves her. And in the same way he calls each and everyone of us by name; as we read in the book of the prophet Isaiah ‘Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.’ There are no certainties in life but throughout it all *God knows us, loves us, is with us*. And yes, the Easter story is bonkers, but there is nothing bonkers about love, which really, is what it’s all about.

Happy Easter!

Love and prayers,

**Pauline Reid [revpauline@btinternet.com](mailto:revpauline@btinternet.com)**

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Our next service will be held on Sunday 8th of April at 10 am  
Carol Cox [horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk](mailto:horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk)



# LONGLEAT

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 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors, Tim Hill (*Chairman*), Stephen Crossman (*Vice Chairman*), Gerard Brierley, Fran Chris and Matt Simpson.

**Apologies:** Councillors, Jayne Glover, Ken Windess, Michael Trollope, Dermot FitzGerald, John Radley and Simon Millar

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

### **Planning**

#### **Planning Applications**

No applications had been received in time for this meeting.

#### **Planning Decisions**

**Application Ref: 17/12532/TCA**

**Location: 124 Scotland, Horningsham, BA12 7LY**

**Application for Work to Trees in a Cons 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**

**Decision:** Approved

**Application: 17/12418/FUL**

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

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

**Decision:** Approved with conditions.

#### **Parish Steward – Highways**

Councillor Fran Chris reported that she had noticed the Parish Steward when he was working at the bottom of Church Lane and had taken the opportunity to show him the gully that required clearing. The Parish Steward reported to her that he will bring a digger to take this action on his next visit. It was reported that in Chapel Street the car parking is damaging the banks. It was felt that this was a Longleat issue. Councillor Stephen Crossman agreed to speak to the Land Agent regarding this matter.

#### **Litter Pick**

Councillor Fran Chris updated Council on the cancellation of the Community Litter pick. It was agreed that the new date would be 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 10.00am. The Clerk would inform the Area Board Manager at Wiltshire Council.

#### **Asset Register Review**

The items listed on the Asset Register were agreed as current and approved. It was agreed all of these items should continue to be listed on the insurance policy. It was agreed that Councillor Matt Simpson will photograph the assets to produce a visual report of each item's condition and a map highlighting the items would be put with the photographs in the Asset Register.

## **WWI Commemorations**

Councillor Matt Simpson reported that all of the Fruit Trees have been planted. There was one parishioner who had turned up rather late and was saddened to see the work had been completed before they had a chance to take part.

Councillor Matt Simpson recommended that crocus and wild daffodils should be planted as an accompaniment. It was agreed that Councillor Matt Simpson look into the costs for the suggested project and the areas they would be planted in, this information would be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Councillor Fran Chris reported that the beech hedge near the War Memorial required cutting. Councillor Matt Simpson agreed that he would contact the Estate regarding the issue.

Councillor Matt Simpson reported that dog fouling has been taking place in the Fruit Orchard, he asked that a message be put in the Horningsham News and on the Facebook page. It was expected that when the gate was replaced this would address the issue.

Councillor Matt Simpson mentioned he has been speaking to specialists about the repainting of the names on the memorial. Co-operative Funeral Care has offered to donate the paint for the memorial. Council approved that Councillor Matt Simpson and Councillor Simon Millar would take up the offer and finish painting the names.

## **Remembrance Day**

Rev. Di Britten has been booked to take the service. Councillor Tim Hill reported on his research re seeking contact with the fallen Soldiers living relatives, some had been identified but more research was to be completed.

## **Defibrillator**

The Village Hall Chairman had informed the Clerk that the Village Hall Committee had discussed the Parish Council's request to site the defibrillator on the Village Hall wall and that they confirmed that they are all very happy for that to be installed at the Hall.

It was noted that an Electrical Contractor will need to be sought and quotations obtained for the fitting of the Defibrillator Cabinet. Councillor Matt Simpson and Stephen Crossman informed the Clerk that they had details of Electrical Contractors to contact for a quotation. They were asked to send the details to the Clerk.

Council noted that the funding would not be available until after April 2018 but that the project would be progressed to an installation date in late April/May. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Great Western Ambulance Service to start the process of the project.

## **Play Area**

Council noted that the Clerk had actioned the grant application to the Warminster Area Board for £4,500.00 and that the Area Board meeting was sadly cancelled due to the volume of snow had that day. Council noted that the meeting is being reconvened at Trowbridge City Hall, the Clerk will attend to speak on the behalf of the Council regarding the application.

