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EDITORIAL

Our cover this month features the play area and more photos can be seen on pages 16 & 17. Close followers of the Parish Council reports in the Horningsham News will appreciate just how long this project has taken. The idea was first mooted about 10 years ago when the swings at the Hall became unsafe and had to be removed. However, the project is now almost completed and we can be confident that the play area will be fully open by the summer.

Most of our regular features are to be found inside along with the timely return after a long break of Carole Hill's gardening column. Koala bears feature twice: once in the ever-popular Mill Farm Chronicle and again in the Longleat News. The Horningsham W.I. marks its first anniversary with their AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Put aside any out-dated notions you might have about what a W.I. is. The Horningsham W.I. provides an important opportunity to gather and get to know each other and their monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month have covered a wide range of talks and activities. New members are always welcome.

Lastly, all of our older readers will remember Mr Robert Charles who was Land Agent to the then Viscount Weymouth for 26 years. He passed away in March and we have a tribute to him.

**Tim Hill**

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## CHURCH NEWS



It seems a long time since our last service back in January. We always miss February because it is so cold and instead look forward to Easter. This year Easter Sunday is three weeks later than last year, which made me wonder why Easter falls on a different date every year. A few minutes on Google made me realise it is very complicated! It is all to do with the spring equinox, which is between the 19th and the 21st of March. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. My main concern is will there still be any daffodils in flower; they are taking such a battering in this very un-spring like weather!

Some of you may have noticed that we have acquired three lost sheep! It seems rather appropriate that the church has given them a temporary home and they are happily filling a useful role as grass cutters. They are very friendly; one seemed pleased to see me this afternoon, until he realised I wasn't bringing food!

Whatever the weather, the church will be full of flowers and bright and cheerful, as it always is at Easter. The Rev Laurence Mathew from Warminster will be taking our service; it will be nice to see him again. Do come along and join us for this special occasion in the church's year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who generously bought a copy of my WW1 book. I promised to give half of the proceeds to the Village Hall and am pleased to say that I have reached my target. £250 will shortly be on its way to the treasurer.

**Helen Taylor**

### Church Date

**21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Day Eucharist 10.30am**

Dear Friends,

A few years ago there was talk of fixing the date of Easter Day; it seems to have quietened down a bit now. I know it seems bizarre that unlike Christmas Day, the date of Easter moves around all over the place, but I think it would be a real shame to sever Easter from its traditional connection to the created order, it would lose so much meaning, and in the present context of environmental disaster that we face it seems vitally important that we develop a deeper understanding of our place within it.



In the Western church the date of Easter is calculated as being the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal, or spring equinox when the hours of darkness and light are almost equal. What's all this got to do with Easter I hear you ask? Well, according to the Bible, Jesus' death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first Full Moon following the equinox, which soon led to Christians celebrating Easter on different dates. Apart from anything else it makes perfect sense for Easter, which has to do with resurrection, being celebrated at a time of year when the natural world is bursting forth into new life. They weren't daft were they those wily church leaders of yore, who were savvy enough to realise that persuading people to drop their pagan celebration of the equinox in favour of a new-fangled Christian festival would be a lost cause.

The word Easter itself was derived from the ancient names for a Goddess and God. The Venerable Bede, a great Christian scholar, asserted that Easter was named after 'Eostre', the great mother goddess of the Saxon people in northern Europe. Similarly, the Teutonic dawn goddess of fertility was known as 'Ostera,' 'Eastra,' or 'Eustra' along with various other similar names; all of these names derive from the ancient word for spring 'Eastre'. Going back to the Saxon Mother Goddess 'Eostre' it should come as no surprise to learn that her sacred animal was a rabbit, and her symbol of new life an egg.

I'm not going into all this detail to confuse the issue, merely to show that the Christian festival we call Easter is embedded in, and intimately relates to, the turning of seasons and the cycle of the moon and the sun. Rather than diminishing the meaning of Easter, I would argue that exploring the beliefs and practices of our ancient forbearers brings a deeper connection to the divine and to the mystery of death and resurrection that is played out year by year in the natural world, and which is embodied in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So as you enjoy your Easter eggs, stop for moment and consider those deep connections to the earth that you are celebrating, and give thanks for the new life emerging out of the darkness and death of winter.

Happy Easter, love and prayers,

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

## HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Our next service will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am

**Carol Cox 07584 825421 [horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk](mailto:horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk)**



Welcome to Sam Rowles and her daughters Megan (16) and Grace (11) Bailey who have moved to 157 Chapel Street. Megan and Grace are at Kingdown. Sam, originally from Sutton Veny, works at West Wilts Golf Club in Warminster. They have a Border Collie dog. Sam has volunteered to make some cakes for the Fayre.

Harriet and Bruce Martin with Eloise (6) and Felicity (3) have come to Rose Cottage with Cockapoo Millie (and chickens to follow soon). Eloise will be starting at the School next term. They have come from Bishop's Waltham in Hampshire. Bruce is an IT contractor and plays the organ and Harriet works in property lettings.

