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EDITORIAL

Our Fayre Special is, fittingly, our largest ever Horningsham News! It is packed with photos and reports of Horningsham’s main event of the year. Congratulations to the Fayre Committee and everyone who helped make it another successful Fayre. Our village organisations and groups have received substantial donations to help fund their activities in the coming year. Among those is Horningsham News – our only expenses are printing and we depend on income from advertising and from distributing The Villager but most important by far is the annual grant from the Fayre. That is what enables us to continue being delivered to every household in the village completely free.

As well as our Fayre coverage we also have photos of the long-awaited opening of Horningsham’s play area. You can also catch up on the latest about: silage yields; seasonal garden produce; Jayne’s rescue hens; the W.I.’s Lebanese feast; the School’s residential trip to Osmington; the Welcome Club’s trips; how our cricket team is faring and so much more. There is even some old news about the local RAF base closing down. It’s just as well this issue is packed with news as there will, as usual, be no news in August when we take a summer break. In the unlikely event of something happening between now and September, then you’ll find it on our Facebook page.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Saturday 15th August 2019

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CHURCH NEWS



What a wonderful Fayre! It was a huge success and much enjoyed by both visitors and those running stalls. The church cake stall had a lovely selection and sold everything; thank you to everyone who contributed. My thoughts are now turning to the annual village Reunion, which takes place on Sunday 21st July for the 25th year! There are about 40 people who come every year and I am looking forward to seeing them all again to talk about their memories of Horningsham.

There is no service in August and our September service will be a Benefice communion on the 29th. In the meantime, let's hope we all enjoy a long, hot summer.

Helen Taylor

July Services The Deverills and Horningsham

7th July

8am Holy Communion Kingston

9.30am Eucharist Corsley

10.30am Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill

14th July

9.30am Family Eucharist Chapmanslade

10.30am Eucharist Kingston Deverill

21st July

10.30am Eucharist Brixton Deverill

10.30am Pets Service Corsley

11.15am Reunion Service Horningsham

28th July

9.30am Eucharist Chapmanslade

10.30am Eucharist Longbridge

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to Robert for holding the fort whilst I was away in the US; I had an absolutely wonderful time. As you may imagine life in Brooklyn is markedly different to life in Longbridge Deverill. For starters I awoke each morning not to the gentle sound of cows being called for milking but to the roar of traffic and the frenetic and constant day to goings on of a city with a population of 2.7 million; that's Brooklyn itself, goodness only knows what the population of the whole of New York is!



Whenever I go to see my daughter I am not interested in the tourist attractions, rather I love just watching people and listening to their conversations, hence I spent a lot of time tramping around the streets admiring the brownstones and sitting in coffee shops reading and musing on the richness and diversity of human life I was encountering. Reflecting on the experience one aspect of Brooklyn life continues to fascinate me.

It's always interesting don't you think, to have a look at the price of housing in a country/area you are unfamiliar with. I noticed to my amazement that in several establishments selling 'real estate' as it is called in the US, there were notices advertising 'quiet space'. Essentially what this meant is that you can 'purchase' a space in a room with nothing in it apart from chairs and desks, in which to work. Some of the rooms had nothing in them at all; in which case I would imagine you just go and lay on the floor or something! We are not talking a few dollars for this privilege; selling 'quiet' is obviously a lucrative enterprise.

This has set me thinking: what does it say about a society in which individuals are prepared to pay a substantial sum of money to sit in a quiet room? To me it says that there is too much activity going on and too much noise and that it is detrimental to our health and wellbeing. Obviously we don't live in Brooklyn, but most of us live with constant noise of one sort or another, both in terms of the environment in which we live, and perhaps more importantly, in our heads. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could just switch it all off for a while, all those thoughts and worries that demand our attention and leave us feeling harried and exhausted?

I know I've written about this before, but it seems to me that stopping the noise, just for a while, is vital in the world we find ourselves in today, in which there are so many choices to be made and in which the future seems so uncertain. So often we blindly move through the world forever focused on 'getting things done' spectacularly failing to experience the wonder of the now. Hildegard of Bingen said 'There is the music of heaven in all things' How beautiful is that! How important it is to make time to hear that music, maybe through a poem, a painting, a piece of beautiful music or, and we are so lucky in this respect, through the wonder of the natural world.

So in these confusing, often lonely times, take time to pay attention, and listen for that still small voice that whispers to you of love so deep, so enduring, that nothing in this world can touch it.

Love and prayers,

Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com

HORNINGSHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Congratulations to all on the committee for an excellent Fayre once again. And well done to all our helpers wonderful job. Lots of fun by visitors and all involved.

Our next service is on Sunday 14th July at 10 am - All welcome.

