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EDITORIAL

The biggest event of the year in Horningsham – the Village Fayre on Sunday 11th June from 11.00am! It’s the event that brings our community together. All the proceeds go to support the village groups and organisations including the Horningsham News. It is this grant that keeps the News going free to every household in the village 10 times a year. Inside this issue there are appeals for help from the Cake Stall, the Plant Stall, the Bric a Brac Stall as well as for setting up the Fayre on Saturday 10th. The biggest appeal is to come along to the Fayre and help make it another successful day.

There is much else inside apart from the Fayre. Most of our usual items from the Monthly Recipe (*Page 22*) to the Mill Farm Chronicle (*Page 20*), from the Parish Council report (*Page 6*) to the doings of the Lion Cubs Playgroup (*Page 16*).

The Parish Council has a vacancy. If you might be interested, we have the details of what it involves and how to apply (*Page 9*).

The “Notable Trees” report includes a “Then & Now” special showing 50+ years of copper beech tree growth. One of the photos includes the only known shot of the mysterious case of the disappearing Number 8 Hitcombe Bottom – well, just a glimpse of the porch (*Page 25*). Why was the cottage demolished? The story is that Lady Kathleen Stanley had a minor car accident on that corner and told her brother Henry, the 6th Marquess, that her vision was restricted by the cottage. “Don’t worry”, he said, “I’ll have it pulled down”.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Friday 15th June 2018

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CHURCH NEWS



There has not been a service in church during May so we are very much looking forward to our Patronal Festival on June 24th. The service will be taken by the Rev Jane Shaw from Heytesbury. A Patronal Festival is the day that the church honours the Patron Saint of the parish, in our case John the Baptist. It is a service of celebration when hopefully the church will be full of flowers and we will enjoy some refreshment afterwards.

The most important event in June is of course the village Fayre and the church will be running the cake stall as usual. Any donations of cakes to sell will be most welcome and can be brought to the hall on the Saturday or Sunday.

Helen Taylor

Church Date

June 24th Patronal Festival 10.30am

It's June and summer really is here! The weather which was still fluctuating between warm and cold when we enjoyed the most amazing Rogation Sunday, has at last become more predictable. Our farmers who were marking time in one of the latest springs in memory can at last begin to catch up. Nature has a great capacity to recover, and we must hope that this summer is no exception.

When I looked for a theme early in May, the news was full of the consequences of the misuse of Facebook personal data. I can see those of you who are not at all interested in social media heading to the waste bin with this page! Until recently, I was firmly of the same view, but reluctantly became a user of Facebook, in order to be able to share Church information with those, who perhaps, don't read local magazines. I was not in favour of such 'new-fangled' pastimes, and highly critical of the tendency of younger people to be

welded to their smart phones! So having become a Facebook user, I was convinced I would never get sucked into that sort of behaviour! Of course, I was wrong, and the subsequent weeks saw me constantly looking at all the activities and news being generated on the village Facebook site. My email inbox became full of 'have you seen' messages increasing the pressure to look once again. This demanded action, and having stopped these random emails, some semblance of normality has descended again on the Buick household!

What possible relevance can this have to us as Christians and the life of our churches? Given our recent discussions across the benefice, looking at what the future holds for us, many of the conclusions confirm what Pauline has long been urging us to do. In basic terms, we have no future unless we connect with the whole community, particularly our newer generations. The recent Good Friday Messy Church in St Philip and St James' Church was a perfect example of this. Young families picked up news of the event on social media placed there by one of our marvellous supporters. The result was amazing! We found ourselves running out of the materials we had brought, as a large number of young families had a great experience enjoying both the activities and the service which followed. Quite simply we had communicated in the right 'language'.

This is not a plea for us to turn our backs on the traditions of our Christian heritage. One of the joys for me, in leading school assemblies, is the use of the traditional Lord's Prayer. We live in a benefice which encompasses everything good about village life. The closeness which allows us all to care for each other, combines with diversity, celebrating the full spectrum of worship including 1662 services alongside newer forms. The events in Acts chapter 2 describing the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, embody God's message of inclusiveness with the multinational crowd surrounding the Disciples hearing his word in their own languages. Summer village events like the recent street party in Crockerton and village explorer trail day in Chapmanslade this month give us the opportunity to connect with each other in the best possible way. Pauline's wish for 'the community to be at the heart of the church' has never been more apt as we look to the future.

With love and prayers,

Ian Buick Churchwarden and Lay Worship Leader



Any saleable items can be delivered to the Bric a Brac stall at the Village Hall field on Saturday the 9th June.

I will be there all day. Or if you need collection call me on 844756.

Margaret Long

HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Our June service planned for the 10th of June has been cancelled so that we all may attend the village Fayre.