**Maggie Osborne**

# The Big Horningsham Litter Pick

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**At the Village Hall**  
**10 am – 12 noon**



I shall be at the Village Hall from 10 to 12, further up the path where the recycling bins were. I shall have high vis. vests, litter pickers and sacks – all you need to collect the rubbish left around our village.

Please let me know if you want to do a certain area so that we can cover the whole village.

Let's hope for a fine morning!

**Fran Chris**

## Parsonage Farm Rainfall

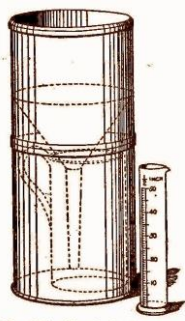


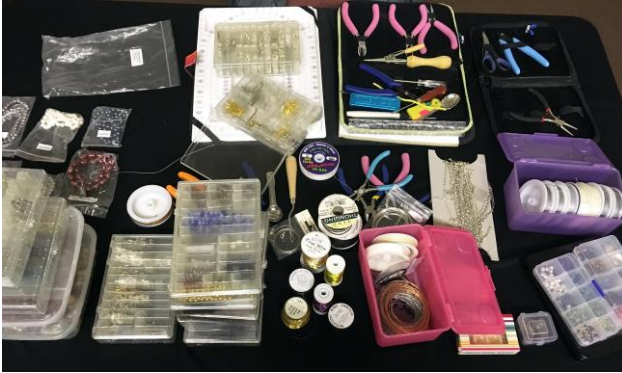
FIG. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.

We woke up on February 1<sup>st</sup> to a snowy start, with a lot of snow falling for most of the day causing slight problems on the farm and roads. We then had a hard frost to follow. The snow soon started to disappear. On the 4<sup>th</sup> we had heavy rain, 1.31 inches fell, making it feel very cold. This carried on in the same vein for the following week giving us some really heavy storms, and by the 10<sup>th</sup> we had 2.69 inches. The rest of the month was frosty with a few foggy mornings but generally fine with cold nights. The total for February was 3.09 inches compared to 1.51 inches last year.

**John Whatley**

## HORNINGSHAM W.I.

On Tuesday 5th March we were joined again by Sue, who gave us the Canal talk. However, this time she showed us how to make our own jewellery. Sue had brought along boxes of beads, clasps hooks and explained about the multiple types of wires, chains and leather 'thongs' that you can use in jewellery making. We were then given the chance to make something for ourselves. Sue had provided jewellery boards which you design your item on before threading it onto your wire, pin or thong. The board also helps you work out the length that you require.



We all had very different ideas of what we wanted to make; as you can see from the photos we produced drop earrings; a double strand bracelet, single strand bracelet and a few necklaces. We all learned a new skill and now know how to crimp and wire wrap! I'm pretty sure this will be something that we would all like to try again.







Our next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd April. This will be our first AGM, we hope that you will be able to join us and, fingers crossed, we'll have a game of 'Handbag Bingo' with the representative from County W.I. at the end of it. We are not entirely sure what it involves but, we hope that you're as curious to find out as we are!

Please come and join us; we are a very friendly and welcoming group of all ages or if you would like more information about us please email [wihorningsham@gmail.com](mailto:wihorningsham@gmail.com)

**Lucy Herbert – Treasurer**

### Welcome Club

Please find below the dates for our meetings at Horningsham Village Hall.

11 <sup>th</sup> April	Prize Bingo
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Bring & Buy
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Musical Memories
18 <sup>th</sup> July	t.b.c



No meeting in August

19th Sept	Prize Bingo
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Prize Quiz
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	A.G.M
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas Bingo Maiden Bradley Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm start

All other meetings start at 2.30pm

Membership of Welcome Club is £5 per year. We invite guests to join us for any meeting. Tea/Coffee and biscuits are supplied.

Our coach trips this year are as follows:

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mystery Trip
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Hereford & Tintern Mill
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Broadwindsor Craft Centre & Lyme Regis
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Lyndhurst & Bournemouth
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sidmouth
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dorchester & Weymouth
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Lacock & Cirencester

Fares are: Members £12.00 Non-members £15.00

Coach leaves Bath Arms Horningsham 8.45am and Maiden Bradley 9.00am

Anyone is welcome to join us for our meetings and on our outings. Please contact Pearl on 01985 844779 to book a seat on any trip.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Lesley Trollope (01985211355)**

# Horningsham Primary School



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## World Book Day



We had a wonderful World Book Day with lots of interesting characters joining us! There were some amazing costumes and the staff looked somewhat different as characters from 101 Dalmatians! Along with raising money for schools in other parts of the world less-resourced, we explored the world of books and enjoyed sharing stories with parents. Another memorable day at Horningsham!

