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EDITORIAL

We're back after our summer break with most of our usual features and reports on events since our July issue. Our cover features another wonderful photo by Paul Kemp and inside you can read about the 25th Village Reunion, the clearing of Mundy's Lane and the repair of our beloved signpost at Hollybush. The Luncheon Club and the Welcome Club have reports on their outings. The School is looking forward to its new school year as are the W.I. and the Lion Cubs while the Cricket Club anticipates the end of another year's cricket. The Hall has news of the return of Pip Utton in October. Work has started on the replacement of the bus shelter on the Common funded by the Parish Council's insurers after its damage earlier in the year – hopefully it will be completed by the time of our next issue.

Our report of Remembrance Day in the December issue wrongly stated that Robert McIntyre, who was in his Royal Marines uniform, was related to the Curtis family. It has been pointed out to us that he is in fact related to the Carpenter family on whose behalf he arranged for the wreaths to be laid. We sincerely apologise for this error and are pleased to be able to correct it.

Tim Hill

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Sunday 15th September 2019

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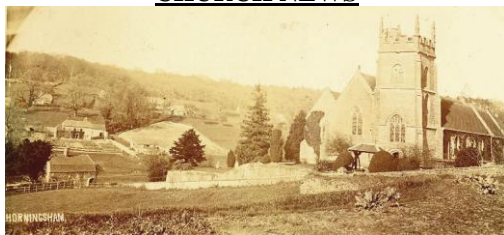


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CHURCH NEWS



Summer time is slipping away but it has been an eventful couple of months for the church. The annual village reunion was held in July for the 25th year; there is more on this in a separate article. It was lovely to welcome so many people to the service and we were very grateful to Robert Schuler from Kingston Deverill who kindly took the service for us. He also brought with him a visiting priest from Wilton who enjoyed sharing this special occasion with us.

I often mention that visitors to the church are grateful to find it open and express their thanks in the visitors' book. It is interesting to read who has signed the book as many of them have family connections with the village. A few weeks ago, the church was being cleaned. One of the ladies noticed that the book had been signed by an Ann Long from Ireland and asked Margaret if this lady was a relative. Margaret couldn't believe this as the lady in question was related to Graham. His 94-year-old 2nd cousin had researched the family tree but had been unable to trace this living relative. Margaret was so pleased to be able to tell him that the missing Ann had been found! They have since been in touch and Ann hopes to visit her newly discovered relatives soon. It is wonderful that the church was able to play a small part in reuniting them all.

It has also been a busy time with baptisms and weddings! Primrose Wellstead was baptised in June and it was lovely to see so many children in the church enjoying this special occasion. Sam Lock, who used to live at the village shop, was married in July, followed by Ben Good and Chloe McIvor in August. Congratulations to them all!

Our September service will be a Benefice Eucharist on the 29th.

Helen Taylor

	<u>Church Date</u>
29 th September	Benefice Eucharist 10.30am

From the registers

Baptism

Primrose Wellstead June 16th

Weddings

Samuel Lock and Emily Short 6th July
Benjamin Good and Chloe McIvor 31st August

Dear Friends - Old and new!

‘Everything that goes around comes around’, so the saying goes, well - history certainly has a way of repeating itself! The writer of Ecclesiastes often repeats ‘there is nothing new under the sun’ and we are inclined to agree at times, when we hear the daily news and look around us at a world that seems to be constantly in a mess. Yet we walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), with God, through and in Christ, who by the Holy Spirit is constantly creating and making all things new.

Those of you who know me (Gay Maynard) will also know that seven and half years ago I began a new chapter in my faith journey, having felt for some time that God was nudging me to do a bit of ‘door knocking, to discern perhaps a new way to serve Jesus and his Church - to see where the path would lead. It meant laying down the place I had in the Church family here and joining the family at St. Denys ‘The Minster’ and St.Mary’s Upton Scudamore. Doors began to swing open and that journey took me through preparation for selection at a Bishops’ Advisory Panel, three years of theological study with Sarum College, ordination to the diaconate in 2016 and priesthood in 2017 and finally being signed off from three years as Assistant Curate in the River Were Benefice. In case you are wondering, this Benefice was newly created in 2017 to include Bishopstrow, St. Aldhelm’s and Boreham, St.John’s with St. Denys and St. Mary.