We had a lovely event at the Chapel last month when the christening of Millie Joanne Gallop daughter of Charlotte Campbell and father Ian Gallop took place. The ceremony was conducted by Reverend Angela Steele accompanied by Sue Priestner on the organ.

Our next service will now be held on Sunday 8th July at 10am.

Carol Cox horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

HALL NEWS



We held our Hall Committee AGM on Monday 21st May. There was a good attendance and we appointed a new Chairman, Pete Wellstead. James Osborne is Vice Chair, Ken Windess is our Treasurer and Louisa Cruickshank is Secretary.

We are very much looking forward to continuing improvements at the Hall. Phase 1 of our new heating system is in place and we hope to have the remainder of the heating system installed soon. Work will begin on the hall floor and decor over the summer months.

We are so happy to have welcomed two new local groups to the Hall: Lion Cubs & the W.I. We hope over the coming year that we'll see more local support and see the Hall put to good use. We are also very thankful to our long standing group, the Luncheon Club for their continued hire.

Our aim is to have some events in the future so if you have any suggestions of what you'd like to be part of please do let us know.

It's nearly time for the Village Fayre and we hope it's a hugely successful day and enjoyed by you all.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 4th June at 7.30pm

Louisa Cruickshank

HORNINGSHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish Meeting of Horningsham Parish Council was held on Thursday 3rd May in the Village Hall. It was chaired by the Chairman of Horningsham Parish Council, Councillor Tim Hill who reported on the work of the Parish Council during the previous 12 months.

For the first time the meeting was held separately from the normal meeting of the Parish Council to allow more time for the participation of the representatives of the various groups and organisations in the parish. The change was welcomed by many and there were certainly more representatives and more members of the public than previously.

Fifteen reports were given at the meeting:

Longleat Estate: Simon Fowler & Jo King *vice* Bob Montgomery

Longleat Forestry: Jim McConkie

Longleat Tree Safety Supervisor: Steve Woollard

Horningsham School Chair of Governors: Bob Grove

Parochial Church Council Representative: Helen Taylor

Fayre Committee Chairman: Stephen Crossman

Horningsham Hall Chairman: James Osborne

Horningsham Shoot Ltd: Sean Jefferies

Simpson Seeds: Matt Simpson

Horningsham Cricket Club: James Osborne

Lion Cubs Play Group: Charlotte Hilleary

President of the WI: Caramantha Wellstead

Horningsham Luncheon Club: Lesley Trollope

Neighbourhood Watch: Keith Shattock

Horningsham News Editor: Tim Hill

The Chairman noted with particular pleasure that two new groups had begun in the village during the year. The Lion Cubs Play Group and the Horningsham W.I. were initiatives by parishioners and aim to provide opportunities to promote social cohesion. He also thanked all of the representatives who had given such informative and encouraging reports on their respective organisations and groups.

Unfortunately space does not permit us to carry all of these reports but a fuller account, along with the written reports, is available on the Parish Council website here:

<https://www.horningsham.org/council-meetings/>

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 17th Mat at the Village Hall.

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

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

Apologies: Councillor Gerard Brierley

Election of Chairman: Tim Hill was elected unanimously for a further year.

Election of Vice Chairman: Stephen Crossman was elected unanimously for a further year.

Notice of Resignation

Noted the resignation of Councillor Jayne Glover on grounds of ill health. Wiltshire Council Electoral Department had confirmed to the Clerk that no election had been requested and that the Council could move forward with the Co-option procedure. It was agreed that the Co-option vacancy would be advertised on the noticeboard, on Facebook and in the Horningsham News. It was agreed that the closing date would be the 18th June 2018. Application forms would be placed on the Website and circulated to councillors for accessibility for parishioners. It was agreed that the position would be resolved at the 21st June 2018 meeting.

Parish Steward - Highways

Noted that the 28th June 2018 and the 26th July 2018 were the dates of the Parish Steward's next visit.

It was reported that the Bridle Way sign opposite the school at the bottom of Pound Lane needs re-seating as it has been damaged.

It was requested that the Unimog be requested to clear along Church Street walls both sides and down to the War Memorial to clear the debris that has built up.

Planning Applications

Council supported all of the following applications.

Application Ref: 18/04377/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Reduce Over-extended Branch of Leyland Cypress by 2 Metres.

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

Application Ref: 18/04374/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Fell 1 Western Red Cedar.

At: 138 West Common, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LS

Application Ref: 18/04373/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Fell 1 Ash and 2 Metre Crown Reduction to 1 Holly

At: Manor House, Church Lane, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA127LN

Application Ref: 18/04303/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Crown Lift Common Walnut 5.2 Metres

At: 179 Chapel Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LU

Application Ref: 18/04304/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Fell 1 Western Red Cedar; Removal of Basal Suckering from Lime Tree

At: 144 West Common, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LS

Application Ref: 18/04279/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Reduce Laurel, Holly, Ash to 2.5 Metres to Form Hedge

At: 161 Chapel Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LU

Application Ref: 18/04265/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Apple-Crown reduce by 1-2m. Holly-Reduce over extended branches by 2-3m.

