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# Village Fayre

Sunday 9th June 2019

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**EDITORIAL**

The poster on this month's cover reminds everyone that Horningsham Village Fayre is on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are well under way for Horningsham's biggest event of the year. The Fayre Committee are promising all the usual attractions plus some new ones for this year such as circus skills, falconry, laser clay shooting, and live music. It all kicks off at 12.30 when Emma and Ceawlin will declare the Fayre open. The money raised goes to our local clubs and organisations and is vital in providing year-round communal activities, not to mention the Horningsham News!

In the afternoon there will be a ceremony to formally open the new play area. This will be performed by Emma and Mrs Joanna Worsley in memory of whose late husband the play area is named. Henry Worsley, a former resident of Horningsham, was part of the successful 2009 expedition that retraced Ernest Shackleton's footsteps in the Antarctic. He died in 2016 while attempting to complete the first solo and unaided crossing of the Antarctic. The initial tranche of funding for the play area was raised at a dinner to commemorate Henry organised by Ros Algar.

Finally, we are sad to record the passing of Mrs Eileen Marsh and send our condolences to her husband Victor.

**Tim Hill**

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

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## CHURCH NEWS



### *May Sunset by Paul Kemp*

We are all looking forward to the Village Fayre. The church will be responsible for the cake stall as usual and we are very grateful to Susie and Fran for organising it. There is always a wonderful selection of homemade cakes and other goodies that are always very popular.

The churchyard has recently been mown and looks very tidy. The countryside always looks lovely and fresh at this time of year and the view from the church is particularly beautiful. A tidy churchyard is welcoming to both visitors and passers-by and we are grateful to the Parish Council for funding the grass cutting.

Our service in June is our Patronal Festival, celebrating the birth of St John the Baptist. There will be no other service in the parish that day and we hope to welcome some of our friends from the Deverills.

**Helen Taylor**

### Church Date

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion 10.30am

Pauline is away for a few weeks, visiting her daughter who lives in New York. So, she invited me to write these 'Rectors Notes' in her absence; as I write Pauline is relaxing and sipping coffee somewhere in Brooklyn! April was a very busy month for the church, following a time of reflection in Lent with the Easter celebrations, which is one of the high points of the liturgical year. This year our Lent project, separately in the two Parishes in the Benefice, was to become more engaged with the local community. After much debate on how to reach out but not duplicate other ventures, we organised a tea designed to

introduce different parts of the community who do not usually meet. It was very successful with the schools being engaged, in helping in the organisation, with the children designing and producing invitations and posters. A church team produced sandwiches and masses of cake. In the Deverills we had over 40 people, with a mix of members; from the congregation, a contingent from Longbridge House and a number of other residents from the villages. We were also joined by the Archdeaconry Rural Field Officer. It was a lovely event, many thanks to all who participated.

Following Easter, on 28<sup>th</sup> April Pauline was formally licensed at a Benefice service held at Longbridge Deverill, as our Rector. This was conducted by the new Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey. She had previously been a Priest-in-Charge, it is a technical difference and no change in what she does but she is now the incumbent and has full responsibility for the Benefice. In a packed church we celebrated this next stage of Pauline's ministry and then had the opportunity to meet the Bishop over tea.

By the time you read this and as we look forward to the Summer, we will have celebrated Rogation Sunday thanks to the hospitality of all at Manor Farm in Kingston Deverill. Rogation Sunday is one of the services that mark the agricultural year and is the day when the Church traditionally offers prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food.

The next 'special' Benefice service will be a Pet Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 4 o'clock in Longbridge Deverill. This could be a 'fun' outing for you and your pets, we would love to see you there as we celebrate God's creation.

**Robert Shuler, Church Warden, Kingston Deverill**

### **HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**



***Our next service will be held on Sunday 9th June at 10.00am***

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## FAYRE NEWS

### **Horningsham Village Fayre - Sunday 9th June 12.00noon - 5.00pm**

Horningsham's biggest fundraising event is set to be the best yet!

The official opening by Lord and Lady Weymouth will be at 12.30, followed by a fun-packed schedule of events and entertainment including: circus skills, falconry, laser clay shooting, fun dog show and live music provided by local band's Stamp and Lobster. As well as bringing people together, all the proceeds from the Village Fayre go to support our village groups and clubs throughout the year. Without the support of the fayre, these groups would be unable to continue.

