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EDITORIAL

Our cover reminds everyone that Horningsham’s biggest community event happens, as usual, at the beginning of June. As well as bringing people together, all the proceeds from the Village Fayre go to support our village groups and clubs throughout the year.

Preparations are well underway and inside this issue you will find many and varied appeals for help. Our Village Fayre relies on involving people across our community so, whether you are new to Horningsham or have been here for years, do pitch in and help. Helpers are needed for everything from putting up tents to baking cakes, from helping on stalls and games to selling draw tickets on the gate. The Fayre also relies on everyone turning up on the day: Sunday 9th June from noon onwards – make sure you’re there!

Inside we have lots of news from village groups and organisations including a report from the Lion Cubs who went to see the Queen. As well as our regular features we also have photos of a very youthful Lord Bath selling guide books to visitors 70 years ago. You can also read about the long-lost Horningsham Beerhouse (*really – there was one!*), why ivy might not be the pest we think it is, a race between a zebra and a giraffe, what to do in your garden, and even, to cap it all, what the Parish Council has been up to.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Wednesday 15th April 2019

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CHURCH NEWS



The Easter weekend brought with it four days of glorious weather which everyone was keen to enjoy. Longleat was very busy and as I drove to church, I passed lots of cyclists and the Heaven's Gate car park was full. Would the sunshine mean fewer people in church? The answer, happily, was no, and it was lovely to see a good congregation celebrating the Easter message. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. After the service, while the adults had coffee and hot cross buns, the children were able to enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the church. We have not had a service at Horningsham since January and it was lovely to be able to worship in our own church at Easter. There is no service in Horningsham during May. Our next service will be our Patronal Festival on June 23rd.

Helen Taylor

May Services The Deverills and Horningsham

5th May

8.00am Holy Communion Kingston Deverill

10.30am Morning Worship Longbridge

12th May

10.30am Eucharist Kingston Deverill

19th May

10.30am Eucharist Brixton Deverill

26th May

6.00pm Rogation service Manor Farm Kingston Deverill

Dear Friends,

The dawning of the month of May always puts me in mind of the Maypole; do children still dance around this anywhere? I distinctly remember being chosen to be amongst a group of local primary school children dancing at some sort of fete in the village where I lived. I remember it well because I wasn't the most graceful of children and calling it dancing is perhaps being a bit optimistic; I think I made rather a mess of it to be honest. But when it is done well, Maypole dancing is a joy to behold as the coloured ribbons magically, and seemingly effortlessly, weave the most beautiful patterns.



It's a bit like life really, that pattern of love and loss, expectation and hope, despair and sorrow; different facets of the human condition that weave together the complex reality of our lives. Sometimes we think we can see a definable and understandable pattern emerging. Then unexpectedly something happens that fractures our equilibrium and we are all at sea struggling to comprehend how we can possibly enable the pattern to begin again.

In my four and half years here I have had the privilege of getting to know the story of many people's lives. Administering communion recently, I was struck by the fact that all of the people kneeling before me had encountered sorrow and pain in some form or another, admittedly some more than others. And I felt very moved by this, by the very vulnerability and strength that is at the core of what it means to be human. On reflection I realised that it was important that we should rejoice in those spring-like times in our lives, those 'May' times of verdant greenness and hope, with gratitude, accepting that it may not always be so, accepting that there will be grief, but always hope.

I leave you with a Philip Larkin poem 'The Trees' that says all this much better than I ever can.

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

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This year is special for my Husband and me as we celebrate our 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary. We were married in 1969 at our Chapel on a Sunny Easter Weekend.

My parents Mary and Derrick Robins were also married at the Chapel in 1939 as well as my daughter Joanne Cox to Martyn Roberts in 1999. A special place.

Our next service is Sunday 12th May 2019 at 10 am - All welcome.

Carol Cox 07584 825421 horningshamchapel@aol.co.uk

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 4th April at the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Hill, Stephen Crossman, Ken Windess, Michael Trollope, Fran Chris, Simon Millar, Matt Simpson, Dermot FitzGerald, Gerard Brierley and Charlotte Hilleary.

Apologies for absence: John Radley

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Mrs Joanna Worsley, widow of the late Henry Worsley. He read out her correspondence thanking the Parish Council for its work in creating a Memorial play area. Council noted that Joanna Worsley had also made a further donation of £1,000.00 towards anything playground related to help assist with its completion. It was agreed that she would be invited to be at the opening of the play area in June.

The Chairman reported that he had received an invitation to the licensing of Pauline Reid as Rector by the Bishop of Ramsey. The Chairman felt that Councillor Gerald Brierley or Councillor Fran Chris should be the Representatives from the Council to attend. Council agreed that they could confirm this between themselves.

Planning

Planning Decisions

Application Reference: 19/00327/VAR

Application for Variation of Condition

Proposal: - Removal of Conditions 2 and 3 and Variation of Condition 9 of planning permission 16/01076/FUL to reflect omission of bridges and minor amendments to the layout of paths

Location: Land Adjacent to Longleat House, Longleat, Warminster, Wiltshire

Decision: approve with conditions.