At: 96 Lodge Fields, Horningsham, BA12 7LP

Application Number: 18/04277/TCA

Proposal: Fell 2 Sycamore Trees.

At: 151 Chapel Street Horningsham Warminster Wiltshire BA12 7LT

Application Ref: 18/04285/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Fell 1 Ash

At: the Manse, Chapel Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LU

Application Ref: 18/04252/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Goat willow - repollard.

At: 71 Church Street, Horningsham, BA12 7LW

18/03267/LBC Muniment Tower

Proposal: Internal alterations to the Muniment Tower to provide high level access.

Location: Longleat Safari & Adventure Park BA12 7NW

Application Ref: 18/04253/TCA

Application for Work to Trees in a Cons Area

Proposal: - Ash-Reduce over extending branch by 2-3m and branch pruned for line clearance by approx. 1m

At: 90 Water Lane, Horningsham, BA12 7LL

(In planning matters the Council acts as a consultee of the principal authority. The Principal authority being the deciding body for planning applications)

Planning Decisions

18/01763/FUL & 18/02050/LBC

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

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

Decision: Approve with conditions.

Directional Signage

Council heard a report on Councillor Matt Simpson's recent communications with Longleat Estate. It was noted that the Estate agreed that they too had seen the same condition of people heading down Highwood and also trying to get in down Lodge Road

(directed via Sat Nav). They reported that Councillor Matt Simpson's suggestion had been forwarded to Alex Lloyd, the General Manager as it was agreed that the problem is significant enough to warrant a stronger pathfinding process. If they are allowed to post the signs on the county road as per his suggestion, it is a good one they will action.

WWI Commemorations

Councillor Matt Simpson reported that due to the bad weather the autumn catalogues of bulbs are late in coming out. Councillor Matt Simpson agreed to obtain quotations ready for the autumn. It was noted that the beech hedge requires layering properly, it was noted that the hedge was the responsibility of the Estate. Councillor Simon Millar reported that he is still to speak to the Co-operative Funeral Directors about the quotations to repaint the names on the memorial.

Councillor Stephen Crossman spoke about a chain saw artist coming to the village Fayre, he had put forward an idea that a memorial log bench is cut out as a demonstration. It was noted that the wood was to be provided by the Longleat Estate.

Council heard an update from Councillor Tim Hill on his continuing research re seeking contact with the fallen soldiers' living relatives.

Village Hall Committee

Councillor Ken Windess gave a report. It was noted that it was the Hall's AGM next week. He reported that they will be refurbishing the main hall floor by sanding it and that the heating in the main hall was to be actioned in the near future on the side walls of the hall and not using the roof struts.

Play Area

It was noted that the Estate had contacted the Chairman following the meeting of the Trustees and that they had agreed to gift £7,500 to the Play Area Project. The Clerk reported that the financial regulations now had to be followed as the project would be over £25,000.00. It was agreed that the preferred equipment specification be placed on the EU Procurement Website with an invite for bids not exceeding £28,000

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 21st June at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

CAKE STALL



If you have anything for our stall please can you deliver to me any time on Saturday 9th or **early** on Sunday morning.

You can make anything from a cup cake to a gateau,

jam tart to a quiche, marmalade to chutney,

in fact anything that is home made and delicious.

Susie Hilleary 844454 197 Pottle Street



Vacancy on the Parish Council

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish – in Horningsham it is the village of Horningsham and surrounding area. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is a Co-option space available on the Parish Council at the moment as no Election has been called for in the parish.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

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

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

- Going to meetings of local organisations such as the Rural Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community (The Warminster Area Board)
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. There are only 8 full Council meetings a year, obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

Horningsham Parish Council needs a new team member; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward when it is complete, work on helping the community grow and have a say in its running, are over 18 years of age do contact the Clerk on 01985213436 or email horningsham@virginmedia.com for an application form.

Closing Date: 18th June 2018.

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FAYRE NEWS

The committee are very much looking forward to this year's Fayre which is going to be a good mix of all the old favourites plus some new events and displays. Top of the bill will be the Military Wives Choir from Warminster which we are very excited about. Horningsham School will be performing a dance routine. The dog show is always very popular so make sure your dog has the date in its diary! There will be the usual three classes plus a fun race so bring your canine friend along to join in. The plank race is the fun event for humans and we will be looking for teams of four to take part.