## **Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements**

This year the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is to be held separately from the normal Parish Council meeting to allow more time for fuller participation in the meeting.



Council instructed the Clerk to invite: the School Governors, Head Teacher, Longleat CEO, Longleat Head Forester, PCC Representative, Sunflower Nursery Team, Neighbourhood Watch Representative, Simpson Seeds, Bath Arms Manager, Horningsham News Team, Welcome Club, Luncheon Club, Cricket Club, WI and the Village Hall Chairman.

Councillor Fran Chris agreed to supply biscuits, cake and refreshments for the event.

### **Parish Plan**

Councillor Stephen Crossman reported that a meeting has been arranged for the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with Miss Carole Andrews. Tim Moore would then be the remaining person to consult with re the Church. Following this meeting, all the organisations will have been consulted with. The final draft could then be collated by the Working Party.

### **CPRE Best Kept Village Competition**

All councillors agreed to enter again this year. Councillor Steve Crossman would action the Best Kept Village Competition paperwork. The Clerk was instructed to send population figures to him to enable him to clarify the category for Horningsham.

### **Parish Clerk's Delegated Powers**

The Clerk gave Council details of the following matters dealt with under her delegated powers since the last meeting of Council.

#### **17/12459/FUL Longleat Safari Park temporary exhibition of animatronic animal sculptures**

**Decision:** Supported

**Wiltshire Council Decision:** approved with conditions.

#### **17/12177/FUL Baycliffe Farm proposed balcony at Baycliffe Farm**

**Decision:** Supported

**Wiltshire Council Decision:** approved with conditions

#### **18/00816/FUL Longleat Safari Park erection of fencing to create new Hyena enclosure**

**Decision:** Supported

**Wiltshire Council target for a decision:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Clerk to report decision at the next meeting.

*The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.*



## HALL NEWS



We are moving forward with new heating at the Hall. To begin with there will be new heaters in the Jubilee room and if we are happy with the heat produced in that room we will install them in the main hall and possibly other rooms in the Hall. Hopefully we'll have a much warmer Hall very soon.

We are delighted to have Jayne Glover join us on the committee, we always welcome new members. We'll be thinking of events we can put on at the Hall so if anyone has any suggestions please let us know, you can message us on the Facebook page or drop in at our next meeting on the 9th April.

**Louisa Cruickshank**

### **INSPIRATION, ASPIRATION & DESPERATION!**

**Friday 18th May 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

**at Horningsham Village Hall**

**An evening with Professor Wendy Dagworthy OBE**



Wendy is a local resident and former fashion designer, she led the Fashion and Textile Faculties at the Royal College of Art and Central St Martins.

She counts Stella McCartney, Phoebe Philo, Erdem, and Sarah Burton at Alexander McQueen among her students. As one of the founders of London Fashion Week, Wendy has been described as:

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### FAYRE NEWS

The Fayre Committee had a good meeting this month with lots of new ideas to refresh the arena events and plenty of new stall holders who want to come along. We are all really looking forward to this year's Fayre; it promises to be a great event. We hope to have everything booked in time to tell you more next month, so watch this space . . .

**Helen Taylor**

### WELCOME CLUB



Tom and his Bingo equipment gave us some fun and prizes at our last meeting.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to a visit from "The Sing-Alongs" – a group of songsters who have a reputation for being very entertaining and are guaranteed to provide us with a very happy musical time: 2.30 pm in the Hall – come and join us!

The morning of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April will see us setting off on our first trip of the season. It's a Mystery Tour, so who knows where we will go! 8.45 at the Bath Arms and 9.00 at the bus shelter in Maiden Bradley. All very welcome – give me a bell if you are coming.

**Chris Short 01985847373**

### PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

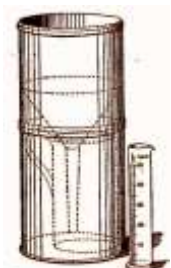


FIG. 12L.—Standard rain gauge.

February started out like most Februaries: cold and miserable. We had several very hard frosts and a flurry of snow on the 9<sup>th</sup> followed by heavy rain and by the time we got to the 15<sup>th</sup> we had 1.51 inches of rain. For the rest of the month we had very hard frosts and some days we had a really cold wind as well. The last day in February was really, really cold with that strong northerly wind, so the total for the month was just 1.51 inches compared with 2.43 inches last year and 3.41 inches the year before.

March started with a big bang with snow and high winds on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, leaving many caught out in their cars and lorries.