We came here - myself with husband Bob and two daughters, Michele and Colette, in August 1987, and have lived on the border between Corsley and Chapmanslade for 32 years. I was very much part of church and village life and whilst it was the right thing for me to go away from the parish to train I have felt strangely disconnected during that time. But now another new journey is about to begin as I am licensed to the Cley Hill Benefice as Associate Priest on 5th September at 7pm in St. Margaret’s Church Corsley, working with the Rector Pauline. So I do feel that I have rather gone around in a circle, that I am completing a cycle but also beginning a new one, I am looking forward to reconnecting, to renewing relationships and making new ones over the years to come. In the grand scheme of things seven and a half years isn’t all that long and in God’s economy it is but a twinkling of the eye, but much can change in that time and so I have some catching to do. I look forward to meeting old friends and making new and hope that many of you will be able to come to St. Margaret’s on 5th September to share the beginning of this new ministry together, with me. I look forward to seeing you there.

With love and blessings Gay Maynard

*The Churchwardens and PCCs of the Benefice of the Cley Hill Villages
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of*

*The Revd Gay Maynard as Associate Priest
Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7:00pm*

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Crey's Charity

Crey's Charity was established in 1698 by Jeremiah Crey who gave 14 acres of land at Kingston Deverill, known as Redmead Field, to provide an income to "Pay and satisfy three, good and discreet school mistresses to teach and instruct the poor children of the parish of Horningsham". The trustees were to pay the school mistresses and, if any money remained, "to employ it in apprenticing the children to some trade".

The Charity has continued ever since with the income currently of about £2,500 per year being spent on projects at Horningsham School, the village Play Area etc.

The Secretary to the Charity is Mrs Emma Curtis. The Trustees are: Mrs. Louisa Cruickshank; Mr. George Williamson; Mr. James Osborne; Dr Bob Grove; Mr. Tim Moore; and the Marchioness of Bath.

The Trustees consider that the income from the Charity should benefit Horningsham children and they would therefore welcome any suggestions from Horningsham residents as to what projects or enterprises the Charity might help fund. Any ideas should be passed on to one of the Trustees or to the Secretary, Mrs Emma Curtis.

Who was Jeremiah Crey?

In short he was a Horningsham boy who 'done good'. His father Alexander was a successful local clothier who made cloth at a time when cloth making was a thriving industry in Horningsham. Alexander had four sons: Richard, John, William and Jeremiah. We only know sparse details of Jeremiah's life but he was baptised in Horningsham in November 1659. According to the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine of 1856 "*he made a large fortune by the invention of an ingenious machine for beating wool*". This enabled him to buy property in Ibsley near Ringwood and later bought the manor in 1697 which stayed in the family during the 18th century.

At some point prior to 1688 when he was appointed Sherriff of Wiltshire he had received a Knighthood. In 1698 he endowed Crey's Charity with land he owned at Kingston Deverill. The next we know of him is the parish record of his burial at Ibsley on 7th April 1710. His will is available at the National Archives and their record shows probate granted on 15 February 1711. In the will he left most of his property to his nephew John Crey, clothier, of Horningsham. Another nephew, William, disputed the will in 1710 claiming he was the rightful heir by blood rather than John but John won the court case. When John died in 1725, the property passed to his son Jeremiah.

In the Name of God Amen

Jeremiah Crey of Ibsley in the County of Southampton Esquire -
being sick and infirm but of a sound and perfect mind and -
memory praised be God for it and considering that all men must
die and the time when being uncertain the world for doing -
and disposing of my Estate goods and Chattells doe make und -
Ordained this to be my Last will and Testament and doo hereby -
revoke and make void all former and other will or wills by -
me made and doo declare this to be my Last will and Testament

HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 18th July at the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries MILCM, Unitary Councillor Fleur De Rhe Philipe.

Public Question Time

Unitary Councillor Fleur de Rhe Philipe addressed Council on the Electoral Boundary Consultation on changes affecting elections to Wiltshire Council.

She asked if Council would support saying that it wishes to stay with the compromise rather than becoming part of a division that extended south of the A303 towards Salisbury. The Chairman thanked her for coming along and explaining he also congratulated her on her MBE.

Planning

Appeal by Mr James Bolton

Site Address: 212 Pottle Street, Horningsham, Wiltshire, BA12 7LX

Council noted the conclusion in the report of the appeal below.