Carol Cox 07584 825421 honingshamchapel@aol.co.uk

WELCOME CLUB



On Tuesday 28th May the Welcome Club went on their monthly coach outing to Hereford. We went via Chepstow Garden Centre where we had a coffee break. Then onto Hereford. We should have gone via the Wye Valley route but because of road works we went via a different route near Monmouth but, it was beautiful with the Welsh mountains in the distance. We stayed in Hereford for just over two hours where everyone was able to get lunch etc.

On our homeward journey we stopped at Tintern Mill for tea. They are known for their teacakes which are as big as a small dinner plate, so people who had them found someone to share with. We did our raffle on the bus at Tintern and arrived home about 7.15pm.

Welcome Club was held on Thursday 20th June. I am sorry to say only a few members attended. We were entertained by Musical Memories who are a group of singers. They some from Southwick and raise money for Children's Hospice South West. Luckily they had music sheets for us to join in with the songs from the 50s and 60s, and the people who did attend enjoyed themselves.

Our next meeting is Thursday 18th July and our outing in July is to Lyndhurst and Bournemouth. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the outing.

Pearl Hudson 844779

HALL NEWS



Despite the rain what a great Fayre it was again this year. It was so good to see so many people supporting the village and helping to make our annual Fayres such huge successes! The Hall Committee certainly appreciate their share of the money raised and we will be using it to continue making improvements at the Hall.

We are putting on a summer gathering “Skool’s Out!” Everyone is welcome, all money raised will be put towards crucial work that is required at the hall. Please come and join us, bring the family and fingers crossed enjoy some sunshine! Spread the word!

Louisa Cruickshank

**SKOOLS
OUT!**

SUMMER PARTY

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HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 30th May at the Village Hall.

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

Apologies for absence: John Radley, Gerard Brierley and Charlotte Hilleary.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM

Election of Chairman

Councillor Tim Hill was unanimously elected as Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Stephen Crossman was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

Planning

Planning Applications

Application Ref: 19/04307/FUL

Application for Full Planning

Proposal: - Change of use from workshop, maintenance, storage buildings to, office and boarding accommodation with alterations to a listed building and the construction of a new purpose built maintenance/storage building

At: Stalls Farm, the Stalls, Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7NE

Council supported the application subject to the approval of English Heritage. It was suggested that there should be consideration for installing electric recharging points in the car park area to meet the future needs of those working on the site.

Application Ref: 19/04739/LBC

Application for Listed Building Consent

Proposal: - Change of use from workshop, maintenance, storage buildings to, office and boarding accommodation with alterations to a listed building and the construction of a new purpose built maintenance/storage building

At: Stalls Farm, the Stalls, Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7NE

Council supported the application subject to the approval of English Heritage.

TCA 90 Water Lane Horningsham BA12 7LL

Proposal: T1 and T2 both trees are old fruit trees at 1.75 m in height both dead. Fell and replace with 2 fruit trees. T3 Dead Conifer approximately 2 m in height fell.

Council supported the application when it was considered between meetings.

Parish Steward

Council requested that the following works should be carried out:

The bottom of Mundy's Lane requires strimming

The gutter at the bottom of the road down to the Gentle Street phone box needs cutting out so that there is more room for the debris to run down the hill.

The footpath coming from the School has brambles that require removing.

Little Scotland requires clearing.

The Clerk was also instructed to contact Longleat and report fly tipping at Forest Corner and that the trees on the Common need to have their skirts raised as does the lime on Newbury Common.

Play Area

The gate needs repairing and Councillor Ken Windess agreed to see to this.

Council awarded the contract to replace the missing tennis court fencing to Wessex Fencing.

Councillor Stephen Crossman reported that when the Tennis Court fencing was completed he would add wooden boards along it and add top soil and re-seed the bare areas.

Councillors Stephen Crossman, Ken Windess and Matt Simpson agreed to remove the brambles from the Tennis Court fencing. They would also deal with the nettles in and remove weeds from playground before the opening at the Fayre.

There is a legal requirement, under the Occupiers Liability Act 1957, 1984 to ensure that play areas have correct and adequate signage. Council awarded the contract for the sign to Mirage Signs.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain three quotations for fortnightly cuts to the inside of the play area from April to September.

Memorial Seat: Council decided that Earth Anchors Ltd be awarded the contract. The seat would be brown recycled plastic and secured to a concrete base with hard surface fixings. A small plaque in stainless steel would be ordered with the wording "In memory of Henry Worsley Explorer, 1960-2016".

Council agreed that, in accordance with the wishes of Mrs Joanna Worsley, a sign would be placed near the entrance with the words: "The Henry Worsley Play Ground In memory of an Antarctic Explorer 1960-2016 In the hope that his achievements will inspire children in the future". The contract for this was awarded to Mirage Signs.

The Chairman informed Council that the official opening would take place during the Fayre. It would be carried out by Lady Emma and Mrs Joanna Worsley.

CPRE Wiltshire Best kept Village Competition

Council heard from Councillor Stephen Crossman that he had not entered the village in this year's competition because, when he toured the village he decided that it was in a state that made it unlikely to win. Councillors agreed with his decision.