New events for this year will be a chain saw sculptor, a basket weaver and a lady from the Wiltshire Beekeepers Association who will bring a live hive. Over 20 stalls have booked, so there will be lots to see and do, plus plenty of food and drink and the ever popular cakes and plants. All we need now is fine weather.

Well, actually, that isn't all we need . . . the most important requirement is you! We hope you have a great day out with your family and friends, but if you can possibly spare some time to help as well we will be very grateful. The tents will all be going up on the Thursday and Friday evenings at 6.00pm. There is always lots to do on the Saturday, so just turn up and there will be a job waiting for you. Lastly, if you can give someone running a stall or an event a break for an hour on the Sunday, that would be great too. The more people who help, the easier it will be for all of us. Have fun!!

Helen Taylor



Village Fayre Plant Stall



Support The Plant Stall!

Come and find large perennial plants to fill your borders.

Find some colourful annuals to fill a gap

Buy some veg plants to keep you in fresh vegetables through the summer

Any plants to sell?

Please drop off at Park Farm, or on Saturday at the Hall Field.

Any help with selling plants would be welcome.

Carole Hill 844365

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



We Horningsham cricketers have to look after ourselves as we approach middle age. Muscles go so easily. Activities requiring a bent posture are best avoided. Emptying a washing machine can cause injury. The Hoover should be treated with the same caution as a googly in a foothole. Mowing is fine, if only the sort that loses cricket balls beyond the fence at cow corner. The sort that requires leaning over a noisy machine can be left until September. These rules can be hard to explain to loved ones, but they remain essential, if you wish to remain fit enough to go out onto a cricket field and injure yourself there instead.

I mention this because, after months of shirking the housework, your correspondent twisted his knee trying to bat the other week and was reduced to spectating our next few games. Which was a pleasure as we were playing well, despite losing most of them.

Twice we have taken on the sports staff of Sherborne School, who include a recent Gloucestershire County professional. They enjoyed beating us in Sherborne the first time so much that they asked to come down to Horningsham for a second match. We plied them with rough cider, but not rough enough, and they won again.

We also played and lost friendlies against our friends at Mere and Warminster.

In the league we have had more success. Our first match was against Cranmore, last year's Champions. We had low expectations, but they were hungover, we bowled and fielded superbly, and won by 7 wickets.

Our second league opponents, Milborne Port, were even more hung over. Two of them failed to get out of bed, and only 9 turned up. Whatever advantage this gave us, we threw away by bowling and fielding terribly, dropping 5 catches, letting them score a fairly heavy 192, and then batting poorly in reply. At 70 for 6 half-way through our overs we were on the way to a really painful defeat. Fortunately, Christie O'Connor got his head down and put on a partnership of 100 with your correspondent, who was playing with his knee strapped up. I was run out, still 20 short of victory, but Connor Widdows surprised everyone including himself, by smiting a six and a four to win the game.

So we are played two, won two in the league and, at this early stage, at the top of the table. Next up is Sherborne Town in 2 weeks, which will test us.

James Osborne

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INS & OUTS



It is great to see Water Lane filling up again!

Welcome to Sian Modine and Andy Roe who have come from Corsley to 83 Water Lane. They are both freelance: Andy is an expert in Excel and other Microsoft office software. Sian's new venture is in ethical wool and yarn (www.realgoodyarns.co.uk) Andy is hunting for a garage for a car, any offers?

Welcome to Kirsty Sisson and Steve Seals who have come from Westbury to 88 Water Lane. Steve is a commercial sales consultant. Kirsty works 2 days at Center Parcs and 3 days as a child-minder. They have a family of 4: Joel (16) at Kingdown, Lewis (19), plus 2 daughters at Plymouth University. There are also 2 dogs: a labrador and a collie-husky cross.

Maggie Osborne



WELCOME CLUB

As promised, here are the reports of earlier events. Firstly, we had a fun time when 'The Singalongs' entertained us. No problems with not knowing the words as we were all supplied with books containing them and we were expected to join in. We did and thoroughly enjoyed it. A collection was taken in aid of the Air Ambulance.

On 24th April we went on a mystery trip. The day dawned in a very overcast way and once on board we headed south, we thought that a good idea as the weather forecast spoke of rain to the north. Our driver took the coach down to the A303 and then along some very narrow roads arriving at Broadwindsor Craft Centre for coffee. After that we set off towards Bridport, by this time we were in the sea mist, somewhat disappointing as this blocked out what could have been a scenic route along the coast to Portland. This is where we stopped for lunch and then on to Weymouth where, due to the chilly weather, we decided to leave at 4.30pm and made our way home, arriving around 6.15pm, having had the raffle in a lay-by. The weather cleared a little on the journey home but, nothing daunted by previous conditions, we all had a lovely day!