“Overall, I consider that some of the works have led to the loss of historic fabric, which evidenced the history and evolution of the building. In other cases, they have had a negative effect on its character by, for example, concealing historic features, using unsympathetic materials, such as plasterboard, or radically changing the nature of the living space through the creation of a capacious, vaulted ceiling, generally untypical of rural cottages and contrasting with the previous predominantly low ceilings in the property.

36. Paragraph 193 of the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) 21 advises that when considering the impact of development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to its conservation.

Paragraph 194 of the Framework indicates that any harm to, or loss of significance of a designated heritage asset, including from its alteration, should require clear and convincing justification. I have already found such clear justification to be lacking on the evidence before me in this appeal.

39. For the reasons given above, and having regard to all other matters raised, I conclude that the appeal should be dismissed.”

Highways Parish Steward

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Parish Steward of the following: clearing the road near Lilac Cottage; Little Scotland gutters are silted up; and in Pottle Street the muddy area by the gateway on the left is causing the gullies to block. The gully at the bottom of Church Lane is also totally blocked.

Longleat Estate

The Clerk was instructed to contact Longleat to clear the stream at Town Well where it is overflowing onto Water Lane. Town Well hedge will also require cutting before the

Memorial Service in November. It was mentioned that it needs to come down level with the wall around the Memorial.

Play Area Grounds Contract & Present Grounds Contract

The Clerk reported that she had received quotations for the 1st July 2019 to 30th September 2019 period to cut the grass fortnightly inside the Play Area only. She further reported that the present Grounds Contractor has offered to cut the Play Area at no extra charge due to the contractual issues had with elsewhere within the contract. Council accepted the offer to cut the grass fortnightly inside the Play Area

The contract for next year would be discussed at the September meeting and any amendments or additions agreed and approved at this meeting.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that he was the person to contact over any issue with the grounds contractor.

Play Area Seat

Councillor Ken Windess said he had received delivery of the seat and would see to its installation. He asked that assistance was given to move the seat into position as it was very heavy. Councillor Stephen Crossman said he would move the bench. It was agreed to place the bench on two concrete pads. A site meeting took place after the meeting to decide where to place the seat. Councillor John Radley and the Clerk gave advice on the areas mentioned and following lengthy discussions, all agreed the position.

Play Area & Tennis Court Fencing

It was reported that Wessex Fencing had completed the installation of the fencing to one side of the tennis court. Councillor Stephen Crossman said he would to remove the brambles from the fencing near the Hall. He also said he would supply some top soil to build up the area along the tennis court fencing and Councillor Ken Windess would add wooden boards to hold back the soil. Grass seed would then be sown along this area and the bare area outside of the Play Area.

Play Area Signage

It was noted that the health & safety signage and the name plaque had been received. Councillor Ken Windess confirmed that he would install the signs on the fencing to the left of the gate.

Defibrillator Training Event

Councillor Stephen Crossman reported that he had opened the Village Hall on the 20th June 2019 and the Ambulance Service had set up but sadly no parishioners came along, which was very disappointing. Annual training events are included in the contract.

Finger Post at Hollybush Junction

One arm of the sign had been broken off by Wiltshire Council's grass cutting contractor. The Highways Department said they would replace the signpost with a standard metal one unless the Parish Council chose to repair the existing wooden signpost. Councillor Ken Windess said that replacing the broken arm was a relatively straightforward task and he would be happy to undertake it. Councillor Fran Chris pointed out that a letter "G" had disappeared from one of the arms a long time ago. Council gratefully accepted Councillor Windess's kind offer.

The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be on Thursday 5th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend.

Mundy's Lane

Our Parish Steward, Pete Wood, got hold of a JCB and has cleared Mundy's Lane. Like most of our roads it has no name sign so, for those unfamiliar with it, Mundy's Lane is the tiny lane between the Church and Hollybush that goes down to Gentle Street. As you can see from the photos it's probably not a good idea to drive down it but it's perfect for a quiet traffic-free stroll!

Why is it called Mundy's Lane? Most of the roads in the village have names and several are named after people who lived on them – sometimes very many years ago, as is the case with Mundy's Lane. There is a record of a John Mundy in Horningsham in 1661 but the latest record is from 1701. This is of Elizabeth Woodlands being apprenticed to Joseph Mundy whose occupation was a "broadweaver". At this time Horningsham had a thriving cloth industry and a broadweaver wove woollen cloth about 5 foot wide on a loom which was then shrunk down to produce a much finer cloth than could be woven. The local cloth industry died out around 1830 largely as a result of mechanisation, leading to great distress and a rise in emigration. There are still plenty of people named Mundy in Warminster and the rest of Wiltshire but none recorded in Horningsham after 1701.

