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EDITORIAL

At last the wintry weather seems to have left us and gardens around the village are colourful with forsythia, camellias and magnolias – like the one pictured on this month’s cover. What a contrast to the snow on last month’s cover. Another sign that summer is on its way are the preparations for the Horningsham Fayre – just a few weeks away on Sunday 10th June. Make sure you keep that date – the Fayre is by far the biggest event in Horningsham’s year. The Committee’s report on Page 9 gives preliminary details.

We have three readers’ offers inside: discounts on logs at Longleat Forestry (*Page 8*) and on lunches at the Thai Kitchen (*inside cover*); and free admission to Longleat House (*Page 19*) where there is a special exhibition to mark the end of the Great War one hundred years ago.

The Parish Council is planning to commemorate the Armistice by inviting living relatives of the men on our War Memorial to a special Remembrance event on Sunday 11th November (*Page 6*). Does that include you? Or do you know someone who is related? If so, please get in touch – let any Parish Councillor know or use the email address below.

This year the Annual Parish Meeting has been separated from the regular meeting of the Parish Council to allow more time to hear reports from groups, organisations and individuals about their activities over the previous year and their hopes and plans for the coming twelve months (*Page 7*). We have more contributors than ever before and would urge anyone with an interest in what’s going on in our community to come along. It’s at the Hall at 7.30 on Thursday 3rd May.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Tuesday 15th May 2018

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We now have 556 “Page Likes” – well over three times the number of printed copies!

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CHURCH NEWS



Our Easter service was a great success. Although we are not able to have as many services in Horningsham as we used to, it is important that we are able to provide a service for all the major events in the church calendar. While I was sitting in my pew before the service, looking at the east window, I was aware that there has been someone sitting in that same seat every Easter Sunday since 1844, and in the earlier building since the 12th century; how fortunate we are. This year the service was taken by Laurence Mathew, a retired priest living in Warminster, who also played the organ! We are so grateful to Laurence for sharing this special day with us in Horningsham.

Rogation Sunday falls in May and this year we will once again be going to Manor Farm in Kingston Deverill. It is a lovely service that takes place outside around the farm and hopefully we will be able to see some of the animals and the crops. David Stratton and his family are generous hosts and everyone is welcome. There was a good turnout from Horningsham last year so we hope to see you all again this year.

Helen Taylor

Church Dates

There is no service in Horningsham during May.

Please see the noticeboard for services in the Deverills.

6th May Rogation Service at Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill at 6.00pm

Whilst Pauline takes part in a three month sabbatical I have been invited to write these 'Rector's Notes'. As I write, Pauline is spending time at the Franciscan Community at Hillfield, we wish her a profitable and prayerful time reflecting. But, what a wet, dreary and dreary Easter holiday, so much rain and gloom. However, I hope, like me, you

managed to find some sunshine. We celebrated Easter Day with some panache. Bishop Edward Condry taking the service at Kingston Deverill, followed by some celebratory Prosecco and Pauline's cakes. Bishop Ed has been a good friend and supporter of our Benefice over the past 5 years, joining us on many occasions. In his sermon he remembered with affection the Benefice Lent Walk that he joined, which started in Chapmanslade and we then walked to all our 7 churches ending in Longbridge. There was also another lent walk through the valley and the 'starry' night he spent in a shepherd's hut on the downs. We wish him and Sarah well in his retirement and a safe move. The other highlight, on the best sunny day over Easter I managed an outing with two grandchildren to Peppa Pig Land and was rewarded by seeing their joy and excitement in the sunshine.

Easter is one of the high points of the liturgical year, when, after a period of spiritual reflection throughout Lent, the crucifixion on Good Friday, we mark the resurrection of Christ with joy and celebration – Easter Eggs hunts, chocolate and happy children. It is also a time that is synonymous with new life and new birth; from the resurrection of Jesus to the fields full of new lambs that we see around us. In the midst of our turbulent, unsettled world let us give thanks for the beauty we see here. We feel helpless in the face of growing threats of war and conflict, but however dark it seems remember the Christian understanding of hope, new life will arrive, love will prevail with God.

By the time you read this Spring should be edging into Summer as we see and enjoy the green shoots in the hedgerows and in our lives, a rebirth, a glimmer of hope. As St Francis of Assisi wrote, "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle".