## Perfect Pizzaiolos!

Robins had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express, Bath. They had the chance to make their own pizzas and learn all about where the ingredients come from. They even had a go at catching the dough like a true pizzaiolo. This was a great opportunity for them to focus on their science topic in a real context learning alongside professionals – they also got to take home their pizzas for tea!



## Upcoming Events:

All are welcome to join us for our Marathon Café and run around the village on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – contact the school for further details /to book. Also join us for our Easter Service at the church Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1.15pm.

[FriendsofHPS@horningsham.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:FriendsofHPS@horningsham.wilts.sch.uk) or 844342.

# Woodland Work

The whole staff had part of their training day working outdoors learning some exciting new skills! This was part of our work exploring how we can maximise our use of outdoor spaces for learning. It gave us some great ideas across the curriculum and we are looking forward to developing these with the children.



# Sports at Horningsham



As you know, sports are a key part of the curriculum for us at Horningsham. We regularly take part in local and regional competitions and festivals and love to try out new and more alternative sports as well. Each class has been having regular yoga sessions with an instructor, which has proved very popular with lots of children keen to

also join the yoga after-school club. It's been fantastic for well-being as well as physical development. A group found wheelchair basketball great fun as well as very challenging!

# Getting Involved:

Please do contact us if you would like to be more involved in school life or specific projects and events – as a community school we are always keen to involve all members of our community in our learning.



## ROBERT CHARLES (1925-2019)



The former Agent to Viscount Weymouth, Robert Charles passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at his nursing home at St. George's Park near Burgess Hill in Sussex. Having left the Estate nearly 28 years ago, he is still remembered fondly and with great respect by many people at Longleat and the surrounding area. He knew everyone by name and was someone who was known for his manners, courtesy and concern for people, all of whom he would greet with a wave as he walked or drove past. He always saw the good in people and never struggled to compliment or to thank them for their services.

Robert was born in Cardiff in 1925 and educated at Worcester Royal Grammar School. Interrupting his university education to join the army during the latter part of WW2, he rose to the rank of Captain and served in India.

After leaving the army he attended the LSE and became a Chartered Surveyor. His early career included further training at Kew which gave him a lifelong interest in forestry. Joining an estate management company, he worked at

Trafalgar Park near Salisbury before moving to Cumbria where he was Land Agent at the Cavendish family's 20,000 acre estate at Holker Hall Estate in Cumbria.

One summer, whilst selling balloons at the local village fete he met Britta, who had come over from Sweden as an au pair to work for a local family. Robert and Britta were later married in Sweden and had two sons, Nicholas and Dominic.

In 1965, Robert moved to Manor House, Horningsham to take up the post as Agent to the Viscount Weymouth and succeeding Col. Anley. This was one of the most exciting periods in Longleat's long history as the 'Lions of Longleat' Safari Park was being developed that led to it becoming one of Britain's leading tourist attractions with close to a million visitors per year.

Under his management he oversaw wide ranging changes to Longleat Park and Estate including the creation of the Railway, the restaurant complex now known as the Chameleon Tree, the Hedge Maze, the Garden Centre, the Caravan Site, the Adventure Castle and in the year immediately prior to his retirement, Longleat Forest Center Parcs holiday village. He also made major improvements at Cheddar Caves that included extending the main complex and tunnelling operations to allow greater numbers of visitors into the caves. Across the Estate he undertook major works at Shear Water, Half Mile Pond and High House Farm and modernisation of the Forestry, public houses and cottages. It was of particular interest to him that Horningsham retained its traditional qualities as a viable village and its special relationship with Longleat House and Park.

On his retirement in 1991, he and Britta moved to Sweden and following her death in 2014, moved back to the UK to be near his sons. In 2015, he moved into a retirement village in Sussex, and never lost his interest for the latest news about Longleat and the wellbeing of the family, staff and Estate tenants.

Many will remember 'Mr. Charles' as a country gentleman of great integrity, with a passion for Longleat and a forensic attention to detail that made architects and designers take great care to meet his exacting aesthetic standards. When necessary, he could be the strict Land Agent who would ensure his instructions were carried out and for those like me, who were lucky to have worked with him for many years, saw an extremely kind and modest man with a wonderfully dry sense of humour.

At the church in Lindesberg, Sweden where his beloved wife Britta is laid to rest and where they were married, Robert's funeral took place on the 28th March 2019.

**Tim Bentley**  
**March 2019**

## Mill Farm Chronicles February - March 2019

So far this year we've had snow, a heat wave, terrible gales and now inches of rain, all in extremes. What is going on with our weather? The donkeys have been in and out of their shed and paddock more times in the past few weeks than I've had cups of tea! We've got lots of calves but dare not let them out into the fields because it's just too cold and wet. It's getting very crowded in all our buildings.