On May 17th we had a Bring & Buy Sale – report next month. The same goes for the Henley-on-Thames trip. June 21st will be Quiz Time at 2.30pm in the Hall – prizes too!

Our June coach trip will be to Dartmouth (June 26th) - usual departure times. If I haven't had your name and you fancy a day out, do let me know.

Chris Short 01985 847373

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Owls have had an amazing weekend on the Isle of Wight at Little Canada. Staying in wood log cabins, the children had a fun packed time doing lots of different activities. They had great fun dragon boat racing and canoeing in the sea as well as overcoming any fears on the high level cat walk. It was certainly memorable and the children learnt lots of new skills and demonstrated great teamwork and support for each other. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came back to school exhausted; especially the teachers!





Gardening

Mrs Perrett has had great fun with her gardening club working towards the RHS Level 3 award. They have planted flax seeds – and are hoping to use the stalks for weaving later in the year – watch this space! With the help of the lovely Carole Hill, they have also been planting runner beans, sweetcorn, tomato plants, squash and courgettes and have planted sweet peas and wild flowers for the bees. The club are hoping to make raised beds and will be doing a refurbishment of our Bug Hotel! A huge thanks to Carole Hill, not only for coming each week to help the children but also supplying seeds and inspiring us with lots of ideas.

Updates:

Well done to Mr Edwards – he ran the London Marathon in a fantastic time and managed to raise a total of £940. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored him – we are really grateful!

Tombola – if you have any bottles or other items to donate for the tombola at this year's Village Fayre, then please drop them into the school by Thursday 7th July. Thanks.

Staffing Next Year – we will be sad to say goodbye to Mr Edwards as he and his family relocate back to Australia. We will miss him greatly. From September, Mrs Lapham will be our new Assistant Head!

School Council:

Supporting Children with Cancer

The children will be doing different events to raise money for Clic Sargent over the next few months in support of one of our lovely pupils, Flo, who has leukaemia. If you would like to contribute to this in any way, then please do contact the school – this charity do an amazing job and the support the family have had at Southampton Hospital has been incredible.

There is also a Just giving page to raise money for a treat for the family for when Flo is feeling better:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/treatforflorence>



LION CUBS PLAYGROUP

On Thursday 9th May, Lion Cubs Playgroup set off for a nature walk to Bluebell Woods. We walked across the field which provoked lots of questions and observations from the children.



Upon reaching the woodland you couldn't help but be impressed by beautiful blue carpet sweeping over the woodland floor. Although, I think the adults were more impressed by the view than the children! The Lion Cubs had great fun collecting feathers, twigs, stones and other creepy crawlies, we even saw some hares running into the hedgerow.

We stopped for a picnic snack joined by some of the children's favourite teddies before setting off back up the hill to return home



Our next outing is a trip to the Pleasure Walk to collect different types of fallen leaves. Lion Cubs Playgroup meet every Thursday at Horningsham Village Hall (term time only), we provide a relaxed and fun environment for preschool children to play, where parents and carers can enjoy a friendly natter. Being surrounded by wonderful woodland and farmland makes it easy for us to get out and about. Every other week we try to take learning outdoors and enjoy welly walks, farm visits and bug hunts. New faces are always welcome.

Facebook: @lioncubsplaygroup Email: lioncubsplaygroup@gmail.com

Sara Elston

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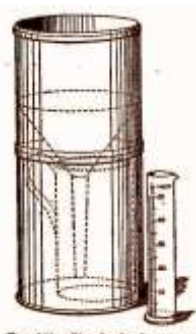


FIG. 161.—Standard rain-gauge.

April started in the same vein as March – WET, dull and generally miserable. A few heavy showers on the 4th threw down half an inch of rain. It then started to feel a little warmer and we had dampish weather, with that annoying drizzle, you did not want a rain coat on but you got damp if you did not.

This continued until the 15th. We then started with a brisk wind and by the 19th we really though Spring had arrived. Boy, was it hot, everybody started to wear summer clothes, but English weather is unpredictable, so on the 24th things started to change yet again with really heavy downpours over the next few days.

By the end of April we had 2.39 inches compared with an unusually dry April last year when we only had 0.35 inches.

John Whatley

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April's meeting was a great success with a fascinating talk from John Jameson Davis on 'Personality Revealed in Handwriting' it included examples of famous people's writing and what it reveals. John has over 40 years of experience in this field and has numerous times been called to court as an expert witness. He was a great speaker whom we are keen to have back to a future meeting to talk to us on the topic of fraud in handwriting.

Refreshments were also a delight with a delicious cake, a relaxing cup of tea for some of us and a refreshing gin and tonic for others. Thank you Lucy and Verity.