**John Whatley**

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## World Book Day

We had to reschedule our World Book Day due to a snow closure, but it was well worth the wait! All the children came to school dressed as an inhabitant of Oz as we immersed ourselves in 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' classic book. The children looked incredible – the staff looked slightly different too!



## Marathon Sponsorship Update

Mr Edwards has been training hard – including running to Gillingham after work! Thank you so much to all of you who have already sent in sponsorship – we are so grateful. You can now sponsor online at:

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/horningshamschool/mr-edwards-runs-the-london-marathon.aspx>

Links to this are on our website along with an information page in Events. Please do pass on the link to as many people as you can – we're happy for this to go on Facebook! All money raised will go directly to costs for educational visits for the children.

# Some Take One Journey Highlights

We have had some really memorable experiences during this term for our Take One Journey project – a huge thank you to Jeff Goodby for organising David Bareford to visit with his balloon! We hope you will join us during our exhibition week (16-20 April 9-5pm) – please let us know if you would like to come to the evening viewing (6-7pm) (on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.



## Mill Farm Chronicles February – March 2018

I'm starting this Chronicle with the mega news that Ivy is a now officially a big sister! IT WAS A BOY! Theo John was born on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.08 am in Bath RUH. He weighed in at 8 lbs and Mum and baby were home by 2.00pm the same day. Ivy took the news very well and immediately demanded a cuddle with 'her' boy. I think she will be a very protective and proactive big sister, she already takes a great interest in all things baby and doesn't like him to cry.



Is it Spring yet? Obviously not considering how much snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures we've had this past month. First lot of snow came, stayed for 48 hours, then melted, only to re-appear a fortnight later. It wasn't the snow that worried us on the farm it was the freezing temperatures that we had prior to the snow and during it. It froze pipes and troughs and burst the pipes when the thaw came. We even had a major leak in one of our fields which turned out to be in the huge 10" cast iron pipe that goes from the circular reservoir below Pottle Street, across the road, under our farm yard and down to Longleat. It's the water main that would be used to fight the flames should Longleat have a fire. It took a couple of days to mend with a huge digger and a fair few men standing around looking in the hole.

We have started calving and it seems to be a girl year so far. We've had one set of twins too which is lovely. The mums and calves are all up in Butchery in the nursery wing because it is way too cold to let them out just yet. The donkeys however have been clamouring to go out, so as the sun was shining today, that's what Jack did and boy were they happy. Lucky, Rosie and Poppy (who is now as big as her mum but still looks like an alpaca) went bananas, kicking their heels and enjoying the space to run around. It was lovely to watch them.

It's still quiet on the bed and breakfast front. The snowy weekend saw Longleat closed because of the road conditions and health and safety issues. We've got a workman staying long term who mixes tarmac at a local quarry. He took the decision, on blizzard Thursday, once his work was cancelled, to drive home to Cambridge!!!! He told us when he came back that it was the scariest drive he has ever done but once committed he had to carry on. He was lucky to drop in behind a snowplough going up the A303 which enabled him to eventually drive out of the snow and get home.

I've been spending a lot of time this month organising my Mum's move to a new flat. It's only a stone's throw away from where she lives at the moment but there is 24/7 help at hand which will give her and me peace of mind. The new flat needed completely painting but I'm really grateful that I had loads of help from the brilliant Jo Crossman and Roger Patch. Thanks guys! Mum moves next week and I'm sure she will be very happy, comfortable and safe in her new home.

Jack's back at work at Longleat and loving it. Endemol are back filming Animal Park again and Jack has been filmed several times already.

Socially we've celebrated a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, had dear friends stay, had a few meals out, entertained my brother and sister-in-law for the weekend and had a really good Indian meal from The Naga in Warminster, and they deliver. Woohoo!!

The clocks go forward this weekend and next week it's Easter, can you believe it? Where is this year going? Let's hope the snow threat doesn't happen and the sun shines from now on.

**Margaret Crossman**

## Notable Trees of the Longleat Estate



To tree enthusiasts all trees are notable. This month I have chosen another conifer! As we are surrounded by them I thought a few individual characteristics might help to identify them. Our first thoughts might turn to the range of evergreen conifers that are familiar to us such as spruces, (as in Christmas trees), pines, firs and redwoods. Garden boundaries and borders rely heavily on the Leyland Cypress for density and speed of growth. The yew is planted for hedging and topiary, however growth is slower and needs less regular pruning. Fundamentally I think that it is the evergreen-ness that appeals within our landscape especially in the winter.