Application Ref: 18/09287/LBC

Application for Listed Building Consent

Proposal: - Removal of existing wayfinding signage to estate and replacement with new wayfinding scheme

Location: Longleat Safari and Adventure Park, Longleat, Horningsham, BA12 7NW

Decision: approve with conditions. See below application.

Application Ref: 18/09102/FUL

Application for Full Planning

Proposal: - Removal of existing wayfinding signage to estate and replacement with new wayfinding scheme

At: Longleat Safari and Adventure Park, Longleat, Horningsham, BA12 7NW

Decision: approve with conditions.

Parish Steward

Work is required from the Bath Arms on the telephone box side, heading back towards the Common near the water pump, as soil from the bank has covered a drain. Councillor

Charlotte Hilleary pointed out that Pottle Street is flooding regularly in a gateway near its beginning and needs the gully cleared. It was agreed that from the telephone box in Gentle Street going up towards White Street the highway needs to be cleaned. Councillor Gerard Brierley advised that he has cleared a significant amount of the debris there but needs the rest of the area cleared as he is unable to do it all. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between Councillor Gerard Brierley and the Parish Steward, the Clerk would supply the Parish Steward with the contact details. Councillor Gerald Brierley would also advise the Parish Steward on the work required at the top of Rowe's Hill. In Church Lane on the Park Farm side the drain into the field needs clearing out again.

Asset Maintenance Programme – Bus Shelter

Council noted that the two quotations were sent to the Insurance Company and the insurers had confirmed the quotation Council can proceed with. However, the provider of the successful quote is now unable to proceed so the Clerk was instructed to contact the Insurance Company and inform them of this. The Clerk was also instructed to try to obtain further quotes for the work required so minimal delay would be had.

Play Area

Fencing & Tennis Court Fencing

Council discussed the addition of the final side to the play area fencing.

Councillor Ken Windess mentioned that he had been setting the post holes for the fourth side of the fencing when the Creative Play Project Manager was present. They had discussed a simple solution to fill the side gaps down to the tennis court fencing to completely seal off the area from dogs. It was agreed that this solution would be the best way forward. Councillor Ken Windess would price up materials required and inform the Clerk. It was noted that the bank requires a board alongside the tennis court fencing area to give a 6 inch soil retention barrier and that top soil would be needed on the bank. Councillor Stephen Crossman offered to donate the top soil and then seed it. It was agreed that the Clerk to be informed of the grass seed amount required and be delegated to action the Grass Seed purchase locally. It was delegated to the Clerk under financial regulations for Councillor Ken Windess to purchase the required fencing materials and any additional top soil requirements if the volume required was larger.

Council noted that not all of the quotations had yet been received for the replacement of the tennis Court fencing. It was agreed to wait so the Clerk could bring them to the May meeting for discussion and approval.

Signage

It was agreed that the Clerk action quotations for the Health & Safety signage covering and bring them to the next meeting.

Seat

It was also agreed that a Memorial Seat with a plaque dedication to Henry Worsley would be purchased from Mrs Worsley's donation. It was agreed that the Chairman would discuss the wording with Mrs Worsley. The Clerk was instructed to seek three quotations for both plastic and wood versions.

Official Opening

It was decided that the opening would take place at the Summer Fayre on June 9th. The Chairman would liaise with Fayre Committee Chairman over the arrangement and report back to the May meeting. Ceawlin Thynn and Joanna Worsley would be asked to perform the opening ceremony.

Councillor Simon Millar would organise the publicising of the event and Councillor Matt Simpson would take photographs on the day.

Defibrillator Training Date

It was agreed that the 20th June 2019 would be the date for the Defibrillator Training. Councillor Stephen Crossman agreed to be the Council's representative overseeing the event.

CPRE Wiltshire Best kept Village Competition

Councillor Stephen Crossman agreed to action the entry forms for the Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk was asked to email Councillor Stephen Crossman the forms and mapping she held.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that **Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.30** will be the date of the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk was instructed to issue the invitations to representatives of the various village groups and organisations. Councillor Fran Chris offered to organise the refreshments.

*The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on
Thursday 30th May at 7.30 in the Village Hall.*

All are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 16th May 7.30 at the Hall

Horningsham Parish Council hosts the annual public meeting at which representatives from groups, clubs and organisations in the village report on their activities over the past year and look forward to the next 12 months.

Everyone Welcome

Come and find out all about your village.



WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday 23rd April we set off for our first outing of the season which was a Mystery Trip, only the driver knew where we were going. Well, we headed south down the A303 and stopped at Otter Garden Centre for our coffee stop. Several people thought we were about to go to Exmouth but no, we ended up at Torquay.

We had 2 hours for lunch and a look-around then we proceeded on through Paignton and Totnes and reached Buckfastleigh Abbey for tea. It was so peaceful and quiet there which everyone enjoyed. We finished our trip off with a stop off at the Eagle pub for a quick drink and to do the raffle. Arriving home at 7.20pm after a lovely day out thanks to Lionel our driver.

We have some places left on our next trip to Hereford for lunch and Tintern Craft Centre for tea on Tuesday May 28th - if you are interested please contact me.

Also, do not forget we have a Bring & Buy on Thursday May 23rd at 2.30. This is our annual fund raiser and everyone is welcome. Any items not sold will be donated to the Bric-a-Brac stall at the village fayre. *Note that this is a change of date from the previously advertised 16th*

Pearl Hudson 844779

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



Two games into the new season, we have lost no games to the weather, amazingly, and none to Steve Crossman's cows. Though we have lost them both to the opposition.