Another of the roads in the village named after people is Rowe's Hill which leads up from White Street which may also be named after a family. People named Rowe are recorded from 1684 with many in the 20th Century. The short road linking up to Chapel Street is Haskell's Lane, Haskell being another name that was frequent in Horningsham. While there is no record of Gentle in Horningsham, there are people named Gentle in Salisbury to this day, so maybe Gentle Street is another.



Mundy's Lane from Church Street

Before and After Views of Mundy's Lane from Gentle Street



The Saga of the Signpost



One day the Wiltshire Council contractor was cutting the verges through the village with his tractor when . . . he hit the old wooden signpost at Hollybush.

The Chairman of the Parish Council promptly reported the damage to Wiltshire Council using the app on his iPhone. To his dismay, the Highways Department replied saying that they no longer mended wooden signposts but would replace it with a modern metal one.

The posts on the Horningsham News Facebook page were unanimous in wanting the sign repaired. The Parish Council agreed – “Keep our old wooden signpost”, they said.

The Highways Department said the Parish Council could take on the cost of repairing the signpost and even suggested there might be someone with “suitable carpentry skills” in the village who could do it. The Parish Councillors, always careful with Council Taxpayers money, were wondering how much repairing the signpost might cost.

Up stepped Councillor Ken Windess (of Bus Shelter fame) and declared it was a simple mortice joint and he would fix it!

Sure enough, Ken, with his son-in-law Alen, were soon on the job – they even replaced the long-missing “G” in Longleat.

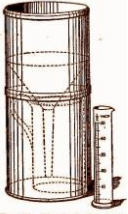
Thanks to them, our lovely old wooden signpost is now even better than when the grasscutter hit it.

Photo: *Neil Dykes*





PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL



Having missed last month's newsletter, I can report that June gave us 1.47 inches compared to 0.67 last year.

July started with great hot fine weather, but on the 12th we had a lot of rain 0.59 inches. This did not penetrate the ground much but helped to dampen the dust. It continued fine for the next few days, then on the 20th we again had a heavy shower dropping 0.41 inches. It turned very hot which then caused thunder and lightning on the 24th and 26th in the evening but hardly any rain fell here in Horningsham - just the dramatic show of the lightning.

At the end of the month we had heavy rain with high winds, so the total for July was 2.16 inches compared to 1.333 in 2018.

John Whatley

Heavy August Downpour at West Common



Photo: Paul Kemp

HORNINGSHAM HALL



Horningsham Village Hall is delighted to welcome Pip Utton back to Horningsham to perform his newest comedy

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The Luncheon Club Annual Outing

On Thursday, August 1st, the Luncheon Club set off to North Somerset for the annual summer outing. We were going to see a museum of memorabilia near Portbury and have an afternoon at Clevedon.

The weather was fine as we drove through the lush countryside, pausing for a coffee break at the huge Cadbury Garden Centre with its many tempting sales items, and arriving at Oakham Treasures, set in a beautiful wooded valley in farm buildings next to a large old farmhouse.



This was a lifetime collection of an enormous range of industrial and domestic items ranging chiefly from the 1930s to the 1970s. Most of us felt right at home looking at all this stuff which had been part of our lives and now certainly looked as if it had come from a bygone age! Some younger members looked frankly puzzled at some of the quaint things on display. Even the cafe looked as if it had stepped right out of the age of utilitarian restaurant experience.





After all this concentrated reminiscing, we set off for Clevedon arriving on the seafront in perfect afternoon sunshine. The pier stretched out into the brownish waters of the Severn estuary with its delicate wrought iron cafe at the end looking out at the distant blue hills of Wales. Just the right spot for a reviving cup of tea.



We returned home, stopping by rocky Burrington Combe for our exciting raffle event organised by Tom and reached home at 7 after a happy day out.

Many thanks to Pearl and Lesley for organising it so well.

Carole Hill

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A New Year!

Welcome back to Horningsham Primary School for another exciting and full academic year. We welcome our new reception pupils and look forward to sharing our experiences with you over the year. Please do contact us if you would like to get more involved in the school in any way – as a community school we are always very keen to build our links with the village.