It might surprise you to find out that not all conifers are evergreen. There are 6 genera of deciduous conifers that lose their leaves during October/ November, *Metasequoia* being one of them. There are 2 *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* down at Nockatt's Coppice, (Heaven's Gate car park) that I pass 4 times a day and I have enjoyed watching the seasonal changes that take place and the beautiful skeletal silhouette when it has shed its needles forming a radial blanket around the trunk.

### Ten facts about *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

1. *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* or Dawn Redwood is a fast growing endangered deciduous conifer.
2. It is native to Lichuan county in the Hubei province of China.
3. Known as a 'relict' or 'living fossil species', fossilized plant samples were found and named from these specimens because it was thought that they were extinct
4. Live specimens were found to be living in China in 1946 and viable seed was sent to the Arnold Arboretum in America



5. Seed of the Dawn Redwood was not sent to England until 1948. This means that regardless of size no tree in the UK can be older than 70. Happy Birthday to all Dawn Redwoods!
6. In October 1949 under Chairman Mao Zhedong, the Cultural Revolution took place and the rural landscape changed with the introduction of an anti-tree policy. In 1975 the anti-tree policy was relaxed and a visionary parks manager, Qingzi Li who had been propagating Dawn Redwood seedlings, began planting the World's Longest Dawn Redwood Avenue along the main road of Pizhou County.
7. The Dawn Redwood is heavily protected under Chinese law. Cutting of trees or branches is illegal but cone collection for seedling production has meant that natural reproduction no longer takes place in the Dawn Redwood Forest in Lichuan.
8. Houses made of Metasequoia wood still exist and are known to be 200 - 300 years old, probably dating back to settlement of the 'Metasequoia Valley' in Hubei.
9. There is some difficulty in identifying a Dawn Redwood because there a similar looking trees, for instance the Swamp Cypress. A distinctive feature on the Dawn Redwood is the arrangement of the very fine leaflets. They have an opposing layout whereas others have alternate spacing. The Larch (*Larix decidua*) can also be confused with the redwood in early spring when the tree starts to produce buds.
10. Dawn Redwood has fortunately proved to be an easy tree to grow in temperate regions and is now widely used horticulturally for ornamental use in parks and gardens.

Catch it while you can, before it dons its disguise! I hope you will enjoy it for knowing more about it.

**Jayne Glover**



Pizhou's 47Km avenue of Dawn Redwood

Welcome to Nicky Cray who has moved in to West Common from Heytesbury. She is a freelance gardener who does some work for Longleat. She used to work with Kerry Packer in the polo world. She has a Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen – a large fluffy white dog with splendid ears.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Horningsham WI met on February 27th when 12 of us sat and discovered how to turn fleece into yarn - carding the wool (used to be done with teasels to separate the fibres), spinning on hand spindles (very difficult, how on earth did people do this for thousands of years) and on spinning wheels. Lots of very creditable thread was produced!  
Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 27th 7.30 in the Village Hall – do come and join us!



Do you know anyone moving house or any other source of good quality items for the stall at the Village Fayre?

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## MONTHLY RECIPE

I knew before I saw it, that it was there! The time of year, the bluebells, but overwhelmingly the smell, pungent, 'onioniferous'. I promised myself that this year I would forage at the optimum time. We are talking about wild garlic, *Allium ursinum*! Commonly known as bear's garlic, devil's garlic, gypsies' onions and Stinking Jenny or even Stinking Jayney as I have come home with my pockets stuffed. The smell is unmistakable but in a few weeks the beautiful smell of bluebells will compete as unlikely companions in deciduous woodland. Wild garlic is best picked in April or May before the flowers appear. however all parts are edible: roots; shoots; leaves and flowers. Please make sure that you identify it correctly by crushing the leaves in your hand. Again the smell gives it away. Here are 3 simple but useful ideas made beautifully green by the freshness of the leaves.



### **Wild Garlic soup**

Sweat an onion in a knob of butter.

Add a large finely cubed potato and a bay leaf, cook on low heat for about 5 minutes.

Add 500ml of vegetable stock and simmer for about 10 minutes.

Add a large handful of wild garlic leaves and cook for a maximum of 2 minutes to preserve the colour and nutrients.

Remove the bay leaf, blend and season to taste.

### **Wild Garlic Pesto**

50g wild garlic leaves

1 tsp of sunflower seeds

¼ tsp salt

2 tbsps of pine nuts

30ml hemp oil for added flavour

Place all ingredients in a whizzer and whizz up. Put into a small clean jar.

This will last in the fridge for about a week. Use it on pasta, potatoes, salad or as a dip.