With love and prayers

Robert Shuler, Churchwarden, Kingston Deverill

HALL NEWS



The Village Hall Committee AGM will be held at 7pm on Monday 21st May.

Please do come along, being a member of the committee does not mean you have to be involved in everything that happens at the Hall but if you have an area of interest or would like to see certain things happen at the Hall then we need you.

Without a strong committee we can't keep the Hall open. We all strive to see the Hall being used to its full potential and believe it's a crucial part of village life.

So if you can spare a little time please do come join us, everyone is welcome.

Louisa Cruickshank

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



*For coverage on the season so far, see the **Parsonage Farm Rainfall Report**.*

At the time of writing we have not been able to start cutting or rolling the field, let alone play. However we have a huge fixture list, owing to the expansion of our Sunday League, and the loss of a couple of fixtures is not mourned by our families.

We are delighted that several recent arrivals to the Village have said they are interested in joining the team. We need the reinforcements. Even though we are not the sort of side that minds playing games with only nine or ten men, it seems more respectful to the opposition to bring eleven.

With a fair spell of weather we will finally start to practise soon. Nets are planned at 6pm on Wednesday evenings, so do feel free to join us. And with any luck we will have some matches to report on next month.

James Osborne jamesosborne@btinternet.com

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

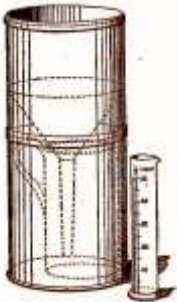


FIG. 151.—Standard rain gauge.

March started with a heavy snowstorm, making us all think that winter had arrived late, with high winds, drifting the snow across the roads, but nature took control and it all started to thaw, but still bitterly cold. We then had heavy rainstorms, some at night but many during the day. But snow was still hanging around on the hills. Then more snow on the 18th.

By the 12th we had 2.32 inches and it continued to be cold and wet for the rest of the month giving us a total of 5.36 inches of rain, which is a very large amount. The water table must be very high. Our farm records from 1949 show that we very rarely get that high in March as that month usually brings us drying winds. Since 1949 there have been just 3 years when March gave us 5 inches or more:

1979: 5.53 inches 1980: 5.00 inches 1981: 5.88 inches

John Whatley

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 12th April at the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM

Apologies: Councillors Dermot FitzGerald and Jayne Glover.

Planning

Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received for comment.

Planning Decisions

17/12321/LBC Baycliffe Farm proposed balcony at Baycliffe Farm

Decision: Supported

Wiltshire Council Decision: approved with conditions. See below:

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 Decision: approved with conditions.

Parish Steward - Highways

It was reported that the Culvert above Mill Farm has been cleaned out by Councillor Stephen Crossman, it was hoped that the water will not go over the road in future.

The drain at the bottom of Church Lane and after the thicket as you approach the Church on the left hand side are blocked, it was noted that these have already been cleaned out by the Parish Steward recently. Council asked that these drains be placed back on the list for action again.

It was reported that there were several potholes opposite the Alms Houses that require attention.

Council noted that the matter of parishioners parking on the verges at Anchor Barton and Chapel Street causing damage has been brought to the attention of the Estate by Councillor Stephen Crossman.

Litter Pick

Councillor Fran Chris reported that attendance numbers were down but those that had attended collected more litter this year than last. It was felt that much of the litter collected was canned drinks and food boxes from well-known chains.

WW1 Commemorations

Councillor Matt Simpson would bring the costs for crocuses and wild daffodils to the next meeting. Councillor Tim Hill reported that he will be continuing research seeking contact with the fallen soldiers' living relatives. Councillor Simon Millar reported that he had collected the donated paint to repaint the memorial names from the Co-operative Funeral Company in Warminster. He mentioned that he had spoken to them about seeking a

specialist to paint the names. A quotation was being sought and will be brought to the next meeting by Councillor Simon Millar.

Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ken Windess reported that the Hall Committee have passed the new Heating System that had been on trial. The new system is in place in the Jubilee room only at present. The system is an infrared system, he informed Council that they warm up in a similar way as the sun and were more efficient. It was noted that it has a remote control and is simply plugged in so installation is easy. The new system will be flexible and enable heating to be on only in rooms that are in use.

It was also reported that the Hall front doors will be changing so that the kitchen entrance is not the main entrance to the building. The Chairman thanked Councillor Ken Windess for his report.