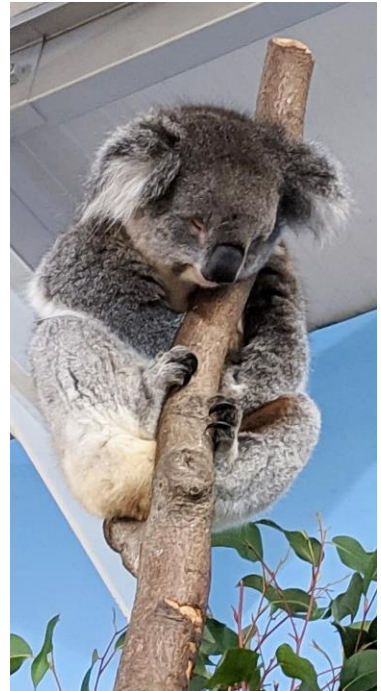
The donkeys have had their hooves trimmed and are due to be wormed soon. Poppy is beginning to resemble an alpaca again with her long dreadlocks, she is now taller than both her mum Rosie and her Auntie Lucky. She's coming up for 2 years old and apparently she will continue to grow for another year yet.

Steve is due to start ploughing this week. We have a couple of fields on the way to Maiden Bradley that he is going to put down to Spring Barley but before he does that he has to clear out the cow sheds and spread the dung on the ground then plough it in. To clear out the sheds Steve has to wait for a dry day and then let the cows out in a field to run around while he scrapes up etc. The cows like these days and usually run around like idiots for half an hour before settling down and grazing on the grass that's just beginning to grow. By the end of the day though, they are usually more than ready to go back into their "sparkling" clean shed and eat their yummy silage.

After ploughing has finished Steve will start chain harrowing and rolling to get the grass ready in the pastures.

Our little orphan calf, who we hand reared, has now gone to live with her peers up at Butchery Farm. Finally I think she's beginning to realise that she's a cow not a human.

Theo, our grandson, celebrated his first birthday this weekend. I'm not sure where that year has gone but Theo is now a completely charming, happy little boy who is nearly walking and is into everything. On Theo's actual birthday, he, Ivy, Amy, Guy, Steve and I were lucky enough to be able to go to Longleat to see the Koalas, Wombats and the Peramelidae (little marsupials that look a cross between a rat and a kangaroo). James showed us around and told us all about the animals, he was really knowledgeable and we learnt a lot. The koalas are just lovely and sleep



up to 20 hours a day. Oh to be a koala! The Wombats were Steve's favourite, they are like little tanks and seem like real little characters.

Theo's party was the next day at the Hall. 24 children and 45 adults enjoyed cottage pie and hotdogs followed by jelly and ice cream and birthday cake. There was soft play and a blow-up castle ball pool.



The Longleat 10k finally took place a couple of weeks ago. Our intrepid guest, who fought through the snow drifts last time, came back and completed the run in much better weather conditions.

I think I'll need to ask my chap for some tips because Amy, Jo and I have signed up for the Trek26 Stonehenge.



We are walking 26 miles in a day all round Stonehenge and Salisbury and raising funds for Alzheimer's UK, a charity close to my heart. We each have to pledge to raise £300 so I'll be putting out the begging bowl over the next few months. I'm honestly not sure if I'll make 26 miles in a day, 34 miles over 4 days in Barcelona nearly killed me!

**Margaret Crossman**

## Notes From A Horningsham Garden

It must be spring! Gardeners' World is back on BBC2 on Friday nights ready to inspire anyone with a garden to listen to Monty Don to find out what jobs need doing at the weekend and what we could be enjoying in the garden now.

I always feel Winter is a nice rest from toiling away outside, but once Christmas is over there are plenty of preparation jobs when the weather is decent, like pruning trees and shrubs and planting new ones.

So, armed with my new pruning saw, I chopped back all 8 cobnut hazel trees, trying not to feel bad about all the potential nuts I would be losing, just focussing on what a lovely lot of light would be let into the orchard and how much better the crop might be next year! The hazel prunings are useful for pea and bean sticks and the stronger ones for plant supports, clothes props and edging. Then it was the turn of the shrub and climbing roses especially the 3 huge ones climbing in the trees. I love these in June and July, but they form an immense thicket of tangled, mega-prickly stems which just have to be thinned out to prevent possible smothering and collapse of the tree supports. Stout, thornproof clothing and gloves are essential for this, followed by a nice bonfire to get rid of the huge piles.

With that done, seed sowing is underway with half-hardy annuals, and vegetables along the windowsills waiting for warmer days to spill out into the greenhouse. The sweet peas have already made it and are acclimatising in the shelter of the poly tunnel ready to plant out by the beginning of April and climb up their canes. Seed potatoes are sprouting in the attic where it's light but cool. This year I got mine from a supplier at Standerwick Market and chose, 2 first earlies, Red Duke of York and sharps Express, a second early, Charlotte and a salad variety, Lady Christl, all ones I've enjoyed before and found reliable.

Another essential job has been dividing and potting on perennials, some of which I shall sell at the summer Fayre, others give to friends with "gaps". The drawback is having a spreading collection taking up more of the drive to the exclusion of cars!