### **Wild Garlic Butter**

Finally make a butter with a handful of fresh leaves, chopped and work into 50g of butter.

Season with salt and pepper and use on the first boiled new potatoes of the season.

This will freeze but make sure that it is adequately wrapped.

If you are new to foraging, please be gentle and considerate. The joy is in the celebration of eating something fresh, picked seasonally by yourself, quality but not quantity and it's free!

If you would like to know more about foraging the Woodland Trust has a monthly 'what to pick' page with sustainable foraging guidelines.

Happy Spring Foraging!

**Jayne Glover**

## New Chameleon Tree Restaurant Opens at Longleat



Those of our readers with long memories will remember the Berkeley Suite or even Oscar's Nightclub but, apart from its location, there is nothing about the Chameleon Tree Restaurant and Coffee House to remind you of them. Chameleon-like there has been a complete transformation into a tasteful ultra-modern facility that promises to take the experience of eating at Longleat to a new level. The hot food buffet will offer a selection of freshly made meals, including rotisserie chicken, slow-cooked meats, exotic tagines, classic favourites and healthy salads. The Coffee House also serves sandwiches, wraps and cakes as well as tea, chai, hot chocolate and coffee. Darren the chef cut the ribbon ready for the restaurant's opening. The name, by the way, comes not from its transformation but from a sculptural wooden 'tree' in the centre of the building.





## LONGLEAT OVER-RUN BY GIANT PREDATORS

Dozens of giant animatronic predators will be greeting visitors to Longleat this Easter as part of major new attraction.

'Predators' showcases a menagerie of moving models including a deep sea anglerfish, a giant 12-metre-long saltwater crocodile, a polar bear, a Komodo dragon and a three-metre-tall spitting cobra – which actually spits.



Located in and around Longleat's Main Square, each of the models is set within its own environment and linked by a series of interpretation boards describing how these special animals use their unique adaptations to become some of the planet's ultimate predators.

One of the scenes features a male lion looking down from a rock ready to steal a zebra carcass from a pack of hyenas. The scene comes complete with authentic roars, yips and snarls.

Another portrays a giant red-backed shrike, also known as the butcher bird, sitting on a thorn bush where its victims; including a lizard, ladybird, beetle and a grasshopper are all impaled on spikes.



Alongside modern day carnivores the new attraction features prehistoric predators with a magnificent sabre-toothed cat and a 10-metre-long Baryonyx dinosaur brought thrillingly back to life. There's even a giant Venus flytrap plant which visitors can trigger into action by throwing over-sized flies into its snapping traps.



*Predators runs from March 24th until September 3rd*



## **Longleat House World War I final year of commemorations**

### **Dr Kate Harris, Curator Longleat Historic Collections**

The last year of First World War commemorations at Longleat House has seemed a long time coming – doubtless a very pale reflection of the endurance shown by those who lived through the Great War. The smaller continuing displays first put in place in 2014 to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War remain in position in the Screens Passage and the Breakfast Room, the first a ‘take’ on the welcoming imagery offered to tourists in many country houses - images of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marquess and Marchioness of Bath welcoming patients (over 2,000 of them between 1914 and 1919) to the Longleat Relief Hospital - the second a memorial to the Longleat heir who was killed in action in February 1916 aged twenty. The Breakfast Room displays portraits of all the Marquesses and Marchionesses of Bath so provides a poignant backdrop for the story of the ‘Marquess who wasn’t’. Illustrated room boards devised for the anniversary of the outbreak of the war also remain in place, with contemporary photographs of the House in use as a Relief Hospital supported by contemporary documents and the ‘in-hospital’ magazine published at the time. The photographs provide an opportunity to reflect on then and now – even the youngest visitors can play spot the difference.

This year new enlarged copies of the relevant contemporary photographs will be placed in position in the rooms concerned to support new dedicated World War I tours conducted by costumed guides. 2018 again sees a World War I exhibition in the Robes Corridor (the last of three devised for the anniversary); entitled ‘When this lousy war is over’, the exhibition looks particularly at the years immediately following the war. The exhibition includes historic dress, medals, orders, photographs, documents and films. The lead image for the exhibition shows a photograph of the children of the 5<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Bath taken in 1915 edited to show a void for the central figure, the lost heir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant the Viscount Weymouth. It is planned to offer an invitation to local residents to view the final year of World War I commemorations on selected dates this Spring and Autumn – details will be advised in the next issue of *Horningsham News*.