First up we faced Chilmark, on an arctic Sunday at home. Losing to Chilmark has become a tradition, which normally foretells a successful season, so we are not disheartened. Your correspondent was not selected but stopped by briefly to see our side shivering and turning blue. We lost by 17 runs, failing to chase down 190. Jacob Abbott will remember this game fondly; he scored 100 not out.

Easter Day found us at Mere, old friends of ours, and we had a perfect friendly game. Almost everyone batted and bowled and we lost by one run, running out of time on 197 chasing down 198 in 30 overs. Christie O'Connor scored 51.

These were useful practice matches and if we can tighten up our bowling, which has been poor, and our fielding and our batting, we will be in good stead for the league season starting in May.

James Osborne



Welcome to Helen Buckley and Ria (aged 9) who are delighted to be back in the village (now at 184 Chapel Street). Ria is at the Steiner School in Frome. They have a black cat called Casper with them.

Maggie Osborne



FAYRE NEWS

Just 40 days to go until Horningsham's biggest fundraising event. Yes, it is our annual Village Fayre on Sunday 9th June opened as usual by Lord & Lady Weymouth. The Fayre starts later this year at 12 noon until 5.00 pm, followed by live music in the bar tent. The Fayre Committee have been hard at work to provide a very varied afternoon. There will be the usual stalls: cakes, plants, tombola and bric-a-brac as well as various outside craft stalls. We have a good mix of food stalls plus cream teas in the Village Hall.

At the copse end of the field will be the chainsaw carver and new this year, a laser clay pigeon shoot to test your skill.

In the arena we have the Dog Show run by Bellevue Vets (please bring your 4-legged friend along and enter one of the various classes on the day). There will also be a flying display by Pitcombe Falconry. The School will be doing their "Wake & Shake" display which we hope those brave enough will join in. We also have Bezerkaz Circus joining us this year who will do a display and also hold a workshop where you can try out your skills. The Lion Cubs will have their children's tent and there will also be the usual bouncy castles and swing boats.

Classic cars will be on display and there will be the popular traction engine rides around the Fayre as well as the street organ music to welcome you onto the field. There will be the usual Whisky Raffle and our big draw will be selling tickets at the entrance.

For those of you new to the village all the profit from the Fayre is shared by the various organisations within the village. These are the Village Hall, Church, Chapel, School, Horningsham News, Cricket Club, Luncheon Club, W.I and Lion Cubs which makes it a great community event. We have a good reputation as a traditional Village Fayre and attract a large crowd from around the area.

As usual we are always looking for anyone who can help us with the set up or who can help on the day. We will be meeting on the field at 5.00 pm on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th to set up the various tents. On the Saturday we will be on the field from 10.00 am onwards hanging bunting and getting everything ready. If you could help at any of these times we would be very pleased to see you. If you would like to help on the day selling draw tickets or helping on any stall even just for an hour to give someone a break please let us know - it would be greatly appreciated.

We hope for a fine sunny day and crowds of people.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Lesley Trollope (01985 211355)

Horningsham W.I.



What a year we have had! At the beginning of April we held our first AGM. We reflected on the past year and were excited about plans for future meetings. We have had a number of new members join over the year and hope to grow some more this year.



Upcoming meetings

Tuesday 7th May - Life of an auctioneer

Gordon Brockman shares his entertaining experiences

Tuesday 4th June – Lebanese cookery

A demonstration accompanied by ample tasting opportunities

Meetings are free for W.I. members, Guests are £3 per meeting

If you are interested in joining us and would like to come along to a meeting then please get in touch. We meet on the first Tuesday at Horningsham Village Hall, normally at 7.30pm. You don't have to be a village resident to join us and you are welcome to bring a friend. You can reach us at wihorningsham@gmail.com or on 01985 844801. Please let us know if you are planning to come along so we can be expecting you.



Village Fayre Plant Stall heads up



Time to think about the Plant Stall!
How about growing some seeds or cuttings?
Carole Hill 844365



CAKE STALL

Time to start thinking about this year's Cake Stall
Could you help on the day of the Fayre?
How about making something to sell on the stall?



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



Wanted: more Bric a Brac for the Village Fayre in June.

Any saleable items are needed.

If you want me to collect just call or you can deliver to 15 Gentle St.

I have plenty of storage.

Margaret Long - 844756

PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

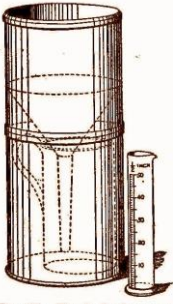


FIG. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.

March started with a ROAR with winds of 50 mph here and 60 in some parts of the country, on the 2nd and 3rd days with some rain 0.45 inches. It carried on like this for a while until the middle of the month and on the 16th we woke up to a lovely clear blue sky, cold but fine which continued for the rest of the month like a LAMB, which my late parents always said. In March it is usually “in like a Lion out like a lamb”. We had a total of 3.30 inches compared to 5.36 last year.