Annual Parish Meeting

Councillors agreed that it had been a very positive meeting but regretted that there was no representation from Longleat.

Telephone Box on the Common

A parishioner had suggested it be used as a lending library when it was refurbished. Councillors discussed the proposal but decided not to proceed with it as there was already such a facility at the Hall. Councillor Ken Windess said refurbishment was in hand.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 27th June at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

LUNCHEON CLUB



The Luncheon Club AGM was held on 23rd May. Our Treasurer Pearl presented our Annual Accounts which showed a healthy bank balance. It was decided to keep the price of the meals at £3 for the coming year. This is only possible due to our thrifty cooks and our unpaid helpers. We would not be able to continue the club without these volunteers and anyone who could help us as a cook or helper once every 4 to 6 weeks would be very welcome. Please contact Margaret on the number below. We can always arrange for a taster day to let you see what is involved.

We finish on 25th July for our summer break and restart again on Thursday 5th September. Anyone over 60 is eligible to join the club and you don't need to be a resident of the village to become a member. Membership is £2 per year and £3 each week for a two course lunch followed by tea or coffee. The club is open every Thursday with a break at Christmas, Easter and the month of August. We meet at 12 noon for a natter before the meal is served at 12.30pm.

On the 1st August our annual outing is to Oakham Treasures Museum at Portbury. This is free for all members, cooks and helpers. There are some spare seats on the coach so if you are interested the price will be £15 each which covers your entrance fee to the museum as well as your coach travel. Please ring our treasurer Pearl on 01985 844779 if you would like to book a seat. The coach will leave the Bath Arms Horningsham at 8.45am, pick up at Maiden Bradley 9.0am.

We would like to thank everyone who helps to keep this club running, the cooks, helpers and especially the members themselves.

Lesley Trollope & Margaret Long (01985 844756)



A big thank you to:

Liz and Mike, Denise, Anne, Vera, Julia, Maggie, Stephanie and Paul, Bozzy, Graham, Leonie and Helen, Gill and Brian, Gerard, Aggie, Craig, Gerald, Stacey and Chris, Chrissy, Sian, Bradley, Martin and Liz, Brian, Saz and Hattie for all your help on the Saturday and Sunday at the Village Fayre.

We are very grateful for the loan of Derek James's van for moving all the Bric a Brac to the field on the Saturday and thanks to his driver Dean.

Also I would like to thank Jean and Colin for all their help sorting before the Fayre.

Without all of your help this stall could not operate so successfully.

We made £1331 which is definitely a record for the Bric a Brac stall.

Thank you! Margaret Long



FAYRE NEWS

Fayre Chairman's Report

Well that's the end of another successful Fayre. The days leading up to the Fayre brought a few problems, notably erecting the tents in windy weather. Some tents had to be put up twice and several poles bent which resulted in some rapid repairs before the day. The weather was reasonably kind to us with only a couple of heavy showers which didn't stop people enjoying themselves till the last one which emptied the field late in the afternoon.

All the entertainment in the arena was brilliant, all the stalls did really well as usual, there was a vast array of delicious food and drink on offer and there were more things to keep adults and children entertained than ever before.

I would like to thank each and every one who helped organise the Fayre, set up tents and stalls, ran stalls, baked cakes, donated prizes, took part, gave their time and cleared up afterwards. Without all of you and your hard work, there wouldn't be a Fayre and all the village organisations wouldn't have a nice chunk of money in their bank accounts.



Steve Crossman

CAKE STALL



I would like to thank Fran and Dolly for helping me on the day.

Also the band of loyal friends, Fran, Lesley, Carole, John Whatley, Julia, Katie Gullick, Margaret and the others who contributed so generously with the amazing cakes they had made.



We were disappointed that we made less money this year, as we all worked so hard! We sold everything so maybe we could have more cakes next year.

Susie Hilleary 844454

Notes from a Horningsham Garden

June has been another month of pricking out seedlings, potting on larger ones and at last, given the rather long cold spring, planting out. The arrival of rain as well made a welcome watering of plants that were beginning to look a bit tired.

Getting plants ready for the Summer Fayre plant stall, has been the major activity for the beginning of the month. Sorting out and trying to label accurately all the perennial plants and then trying to get annuals and vegetable plants looking like hopeful specimens someone might want to buy!

I was very grateful to Flash Trollope for the enormous task of transporting all the plants to the field on the Friday before the Fayre, but of course the gales and heavy rain that night nearly caused a disaster by blowing the tent away, leaving the plants exposed. Luckily, no harm came to them and they did get thoroughly watered. Next day, the tent was re-erected, and a band of welcome helpers came to restore order!

On Sunday, lots of plants were sold and lots of money was made, more than ever! I am now in the happy position of finding homes for the leftovers. Some to my garden, some to other gardens, some for charity and some to be brought on for another year. Many thanks for all plants contributed to the stall by many people, everyone who helped sell them and to all those who bought them.