Super Sports Week



We had a fantastic sports week in July full of events and activities to boost everybody's physical activity levels, including the staff! It started with a great samba jamming session followed by yoga, tchoukball, boccia and goalball. Orienteering at Marlborough School Games was lots of fun and we all enjoyed the sponsored hike with the children showed great determination to complete the full course! We can't believe how amazingly well we did with sponsorship, raising £2400. 10% of this was donated to Clic Sargent to support families dealing with children's cancer.

Quiz Night

The Quiz Night at the Village Hall was a great success! A massive well done to Mr and Mrs Lapham for organising such a fun evening. The hall was packed and everyone enjoyed some delicious chilli, a licensed bar, great quiz and fantastic raffle prizes. We raised almost £1000, 10% of which went to Clic Sargent. We hope to do another one in the Spring so watch this space!

Creativity at Horningsham

RIO Bridge in association with the Arts Council has now finalised our case study video. You can see this on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je3FWKM-IBs>

or just search 'the creative curriculum at Horningsham School'. A link is available also on our website.

Unicef: Children's Rights

A group of our children worked with an Italian film company to produce voice overs for a Unicef animation video about the rights of the child. They did an amazing job and the final video will be used across the UK and is to promote and celebrate the 30th anniversary of this convention. It was a great opportunity for the children and we are very proud of the final outcome, which will be available online very soon



Horningsham Young Writers



We are so proud of the thirteen children who have been selected to have their writing published after entering the national competition run by Young Writers. They all wrote poems about their dreams. What an achievement!

Mill Farm Chronicles June-July-August 2019

In the last eight weeks, we've shivered, we've baked, we've been blown away and we've been half drowned. Nobody can say we don't have varied weather in this country.

On the farm in eight weeks we've cut and hauled some nice hay, had a second cut of silage, started having our summer calves, had two TB tests and acquired some more mouths to feed.

The Gamma interferon blood test was done a month ago and we lost 4 more of our cows to this "bleep bleep bleep" disease, two of which were in calf. In theory that should be the herd clear now with all the reactors gone. We've just had our first 60 day test with the results on Thursday so we shall see, but I'm not holding my breath!

We've had 9 calves so far from our summer calvers. The nice thing about summer calving is that they usually give birth outside in the field and without any trouble. Steve goes out to check the herd in the morning and finds a very proud mum with a brand new baby.

George and Mildred, the Muscovy ducks, have hatched 9 ducklings. They are very attentive parents and never leave the "kids" on their own for a minute. All the ducklings are thriving and are feathering up nicely. There must be something in the water down here because Harry and Meghan the Runner ducks have also got ducklings. Meghan decided that a good place to nest was outside the bed and breakfast rooms in amongst the Blue Geraniums. She dutifully laid 8 eggs and sat on them. Now we fully expected her to get fed up with sitting and abandon the eggs because we have read that Runner ducks are prolific layers but terrible mothers. Not our Meghan, she sat patiently in all that hot weather and finally 5 eggs hatched and what little corksers the ducklings are. Mother and babies, Archie, Harrison, Mountbatten, Windsor and Markle, are now in their own house and covered run on the front lawn. Our final new mouths to feed at Mill Farm are two young guinea pigs called Pip and Squeak. They are a bit timid at the moment but Jack and I are enjoying handling them every day. A family in the village had a surplus of these lovely creatures and we were delighted to be able to offer them a forever home on our back lawn with a bunch of Muscovy ducks as neighbours.



The weather perked up in June and so did the bed and breakfast business. We've had lots of lovely people through our dining room over the past eight weeks, more so since Animal Park started airing new episodes on BBC1 every morning. We've spotted Jack in a few episodes too!

Talking of Jack, late in June he, Steve and I flew to Edinburgh for 3 days. We had booked Jack a keeper's experience at Edinburgh zoo as his 30th birthday present. It was a bit of a "coals to Newcastle" thing but he had a really good day. While Jack was getting up close and personal with all the keepers and animals, Steve and I wandered around the Zoo. I really wanted to see the Pandas and we were lucky enough to see both of them really close up, what amazing animals they are. The penguins were great too and daily take part in The Penguin Parade which is a short walk (waddle) around the zoo. Everyone lines the pathways to see the penguins go past so we did as well and I started filming it only to realise that Jack was walking with them too, beaming from ear to ear!