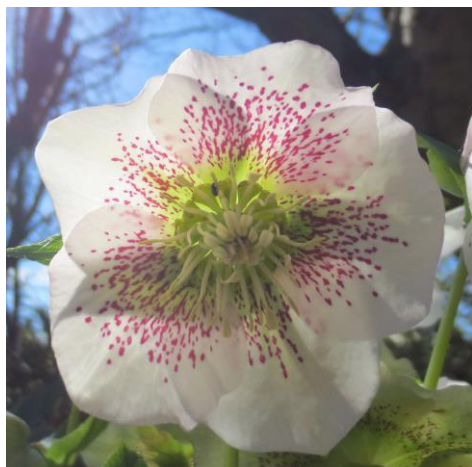
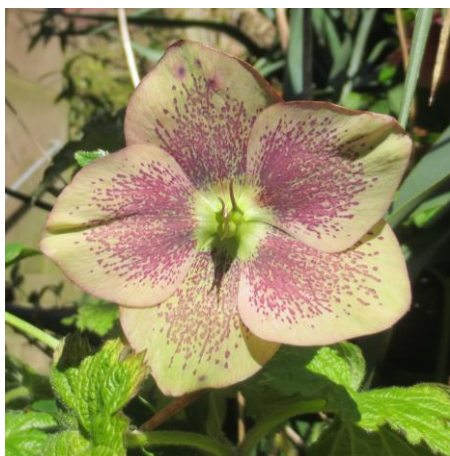
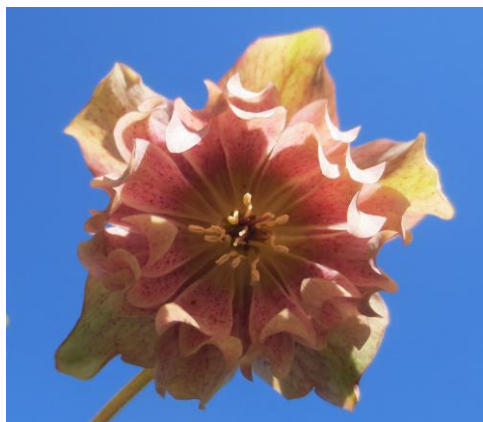
In the vegetable garden, early purple sprouting broccoli is almost ready, a few leeks are remaining, and the parsley is still going strong as the weather has not been very frosty.

Nice things to look at and smell have been the Daphne Bholua by the back door, a shrub with an exquisite scent, the snowdrops in the garden and all along the verges and the hellebores. I keep adding to these when I see a good one. They do produce seedlings, but they are not as spectacular as the hybrid ones specialists keep developing. The camellias are getting into full swing now. We are lucky to be in Horningsham on the greensand, where it is acid enough to suit them. With the magnolias now out, and having escaped frost damage so far, the spring flowers are looking marvellous. Added to that the daffodils and primroses and Spring is definitely here!

Please spare a thought for the Plant Stall at the Summer Fayre and grow some extra things to sell. Don't throw out those unwanted pots, save them and let me pick them up or put them over the gate at Park Farm!

**Carole Hill**





## **Horningsham's Long-Awaited Play Area**

Once the grass has grown through the safety matting and the last section of fencing is completed, the play area will receive its safety inspection and will be open by the summer.





## Monthly Recipe

### *Amor Polenta*



Allora! You may well ask what made me decide to make Amor Polenta, it appeared back in to my life a few weeks ago when I was given a voucher to visit Culture Coffee in Fisherton St, Salisbury. I'm a bit hard to please these days when it comes to eating out. I hate to be disappointed and I don't want to die either, so it's easier not to do it in the first place! The voucher came from optician so I decided it was worth the risk. Result ! I had a fabulous coffee and cautiously approached a slice of lemon polenta cake. Spoilt by eating in Sicily I had a standard and just like anything else all slices of lemon polenta cake are not equal. In Mousehole in Cornwall you can have a great piece and 2 minutes down the road a horrible piece. If you are promoting special requirements such as gluten free you really do need to get it right. Full marks to Culture Coffee. 😊

Amor Polenta or Dolce Varese as it is known in northern Lombardy is a simple cake derived from the Cucina Povera: polenta (farina di mais fioretto), almonds (mandorle), eggs (uovo), lemons (limoni), sugar (zucchero), butter (burro) or olive oil (olio di oliva). Traditionally it is baked in a half-cylindrical ridged tin. The original recipe is attributed to Carlo Zamberletti in the 1930s 'Pasticceria Zamberletti: uno storico pasticcere'. (via Manzoni, 4, 21100 **Varese**, Italy) By the time you get this we will be thinking of Easter, Lent will end on April the 20th. This recipe would work well with Hot Cross Buns for Easter tea time.