Defibrillator

Noted that the Clerk had received the Proforma Invoice for the Defibrillator Unit to be paid before the end of April 2018 to retain the lower cost. Council approved the payment for the unit following receipt of the Precept during April 2018.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Matt Simpson had provided details of an electrical company and Councillor Stephen Crossman was still to provide details of the company he recommended. Councillor Ken Windess said he was able to provide details of the company installing the heating units and so would have knowledge of the electrical system at the Hall. It was agreed that Councillors would email the Clerk the details so she could action the quotations.

Councillor Ken Windess agreed to provide a map giving the recommended site details for the companies. This would be sent to the Clerk for distribution to the Companies. Councillor Stephen Crossman agreed to oversee site visits with the electricians.

Play Area

Council noted that the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £4,500 for the play area from the Warminster Area Board. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her tireless efforts in obtaining this grant. He also reported on his recent conversation with Ceawlin on the play area and possible funding. Ceawlin had replied that when the CEO was back they would discuss it.

Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements.

The following have replied to date that they will attend the 3rd May 2018 Annual Parish meeting. Lion Cubs Play Group; Longleat Forestry; Chair of the School Governors; Parochial Church Council Representative; Chair of the W.I.; Simpson Seeds; and PCSO Debbie Robbins. Fayre Committee Chairman Councillor Stephen Crossman reported that he would also attend. Other replies are awaited. It was agreed to invite the shoot, Sean Jefferies would be invited to speak and also Rick Gunning the Tree Warden. It was agreed that the event would be promoted on the Horningsham News Facebook page and posters will be produced by the Clerk and circulated around the parish.

Horningsham School Governors' Report

The following report from Dr Bob Grove, Chairman of the Governors was received.

“Just an update on Outdoor Education. Earlier in the year the Governors had a presentation from a Forest School training organisation and at half term Mrs

Lapham went on a Forest School Training course (in her own time). The development of outdoor education is now included within the school's strategic development plan and we are investigating using the small patch of woodland on the school site as part of a 'starter pack' for the outdoor education programme."

Parish Clerks Delegated Powers

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

Planning

18/01763/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from retail to office with internal alterations.

Location: The Estate Office, Longleat Safari and Adventure Park Longleat

Decision: Supported

18/02050/LBC

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Location: The Estate Office, Longleat Safari and Adventure Park Longleat

Decision: Supported

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 17th May at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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WELCOME CLUB



Now is your chance to look out all your bits and pieces surplus to requirements and bring them along to our Bring and Buy Sale. This will be held in the Hall on Thursday May 17th at 2.30 pm. Items which do not go will be donated to the Fayre stall.

On Tuesday May 22nd we visit a new place on our trips – we're going to Henley-on-Thames. It's well worth a visit so do come along with us – all are welcome, as ever.

Reports on April's Mystery Trip and the time spent with "The Sing-Alongs" will be in the next issue.

Summer is on the way – hopefully!!

Chris Short 847373

The Big Horningsham Litter Pick

Unfortunately not so many people arrived for the Litter Pick this year. Whether that was because of the change of date (snow), the damp day or just the thought of all that litter, I do not know. Those who came did a fantastic job as the piles of sacks we left for collection at the Village Hall showed the vast amount of rubbish collected throughout the village.

Many thanks to the litter pickers – see you next year!

Fran Chris



Just to remind everyone that I still need saleable items for the Bric a Brac stall at the Village Fayre

I can collect or you can deliver to 15 Gentle Street

Margaret Long 844756



FAYRE NEWS

We can't believe that the Fayre is just seven weeks away! Hopefully you are all busy baking for the freezer, sowing seeds or looking in your loft for bric-a-brac! The Committee has been busy planning the day with all your usual favourites, plus a few new events. The big announcement for this year is that the Military Wives Choir from Warminster are joining us! For those of you who like traditional crafts, we have a chainsaw sculptor, a basket weaver and a live hive of bees. There will be lots of stalls to visit, plus plenty of food and drink.

There will be lots to see in the arena, including the very popular dog show, so remember to bring your four-legged friends with you! If you are feeling brave, get together a team of four to take part in the plank race. The village school will entertain us with their latest dance routine. At the end of the day you can sit on the field and unwind with a drink, listening to music by the band Stamp, who will be playing from 4-6pm.