There is a mix of stalls including local crafts, artisan cheese, reptiles, jewellery, bric-a-brac, tombola and of course the well-established and highly reputed cake and plant stalls run by our wonderful group of local volunteers. The Sticky Wicket will be mixing up cocktails, and the bar will be open offering the usual ales, lagers and ciders. There is no shortage of food on offer either, cream teas will be served in the main hall and caterers include Field to Fire pizza, Old Skool Dads bbq, Little Jack Horners sausage rolls, Eat Square Pies and Santo Taco who will be bringing the finest flavours from Guadalajara, Mexico.

Lion Cubs playgroup will have their children's tent with face painting, miniature garden competition, sand art and flower crowns 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, with tickets available at the entrance.

**Looking forward to seeing you there!**

**Sara Elston**



## WELCOME CLUB

Welcome Club held the monthly meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It was an open meeting as we held a Bring & Buy. Although only members attended and they were few in number, I am pleased to say we raised £130.00 for Club funds.

Our next meeting is on June 20<sup>th</sup> when a group called Musical Memories are coming to visit us, so we hope everyone brings their voices along to join in the singing - everyone welcome.

**Pearl Hudson 844779**



## Village Fayre Plant Stall



**Support The Plant Stall!**

**Come and find large perennial plants to fill your borders.**

**Find some colourful annuals to fill a gap**

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

**Any plants to sell?**

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

**Any help with selling plants would be welcome.**

**Carole Hill 844365**

## CAKE STALL



If you have anything for our stall please can you deliver to me any time on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> or **early** on Sunday morning.

You can make anything from a cup cake to a gateau, jam tart to a quiche, marmalade to chutney, in fact anything that is home made and delicious.



**Susie Hilleary 844454**

**197 Pottle Street**



## Final call for Bric A Brac

Any saleable items can be delivered to the Bric a Brac tent on the Village Hall field on Saturday 8th June.

I will be there all day. If collection is needed please call me.

**Margaret Long 844756**

## HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



An Australian came to watch our game last Sunday. We showed him what English village cricket is about.

Steve Crossman's cows had escaped in the morning and left hoof marks all over the field. No cow pats, fortunately, but other things - deer droppings, we think - around the wicket. We removed those before play. It was a league game so there are standards

Broadwindsor, the opposition, turned up in good time. One of them parked, opened his car door, leaned out and threw up. That is South Dorset for you. A second did the same.

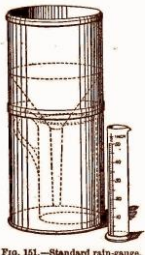
Another of them, by chance, was known to me and my son Tom, who was also playing. We had last met playing cricket together in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. As one does.

We started the game and after half an hour it rained. So we stopped for tea and the opposition drove home. After which the sun came out.

Our Australian spectator sat under the verandah and drank from a keg of Somerset cider. He was seen later in the Bath Arms. At no point did he speak about poisonous spiders, so perhaps he was not really an Australian.

**James Osborne**

## PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL



April started being quite good, well at least for a day, then it started to drizzle, with a cold blast of air up here at Parsonage Farm, then yes we had heavy rain all day on the 4<sup>th</sup>, which dropped 1.18 inches. It continued cold, dull and dry for the next few days which was a blessing for us as we had to have another T B test. Yes, the farm is shut up yet again. We actually had to blood test all animals over 6 months old last month and had 11 reactors. We then had a frosty start on the 11<sup>th</sup>, which appeared most mornings. By the 18<sup>th</sup> things started to look up, it became warm, in fact very warm, until the 24<sup>th</sup> which brought clouds and a drop of rain. It was then cooler for the rest of the month.

Total rainfall for April: 1.72 inches, compared with 2.39 in 2018 or just 0.35 in 2017. The old saying regarding the weather for this month by looking at the tree budding: "Oak before Ash, we're in for a dash (showers). Ash before oak we're in for a soak (heavy rain). Unfortunately, I expect you have all noticed that the ash dieback has reached us in Horningsham, a shame that this foreign disease will kill so many ash trees.