Now it's time to relax a bit and enjoy the garden! The roses are looking wonderful, especially Paul's Himalayan Musk draped over a cherry tree by the road and smelling heavenly. It's horrible to prune every autumn, but worth it right now. Delphiniums and lupins have loved the rain and are making beautiful spires in the herbaceous border.



We have just had the first broad beans, deliciously tender and full of flavour. I grow several rows of the autumn-sown Aquadulce and freeze them, but the fresh ones are best. Radishes and lettuce are well watered and ready to eat and peas are developing promisingly. And every day there are some strawberries in the polytunnel.



Waiting for a bit more warmth before the cucumbers, courgettes and French beans grow away, but tomorrow I can pick gooseberries and make a pie and even dig some potatoes. Roll on summer fruits!

Carole Hill

Eileen Marsh 1927 - 2019



Eileen was a warm, friendly and sociable lady, who loved to chat with those she knew in the village. If anyone stopped round to visit, they were always greeted with a smile and a “Come on in...you’re welcome”. The kettle was soon on and a cup of tea made.

Eileen truly appreciated the simple joys in life, such as listening to music, Daniel O’Donnell and Westlife being particular favourites and this was reflected in the choices we heard at her funeral. She also liked watching her soaps, especially Coronation Street and Emmerdale.

Although Eileen had a special place in her heart for the cats and dogs she had owned over the years, it was her family that was at the heart of everything she did. The time Eileen spent with them all was so precious and meant so much to her.

Eileen was born on February 17th 1927 near a village called Wanborough, near Swindon. She started school in Wanborough with her eldest sister Dorothy; they were a very close family and all the children would play together. Their father was a shepherd and after a while, the whole family moved to a village called Crondall near Farnham. Eileen finished her secondary education at the local school and at age 14, she went into service as a ‘live-in maid’ at a private house. After about five years, the family moved again. Eileen’s

brother Norman said “In those days money wasn’t very good and if a farmer offered an extra two shillings, then father would move on. We never knew where we were going next but we finally ended up in Corsley.”

During the war, Eileen gained employment as a maid with the Royal School of Bath, based at Longleat House. Following the end of World War Two, the school returned to Bath and Eileen went with them. It was during this time that she met her husband-to-be George. Their relationship soon blossomed and they married in 1949; which is when they moved to The Island, Horningsham. Eileen and George welcomed the birth of their 5 daughters; Susan, Christine, Doreen, Gillian and Wendy. When anyone asked George “What is it this time?” He would say “Another bloomin’ girl!” Eileen excelled in her role as a housewife and mother, and would often look after other friends’ children too. She worked hard and even whilst looking after her family and the home, Eileen would often take on little jobs too. When the children were older, she had several cleaning jobs.

Eileen enjoyed knitting, cooking, gardening and dressmaking. Her bread pudding, apple crumbles and Christmas puddings were out of this world. Eileen made Christine’s wedding dress and five bridesmaid dresses, and Gillian’s wedding dress too. When it came to knitting, she was self-taught and taught her daughters and grandchildren to knit as well. Clickety-click went the needles and in no time at all Eileen could make a bear for charity, a shawl, or even baby clothes. Wendy remembers as a child, her Mum knitting clothes for all her dolls.

Eileen was thrilled when she became a grandmother, or should I say ‘Nan’ all 13 times and later a great-grandmother all 14 times, and she loved it when they all visited in the holidays. Sundays and Christmas, especially Boxing Day were always a time to find the family congregating; up to 24 for Boxing Day lunch and many more in the afternoon - causing the home to be called ‘The Mad House’!! Mainly by the sons-in-law.

Eileen and George were good friends with Victor and Margery . . . so much so, their girls referred to them as ‘Aunty and Uncle’ and were brought up with Victor and Margery’s children Glenda and Kevin. Eileen was also Glenda’s godmother.

Eileen was a kind and generous lady, and whilst Victor was at work, she would help Margery, who was in a wheelchair, as much as possible.

Sadly Margery passed away but the friendship between Eileen, George and Victor remained. Victor often helped George with the garden and after George passed away, he continued and was a great support to Eileen.

A few years passed and Eileen and Victor’s relationship had blossomed, they married in 2000. Eileen continued to be involved with community events and especially liked attending the Luncheon Club on a Thursday, where she would help cook. Eileen and Victor enjoyed day trips out, as well as many coach holidays abroad. Their first ever trip was to Germany, Austria and Holland; they also visited Ireland twice. Although Eileen was happy to travel anywhere, she particularly enjoyed Holland and seeing the vast tulip fields.

When Eileen’s health declined and she could no longer stay at home, she moved to Longbridge Deverill Care Home. Eileen was very happy there and wonderfully looked after by all the staff. The family are so grateful to them all, for making her final two years very comfortable.