John Whatley

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HALL NEWS



We held our AGM on Wednesday 24th April. Pete Wellstead is continuing as Chairman, James Osborne is Vice Chair, Ken Windess is our Treasurer & Booking Secretary & I am continuing as Hall Secretary.

We've had a very positive year with a couple of issues to overcome but with the continued support and use of the Hall we are sure we will see further improvements and investment. A big thank you to everyone who supports us.

We must now focus our attention on repairing the roof and outer building. Any help or ideas for fundraising would be very much appreciated.

It is lovely to see the play area being so well used by so many families. We hope to open the Hall for refreshments on some evenings/days over the summer months.

The Village Fayre is fast approaching so we'll be working hard on getting the Hall all ready for the event.

Louisa Cruickshank

Advance Notice: 10th October Pip Utton returns to Horningsham with a double header. A short comedy and, following a drinks break, his play about living with Alzheimers which Pip wrote from living through the experience of his mother suffering from it.

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Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds



We had a wonderful focus week celebrating 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' covering a vast range of social, emotional and health topics. The week was rounded off with a super rotation day which included: cookery, relaxation, den-building, fitness and singing. The children really enjoyed working together and had a really fun week.

FOHPS Family Bingo

It was a great evening of Family Bingo! It was really well attended and good fun with lots of lovely prizes. Money raised will go towards the cost of coaches for swimming.



Shakespeare Week



We celebrated Shakespeare Week with each class focusing on one play in detail. Robins had great fun immersing themselves in the world of fairies and magic studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Woodpeckers explored 'Romeo and Juliet' and learnt sonnet 18 off by heart to perform to the school. Owls recreated 'Much Ado about Nothing' in a self-made video, sharing the story with the rest of the children. It was a lovely week celebrating the great Bard's masterpieces. Linking with our

Easter festivities at the end of term, the children created some incredible decorated eggs on the theme of Shakespeare for a competition! What creative children we have!

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the swim team who came 3rd in the Warminster Small Schools Swimming Gala. Every child trained hard leading up to the event and tried their best on the day. The team spirit was incredible, with the children demonstrating determination, resilience and great sportsmanship; we are very proud of them.



Easter Time

The children had lots of fun at our FOHPS Easter Egg Hunt, hunting for letters to win their eggs, making hats and cards and playing while parents soaked up the sun with a cup of tea! We are very grateful to Tesco for kindly donating all the prizes and Easter eggs. We finished our term with an Easter service at the church; we really are quite the singing school, with each class performing songs and even the teachers singing a canon with a group of children. Here's to a successful summer term!

Notes From A Horningsham Garden

We are well into spring now, sowing, planting out, potting on, weeding and watering are the jobs to be getting on with, and this morning, April 22nd, I heard my first cuckoo.

The daffodils are being replaced by cowslips on the lawn and banks of primroses are appearing along the roadside. The camellias along the road are still flowering and the magnolias, despite two frost attacks have put out more flowers to replace the brown ones. Now it's the turn of the flowering cherries, pink and white ones, and the pear and apple blossom.



In the vegetable patch, the purple sprouting broccoli still has plenty of tender, purple shoots to eat and the 10 asparagus crowns I got from the Walled Garden 3 years ago, are sending up delicious spears, perfect with butter and scrambled eggs.



Early peas have been taken out of the polytunnel and tipped into trenches protected with hazel twigs and netting against birds, not sure about mice though - hope the cat is vigilant. Broad beans are out of their protective netting and beginning to flower, while the first sowings of radishes, leeks, next year's purple sprouting broccoli, lettuce and wallflowers are showing through.

If you feel like taking a break from all this gardening, have a look at someone else's. I can recommend Job's Mill in Five Ash Lane at Crockerton, Lady Sylvy Thynne's home. It was open for NGS in April and has beautifully laid out and planted terraces in a gorgeous riverside setting beside the Wylfe. Teas are good too! It is open again on 25th May from 2.00 to 5.30 pm.

The plant collection ready for the Plant Stall at the Fayre, is increasing, so I shall still appreciate pot donations. I've received a nice lot already. Hope some plants are coming along too!

Carole Hill

Lion Cubs

“Where have you been?”

“To see the Queen!”

Our planned Lion Cubs walk in March changed to a trip over to Bruton when we learned that Her Majesty was due to visit for the day. We had a lovely morning ‘At The Chapel’ drinking coffee and hot chocolate and eating croissants whilst waiting for the Queen to make her appearance. We could even be seen enthusiastically waving our flags on the News later that evening!



It's also been a busy term of crafting and playing as well as learning how to get little green fingers sowing sunflower seeds . . . a few of which successfully ended up in the pots!



We're hoping to get out and about as much as possible this term with outings including a walk through bluebell woods and feeding the ducks at Lakeside Garden Centre in the diary.

Charlotte Hilleary

Mill Farm Chronicles March -April 2019

I'm sat in front of my computer, typing this and stuffing my face with all the left-over chocolate that has found its way to us this Easter, and as I sit here looking like a hamster with a whole carrot in its cheeks, I'm mentally berating myself for not having the required will power to resist nice food. We are going on holiday very soon, a hot holiday with swimming and sunbathing and a slim female cousin and although I've known this for many, many months and have been attending Fat Club meetings, ("My name is Margaret and I'm a compulsive eater") I am still too chubby for my swimming cossie! I have completely and utterly failed to lose any weight so am faced with the prospect of buying new holiday clothes, covering up and pretending that "Yes I really do need to wear this huge cover-all" and "No I'm really not too hot" So if you see me out and about later this month please don't ask me why I don't look very brown because I'll just tell you that apparently being pale is interesting and it's so much better for your skin not to be tanned and then when you're not looking I'll eat that Mars Bar that's in my coat pocket!