May's meeting will have taken place as you read this and we will all now have developed our flower arranging skills in readiness for our June meeting where we will be having a go and applying all we learnt. Don't worry if you missed the May meeting and would like to come along in June. Those of us there can try our hand at passing on our newly learnt expertise.

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 but our meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month.

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Mill Farm Chronicles April-May 2018

41 years ago this September, I started a Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy course at Weston Super Mare College. Three years later, fully qualified, myself and 11 other girls went out into the world to make our mark. Fast forward to last weekend and 7 of those 12 met up again for the first time since 1980. Our reunion was the culmination of lots of detective work involving Facebook to find all the girls and plenty of emails. Debbie, Sara, Janet, Karen and Jaynie travelled from all over the West Country and Sue from a tiny Greek island to spend two nights with us here. We had a brilliant weekend, clicking straight back into our friendship as if it was a few weeks since we last met, not 38 years.



We based ourselves at The Piggeries and had a Chinese take away on the Friday night with several bottles of prosecco, plenty of talk and laughter and a lam bedtime. We went to Longleat during the day on Saturday where we were lucky enough to get up close and personal with the penguins in Animal Adventure, feeding them fish and having our questions about them answered by Heather and Chris. A meal out that evening at an Italian restaurant finished the day off beautifully. Try La Campagna at Upton Scudamore, it's really good. The girls left on Sunday lunchtime after many hugs and plans for the next reunion which is happening in Wales, where apparently we are all doing Europe's longest zip wire!!

Other social things this month were a lunch visit from my cousin Sue and her husband Kev which was nice and a trip to the Yeovil Playhouse with Amy, Ivy and Theo to see some amazing children's theatre, three of Julia Donaldson's stories put on stage. Ivy became totally immersed in the stories which were brilliantly portrayed.

The weather has been beautiful just lately so Steve has been taking advantage of this and getting on with jobs on the farm.

All the cows and calves are out in the field, even the ones that are still to calve. Fresh grass and room to wander has got to be nicer than being in a shed. Unfortunately one of the mums died in the field a few days ago so Sonny the calf (who lives on our back lawn) now has a female playmate and guess what she's called . . .? Cher, of course!

We have had some grass seed put into a new ley. It's called Silage Buster and is a mixture of Italian ryegrasses which should produce 3 to 4 cuts of silage per year.

We are trying something different with our heifers this year. We are trying AI (artificial insemination) instead of using a bull. You may remember we lost our new bull to TB last year and our other bull is their dad! The procedure took place last week so now we have to wait and see if it worked. If they are in calf they will have their babies in February.

Thelma and Louise are in their newly-fenced field and enjoying a mud wallow which they love in hot weather.

Jack has added to his menagerie with Indian Runner ducks Harry and Meghan (can't think why they are called that) and 3 more rescue chickens to add to the other 3 we have already. Meghan and Harry are having a lovely time foraging on the lawn and river bank and swimming in the pond. Meghan is laying eggs already but I gather that, although they are prolific layers, they don't make good mums and don't sit on the eggs, so we might invest in an incubator to see if we can increase the flock.

Lucky and Rosie the donkeys have had their hooves trimmed by Jon our farrier and Poppy has had 2 of her hooves looked at this time simply to get her used to being handled.

It's Jack's birthday soon so we are going on a road trip to Chester Zoo as a birthday treat. I've seen on the news that the zoo has a surprise new elephant calf so I'm hoping we may be able to see that that but I'll let you know if we did next month.

Margaret Crossman

MONTHLY RECIPE

Just recently I have felt increasingly discomfited by the very little that I do in terms of helping to make the world a better place, I have plenty of principles and convictions but putting them into action is the hard bit! Not because I don't know how, but because believe it or not I am not a zealot or a member of Il fascisti and the quickest way to alienate people is to shove stuff down their throats. What on earth does this have to do with the monthly recipe and food you might ask? Well salvation appeared for me in the guise of a library book written by one of my food heroines. Vanessa Kimbell has written a book called "Food for Thought: changing the world one bite at a time". Writing the Foreword Sheila Dillon says 'is an inspiring book about the part you could play in slowing down our race to global misery. And pulling that off without being worthy and irritating is not easy. No one likes being told what to do.' In November 2006, Ben Bradshaw, the then Environment minister asked people to ditch the plastic at the checkouts and 20 years ago Germany were actually doing it then. I am guilty of apathy and complacency but this recipe book with supporting information has renewed my belief in my principles. Sitting around waiting for someone else to make a difference is a miserable way to live. I want to believe that the children we bring into the world and their children are going to have a future despite the terrible and unnecessary destruction caused by Ostrich Syndrome.

This recipe is my go-to breakfast/lunch/supper/picnic recipe, it could be called tortilla or true crustless quiche.