Owls at Osmington



Owls had an amazing time at Osmington Bay for their annual residential weekend. The weather was much improved (thankfully) and the views out to sea were wonderful. The children enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities both at Osmington and Portland Olympic Centre and had great fun sharing rooms with their friends and being together. They represented us really well; great ambassadors for the school with their good manners and great behaviour. A highlight was keelboat sailing on the open sea – what fun and brilliant for teamwork skills. The whole group did a lovely hike along the coastline – good practice for our sponsored hike coming up! Other activities included Aeroball, Giant Swing and Jacob's Ladder. The latter involved working together to climb a set of wooden high bars – not easy, but great fun! It was lovely seeing a different side to the children (and teachers!) and they had a good time singing and toasting marshmallows around the campfire while looking out to sea. It was a fantastic weekend with lots of memorable moments. We are so fortunate that our staff generously give up their own free time to take the children away.

Gardening Donation



Griffin Gardeners are thrilled to have received a very generous cheque of £250 from Corsley Charitable Trust. The children are looking forward to using the money towards purchasing some child sized gardening tools, which will make it much easier to prepare our allotment area at the bottom of the Secret Garden.

We are hoping to have enough vegetables to run the Big Soup Kitchen for the community again this year.

Royal Ballet

We are so proud of one of our pupils for being selected to be a junior associate of the Royal Ballet. Alex will have professional training over the next year and possibly perform and study at the Royal Ballet School itself during this time. This is a huge achievement and we look forward to seeing how he flourishes in his dancing.



Quiz Night – get your tickets now!

7.30pm Friday 19th July- Village Hall



We are all looking forward to our Quiz Night at the Village Hall in July and hope you will join us. Please book your table and let us know your teams using the flyer enclosed in this month's newsletter. A copy is also on our website home page. It should be great fun – a licensed bar, hot meal included (chilli) and some fun rounds all created by Mr and Mrs Lapham! 10% of the money raised will go to Clic Sargent and the rest to support school trip costs. Here's to a great evening! Bookings (including ticket payment) are necessary in advance so we know exact numbers for seating and food.

Mill Farm Chronicles May – June 2019

How did I get to be the mum of two adults in their 30s? Goodness only knows where those years went?

We arrived back into the UK from holiday late on 23rd and we went straight into 30th birthday party mode for Jack. His birthday is on 25th May and it was a Saturday this year which made planning his day easier. Jack spent the day, with 8 male family and friends, at Cheddar enjoying a day's clay pigeon shooting and this was followed in the evening with a skittles party for his friends and the females of the family. We went to The Royal Oak at Corsley and enjoyed drinks, sausage and chips and birthday cake and a very competitive game of skittles called Coffin.



That's it for big birthdays in our immediate family now, thank goodness, time to save some pennies again.

The following week we had another whole herd TB test and we were gutted to have 2 reactors. The two cows (who both had calves at foot) were immediately put into isolation to await slaughter. We are now shut down and cannot sell any animals until we have had 2 clear tests, which at the earliest will be October. To say that we are disappointed is an understatement, we are angry, scared for the future and disillusioned. We have now been told by DEFRA that all our animals over 6 months old are to have a TB Gamma Interferon Test which I think is basically a blood test which is much more accurate in detecting TB. The pluses of this are that if any of our cows have even the tiniest trace of TB then this will pick it up and we will have one big clear out. The downside is that we could lose a lot more cows and we still won't be deemed clear till Autumn and the 2 clear tests.

More farming news is that we've had our silage cut. Not a bad crop for first cut, one and a half clamps worth. It was a very windy day and when the silage was finished, Steve, Jack and I had to sheet it all down. This involves fighting to get a huge plastic sheet, which acts like a massive kite that's threatening to take off, all over the grass and then put on a heavier net and finish off with old tyres that all seem to fill up with stagnant water over the winter. It's hard, hot, smelly, wet work but the better the silage is wrapped, the better the silage is for the cows to eat. Don't let anyone tell you farming is all sunshine and leaning on a gate whilst surveying a field of contented cows, because it isn't. Today Steve and I brought all the cows and calves in to put through the crush to check they all have both ear tags prior to this blood test by the Ministry vet. It was pouring with rain and the cows being cows did what comes naturally and there was an awful lot of, shall we say, cow poo on the ground and guess who slipped and fell in a load . . . both of us. Steve was coming to help me up when he slipped too so both of us were rolling around in it like two upturned turtles! I'm sure that bit wasn't mentioned when I made my marriage vows.

The bed and breakfast is very quiet with only a few bookings over the weekends. I'm not sure if it's because of the weather, or the financial uncertainty of Brexit or because there are so many Airbnb in the area, but whatever it is I hope it bucks up soon.

The weather was fairly good for the village Fayre which Steve is Chairman of. He loses at least 4 days of work to the Fayre each year, putting up tents, collecting tables and chairs, placing straw bales and a million other things that makes for a successful Fayre but he really enjoys it.