Nearly all our cows have calved now with just 4 left indoors, the rest are outside in the fields with their babies. The split between girls and boys is pretty much 50/50 which is ok. We are supplement feeding two calves, one because his mum just doesn't have any milk and the other because his mum has Bovine Mastitis which is an infection of the milk producing glands. She is being treated for this, but animals do die of it, so she isn't out of the woods yet.

We have been told that we must have a whole herd TB test earlier than expected which means straight back off holiday and straight into it. We've been clear for nearly a year now, so fingers crossed we are ok again. It does make life so much easier not being shut with TB and it is soul-destroying seeing cows that we've bred and brought up here being hauled away to be shot.

Steve's been taking advantage of the nice weather to get out in the fields rolling and chain harrowing and clearing out the silage clamps in readiness for the grass to be cut for the silage crops.

We've had a busy few weeks with bed and breakfast guests staying. Easter was late this year and the schools had the two weeks holiday before, going back to school straight after the Bank Holiday so Easter itself was a bit quieter than usual. During the holidays we had Claire, an old friend, (in time not age) stay for a couple of days with her two boys Louis and Freddie. Louis is mine and Steve's godson. Claire was a researcher for "Lion Country" (circa 1997 and the forerunner of "Animal Park") who stayed with us for a while that year. She went on to become a producer of Panorama amongst other programmes, lives in beautiful Norfolk and is now a successful gardener/garden designer. We had a lovely couple of days, visiting Cheddar and Longleat and catching up on news.

The major social event for us this last month was celebrating the 90th birthday of my lovely Mum, Doris, on 14th April. Mum lived in Horningsham for over 20 years,



first in 75 Church Street and then at 73. During that time, she was an active member of the Luncheon and Welcome clubs. Now she lives back in Frome, which was her home for many years before she emigrated out to Horningsham. Her birthday fell fortuitously on a Sunday so 34 of mum's family and friends had the most wonderful Sunday lunch party together. We took over The Barn at Barrow Farm, Witham Friary where Kelly and her team looked after us brilliantly. The room looked very spring-like with fresh flowers in jam jars, courtesy of Moonraker and Roses from Warminster and each guest had a personalised egg cup with chocolate egg as a place name. We ate roast beef and chicken followed by syrup sponge or Lemon Posset and raspberries, birthday cake and coffee. I can't begin to tell you how yummy that meal was.



Mum had 4 generations of her family with her, including her 2 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter and we also invited her oldest friend Peggy, from Cirencester, where Mum was born and brought up. Mum and Peggy have known each other since the age of 3! At the end of the day Mum said that she would like to do it again on her 100 birthday and was looking forward to getting a telegram from the Queen. I did feel that I had to point out that as the Queen was 3 years older than Mum that the telegram might just have to come from King Charles but who knows, both ladies have strong, determined personalities so maybe Mum will be right, I really hope she is!

Margaret Crossman

Notable Trees

The truth about ‘Ivy’



Hey! Have you heard about Ivy? She's hard to miss and really gets about. Being one of only five native climbers, she really is a serious social climber. Is she like Marmite? Do you love her or hate her? How can we be sure that our notable trees stay notable with ubiquitous Ivy shimmying towards the light? Well I've spent many years believing that ivy was a silent predator creeping inch by inch, squeezing indiscernibly until the poor tree starts to gasp its last and turns into a 'lightning tree'. Well, humble pie is the dish of the day because I have gathered enough evidence to disprove something that I felt quite sure of.

Let us look at the facts:- *Hedera helix*, the common ivy, English ivy, European ivy, or just ivy, is a species of flowering plant in the family Araliaceae, native to most of Europe and western Asia. A rampant, clinging evergreen vine, it is a familiar sight

in gardens, waste spaces, on walls, tree trunks and in wild areas across its native habitat.

The importance of the attachment strategy in ivy was shown in 2010 when researchers, from the University of Freiburg and the Karlsruhe Institute for Technology, Germany, used new imaging techniques to analyse the attachment process of English ivy in detail for the first time. Published in *The Journal of the Royal Society* they found that the plant uses a more complex system, climbing in multiple phases.

"Formerly it was believed that English ivy just glues itself with its roots onto substrates and that was the whole story," says PhD student Bjorn Melzer who undertook the study as a member of the plant biomechanics group at the University of Freiburg.

First, the plant makes initial contact with the object it will climb.

This then triggers the second phase, when the plant's roots change shape to fit the surface of the structure they will climb.

The roots alter their arrangement to increase their area of contact with the wall.

Small structures called root hairs grow out from the root, coming into contact with the climbing surface.

The plant then excretes a glue to anchor it to the substrate.

Finally, the tiny root hairs fit into tiny cavities within the climbing surface.

There, they dry out, scrunching into a spiral-shape that locks the root hair into place.