**John Whatley**



## Horningsham W.I.



Last month auctioneer Gordon Brockman, shared his entertaining stories and we had a go at valuing antiques. We also learnt some valuable tips for spotting a con when buying and selling antiques. Our next meeting is quite different in that we will be learning about Lebanese cookery and then in July back to our favourite type of meeting – ‘having a go’. This time it will be at handmade cards.

One member commented ‘we are always doing such different things – I have learnt loads since joining’



Upcoming meeting dates:

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Lebanese cookery**

A demonstration accompanied by ample tasting opportunities

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Handmade card making**

A short demonstration followed by the opportunity to have a go at making your own

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](mailto:wihorningsham@gmail.com) or on 01985 844801. Please let us know if you are planning to come along so we can be expecting you.

**Caramantha Wellstead, President Horningsham WI**

# Horningsham Primary School



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## We are a Platinum Artsmark School!



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We are so thrilled to announce that the school has been awarded with a platinum Artsmark award from the Arts Council. We have worked really

hard over the last two years ensuring that we were demonstrating that we are a school with the arts at the centre of our curriculum. We are so proud of the Arts Council and Arts Leader (Tilly) who have really helped build new relationships with other schools and pupils and who have been so proactive in raising the profile of all of the arts across the school.



The Real Ideas Organisation (RIO) provide support with developing the arts to all organisations and link with the Arts Council. RIO filmed us in school during our Arts Commonwealth Day and will be using us as a case study for their website. They were keen to come and visit us as apparently it is quite rare for a school under 100 pupils to achieve platinum level.

It's a great validation of all we do and the staff and children are really proud of this achievement. We can't wait to see the film they make of our special day!

# Commonwealth Arts Day



Our Arts Council requested a themed day focusing on the four strands of the arts – dance, drama, art and music. We were keen to bring this to life as we love the children initiating events and projects. The staff and Arts Council agreed on having an international theme for the day, which linked really well with celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth. The children rotated round four different activities based on cultural experiences from four Commonwealth countries. New Zealand – dancing the haka, Australia – creating Aboriginal art, Ghana – drama related to Anansi stories and Malawi – exploring instruments and rhythms.

It was an amazing day – lots of fun learning about different cultures through the arts. We have recently made a new link with a school in New Zealand; like us, they are a small rural village school and they also celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commonwealth with their own arts day. While we were doing the haka, they were making scones! We will be sharing our work through videos and photos online together and can't wait to hear what they think of our haka dance – particularly as the school has a large number of Maori children!

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## Hiking around the Village



Our KS2 after-school walking club has really enjoyed exploring the walks surrounding the village each week. It has been a wonderful opportunity to take pleasure in our beautiful surroundings. The children take an OS map of the village with them to help keep us on course and re-route our detours to avoid the rather inquisitive cows. What a fantastic way to get fit and healthy as well as instilling a pleasure for walking.

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## Quiz Night – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Village Hall

It will be big! Food, raffle, fun quiz, bar – aimed at being **an event for the whole community** – details to follow in the July edition – watch this space! We hope you will spread the word and join us for an amazing evening.

## Lion Cubs

Lion Cubs enjoy getting out and about and the last few weeks have been no exception. We timed our spring walk to bluebell woods perfectly, just in time to see the beautiful carpet of bluebells! We had a fun trip to Lakeside Garden Centre in Crockerton, the staff there are always so friendly and the children enjoyed feeding the ducks before walking around the lake and stopping for a teacake in the cafe. The nice weather also means we've been able to make the most of our new play area, this new addition to the village will provide many hours of fun for all.





Behind the scenes we are preparing for the Village Fayre on Sunday 9th June. Our children's zone will be set up with ride-ons and toys for the little ones, sand art, face painting and flower crown making. We have also organised a children's miniature garden competition again. It is free to enter and there are some great prizes to be won. We welcome entries from the following age groups: Pre-school, 4-6 yrs, 7-9 yrs and 10+ Entries will need to be in by 1pm for judging at 2pm. We can't wait!

**Sara Elston**

**Miniature Garden Competition**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Enter the Lion Cubs miniature garden competition at Horningsham Village Fayre, Sunday 9th June.**

Entries required by 1pm, judging will be 2pm at the childrens tent.