As always, we would really appreciate some extra help on the day. If you can spare an hour to give someone else a break, that would be great. In particular the barbeque, which is really busy all day, is in need of some extra help, so if you are happy to flip some burgers, let us know! We would also like some help on the Thursday and Friday evenings before to put up the tents. If you are free at 6.00pm please come along to the Hall.

Helen Taylor

INS & OUTS



We welcome two "Ins" this month.

Alex and Brett Hesse have moved in to the Old Vicarage. They have come down from London but have lived in Bath before. Brett is Australian where they lived until 2012. He has a property business in London. Alex is in I.T. They have four grown-up children, three of whom are in Australia and one, a daughter, in London. They are very happy to be here and Brett is a very keen supporter of Bath Rugby Club.

Pippa James and Josh Hirst have moved into 159 Chapel Street. Josh is a professional golfer, teaching at the Mendip Golf Club. He comes originally from Leeds but has been teaching in Spain and the USA. If any children are interested, he runs children's lessons at Mendip on Saturdays. Pippa will shortly be graduating from the University of the West of England in Business Management, Accounting and Finance. Josh says he is keen to play cricket for Horningsham.

Maggie Osborne

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Take One Journey Exhibition

We are so proud of the children for all their wonderful achievements, brought together in our Take One Journey Exhibition. The staff worked so hard to put together something that was both informative and interactive. We were thrilled to have so many visitors over the week, including parents, ex-pupils and their families, villagers, staff from Longleat, advisors from the local authority, friends of the school and staff and pupils from schools in our Arts Cluster.

Visitors took a tour through Anglo Saxon and Viking times, space and over Horningsham itself and explored the fateful journey of the Titanic. It was a truly memorable exhibition and we are so grateful to so many of the community and Longleat team for helping us with resources and expertise.



Mr Edwards Runs the Marathon

What a hero! Mr Edwards achieved a great time in his running of the London Marathon. Cheered on by lots of the school community at our Marathon Café on the day, he ran knowing we were all behind him! At this point we have raised in excess of £700 but know that there's still lots of sponsor money due in to school, so are keeping our fingers crossed that we get to our target of £1000. If you have any sponsor money, then please drop it off to school as soon as possible, or donate online at sponsorme – Mr Edwards runs the marathon.

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

Thanks Mr Edwards for being such an inspiration!



Swimming Super Stars

We are very proud to announce that our fantastic swim squad won the Warminster Small Schools Swimming Gala. All of the children swam brilliantly and showed fantastic sportsmanship too.

HORNINGSHAM W.I.

I should start with a big thank you to all those who have helped to get the group going. From those who have done behind the scenes organisation and have actively led our activities, to all the members that have attended and so positively participated in meetings and given feedback. I hope we will go from strength to strength and grow to be a strong supportive community group.

What have we been up to so far?

Following on from our previous activities of wreath making and spinning, March's meeting was also crafty. We had an Easter/Spring theme with a relaxed evening of egg decorating. I think it is fair to say we all had a good evening but success in egg dyeing and decorating was mixed! As I write April's meeting is only a week away and by the time you are reading this we will have discovered 'Personality as revealed by Handwriting'. May's meeting will include the very traditional WI activity of flower arranging. Many of us are complete beginners, others very experienced but we hope to all learn something new.

Meeting details

As a very new WI we don't have the full timetable of activities confirmed for the whole year but will be meeting the **last Tuesday of each month at Horningsham Village Hall**. We also have opportunities to join other local WI groups and so far have invitations to a talk on plastics in our environment (a key campaign focus for WIs) and a chocolate bingo evening.

We are a very friendly group, of mixed ages, living in Horningsham or a little further afield. When we first got together one of the reasons members said they would like to set up was to get to know others in the village better and to simply have an enjoyable time getting together and learning new things. So we would warmly welcome new members who are interested in this too.

If you are interested in finding out more and would like to come along to a meeting then please get in touch. You can reach me at Caramanthajbelk@hotmail.com or on 01985 844801. Please let us know if you are planning to come along so we can confirm the time for you as this does vary slightly.

Caramantha Wellstead, President Horningsham WI





Mill Farm Chronicles March -April 2018

Okay, I give up! What's that big yellow thing up in the sky? Is it actually the sun!!!! At long last it seems that spring and possibly summer is here and how welcome it is.