Serves 4/6 depending on appetites

Ingredients

1 213g tin red salmon

2 medium potatoes peeled and grated

6 free range eggs

1 pot of cottage cheese or quark *

Several grindings of black pepper (no salt it makes the eggs tough)

100g good tasty cheese

1 slice of bread made into breadcrumbs

** I'm going to try and make some using Tytherington milk*

Method

1. Add the ingredients one by one to a bowl and mix reserving 50g of the cheese and the breadcrumbs for the topping.
2. Grease a 9" flan dish and pour in the ingredients finishing with the cheese and breadcrumbs.
3. Cook on 180 fan or gas mark 4 for 20/25 minutes.

Enjoy with a super salad and super-chilled Riesling

Simples! Another vehicle just waiting for your own take on it, try asparagus, smoked salmon and gruyere with heavenly French tarragon



Jayne Glover

Notable Trees in Horningsham

Log Captain's startdate 1145.18. It's 6.20am and my journey through the forest has so far been 'unremarkable'. Just the usual suspects a muntjac here, a squirrel there, a couple of corvids. Deep shadow caused by the close conifer stand. It's as well to stay alert.

Suddenly! The wall of pine green halts abruptly and opens out, displaying a breathtaking panoramic vista with 50,000 shades of green, not a mono-colour, but a tapestry that depends upon the conversion of a pigment present in plants known as chlorophyll. Chlorophyll absorbs energy from light and helps plants to make food. This conversion is known as photosynthesis. (Other controlling factors include habitat, leaf design, leaf age and possible deficiencies). But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? Is it the sun? No! it is an interruption of copper beeches! (*Fagus sylvatica purpurea*) So how does Purple Copper Beech photosynthesise? Well it's not the greenness of chlorophyll that does the job but its chemical composition. There are in fact 6 types of chlorophyll :- a,b,c1,c2,d and f, a is teal-green and b is yellow-green, when these two combine they provide a green colour. Leaves get their colour from pigments. These pigments fall into one of three primary classes: chlorophyll, carotenoids and anthocyanins.

Chlorophyll

Because Chlorophyll absorbs red and blue light, the light reflected from, or transmitted through, the leaf has little or no red and blue light. To our eyes it therefore appears green. It is by far the most common pigment in the plant kingdom.

Carotenoids

Carotenoids absorb blue-green and blue light and so the light reflected from foliage (and roots etc.) with a high concentration of this pigment appear yellow or yellow-orange. They also work with chlorophyll in photosynthesis. Carotenoids are therefore what give modern carrots their orange colour. Carrots were originally purple, white and yellow because their dominant pigment was anthocyanin, this changed when hybridising led to an increase in levels of beta-carotene and the result was used as a tribute to William of Orange.

Anthocyanins

Anthocyanins absorb blue, blue-green and green light resulting in leaves that appear red or purple. They give us red apples, red grapes, red onions and the Purple Copper Beech. The chlorophyll may be masked, but it is still there. The leaves from Purple Copper Beech can even prove it. If you look closely at one in the shade, you will notice it has a slightly greenish tinge – that's the chlorophyll. At low light levels, green leaves photosynthesise more efficiently (anthocyanin plays no part in photosynthesis) and that is why Purple Copper Beech, unlike Common Beech, needs full sun even though its leaves do produce more chlorophyll when light levels are reduced (Hedge Xpress).



10 things you may not know about the Purple Copper Beech

1. Copper Beeches are non-native.
2. They first appeared as mutants independently in various parts of Europe were already known in Germany by 1488.
3. Planted in parks and gardens they are admired by some but regarded as ‘an unattractive and depressing addition to the landscape’ (KewScience).
4. Beech tarcrust (*Biscogniauxia nummularia*) is a primary fungal pathogen causing strip canker and wood rot. It may be seen at all times of the year in the form of black raised patches and is not edible.
5. Spring leaf budding is triggered by a combination of day length and temperature and bud break is remarkable in its precision starting in mid- April to the beginning of May.
6. 30 years are needed for the Copper Beech to attain maturity but they can live for 150 - 200 years.
7. Changing climatic conditions in southern England may put beech under increased stress.
8. The wood has a short, fine grain making it suitable for furniture making, particularly chairs.
9. Common beech is considered one of the best woods for fire places.
10. Many cellulose fibres that are produced from wood pulp, such as lyocell/tencel and rayon are used in the fashion industry because of their valuable properties. They are natural, smooth, and strong and are, or can be, produced in a more sustainable way, unlike synthetic textiles. For all these reasons, they are also an excellent alternative to other natural textiles such as cotton and wool. Their manufacturing process is often more environmentally friendly and the products easy to recycle. Fortunately, several designers and clothing companies are already increasingly committing to sustainability and extensively using these materials. The ‘Forest for Fashion’ event is a reminder of this. A reminder that where and when forests meet fashion they can promote sustainable development, starting from the sustainable management of forests up the value chain, to sustainable production and ending with the consumption of sustainable fashion wear. (Forests for Fashion: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

I counted 46 Copper Beech between Church Street and the top of Dock Hill. The colour variations are very variable depending on aspect, sun, wind etc.