Categories:  
Pre school, 4 - 6 yrs, 7 - 9 yrs, 10 + yrs

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## Notes From A Horningsham Garden

The darling buds of May have certainly broken, with beautiful white blossoms on the hawthorn trees and the chestnut candle flowers in bloom all through the village.

In the garden, tree blossoms have been replaced by climbing clematis Montana and wisteria. My favourite clematis is a white, scented one that tumbles over the wall by the road.



My favourite wisteria is Floribunda “Lipstick” which has very long, scented, pale pink racemes of flowers and looks like a pale waterfall.



When it's not time to be potting on flower seedlings and planting out vegetables, it's time to get on with weeding. Weeds grow so fast in May they threaten to smother all the new plant growth. Weekly attention is needed to prevent disaster. Worst culprits in this garden, are ground elder and bindweed. They are never vanquished but can be sufficiently weakened for the season by a sustained assault in May!

In the vegetable garden, potatoes are up and despite a bit of blackening from a frost 3 weeks ago, are large enough to be "earthed up", helping the tubers have enough soil around them to develop. In the troughs between the rows, I shall plant out sweetcorn which is growing in pots in the shelter of the polytunnel. They will need watering when planted out and that will help the potatoes swell too.



Garlic is developing well. In between the rows, I'm sowing batches of radish where I hoe between the plants. Then they can both be watered together.

Hazel sticks are in place along the trench I filled with garden compost in April and I've sown runner beans "Moonlight," a white bean with white flowers, and a Scarlet runner with red flowers. Next to them is a row of canes for climbing French beans, Cobra, with lovely crisp green pods and Purple Queen, with purple pods. All these beans are also being grown in pots in the greenhouse in case disaster befalls those in the great outdoors and they need replacing!

Now June is coming, it's time to look forward to plants in the herbaceous border. There are irises in flower already, but they

will soon be joined by roses, delphiniums and peonies. The buds are all ready to break out!

**Carole Hill**

## Mill Farm Chronicles April -May 2019

This should really be called “Notes from a small island” but I think that’s already been done so I shall have to call this “Farmers Abroad”, with the subtitle of “No, you can’t take your wellies with you!”

Steve, Mark, Jo and I flew out of Heathrow on a grey Tuesday afternoon, landing in a very sunny Dubai 7 hours later, where we spent 4 days in a fab hotel called The Grand Hyatt and boy was it grand! Lots of marble and gold and beautiful furniture and pictures. Our bedroom was enormous and the bathroom was bigger than our smallest bedroom at home, there was even a telephone next to the toilet (?) and the compulsory bidet which of course I had to try. The result was less intimate cleanliness and more flooding of bathroom and wet knickers! It was very hot, 38C most days with not a cloud in the sky which meant we took full advantage of the swimming pool complex at the hotel. Dubai has to be seen to be believed. The buildings are just jaw droppingly beautiful and all completely different and quirky. The highlight of Dubai for me was a visit to the Burj Khalifa which is the



tallest building in the world standing 2,716.5ft high. We travelled up to the 122<sup>nd</sup> floor to have the most delicious afternoon tea in the restaurant At.mosphere. The view was just fantastic, from there we could see The Palm, and The World which is still being built and it was from there that you see and appreciate how Dubai is an oasis in the middle of the desert. Everything in Dubai seems to be bigger and grander and more luscious than you could possibly imagine. The Dubai shopping mall (one of many) at the foot of the Burj has 1500 shops and restaurants, dancing fountains that light up at sunset and a huge walk through aquarium with sharks and manta rays to boot. I’m thinking how much more business Sainsburys in Frome would do if they installed an aquarium too.



4 days later and many Dirham poorer we flew on to Mauritius arriving in the dark, had supper, a drink and retired to bed in our African-inspired hotel room. On waking up 7 hours later I thought I'd gone blind because the room was so dark. After a mildly hysterical stagger around the room bumping into each other we discovered that the blackout blinds were very efficient, so much so that on pulling them up we were blinded again by the Mauritian sunlight streaming in. Once the vision cleared we were overjoyed to see the most beautiful view from our balcony. We are now on day 6 of our time on the beautiful island of Mauritius. I've wanted to come here for years, decades even, and it has not disappointed. The beaches are golden and lined with palm trees, the sea and sky are varying shades of blue, the sun shines hot and a soft breeze cools. This is paradise!