It's the middle of summer in 2 days' time and I'm sat here writing this wearing thick socks and a jacket and my electric blanket will be turned on before I get into bed. Blazing June? I don't think so . . .

Margaret Crossman

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



After six rounds of Sunday league games this season, we seem unlikely to repeat our success last year when we won it. In fact so far we have only managed to play two league games. After our proud victory over Cranmore in May we missed the next four fixtures: two opposition sides failed to turn up, and twice it rained. So we were rusty when we finally got a game against Street last Sunday. The opposition were a team of enthusiastic 15 year olds who looked alarmingly well drilled, and warmed up by playing a mini game of cricket. We warmed up by negotiating a box of cider on the village hall steps. What followed was an embarrassing defeat, but they played well and loved it so much it is hard to really mind. It leaves us unlikely to win the league though.

Our next league fixture is an awkward one against Milborne Port, who are very Dorset.

Excellent reports of our games can be found on Facebook, for those who use it. They are mostly written by Callum Widdows, and beware his sense of humour is every bit as sharp as his captaincy.

We would like to thank Steve Crossman and everyone involved in organizing and supporting the village Fayre for making this year another great success. The money we receive enables us to look after the cricket field which benefits, I hope, not only us, but also the whole village.

James Osborne

An advertisement for Longleat Forestry. The background is a vibrant orange and yellow gradient with diagonal lines. On the right, there is a stack of cut logs. The text is bold and black, with some in white. The main headline reads 'DRIVE IN AND PICK YOUR OWN FIRE WOOD'. To the right of the headline, it lists products: 'Woodchip, Mulch, Hardwood Logs, Softwood Logs, Kindling, House Coal, Smokeless Coal.' Below this, it says 'Delivery available.' At the bottom left, it provides contact information: 'Mon to Fri: 7.30am - 4.15pm', 'Closed on Sundays & Bank Holidays', 'Open Saturdays from Sep-Mar only until 12noon', and '01985 213507 www.longleat.co.uk/forestry'. At the bottom right, there is a logo featuring a lion's head and the text 'LONGLEAT FORESTRY'.

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Lion Cubs

After such a successful debut last year, our popular Lion Cubs Kids' Tent returned to entertain the youngest members of our community at the Horningsham Village Fayre. There was plenty to keep them busy with sand art, face painting, flower crown making, mini ride-ons, water play and of course the miniature garden competition. We had lots of very creative entries and everyone went home with a gardening themed prize, some of which were kindly donated by Acres Supply and Lakeside Garden Centre for which we are very grateful.

We are so grateful for our generous share of the proceeds from the Fayre which enables us to put on lots more exciting activities and adventures for our little Lion Cubs. Our weekly playgroup will be winding up the summer term over the next few weeks with lots planned, finishing with our end of term summer party on July 25th.

Charlotte Hilleary





Horningsham Fayre 2019















The Opening of the Play Area







Horningsham W.I.

In June our taste buds were entertained as we were shown how to make some simple but very tasty Lebanese dishes. We were introduced to '7 spice' by Wafaa Powell, originally from Lebanon and now married to an Englishman and living in Trowbridge. Her lively introduction to Lebanese food and the tasty results, including simple ingredients like chickpeas, bulgur wheat, yoghurt and salads but all given delicious spiciness, had us hungrily devouring the results.





June, of course, was the event of the year – the Horningsham Fayre. Members were involved volunteering on many stalls and along with other village members served cake and cream teas. Thank you to all those that donated cakes.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd July – Handmade Card Making

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

Meetings are free for WI 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.

Caramantha Wellstead President Horningsham WI

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MAIDEN BRADLEY HALL



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

Coffee Mornings & Library 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 selling basic grocery items e.g. milk, cream, butter, biscuits, crisps, chocolate, tea, coffee etc. Opening times: 9am – 11.30am. Please note CASH ONLY.

Maiden Bradley Arts Festival

August Bank Holiday weekend 24th, 25th, 26th August

Cream Teas served 2-4pm.

Artists from Maiden Bradley display their work e.g. paintings, woodwork, photography, cards etc.

Advance Notice: 10th October Pip Utton returns to Horningsham Hall 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.

A promotional poster for the play 'And Before I Forget I Love You, I Love You.' featuring Pip Utton. The poster includes a list of reviews, a quote, and a Fringe Festival award.