The cows and calves are finally out in the fields and loving the warmth of the sun on their backs. We are just over half-way through the calving and it still seems to be a predominantly female year. We've had two sets of twins now and we've got one mum who hasn't any milk so we are hand rearing her calf. Sonny (the calf) is living very happily in our back garden and thinks that Jack is his mum now because it's mainly Jack who feeds him.

The geese are laying frantically and we are equally frantically taking the eggs away because we DO NOT want any more geese on the pond, even though goslings are really sweet.

Steve has finally been able to get onto the land and get some ploughing and drilling done which is a relief because at one point he thought he would miss the planting window for the spring Barley. He has also started chain harrowing and rolling the grass fields to drag out the old grass and promote new growth.

The donkeys are enjoying the sunshine too and are beginning to lose their winter coats in favour of thinner shinier summer coats. We are waiting to see if Poppy actually loses her very woolly coat or if she will continue to look like an Alpaca rather than a donkey.

Rosie had to have a small operation last week. She had several small growths on her which, if left, could have caused her some problems later on in life. They are called Sarcoids and apparently are quite common in horses and donkeys. Two of our vets cut the lumps out and stitched the wounds. Rosie was sedated during the operation and was kept indoors for 24 hrs so that Jack could keep an eye on her. Poppy wasn't too worried that mum had disappeared for a while because she still had Auntie Lucky with her but Rosie was a bit lonely overnight. She was put back outside the next day and had painkillers for a few days till she was back to normal.

Business has been brisk over Easter and at weekends but slow during the week. I'm sure the poor weather has put people off going away. Why would you choose to get drenched on a spring break?

Mum has moved into her new flat and very lovely it is too although it's hotter than the sun in there. I know the oldies need it warm but blimey it's baking. We bought Mum some new bedroom furniture from Ikea for her 89th birthday and had a flatpack party to make it for her on the actual day. It was so hot that sweat was actually dripping off Steve's nose! I'm still sorting out the spare room, taking up curtains and hanging pictures to make it really feel like home but it's almost there.

We haven't done too much going out this month apart from going to a friend's 60th birthday last weekend which was fun.

Steve and I have just come back from our first bike ride of the year. It was a gentle introduction. We started at Shute Farm having had supper with Steve's cousin Mark and his wife Jo then we all rode to the pub for a drink then rode back for coffee. Once my legs

and bottom have recovered we are going to go much further afield. Maybe Maiden Bradley . . .

Margaret Crossman



Notable Trees of the Longleat Estate



The days leading up to this month's Notable Trees have been louring, foggy and wet, but such a backdrop has been a fabulous foil for the beacons of bright lemon yellow throughout our village. If you have noticed them, then you have seen the transition of the furry little flower buds known as pussy willow which then become yellow when ripe with pollen ready to be pollinated. This is one of our earliest flowering trees known as the Goat Willow, Great Sallow or *Salix caprea*. Welcome it is!

The Goat Willow is deciduous, broad-leaved unlike other willows and, importantly, native to the UK. Male and female flowers grow on separate trees. The catkins appear in late winter, females are green and the males are the silvery pussy willow we know and love. Flowering this early provides a valuable food source for foraging honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and nectar-seeking bumblebee queens. (*Bombus* spp.) The Blue Tit (*Parus caeruleus*) is also a visitor, using nectar as a food source. In the main, pollination of the Goat Willow is wind-blown and the grains of pollen take their chance with a breeze and hope that they land on their own species.



Ten Things you may not know about Goat Willow

1. The latin name *caprea* actually means goat and may be derived from the use of the leaves as animal fodder.
2. In traditional medicine, goat willow extracts are used as an anti-inflammatory and a painkiller. Contributing also to treatments for malaria, gout, neuralgia and intestinal diseases.
3. The burnt wood makes very good charcoal.
4. Worldwide this particular willow is used for its ability to extract heavy metals such as cadmium and zinc from polluted soils.
5. Appreciated as melliferous plant species, it contributes honey production of 150-200 kg/ha
6. Great Sallow is the primary food source for the Purple Emperor butterfly.
7. Pollarding is good to promote a good growth habit as these trees do tend to bear multiple trunks.
8. ‘All Around My Hat’ the 19th century song made famous by folk-group Steeleye Span speaks of a man grieving for his lost love and wearing green sprigs of willow in his hatband for ‘a twelvemonth and a day’.
9. Pussy Willow is a song by the prog rock band Jethro Tull on their album *The Broadsword and the Beast*.
10. It is considered very good luck to receive the gift of a willow on May Day morning

May I recommend *S.caprea* ‘Kilmarnock’ as a suitable one?