As part of our holiday package we are entitled to a spa treatment every day. So far we have all, men included, had a variety of body and facial massages. Steve is quite enjoying them but Mark seems to find it a form of torture. The only disadvantage of all the pummelling is that we seem to spend a fair amount of time showering off various oils. Quite frankly I've never been so clean!

Other activities so far have been, paddle boarding (strangely I'm better than Steve at that . . . 🍻!) Kayaking, Aqua Zumba, a boat trip to see the coral reef, a trip to see The Seven Coloured Earths (think Alum Sands on the Isle of Wight but hotter and more tropical) a creep of huge Tortoises, a waterfall, oh and eating, lots and lots of eating! I still need to try snorkelling and we've got a quad bike trip out to the Heritage Nature Reserve booked for tomorrow. and a trip to the Casela World of Adventure that is owed by a lady who used to work at Longleat on Monday. So much to cram in before flying home on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 😊

Back at home Jack, Amy, Guy and the children are holding the fort with backup from Kirsty, Ben Windel and Simon if needed. We left them with a last cow to calve, three orphan calves to bucket feed twice daily, the donkeys and pigs to feed, bed and breakfast rooms and the Piggeries to clean and turn round and a wedding to help with, so nothing major! They seem to be taking it all in their stride and coping brilliantly. I think we must go away more often. The cow has calved, all the animals are thriving and it sounds as if the wedding went well too. Ivy and Guy have helped with the pigs and the calves and Amy has mastered the quad to check the cows on days that Jack couldn't and Jack has worked full time at Longleat and still found time to do the work on the farm. I'm very proud of them all and grateful too because without them there we wouldn't be able to be here.

**Margaret Crossman** (*sitting on beach with toes in the sea*)

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**1904**



We are at 90 Water Lane aka Rose Cottage. Over 110 years separates our photos but you have to look quite closely to see what has changed – just the addition of two windows in the gable end facing the road. The cottage featured in Vera Crossman’s long-running series “Opposite” in which she told the story of the Trollope family from 1901 to 2015.

The earliest record we have is the 1881 Census which shows Horningsham-born Simon Barber, a 62 year old shoemaker, living there with his 64 year old laundress wife Hester. They had a 24 year old unmarried boarder, John Payne, a gardener. Simon and Hester were still there for the 1891 Census but they had a new lodger – 19 year old John Sawyer, a woodman. By 1901 the cottage was home to the Trimby family, Frank, 34, a gardener, his wife Roseanna, their 4 year old daughter Amy and 1 year old Arthur. On Boxing Day 1901, Tom and Amelia Trollope and their 9 children moved in.

In around 1938 the house was now too big for widowed Amelia and her daughter Annie so the house was divided in two, it already had two staircases. A young couple Bill and Edith Rowe moved in. However the division of the house did not work well for them and they moved out to be replaced by Amelia’s married son Ernest with his wife Gladys and their children Vera and Michael.

In 1950 the family moved out to the Bath Arms and Rose Cottage was modernised. The roof was raised and extra windows were added. In the 1980s Tom and Amelia’s great-grandson Stephen and his family moved in. Later they swapped places with Vera and her husband John at Mill Farm.

## Notable Trees

When we first came to Horningsham I was thrilled to see that there was an apple tree in the front garden but it wasn't long before we had to make the decision to take it down. It was unfortunately riddled with pests and diseases that could not be remedied. Now it's time to consider just what kind of fruit tree I want to invest in. I think it will be an English apple but which one and how tall? There are many things to think about but of course this is made a whole lot easier using the internet. [www.orangepipintrees.co.uk](http://www.orangepipintrees.co.uk) has a tick box list to refine your options and down the road at Castle Cary, Ashridge Nurseries make it easy to buy online.

Apple trees are cultivated worldwide and are the most widely grown species in the genus *Malus*. The tree originated in Central Asia, where its wild ancestor, *Malus sieversii*, is still found today. Apples have been grown for many thousands of years in Asia and Europe. Worldwide production of apples in 2017 was 83.1 million tonnes, with China accounting for half of the total.