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Notable Trees

In Praise of Reverend Buddle or What's in a Name

Nearly 30 years ago I worked for a well-known National Trust property that had at that time a small but select garden shop, all done in the best possible taste. We sold Lavender, Roses, Hellebores, Gentians, but would you be surprised if I said Buddleja (Buddleia or even Buddlea). You may feel indifferent about them, you may think of that pale self-seeded version found on waste ground and railways. Even the RSPB 'rail' against them for being invasive! Well I love them! It's how you love them that matters and as plants are hybridised they tend not to be so fertile as their original versions. Known well for attracting butterflies, the large shrub can grow to become a tree but as I saw written recently 'its beauty becomes dimmed by neglect' (Wilton Garden Centre). Why am I flying the flag for Buddleja? Well Tonight! We have for your delight and delectation a few reasons as to why we should pay more attention to this pulchritudinous beauty! 😊

Val Bourne in The Telegraph 15th July, 2017 wrote that "Every garden should contain at least one buddleia planted in a warm, sunny position. It's like having a huge honey pot giving off a sweet waft of fragrance that draws in all kinds of butterflies: peacocks, red admirals, painted ladies and small tortoiseshells." The scent of flowers adapted to pollination by *Lepidoptera* (butterflies) are usually sweet and sometimes heavy as in honeysuckle, hyacinth, lilac, wallflower and carnation. One of the best known butterfly flowers of gardens *Buddleia davidii* produces a scent containing a balsamic element, which is perhaps related to its power of attraction for the butterflies of intermediate feeding habits. (Proctor, Lack and Yeo; The Natural History of Pollination, Harper Collins, 1996) The long slender proboscis of butterflies is adapted for reaching the nectar at the base of narrowly tubular flowers. Its length is coiled when at rest and when in use it has a 'knee bend' that facilitates entry to slender flower tubes. (Ibid.) Wow! Proboscis length varies too, for instance a Peacock butterfly has a proboscis of 17 mm. In 2014 I counted over a 100 Peacocks (*Inachis io*) on a single Buddleja when doing the Butterfly Count.



*My picture
2014*

Butterfly Conservation says that buddleia can attract 28 species, including silver-washed fritillary, dark green fritillary and chalk hill blue – making this shrub the best butterfly magnet of all.

Now let's get down and dirty with name calling 😊😁

Buddleja, or Buddleia (also historically given as Buddlea), commonly known as the butterfly bush, is a genus comprising over 100 species of flowering plants endemic to Asia, Africa, and the Americas. The generic name bestowed by Linnaeus posthumously honoured the Reverend Adam Buddle (1662–1715), a botanist and rector in Essex, England, at the suggestion of Dr. William Houston. Houston sent the first plants to become known to science as Buddleja (*B. americana*) to England from the Caribbean about 15 years after Buddle's death. (From Wikipedia)

By modern practice of botanical Latin, the spelling of a generic name made from 'Buddle' would be Buddleia, but Linnaeus in his *Species Plantarum* of 1753 and 1754 spelled it Buddleja, with the long i between two vowels, common in early modern orthography. The pronunciation of the long i in Buddleja as j is a common modern error. The International Code of Botanical Nomenclature has gradually changed to incorporate stricter rules about orthographic variants, and as of the 2006 edition requires (article 60, particularly 60.5) that Linnaeus' spelling should be followed in this case. 😊😁😁

Buddleja davidii (spelling variant *Buddleia davidii*), also called summer lilac, butterfly-bush, or orange eye, is a species of flowering plant in the family Scrophulariaceae, native to Sichuan and Hubei provinces in central China, and also Japan. It is widely used as an ornamental plant, and many named varieties are in cultivation. *B. davidii* is named for the Basque missionary and explorer in China, Father Armand David, who first noticed the shrub. It was found near Ichang by Dr Augustine Henry about 1887 and sent to St Petersburg. Another botanist-missionary in China, Jean-André Soulié, sent seed to the French nursery Vilmorin, and *B. davidii* entered commerce in the 1890s.

Val Bourne's tips on growing 'Bud' 😊

How to grow buddleia

Give them well-drained soil and a warm sunny spot so that the nectar flows.

Prune March-early April down to 16in (40cm), removing all the dead wood, as you would with a rose.

In spring, feed with Vitax Q4, a slow-release high potash-rich pelleted fertiliser, to boost flower power.

Always deadhead the flowers so that more arrive. This will also prevent unwanted seedlings.

Reduce the stems in November to prevent wind rock and damage to the stems – buddleias can be brittle.

Last month we planted Rev. Wilkins cooking apple and Cox's Orange Pippin. 4 Buddlejas so far, Black Knight, Lochinch, White Profusion and *alternifolia*.

Keeeeeep Planting

Jayne Glover

LONGLEAT NEWS

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN WOLF PUPS BORN AT LONGLEAT

Delighted keepers at Longleat Safari Park are celebrating the arrival of no fewer than seven tiny wolf pups. The bumper litter of European wolves, which were born last month, are being carefully looked after by mum Eliska and dad Jango.



The protective parents periodically pick the pups up and move them between three separate underground dens in their woodland enclosure at the Wiltshire safari park. “Both Eliska and Jango are extremely attentive parents, which is a really good sign,” said Longleat’s team manager for carnivores, Amy Waller. “As the pups spend their first few weeks underground it makes it very difficult to work out exactly how many there are. Initially we thought there were only five, so to discover there’s actually seven of them was a wonderful bonus,” she said.