Jayne Glover

MAIDEN BRADLEY MEMORIAL HALL



The Old Kitchen Shop is now open on:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00 to 11.30 am.

It is cash only and carries a selection of basic items including local farm milk.
Prices are competitive as it is a not for profit venture with no significant additional overheads – just a bit of light and heat.



May 18th Film Night

"MAN UP" a romantic comedy
When a man (Simon Pegg) mistakes her for his blind date, a woman (Lake Bell) decides to play along to see what happens.

Longleat House WW1 Exhibition: Local Residents Invitation



As part of our final year of First World War commemorations, we are delighted to offer local residents of Horningsham, Corsley, and East & West Woodlands, the chance to visit Longleat House free of charge to view our current exhibition, '*When this Lousy War is Over*', at selected dates and times in June and September (see below).

The smaller displays installed to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of war, and the Longleat Relief Hospital room interpretation boards with contemporary photographs and documents remain in place, while World War I tours by costumed guides are also available.

If you would like to take us up on this offer, please contact us first on 01985 845420 or house.guides@longleat.co.uk to arrange a time for your visit.

You will be asked to show either your Local Residents Pass, or proof of residency, on your arrival at the main entrance arrival booths.

Visiting dates:

June (Tuesdays and Wednesdays only): 5th - 27th

September (Wednesdays only): 5th - 19th

Times: Guided tours at 11am; or self-guided tour after 12 noon (the House closes at 5pm, last entry 4.30 pm). Both options must be booked in advance using the above phone number or email.

Please note: entry will be to Longleat House only; no other attractions at Longleat are included in this offer.

The April issue of Horningsham News included a description of the exhibition.

MONTHLY RECIPE

Just occasionally I get really lucky when the library has a book sale. I find a worthwhile cookery book to swell my collection. Most recently I found “It’s Raining Plums: Seasonal recipes by Seasoned Cooks”, edited by Xanthe Clay from the Daily Telegraph. It was published in 2002 and the recipes were sent in by readers of her popular column “Reader’s Recipes”. “Raining Plums” alludes to the seasonal vegetable and fruit calendar and how to make the most of them at the time of plenty. In the book the month of May concentrates on: asparagus; globe artichokes; carrots: and Jersey Royals. Here I began the journey to finding out more about Jersey Royals.

Jersey Royals have had a Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) award since 1997 and thank goodness for that because we must be aware of fakes. These delicious, distinctive kidney-shaped spuds have been grown in Jersey for 140 years. 2018 marks that by remembering the Jersey farmer Hugh de la Haye who was given a potato with 16 eyes as a curiosity. De la Haye cut it into 16 pieces and planted them on a cotils (a coastal, sloping field) above Bellozanne Valley. The following spring brought results and the combination of rich fertile soil fed by vrac (seaweed), the gentle climate and the special efforts made by farmers and pickers has given us a treat that is always looked forward to. Brexit and ‘the beast from the East’ is causing the 20 island farmers who grow Jersey Royals and no other crop some major headaches, so let us support them as much as we can. www.jerseyroyals.co.uk has 53 recipes to tempt us but the Islanders recommended method of eating them is simple. “In Jersey when we cook them we boil the potatoes in lightly salted water with a sprig of mint, then serve with a knob of butter” www.jerzzy.co.uk but I’m thinking of the gardening days ahead, catching up and feeling starving by supper time. An après-ski tartiflette but for hungry gardeners served with a delicious glass of chilled Gruner Veltliner. Cheers!

Ingredients

500g Jersey Royal potatoes	1 tbsp olive oil
knob of butter	150g smoked bacon lardons
1 onion, finely sliced	2 garlic cloves, crushed
150g reblochon cheese, sliced	150ml double cream
Green salad, to serve	



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190° C/ fan 170° C/ gas 5.
2. Cook the Jersey Royals in boiling salted water for 10 minutes or until just tender. Drain and thickly slice.
3. Heat the olive oil and a knob of butter in a pan and fry the lardons until starting to crisp. Stir in the onion and fry until tender. Add the garlic and the boiled potatoes, season and mix well.
4. In an ovenproof dish, layer the potato mixture with the cheese. Pour over the cream and bake for 25-30 minutes until golden. Serve with a green salad.

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