The apple is a deciduous tree, generally standing 6 to 15ft tall in cultivation and up to 30ft in the wild. When cultivated, the size, shape and branch density are determined by rootstock selection and trimming method. The leaves are alternately arranged dark green-coloured simple ovals with serrated margins and slightly downy undersides.

Apple trees are large if grown from seed. Generally, apple cultivars are propagated by grafting onto rootstocks, which control the size of the resulting tree and there are more than 7,500 known cultivars of apples, resulting in a range of desired characteristics. Different cultivars are bred for various tastes and use, including cooking, eating raw and cider production.

Blossom time:- I have seen some beautiful blossom this year especially at the cider apple orchard at Mill Farm.



The amount of blossom can tell us how well a tree is and certainly for fruit growers it is a critical time. For most fruit varieties pollination happens in early spring and is carried out by insects and often bees. Good weather is an important factor, pollination depends on blossom being there to pollinate, the risk of late frosts and high winds can be a concern. Frosts just after pollination can damage the first stages of fruit formation, equally temperatures at blossom are very important. In apples germination works best at temperatures ranging between 15C and 20C.

Looking at this from a different angle I read an article from the Guardian (28/4/17) which gives one pause for thought. Emma Sheppard interviews Susannah Starkey. She is pleased the “European experiment” is over. Her family owns the only commercial orchard of the original Bramley apple tree and she has found the single market disastrous for the domestic apple sector.

“With the European friendship, the bottom of the market for English apples fell out,” she says. “There’s just been too much competition coming from Europe [mainly France and Italy]. Fruit farmers in England have had a tough time. But we believe that people will fall in love with English apples again.”

Without a real shift in buying behaviour, Suzannah says there is a risk that the UK’s apple industry will die out completely. There has already been a 36% decline in the number of orchards between 1985-86 and 2014-15. “So many apple farmers are taking their trees out in this country [because they’re not commercially viable],” Suzannah says. “[But] once you’ve taken an orchard out, it’s very hard to get it back in again. It takes a long time to get an apple tree back into fruition. We’ve made the choice to stay in [the sector] and expand [into other areas]. We’re thinking long term. Hopefully we can start to turn the tanker around.”

Tree planting is also high on the Climate Change Crisis agenda, it is suggested that tree planting in the UK must double by 2020 to tackle climate change. In Horningsham the War Memorial Orchard was recently planted and gifting a tree for celebrations is a lovely idea especially one bearing fruit. It’s time to grow our own.

## **10 Interesting Facts**

1. Apples originated in the Middle East more than 4,000 years ago; the fruit has been grown in the UK as a cultivated crop since the Roman occupation. Specially cultivated apple varieties spread across Europe to France, arriving in England at around the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066; and the Crab-tree apple or the Wild Apple Tree (*Pyrus malus*) may be a descendant of these early varieties. The demise of rural areas and apple growing, commencing in the 13th Century with the Black Death, the War of the Roses and repeated droughts, was reversed by Henry VIII who instructed his fruiterer, Richard Harris, to establish the first large scale orchards at Teynham in Kent. Scouring the known world for the best fruit, the majority were pippin varieties or eating apples.
2. For the next 300 years most produce for the luxury market was sold in London. Old English, recorded in 1204, was the main dessert apple in England well into the 18th Century, being grown alongside its culinary counterpart Costard; the salesman for the crop being known as a costermonger. The Victorian explorers

found new varieties from all over the world and brought them to Brogdale in Kent.