The pups, which weighed less than half a kilogramme when born, are able to eat small amounts of meat from 15 days old but will not be fully weaned until eight to 10 weeks of age.





This is the second litter born at the Safari Park in the last year and boosts the pack size to 14. “The pups’ older siblings have also been getting involved with transporting them from den to den but have still not entirely got the hang of holding them the right way up so mum and dad do have to occasionally intervene,” added Amy.

Wolves live in a highly complex social structure and each knows its place in the pack hierarchy. In the wild the pack depends on this close cooperation for survival, both in hunting and in raising offspring.

Wild wolves were eradicated from most of Western Europe in the 19th century and they have been extinct throughout the UK for more than 250 years.

Following a number of reintroduction programmes the wild wolf population in Europe is now thought to be around 12,000 in over 28 countries. There are established packs in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain and Italy with numbers also on the rise in parts of France and Germany. In 2011 wolves were also reported in Belgium and the Netherlands.



MONTHLY RECIPE

We've had the chickens now since March and production is at its maximum. There are 8 chickens and we receive a steady 7 a day. I have a vague idea of who it is that isn't laying but no matter. They are all in good health, seemingly content and making me very happy too. This leads me to tell you that having an ample supply has changed my breakfast habit of porridge, yoghurt and banana to poached eggs on toast and the protein stops me being hungry halfway through the morning. I realised however that I have 3 very large overripe bananas that I have no desire to eat in their current state. As bananas ripen, they produce a series of volatile esters and alcohols that make up their aroma. Once they start to turn brown, most of these flavour components stop being produced, however the levels of one called ethyl acetate continue to rise through browning. It's a common laboratory solvent and smells like a mix of acetone (nail polish remover) and Juicy Fruit chewing gum. I used to buy my bananas as green as possible to keep the carbohydrate level down. What better opportunity to produce an enjoyable cake during these unsettled weather days, I was certainly over optimistic to think we would all be desperate for the cooling properties of green fruit salad. ☺

Elegy on a theme of 2 dead bananas

Ingredients

140g butter, softened, plus extra for the tin
140g caster sugar
2 large eggs, beaten
140g self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
50g icing sugar
2 over-ripe bananas, mashed



Method

1. Heat oven to 180 °C / 160 °C fan / gas mk 4.
2. Butter a 2lb loaf tin and line the base and sides with baking parchment.
3. Cream 140g softened butter and 140g caster sugar until light and fluffy, then slowly add 2 beaten large eggs with a little of the 140g flour.
4. Fold in the remaining flour, 1 tsp baking powder and 2 mashed bananas.
5. Pour into the tin and bake for about 30 mins until a skewer comes out clean.
6. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then remove to a wire rack.
7. Mix 50g icing sugar with 2-3 tsp water to make a runny icing.
8. Drizzle the icing across the top of the cake.

It is, as you can see, a very basic recipe but completely drawn from store cupboard items, quick to make and bake and full of potential. Spices; cinnamon, cardamom, ginger. toppings, fillings. Make it your own ☺📖🍌

Have a good summer!



Jayne Glover

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Crabtree Closing

THE rumour has been rampant in Warminster for more than twelve months that the 225 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., Crabtree, was to close down, but whether the rumour emanated from an intelligent guess on someone's part or whether it was just one of those wild statements it is impossible to say. Whichever it was, however, public confirmation was given last week.

I am informed by Mr. C. R. Algar, agent to the Longleat Estate, that a promise has been given that the unit will have completely quitted the site by the middle of next year. Already, he tells me, some of the great black hangars have been dismantled, and the intention is to restore the place to its former woodland beauty.

The site, bordering the Horningsham road, was no doubt chosen during the war for security reasons, and the huge storage sheds were built among the trees alongside the road. Many of the fine trees and rhododendron bushes were cleared, and the buildings have remained in use long after their war-time purpose had been fulfilled, marking one of the main approaches to Longleat.

It will be a bigger job now to tear up the concrete roadways and remove the hangars than it was to erect them, and when new shrubbery is planted it will be some years before it resembles its original natural beauty.

Close on 200 employees will be affected by the unit's closing, but it must be remembered that many of these come from places farther afield than Warminster and it is doubtful whether more than a half actually live in the immediate district.

From The Papers

7th August 1954

Many people, even some who live in Horningsham, don't realise that a large war-time RAF camp was built in the woods on both sides of the road from the Cley Hill roundabout. It also spread on both sides down the road towards Crockerton.

All that remains of the buildings is the "blister" hut opposite the Forestry Department.

The roads are still there as are the concrete bases of the huts.

This was a supply depot concealed in the woodland that received huge quantities of stores that were distributed to RAF bases – a precursor of the modern distribution centre.



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