There are as usual many interpretations of Dolce Varese, some highly complex and with many ingredients, I have plumped for Nigella Lawson's recipe. The ratio of the ingredients works although I did reduce the icing sugar in the syrup \*

## Ingredients

### *For the cake:*

200 grams soft unsalted butter (plus some for greasing)

200 grams caster sugar

200 grams ground almonds

100 grams fine polenta (or cornmeal)

1½ teaspoons baking powder (see NOTE below)

3 large eggs

zest of 2 lemons (save juice for syrup)

### *For the syrup:*

Juice of 2 lemons

100 grams icing sugar \* original recipe was 125g

## Method

1. Line the base of a 23cm / 9 inch springform cake tin with baking parchment and grease its sides lightly with butter.
2. Preheat the oven to 180° C / 160° C Fan/gas mark 4/ 350°F.
3. Beat the butter and sugar till pale and whipped, either by hand in a bowl with a wooden spoon, or using a freestanding mixer.
4. Mix together the almonds, polenta and baking powder, and beat some of this into the butter-sugar mixture, followed by 1 egg, then alternate dry ingredients and eggs, beating all the while.
5. Finally, beat in the lemon zest and pour, spoon or scrape the mixture into your prepared tin and bake in the oven for about 40 minutes.
6. If the cake is cooked, a cake tester should come out cleanish and, most significantly, the edges of the cake will have begun to shrink away from the sides of the tin. remove from the oven to a wire cooling rack, but leave in its tin.
7. Make the syrup by boiling together the lemon juice and icing sugar in a smallish saucepan.
8. Once the icing sugar has dissolved into the juice, you're done.
9. Prick the top of the cake all over with a cake tester (a skewer would be too destructive), pour the warm syrup over the cake, and leave to cool before taking it out of its tin.
10. I used an 8"/20cm tin so it took 50 minutes instead of 40.

NOTE: To make this cake gluten-free, make sure to use gluten-free baking powder, or omit the baking powder and beat the batter **exuberantly** (Nigella's word) at step 4. To make this cake dairy-free, substitute 150ml light and mild olive oil for the 200g of butter.

I hope you like it as much as I do!

 Have a very Happy Easter 

**Jayne Glover**

## Horningsham Cricket Club



If you have walked to the cricket field recently you will have seen a large roller, sunk deep into the soft wet soil and abandoned amongst the cattle hoof marks. In the further distance, a pine tree has been blown over in the high winds and lies across the long off boundary. There is a profusion of daisies. The field of dreams.

2019 may be our busiest ever year. Rashly, we invited our captain Callum Widdows to organise the evening games, and he has packed in 19. Add 13 league fixtures and a few other friendlies and the list stretches to a marriage-threatening 38 games. Many of which will be rained off, of course. No one, apart from our 70+ year old wicket keeper David O'Connor, is fit enough, or mad enough, to want to play twice a week, every week, so we have been bulking up the squad to share the pain.

The season will start on Sunday 14 April, with a friendly fixture at home against Chilmark. The serious business of the Sunday league gets underway early May, and continues to September, if we do well.

We are still astonished to have won the Sunday league last year. There is a glass trophy in the Bath Arms to prove it. We cannot count on being so fortunate in 2019, but our league side is stronger. Harry Hatch (formerly of Longleat Forestry), our most destructive batsman, has returned from New Zealand. Dan Patchett (formerly of Horningsham School), our opening bowler, is a year older and faster.

For the evenings, a man who makes pies in Frome is coming to play for us, as well as another who sells beer. Let's hope we have many good evenings to drink it.

### Horningsham Cricket Club 2019 Fixtures

14 Apr	Sun	2pm	Friendly	H	Chilmark
21 Apr	Sun	2pm	Friendly	A	Mere
24 Apr	Wed	5:50pm	T20	H	The Poplars
28 Apr	Sun	2pm	Friendly	H	White City
30 Apr	Tue	6pm	T20	A	Sherborne Staff
2 May	Thur	6pm	T20	H	Red Star
5 May	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	Cranmore
8 May	Wed	6pm	T20	H	Frome Incidentals
12 May	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	Sherborne
14 May	Tue	6pm	T20	H	Sherborne Staff
19 May	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	Broadwindsor
22 May	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Warminster
26 May	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	North Perrot
29 May	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Witham Friary
2 Jun	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	Queen Camel