The ivy's attachment is further strengthened by hook-like structures that grow on the tips of the root hairs.

"Because the hairs are fixed on both ends the shortening process pulls the root a bit further towards the climbing surface and fastens the connection," Mr Melzer explains.

11 things to further strengthen Ivy's case

1. Nectar, pollen and berries of ivy are an essential food source for insects and birds during autumn and winter when food is scarce. It also provides shelter for insects, birds, bats and other small mammals. The high fat content of the berries is a nutritious food resource for birds and they are eaten by a range of species including thrushes, blackcaps, wood-pigeons and blackbirds.
2. Ivy provides essential food to many insects before they go into hibernation. Some of the main insect species which forage on the nectar and pollen of ivy are bees, hoverflies and common wasps.
3. It is an important food plant for some butterfly and moth larvae such as holly blue, small dusty wave, angle shades and swallow-tailed moth.
4. Many rare insects are attracted to ivy flowers, including the golden hoverfly. The best chance to see golden hoverfly is by looking for adults visiting ivy flowers within the vicinity of ancient trees. However, the golden hoverfly has only been seen at four UK locations in the past ten years, so the chances of seeing one are very slim.
5. As evergreen species, both ivy and holly were seen as especially powerful symbols during winter, and sprigs were brought into houses to keep evil spirits at bay.
6. Wearing a wreath of ivy leaves around the head is supposed to prevent one from getting drunk. The Roman god Bacchus, the god of intoxication, was often depicted wearing a wreath of ivy and grapevines.
7. Ivy was seen as a symbol of intellectual achievement in ancient Rome and wreaths were used to crown winners of poetry contests.
8. Wreaths were also given to winning athletes in ancient Greece. Regarded as the emblem of fidelity, priests would also present a wreath of ivy to newly married couples. Today it is still the custom for bridal bouquets to contain a sprig of ivy.
9. Heritage conservation: recent research by English Heritage indicates that under certain circumstances ivy can preserve old buildings by helping to regulate temperature on the stonework.
10. Toxicity: all parts of the plant are toxic to humans.
11. Ivy uses trees and walls for support, allowing it to reach upwards to better levels of sunlight. It is not a parasitic plant and has a separate root system in the soil and so absorbs its own nutrients and water as needed. In fact, the presence of ivy on trees has huge wildlife benefits.

11 facts from The Woodland Trust ♥

Now where was I? Was I defending or prosecuting? Ah yes, the defendant is found not guilty and the prosecution must lay down their scateurs in favour of *Hedera helix* for good ! 🏆

Jayne Glover

LONGLEAT NEWS



A young giraffe and a zebra at Longleat Safari Park engaged in their own version of the wacky races - a clear signal spring is definitely on its way.

The pair were spotted making the most of the sunshine as they hurtled around the 60-acre reserve; much to the delight of visitors who witnessed their high jinks.



Fifteen month old Rothschild male giraffe, Rudy, and male Grant's zebra, Iebe, competed in the frantic runabout as the other members of their herds looked on with bemusement.

"It was quite a sight to see them galloping across the reserve," said keeper Ian Turner, who captured their antics on camera.

“As a stallion Iebe is looking to establish his own territory and show off his speed, however it looks like he met his match with this young giraffe who proved to be more than a match for him.”

“It’s not unusual to see this type of territorial behaviour in zebras and, although it can look quite frantic, it is quite a natural interaction between the two species,” he added.

Standing up to 5.8 metres tall and weighing close to 1,000 kg an adult Rothschild giraffe has both height and weight advantage over the Grant’s zebra which weighs in at around 300 kg and rarely reaches more than 140 cms in height.

However when it comes to top speed surprisingly it is the zebra that has the go faster stripes; reaching speeds in excess of 64 km/h compared to the giraffe’s slightly more sedate, but still impressive, 56 km/h.



The Rothschild giraffe is named after Lionel Walter Rothschild who first described the subspecies in the early 1900s.

The Rothschild is officially endangered in the wild with a population believed to be made up of less than 2,500 individuals. Longleat has one of the most successful breeding programmes for giraffes in the UK having raised well in excess of 100 calves.

Grant’s zebra are a subspecies of plains zebra and there are thought to be approximately 300,000 left in the wild.

At Longleat the herd share the 60-acre enclosure with a group of Rothschild’s giraffes.

This mirrors the situation in the wild where the combination of the giraffes’ height and eyesight and the zebras’ acute hearing offers mutual protection against predators

MONTHLY RECIPE

As I write this I think back to the 10th March, 'D-Day' in the Glover household! I had been yearning for chickens for as long as I can remember but never achieved my dream until now. I had applied to the British Hen Welfare Trust (BHWT) about 12 months ago and had the support of Lesley and James at Frome Eggs and of my BH. The day dawned and I had done as much preparation as possible (thanks to Steve helping me to get the hen house sited.) I was excited and nervous and the weather was extremely cold and wet. My email directed me to the collection point and advised me that my 'girls' would be ex free rangers. The shock when I met them was more than I bargained for! How could I have been so naive ? I would have been totally prepared if I'd been allocated 'ex battery hens' but not de-feathered wounded free rangers. Anyway I boxed them up and cried all the way home. I lost 2 of them within the first 24 hours which was not a surprise and for the first week expected further losses but 1 month later I still have 10 beautiful chooks that have shown what a little love can do. The rewards have been tremendous. 😊