## ‘When this Lousy War is Over’

*(A First World War soldiers’ song performed, with some variation on the robust nature of the language deployed, to the tune of the hymn ‘What a Friend We Have in Jesus’)*

When this lousy war is over  
No more soldiering for me,  
When I get my civvy clothes on,  
Oh how happy I shall be.  
No more church parades on Sunday,  
No more begging for a pass . . .



Reflections on what actually happened to the family and staff at Longleat in the aftermath of the First World War when the country put its ‘civvy clothes’ back on and social change followed as thick and fast as shells on the Somme

## Horningsham Cricket Club 2018 Fixtures

8 Apr	Sun	2 pm	Friendly	A	Kilmington
15 Apr	Sun	2 pm	Friendly	H	Chilmark
22 Apr	Sun	2 pm	Friendly	A	Mere
28 Apr	Sat	2 pm	Friendly	A	Warminster
9 May	Wed	6 pm	T20	A	Warminster
13 May	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Cranmore
15 May	Tue	6 pm	T20	A	Sherborne (staff)
20 May	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Milborne Port
27 May	Sun	2 pm	Friendly	H	White City
31 May	Thur	6 pm	T20	H	Frome Inc
3 Jun	Sun	2 pm	MWL	A	Sherborne Town
10 Jun	Sun	10 am	----	--	Village Fayre
13 Jun	Wed	6 pm	T20	A	Croscombe
17 Jun	Sun	2 pm	MWL	A	Buckhorn Weston
20 Jun	Wed	6:30pm	T20	A	Corsley
24 Jun	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Compton House
28 Jun	Thur	6 pm	T20	A	Chilmark
1 Jul	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Yeovil
4 Jul	Wed	6 pm	T20	A	Croscombe
8 Jul	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Queen Camel
15 Jul	Sun	2 pm	MWL	A	Cranmore
22 Jul	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Buckhorn Weston
25 Jul	Wed	6 pm	T20	A	Fonthill Park
29 Jul	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Sherborne
1 Aug	Wed	6 pm	T20	H	Witham Friary
5 Aug	Sun	2 pm	MWL	A	Milborne Port
8 Aug	Wed	6 pm	T20	A	Warminster
12 Aug	Sun	2 pm	MWL	A	Compton House
15 Aug	Wed	6 pm	T20	H	Mere
19 Aug	Sun	2 pm	MWL	A	Queen Camel
26 Aug	Sun	10 am	6 a side	A	Witham 6s
2 Sep	Sun	2 pm	MWL	H	Yeovil
9 Sep	Sun	1 pm	Friendly	H	White City
22 Sep	Sat	2 pm	Friendly	H	Charlotte XI

MWL - Mid Wessex League (East Division)

In 1965 Park Farm was still a working dairy farm run by brothers Bill and Alec Long.

Bill did the milk round, delivering milk to the whole village.

Horningsham Church was linked with Maiden Bradley and Rev. John Wright was vicar of both parishes. Those who remember him will recognise just what an unlikely milkman he was!

# Daily Mirror

4d. Friday, June 25, 1965

No. 19,131

# DAY THE VICAR DELIVERED THE MILK

**VILLAGE dairy-**  
man Bill Long  
felt under the  
weather yesterday.

He kept getting the shivers. But his hundreds of customers needed their milk so Bill decided he must keep working.

Then his worried wife, Doris, suggested a compromise. "I'll take the milk round to the houses if you drive the van," she said.

So they set out from their home, Park Farm,

Horningsham, near Warminster, Wilts.

They pulled up near the village church, as the vicar, Mr. John Wright, came along.

He took one glance at Bill's flushed face and said: "You should be in bed, my boy."

"You must think of your health — and of to-morrow. Off to bed with you!"

Reluctantly Bill gave up. And the vicar stripped off his jacket and clerical collar, rolled up his sleeves and took over the wheel.

He became a milkman for the day — driving the van while pretty, red-haired Doris delivered the milk to the houses.

Last night, Bill, who is in his forties, said: "It must have been one-day ill."

should be back at work to-morrow.

"The vicar proved a real sport in an emergency." Last night Mr. Wright, who is older than Bill attended a church conference.

## JUDY GARLAND ILL

Singer Judy Garland was taken ill last night in Las Vegas, Nevada. A doctor was rushed to her bedside.



### 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

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

Departs Frome Market Place 13.50

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April *Morning Service* 10.00am at the Chapel  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> *Parish Council Meeting* 7.30pm at the Hall  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> *Horningsham W.I.* 7.30pm at the Hall



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