5 Jun	Wed	6pm	T20	H	Corsley
6 Jun	Thur	6pm	Set up	H	Village Fayre
7 Jun	Fri	6pm	Set up	H	Village Fayre
8 Jun	Sat	9:30am	Set up	H	Village Fayre
9 Jun	Sun	11am	Event	H	Village Fayre
10 Jun	Mon	9:30am	Clearing	H	Village Fayre Crocombe &
12 Jun	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Dinder
16 Jun	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	Street
19 Jun	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Mere
23 Jun	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	Milborne Port
27 Jun	Thur	6pm	T20	A	Chilmark
30 Jun	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	Long Sutton Crocombe &
3 Jul	Wed	6pm	T20	H	Dinder
7 Jul	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	Compton Dundon
10 Jul	Wed	6pm	T20	H	Witham Friary
21 Jul	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	Sherborne
24 Jul	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Fonthill Park
27 Jul	Sat	1pm	Friendly	A	Chitterne
28 Jul	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	Cranmore
31 Jul	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Warminster
4 Aug	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	Queen Camel
8 Aug	Thur	6pm	T20	A	Red Star
14 Aug	Wed	6pm	T20	A	The Poplars
18 Aug	Sun	2pm	MWL	H	Milborne Port
21 Aug	Wed	6pm	T20	A	Corsley
			Witham		
25 Aug	Sun	10am	6s	A	Witham Friary
28 Aug	Wed	6pm	T20	H	Frome Incidentals
1 Sep	Sun	2pm	Friendly	H	White City
5 Sep	Thur	tbc	Tour	A	TBC
6 Sep	Fri	tbc	Tour	A	TBC
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15 Sep	Sun	2pm	MWL	A	TBC
21 Sep	Sat	2pm	Friendly	H	Charlotte XI



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## Hall News



### **Horningsham Village Hall AGM - Wednesday 24th April at 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome and anyone who wishes to stand for Chair, Treasurer or Secretary is more than welcome to come along and put themselves forward.

The first committee meeting will follow straight afterwards.

**Louisa Cruickshank**



### **Bric A Brac Wanted**

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## Notable Trees

I've been putting some thought into why I have neglected to pay tribute to Great Britain's best known and most favourite tree. Two things spring to mind, I don't bump into one very often and there is so much information and précis has never been a talent of mine. The very history of this tree is humbling.

May I put this glaring omission right with a drum roll please and introduce to you . . . Yes finally, the glorious, the symbolic, the provider of nostalgic memories, the English Oak! (also known as the Pedunculate Oak)



Worldwide there are around 600 species of oak, genus *Quercus*, all native to the northern hemisphere, but of these are just two species are native to Great Britain and three other non-native oaks are commonly found in these islands. There are more oaks in England than any other woodland tree. Their distinctive shape makes them easy to spot in the English landscape.

The English Oak, *Quercus robur* is a tree of extremes, not only is it the largest and most common of our native, broad-leaves (along with the sessile oak, *Quercus petraea*), it is also one of the most long-lived. A newly emerged oak sapling standing a mere 20 cm from the ground today has the capacity to live over 1000 years, produce over 25 million acorns and may well welcome in the next millennium as one of our gentle giants – a humbling thought indeed. (Kay Haw, Woodland Matters - The Woodland Trust)

Description is barely necessary but it is deciduous and can grow up to 40 metres in height and forms a wide spreading open canopy which allows light to penetrate. The bark is silver in colour and smooth, though develops deep fissures as the tree ages. When young it grows quite quickly, but the growth rate slows after the first hundred or so years. Like most oaks, it shrinks when it grows very old.

**Origin:** England

**Leaves:** around 10 cms long with 4-5 deeply lobed smooth edges. Short leaf stalks. Leaf burst in mid-May.

**Flowers:** long yellow catkins which distribute pollen into the air.

**Fruit:** its fruit, commonly known as acorns, are 2–2.5cm long, borne on lengthy stalks and held tightly by cupules (the cup-shaped base of the acorn). As it ripens, the green acorn takes on a more autumnal, browner colour, loosens from the cupule and falls to the canopy below. The Woodland Trust tells us that ‘most acorns will never get the chance to germinate as they are such a rich food source and get snaffled up very quickly by many wild creatures.’ Historically humans also collected acorns and processed them into flour for bread making. These culinary techniques have mostly died out following the domestication of wheat production 10,000 years ago.

### 11 things out of hundreds of things to know about The English Oak

1. Oak wood is remarkably sturdy and lasts for ages. You can still pick up 14th Century and earlier Oak furniture . . . at a price! It’s perfect for making the frames of buildings. It’s used to make barrels for wine and spirits and to make charcoal. It is used to smoke cheeses and hams, with its distinctive flavour, and the bark is used in the leather tanning process. It is indeed a tree for all seasons and all reasons.
2. In the 1700s, oak trees were in high demand by ship builders, and were grown especially for the purpose. In fact every ship commissioned by Drake and Nelson used up the wood from around 2,500 trees. Luckily they grow especially fast for the first 80-120 years of life, which means shipbuilders didn’t need to wait hundreds of years for it to be big enough.
3. The tree doesn’t produce acorns until it’s between 25-40 years old, and produces the most seeds in middle age when it’s between 80 and 120. It starts to decline into old age from 250-350 years, slowing down growth and eventually losing branches.
4. In olden times oak leaves, bark and acorns were used to treat ailments like diarrhoea, inflammation and kidney stones.
5. The Bowthorpe Oak in Lincolnshire has the biggest girth of any English Oak. It’s hollow, there’s enough room for 20 people inside and it’s around 1000 years old.
6. The River Severn’s ancient oak breakwaters, still used today, were originally set by the Romans.
7. Oak’s Latin name, *Quercus robur*, means ‘strength’. The oak has been a national symbol of strength and survival for centuries.
8. King Charles the Second famously hid from his pursuers in an oak tree at Boscobel House.
9. Oaks support more wildlife forms than any other native tree, including more than 280 kinds of insect.
10. Druids would worship in oak groves, couples would marry under their spreading branches and the Yule Log, decorated for Christmas with holly and mistletoe, was traditionally cut from oak. Acorns, the fruit of the oak, were carried by folk as charms to bring good luck and good health.
11. Since January 2009, Longleat has also been home to 200 oak trees planted as a growing monument to the evolutionary thinker Charles Darwin.