I have very quickly familiarised myself with the details I had taken for granted i.e that free range meant just that, not the following :- **Jane Howorth founder of BHWT** writes "The rise of free range egg production continues, and this is of course good news, but there is a sense within the egg industry that some British farmers are giving the free range sector a bad name. It's a question we've asked before – how free range is your free range egg? Being a free range hen in the modern world is an increasingly complex issue. Most of us think of a free range hen pottering about an orchard, scratching for bugs and slugs, laying an egg in a traditional hen house which is collected by the farmer (think Darling Buds of May). Package imagery validates a farm fresh, eat-me-with-a-clear-conscience egg and those of us who are discerning shoppers think we are doing our bit for animal welfare when we pop the free range half dozen into our shopping basket. However, a free range egg now encompasses such a wide variation that consumers could be forgiven for questioning the fairness and honesty of what's on an egg box, never mind what's in an egg box."

I am sure that I am not telling you anything you don't know, Horningsham has many chicken keepers, I was just a bit slow on the uptake. 😊

Nutritionally eggs are hard to beat ! 🍳 Eggs are a very good source of inexpensive, high quality protein. More than half the protein of an egg is found in the egg white along with vitamin B2 and lower amounts of fat than the yolk. Eggs are rich sources of selenium, vitamin D, B6, B12 and minerals such as zinc, iron and copper. Egg yolks contain more calories and fat than the whites. They are a source of fat soluble vitamins A, D, E and K and lecithin - the compound that enables emulsification in recipes such as hollandaise or mayonnaise.

Some brands of egg now contain omega-3 fatty acids, depending on what the chickens have been fed (always check the box). Eggs are regarded a 'complete' source of protein as they contain all nine essential amino acids; the ones we cannot synthesise in our bodies and must obtain from our diet. (BBC Good Food)

Bread and Butter Cheese Pudding



David Squire's book 'Keeping Chickens' contains 20 recipes all of equal attraction but this one was one of the first things I cooked in 'Domestic Science'.

"Economical, nourishing and very convenient - it uses store-cupboard ingredients. A recipe with great family appeal."

Serves 4-6

Preparation 15 minutes

Cooking 35 - 40 minutes

Ingredients

8 slices of bread (can be slightly stale)

50g (2oz) butter

100g (4oz) grated cheese

4 eggs

568 ml (1 pint) milk, whole or semi-skimmed

Salt and pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to Gas mark 5 /190 C/375 F

Remove the crusts ? and spread the bread with butter. In a 1.1 litre (2pint), well buttered ovenproof dish, place layers of bread and grated cheese.

Lightly beat the eggs, milk and seasonings together and pour over the bread.

Bake for about 35 minutes, until set and golden brown. Serve at once.

Plenty of potential here for making it your own by varying the cheese, bread or adding herbs to the egg mixture. Serve with salad or vegetables.

❤️🐔🐔 I love my chickens! 🐔🐔❤️

Jayne Glover

70th ANNIVERSARY OF LONGLEAT OPENING TO THE PUBLIC

Longleat House is celebrating 70 years since it became the first stately home to open its doors to the public on a fully commercial basis.

As part of the celebrations Viscount and Viscountess Weymouth, Ceawlin and Emma Thynn, have recreated iconic photos from the time featuring Ceawlin's grandfather, the 6th Marquess of Bath, and his family welcoming visitors into their home.



“My grandfather was a hugely influential figure in my childhood and his ground-breaking decision back in 1949 has been emulated throughout the country and created an entirely new type of heritage tourism,” said Ceawlin.

A natural showman and highly charismatic figure, Henry Frederick Thynne, 6th Marquess of Bath, was part of the fashionable set dubbed ‘the Bright Young People’ by the press in the 1920s. While Viscount Weymouth, he went on to sit as MP for Frome from 1931 to 1935 and served with distinction as a Major in the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry during the Second World War.

Death duties payable after the death of his father, the 5th Marquess, in 1946 resulted in Henry selling much of Longleat Estate. He inherited the stately home of Longleat House still occupied by the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army, a park with a hospital for American service personnel, and woods still providing cover for an RAF depot.



With the House and remaining Estate far from secure, in 1949 he made the radical decision to open the doors of his family home as a tourist attraction. During its first season, which ran from April to September, the House welcomed a total of 137,985 paying visitors, a figure which wouldn't be exceeded until 1962. The admission charge was two shillings and sixpence (equivalent to 12½p), or one shilling (5p) for a child. Scores of other stately homes followed Longleat's example and the heritage tourism industry was born.



In 1966 Henry was also responsible for opening Longleat Safari Park; the first drive-through animal experience anywhere outside of Africa.

Longleat House is widely regarded as one of the best examples of high Elizabethan architecture in Britain and one of the most beautiful stately homes open to the public. Substantially completed by 1580, this incredible house has been called home by 15 generations of the Thynne family. Today it is home to three generations: the 7th Marquess and Marchioness, Ceawlin, Emma and their two sons.

During 2019 visitors can view objects from the Longleat Collections relating to the opening in 1949 as part of a special display within Longleat House.