3. The word 'apple' has many origins. The Latin for apple is Pomum but this word was also used in ancient days to describe all fruit before it progressed to Malum, literally translated into Greek meaning melon in the 4th Century. The sacred island mentioned in the tales of King Arthur, Avalon or Abalon, translates as "apple orchard".
4. The Celtic word for apple, Abhall, persists in many place-names, and some towns and cities have particular associations with fruit trees; Norwich was described in Tudor times as 'either a city in an orchard or an orchard in a city' and in 1893 George Cadbury planted an apple tree in his workers' gardens in Bournville.
5. Brogdale now houses the UK National Fruit Collection – more than 3500 varieties – with over 30 acres of orchards, and the largest collection of apple varieties in the world (more than 2300 - dessert, culinary and cider). One of the earliest-flowering dessert apples at Brogdale is Vista, which is in bloom from early May; Idared, Discovery, Jonagold and Cox's Orange Pippin follow in mid-May. The latest flowering varieties include Worcester Pearmain and Gala. [www.brogdalecollections.org](http://www.brogdalecollections.org)
6. Cox's Orange Pippin accounts for over 50% of the UK acreage of dessert apples. It has an unknown parentage but is thought to be an 18th Century seedling, which originated in Colnbrook, Berkshire, related to Ribston Pippin, raised from seed by the brewer Richard Cox, at Knaresborough Hall in Yorkshire.
7. 21st October 2019 is **Apple Day!** [www.commonground.org.uk/apple-day/](http://www.commonground.org.uk/apple-day/)
8. Apples can float because 25% of their volume is air! What would we do without apple bobbing?
9. Apples actually belong to the Rose family of plants and are joined in that family by a wide range of other popular fruits including apricots, plums, cherries, peaches, pears and even raspberries.
10. Malusdomesticaphobia is the name for the fear of apples.

If you have an existing apple tree in your garden I would love to know. How many we have in the village and what cultivars would be interesting. Perhaps you could let me know through Horningsham News Facebook page.

Pip Pip

**Jayne Glover**

## HALL NEWS



It's all go in June with our annual Village Fayre . . . we can't wait to see everyone there. We'll all be at the Hall setting up from Thursday onwards so if anyone has time to spare all help is more than welcome. Let's hope for more of this fantastic weather!

All the money raised on the day is divided between lots of local groups and is crucial for many to keep them going, including the Village Hall.

Making improvements at the Hall is our top priority, so we'll be continuing to focus on this. Please come along to our committee meetings and pass on your thoughts. Any involvement no matter how big or small is always welcome.

**Louisa Cruickshank**

**Advance Notice:** 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## Larkrise Special School Campaign



Readers of the News may know that we have been supporting parents and teachers in the campaign to keep Larkrise special school in Trowbridge open, in the face of plans by Wiltshire Council to close it, and a similar school in Chippenham, and build the biggest special school in the UK just outside Devizes at Rowdeford, where there is already a school for children with moderate learning disabilities.

Although the parents won their appeal to re-run the consultation, Wiltshire are not changing their minds. The two schools due to close cater for children and young people with severe and profound learning disabilities. It sounds lovely, doesn't it? A beautiful new school in a rural location with up to date facilities? But for young people with the most severe disabilities from West Wiltshire, it is going to mean very long journeys - and taking them away from their local towns. At present these kids go out and about in Trowbridge and Chippenham - they are well known there, and people interact with them. The new proposal means that they will spend all their childhood and teenage years in what is actually an institution - coming back to spend their adult lives in their home communities. After 50 years working in special education, we know that what these youngsters need is not glitzy swimming pools and sensory rooms. It's the opportunity to learn and grow in a place where you are known and where there is excellent face to face communication.

If you are interested in supporting the campaign, do look at the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/larkrisespecialschool/>

**Nicola & Bob Grove**



## MAIDEN BRADLEY HALL



Post Office service and café will be available every Tuesday afternoon  
1-3pm in the Hall.

**Coffee Mornings** every Friday 10.00 - noon.

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

**The Old Kitchen Community Store** now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
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## LONGLEAT FORESTRY

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## MONTHLY RECIPE

As we march swiftly towards Horningsham Fayre on June 9<sup>th</sup> I have been reflecting on the huge amount of work that the Committee and individuals put into this much anticipated event. There are many things to look forward to but the backbone of its success relies on return visitors who know that they are going to be able to buy homemade cake, jams, jellies, a wide range of interesting plants and fabulous bric a brac! This work is intensive and is done over a time period of months rather than days. The same stalwart volunteers rise to the occasion every year and without them? Well they are irreplaceable.

I hope that by the time you get this the weather will be just right for both the Fayre and a simple refreshing fruit salad served with a moreish lemon shortbread. A far cry from the tinned version served with evaporated milk which felt like a really special treat at the time. Bee Wilson writing for the Telegraph in 2008 said 'only nostalgia would prompt me to revisit the multicolour charms of fruit cocktail in syrup' but post-war nothing was taken for granted and everything was appreciated and valued.