 Have a very Happy Easter 

**Jayne Glover**

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**Film Night: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

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**Saturday April 13 MILITARY WIVES CHOIR at 7.30 pm** are returning to Maiden Bradley Tickets on sale from 01985845111 Prices are Adults £8.00 under sixteen £5.00 Bar

**Sunday April 14 KIDS FOR CANCER - COFFEE MORNING**

Some of our youngest members of the community want to raise money for “CLIC/MACMILLAN” and will be holding a coffee morning plus plenty of cakes on a cake stall. So please come and support.

**The Old Kitchen Store** is one year old and is providing a vital service to the community.

**The Post Office is coming back to Maiden Bradley**

We will soon be having post office services once again on **Tuesday Afternoons between 2.00pm and 4.00pm**. No start date yet but it will be announced when we know. We also hope to serve tea and coffee.



The new Koala Creek is home to a group of southern koalas and features a running stream, climbing poles, naturally-themed indoor and outdoor habitats, viewing areas, interpretation boards as well as a Koala Care unit.

Longleat is the only place in England where people can see koalas, one of only two locations in the UK, and the only one in the whole of Europe to be looking after southern koalas.



## Do you live in a thatched property?



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people living in thatched properties to take every precaution against fire. It follows two recent serious fires involving thatched homes – in Netheravon and Cranborne – which each needed well over 75 firefighters to tackle. While there is no increased risk of fire within a thatched property, the impact of a fire is far greater.

Over 90% of thatch roof fires start as a result of a faulty flue or chimney – old or poorly maintained chimneys can deteriorate to the point where smoke and hot gases can escape into the upper rooms, the roof space or directly into the thatch.

Extinguishing such fires is difficult, as thatch is designed to repel water; as such, firefighters have to physically remove the roofing material to get to the source of the blaze.

- Ensure that any alterations, construction, electrical or gas work to your property is carried out by a registered engineer.
- Sweep your chimney at least twice a year – in autumn and early spring.
- Keep your chimney in good working order, for example by fitting a bird guard to prevent birds from nesting and blocking the flue.
- If you have an open fire or wood burner, only burn seasoned or kiln-dried wood which has been stored in a dry, airy place. The moisture content of the wood should be below 20%, and this can be checked by using a moisture sensing probe. Don't burn any other waste material, as stoves aren't designed for this and it can lead to blocked chimneys or flues.

People living in thatched properties can request a free Safe and Well visit from the fire and rescue service, to help identify potential risks. To make a request, or for further safety advice, visit: [www.dwfire.org.uk/safety](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety)

# The Western Daily Press.

No. 2467.—Vol. XVI.

BRISTOL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1866.

ONE PENNY.

## BATH.

The body of the young man found in the river Avon, a week ago, has been identified as that of George Trollop, a native of Horningsham, Wilts. He left his home three weeks ago for the purpose of visiting Bath to see his sweetheart, with whom, however, he does not appear to have had an interview.

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**INQUESTS HELD BY G. SYLVESTER, ESQ., AND G. M. SYLVESTER, ESQ (DEPUTY CORONER).—**At Sutton Veny, on Isaac Everley, aged two years. The deceased lost his life by the wheels of a waggon, laden with barley, passing over his head and arm; he was discovered lying on the road. The accident was not witnessed by any person. Verdict, "Accidental Death."—At Yarnbrook, in the parish of North Bradley, on Elizabeth Farr, aged 70 years. The deceased was proceeding along the road with some coal she had purchased when she fell to the ground and instantly expired. Verdict, "Visitation of God."—At South Wraxall, on Mary Dory, aged 74 years. The deceased fell down in her garden, and her head coming in contact with some pitching caused concussion of the brain, of which she died in a few hours. Verdict, "Accidental Death."—At Horningsham, on Wyndham Trollope, aged 23 years. The deceased was working in company with Alfred Turner, in a saw-pit, when a fall of sand took place of about three loads, covering the deceased to three feet above his head. Turner immediately called for assistance, and he was extricated in about a quarter of an hour, and found in an erect position, but the vital spark had fled. Verdict, "Accidental death from suffocation."



### BUSES FROM BUS STOP 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

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### **Dates For Your Diary**

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April *Horningsham W.I. AGM* 7.30 at the Hall  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April *Parish Council Meeting* 7.30 at the Hall  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April *Hall Committee AGM* 7.00 at the Hall



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