FROM THE PAPERS SPECIAL

This week we feature two stories from the same issue of the Warminster & Westbury Journal of May 5th 1906. They both concern the Horningsham Beerhouse, but where was it? We know it now as plain old 190 Chapel Street, the Gamekeeper's house, but it used to be known as "The Crescent" and was what we would call an off-licence where the drinks may not be consumed on the premises.

At this time Horningsham was amply provided with drinking places. There were no fewer than 4 pubs. One of them was just across the Common from the Bath Arms at 108 Anchor Barton – "*The George and Dragon*". The others were at 15 Gentle Street – "*The Royal Oak*" and at 9 Hollybush – "*The Holly Tree*". There was a hierarchy of drinking places in the village with the Bath Arms as an inn at the top, then the 3 public houses with the Crescent at the bottom. At the Crescent groups of men drank outside in the street from quart bottles of ale that in 1906 cost a mere threepence (1.2p).

The local story is that the house was built by a member of the Raynes family but when they ran out of money, Longleat Estate took over the unfinished building and it is said that this is the reason for the east end being badly built – the left hand end in our photo. By 1841 Thomas Thorne and his wife Elizabeth (née Raynes) were operating it as a grocer's and off-licence. They were succeeded by the Beauchamps whose family were there until at least 1939.

Charles Beauchamp came to the village from Hampshire as a thatcher and married local girl Annie. They had two daughters, Catherine and Mary, and three sons, Tom, George and Jack. George, a thatcher like his father, took over the beerhouse from his mother and also had the tenancy of the Pottle Street Malthouse smallholding. Tom was a carpenter who took over the tenancy of Mill Farm and with George was the village undertaker.



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THE HORNINGSHAM BEERHOUSE LICENSE

Mrs Beauchamp, Horningsham, applied for the transfer of the license of the beerhouse held by her late husband.

Supt. Lane said this was a beerhouse. Mrs Beauchamp was under the impression that she could supply anyone with beer who took it out into the highway and drink it, but under the section of the Licensing Act (produced) this could not be done.

Mrs Beauchamp said if she sold beer to men in bottles she could not follow them up the road to see what they did with it.

Supt. Lane said this had been going on for some years, and it was time it was put a stop to.

The Clerk: She has no right to sell beer to people who go outside and drink it.

Mr. Temple: The Bench grant your application for this license, but in doing so they wish to warn you that in future you must not encourage drinking outside the house in any way. The police say there is this drinking going on outside and you must use your discretion to stop it. Another thing, when you see any man come into your beerhouse who appears to have had enough beer, we advise you to be very careful as to supplying him.

Mrs. Beauchamp uttered some words of protest which could not be heard.

Supt. Lane: The sergeant is not down on you.

Mr Temple: The law has to be observed, and it is your business to insist on an observance of the law.

Mrs Beauchamp asked if they could go out in the road and follow people who had beer to see where they drank it.

In answer to Colonel Alexander, she said she had two sons in the house, one of them being twenty-three years of age.

Mr. Thornton: They can assist you in carrying on the business.

Supt. Lane said something about the son being outside with the others, which brought forth another protest from Mrs. Beauchamp, who added that she could not keep the house "like that" because it was impossible. She could not be answerable for other people.

POLICE CASES

A BROTHER REFRESHING

John Carter was charged with using profane language at Horningsham on April 14th.

Sergeant Mead said that about eight o'clock on the night of the charge he saw defendant with five others near the beerhouse. He was using very bad language. Witness cautioned him but he persisted in continuing to use bad language. He had been drinking.

Defendant: Who heard me besides you?

Sergeant Mead: The other men there must have heard it.

Defendant said it was a curious thing that it was not heard in the cottages near at hand. He would call his brother.

Sergeant Mead said he heard the brother advising defendant to desist from using bad language.

In answer to Supt. Lane, witness said it was the custom for young men to congregate there, and get beer out of the beerhouse and consume it outside. They had a bottle on this occasion and asked him to drink, but he threatened to knock the bottle out of the hands of the man who offered it. They sent back for more beer, but he advised Mrs. Beauchamp not to serve them.

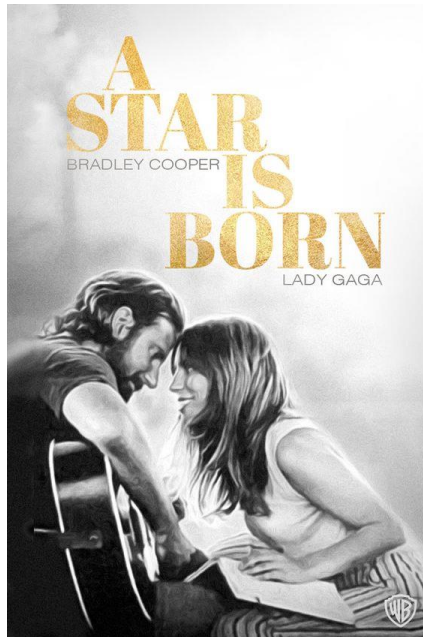
Defendant said they only had one quart of 3d. ale. He wanted to call his brother, but it was stated that the brother was in the King's Arms opposite, and the court was not disposed to wait. Defendant was fined 5 shillings.

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Come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. Everyone welcome.

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