Jayne Glover

THEN & NOW TREE SPECIAL

From 1932 to 1934 the then Viscount Weymouth had a programme of planting Copper Beeches along the roads into and out of the village. Our 1965 photo, kindly provided by Graham Long, shows the road below Hitcombe Bottom up to Hollybush with young trees that have matured in our 2018 photo. Just visible is the porch of Number 8 Hitcombe Bottom which occupied the corner site by the road leading down to Gentle Street. This was the last of the many cottages in the village that were demolished.

THEN & NOW



1965



2018

Technicians Bring T. Rex Roaring Back to Life as Longleat



Technicians from the Natural History Museum’s Touring Exhibitions Installation Team have spent the last week creating a stunning new dinosaur exhibition at Longleat. The team, working alongside Longleat staff, has assembled 17 individual dinosaurs, including a life-sized model and a skeleton of a tyrannosaurus rex as part of ‘T. rex: The Killer Question’ which opens to the public on Thursday, May 24th.



Set within its own themed environment in Longleat’s Longhouse building the exhibition is divided into five scenes with visitors taking on the role of dinosaur detectives trying to answer the question of whether T. rex was a predator or a scavenger.

Devised and created by the Natural History Museum, this immersive 3D blockbuster exhibition features amazingly realistic animatronic dinosaur scenes depicting hunting and scavenger behaviours and graphic displays.



The Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton arrived at Longleat in nine different pieces and had to be craned into position and the full size T. rex model is 12 metres long and weighs 2.5 tonnes.



The new exhibition is part of the Predators season at Longleat which also features a series of animatronic scenes depicting some of the animal kingdom's most successful hunters including polar bears, great white sharks, lions and eagles.

T. rex: The Killer Question runs from May 24th to September 3rd
in the Longhouse at Longleat

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The Old Kitchen Community Store now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays selling basic grocery items e.g. milk, cream, butter, biscuits, crisps, chocolate, tea, coffee etc. Opening times: 9am – 11.30am. Please note CASH ONLY.

Alongside the shop there is also a range of books to borrow from the Community Book Lending Library.

Nearly New Summer Sale

De-cluttering for the Summer? Why not donate any unwanted gifts/fashion/bric-a-brac etc on Saturday 14th July 2pm-4pm. Refreshments & cream teas - all proceeds to the Hall Roof Fund. No jumble or electrical goods please. Items can be collected by arrangement - Phone: 844512/844218.

Maiden Bradley Interests & Hobbies Exhibition Weekend

Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July 10am-4pm. Exhibitors include Model Steam Railway, Model Aeroplanes, Bell Ringers, Vintage tractor and many more. Why not come along and view the skills and hobbies that Maiden Bradley has to offer. Refreshments & Cream Teas will be served.

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A melancholy accident happened at Longleat on Tuesday last:—A sailing boat having been purchased at Portsmouth, it was taken to the Lake to be launched, under the direction of a sailor, who had been ten days making preparations for it. Mr. Wade, principal artificer at Longleat, went with the boat with the sailor, as did also a man who had been at sea, and two other labourers (father and son). The boat was launched, and the party on board intended taking her to an anchorage in the middle of the lake; but unfortunately she was improperly ballasted, and the weather being rough, she soon overset. The Marquis of Bath was in a boat on the lake, and used every possible exertion to save the parties; but as unfortunately none of them could swim, he only succeeded in saving one of the labourers, the youth, whose father was taken up by another boat— Mr. Wade and the two seamen.—The body of Mr. Wade was dragged up some time after, and was interred on Saturday. He has left a widow and eight children to lament his fate. Neither of the other two bodies were found so late as one o'clock on Saturday.

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HORNINGSHAM.

A FARMER KILLED BY A BULL.—On Thursday, June 12, as Mr. Peach, of Woodhouse Farm, was walking round his meadow, in which a yearling bull and some heifers were kept, the bull suddenly rushed at him and savagely gored him before he could make his escape. Two boys ran to the farm, which was a-quarter of a mile off, for assistance, but before help arrived the farmer was seriously injured. A boy named Harris attempted to rescue Mr. Peach, and getting over the hedge he attracted the attention of the bull and finally drove it away. Mr. Peach, it appears, had beaten the bull with a stick, and the brute bore him malice. The injured man was carried home, and medical assistance was obtained, but he died on Friday morning. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday afternoon, when the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and added a rider that the bull would have to be killed or fastened up in future.



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