### *Emerald and Green Fruit Salad*

#### Serves 8

#### Ingredients

For the syrup

2 Limes

½ pint / 285ml water

6oz/175g caster sugar

¼ pint / 150ml dry white wine

For the fruit

1 green fleshed melon Galia or Honeydew

8oz /225g seedless green grapes

3 - 4 kiwifruit

3 green skinned dessert apples

#### Method

Pare the rind from the limes and cut the rind into thin strips. Simmer in the water for 5 minutes. Strain the cooking water into a jug, reserving the strips. Make the liquor up to ½ a pint and put into a saucepan with the sugar. Boil for about 2-3 minutes to dissolve the sugar. Cool, add the wine and pour into a clear glass serving dish.

Prepare the melon, grapes, and kiwifruit. (I cut the kiwi into ¼'s length ways so that it stays firm). Mix in a bowl and chill. (That's the fruit not you, it's not that simple!) Squeeze the lime juice into a bowl and prep the apples by quartering and slicing thinly. Toss in the lime juice and add to the rest of the ingredients. You could add grapefruit segments, starfruit, Asian Pear etc. Make it your own! Gently mix and top with the lime peel. Chill until needed.

How to make perfect Shortbread? Mmmm well, we all have our favourite recipes and expectations (see Felicity Cloake in the Guardian 30/09/2010 for an interesting piece on the ingredients and how they have changed over the years. I'm not happy with anything that sticks to the roof of my mouth or that needs a great gulp of tea to help me swallow it.

Light, crisp, buttery and simple scores ★★★★★

#### Shortbread (makes about 25 - 30 fingers)

Oven 160 fan 350 C gas mark 4

5 oz /150g plain flour, 1 oz / 25g custard powder, 4 oz/ 115g butter, 2 oz / 50g demerara sugar, finely grated rind of orange or lemon

Prepare 2 baking sheets by greasing

Sieve the flour and the custard together add the butter and sugar and work into a smooth dough.

Knead in the orange rind. Wrap and chill.

Roll out the dough to  $\frac{1}{4}$  in thick and cut in to fingers about 3" x 1". Place on the baking sheets leaving some space between and prick with a fork. BAKE! Bake in a preheated oven for about 15 - 20 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet until firm and then place on a wire rack. Serve with the fruit salad.

🎈🍷🍷🍷🎵🎶 Have a lovely day at the Fayre 🧁🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷



Oops! I used a Cantaloupe 😊

Jayne Glover

## LONGLEAT NEWS

### CHEEKY JACKDAWS USE CAMEL FUR TO FEATHER THEIR NESTS



Cheeky jackdaws are helping themselves to a warm camel hair nest at Longleat.

The annual moult of the Bactrian camels (*Camelus bactrianus*) provides the perfect opportunity for the enterprising corvids to feather their own nests.

The camels come from one of the harshest environments on earth, with freezing winters and blistering summers, so their incredibly thick winter coat is shed every spring.

The cunning jackdaws are happy to help speed up the process and the camels don't seem to mind.

Unlike their cousins the dromedaries, Bactrian camels have two humps and are covered in thick fur to protect themselves from the sub-zero temperatures of their Mongolian homeland.

Originally from the Gobi desert, Bactrian camels are becoming increasingly endangered in the wild - their main threats being poachers and wolves.

However large numbers have been domesticated and are kept by herdsmen in Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan and China.



## MOTHERLODE



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**HORNINGSHAM.**

**STRONG HARVEST BEER.**—At the Town Hall, Warminster, on Monday, before Captain Southey and Mr. J. H. Sly, *Matthew Ford*, of Horningsham, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in that village on Saturday.—Sergeant Mead gave evidence to the effect that defendant and his wife had been quarrelling all day. Witness persuaded him to go home, but about nine he came out into the village street again, and made use of most abusive language. Ultimately witness had to arrest him and take him to the Police Station at Warminster.—Ford's wife also gave evidence. She said defendant had a cask of beer in for the hay harvest, which, it appeared, he had insisted on tapping prematurely, and had never been sober since. He had used bad language to her and threatened her. She wanted a separation.—Mr. Wakeman said that could be applied for on another occasion.—A fine of 10s. was imposed.

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