Whilst in Edinburgh we managed to cram in a visit to the castle (brilliant), a trip round HMY Britannia (really interesting) the National Museum of Scotland which was really good and an open-top bus trip around the city to see places like Holyrood House and the famous statue of Greyfriars Bobby. Bobby was a Skye Terrier dog who guarded the grave of his late owner for 14 years. We walked up the Royal Mile and Princes Street and ate ice creams in Princes Street Gardens whilst admiring the Castle on the horizon and listening to bagpipes. It was a pretty full-on 3 days but thoroughly enjoyable.

I thought we'd had a quiet summer but listing the things we've done sounds like quite a lot. We've celebrated several birthdays over June, July and August, been to a couple of BBQs, have had a few meals out. We've been to Whitbourne Lavender Farm's Open Day, been to the cinema to see The Lion King and Toy Story 4, been to see The Drifters at The Memorial theatre, watched Love Island (yeah, yeah I know its rubbish but it's addictive rubbish), and have had some longish walks to try to get into training for the 26 mile charity walk around Salisbury and Stonehenge that Jo and Amy and I are doing on 31st August for Alzheimer's UK. I'm actually thinking that I may have bitten off more than I can chew with this challenge, the spirit is willing but I'm not entirely sure the flesh is capable. Still we shall see and I'll tell you how it all went next month. Should anyone like to sponsor us, just go to www.justgiving.com and search for Amy Nelson. All monies raised go to research a cure for this awful disease and support Dementia sufferers and their families. Any small amount would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Margaret Crossman



25th Anniversary Village Reunion

The air was filled with laughter and the sharing of happy memories in Horningsham on Sunday 21st July when villagers past and present gathered for their annual village reunion. This year was particularly special as it was the 25th year. The idea was formed back in 1994 when members of the church wanted to mark the 150th anniversary of the rebuilding of their village church. A special service was held which attracted a large congregation; someone had the idea of holding a special service for people who were baptised in the church. This happened the following year and the preparation involved searching the baptism register for names of people who were still alive and then tracing as many of them as possible. The event was a great success and it became an annual occasion. Central to the day has always been a service in the church and a display of photographs contributed by those who attend each year. The display has a theme and past subjects have included weddings, the village school, sport, the village hall and the Women's Institute.

The day has always been a group effort, but over the years the main organisers have been Jane Yates, Vera Crossman and Helen Taylor. Helen, who grew up in Horningsham, is the current organiser. "We always have such a lovely day", said Helen. "It is wonderful that so many people have happy memories of growing up in Horningsham in the 40s, 50s and 60s and that they enjoy coming back each year to meet their old friends. They have an amazing selection of photographs, and I was so pleased to be able to publish a book in 2000. I think they have shared their entire collections with me over the years".

After church the group moves on to the village hall, where they enjoy a superb lunch. The afternoon is spent enjoying each other's company and taking a trip down memory lane. "We are so lucky to have this wonderful hall to meet in" said Helen. "We are also lucky to have professional caterers in the village who can provide an amazing lunch. Kim Mattia has prepared our lunch for the last three years and before that it was Vera Crossman & then Susie Morice-Lane. It is lovely to enjoy a leisurely meal together and then be able to sit and chat. There is always a lot of laughter. Inevitably numbers have dropped a little over the years but I still get over forty people who want to come; some have hardly missed a year. At the end of the day they say goodbye and 'see you next year'. I really enjoy the day and will keep going as long as people want to come".





WELCOME CLUB



On Tuesday 25th June Welcome Club members and friends set off on their monthly outing. This month it was to Broadwindsor Craft Centre and Lyme Regis. We set off on a very damp muggy misty morning and hoped the weather would improve. When we arrived at the Craft Centre the weather was overcast but dry, everyone got their coffee etc. and enjoyed the other little shops there. We arrived in Lyme Regis at 12.30pm and the weather was much improved and by late afternoon it was warm and sunny. I think everyone enjoyed themselves some even paddled even though the water was cold! Leaving Lyme Regis at 4.30pm, we continued our outing to the Sparkford Inn where stopped for half an hour then we did our raffle arriving home at 7.20pm after an enjoyable day.

On Tuesday July 23rd it was our monthly outing, and we went to Lyndhurst & Bournemouth. We were all worried at the beginning because the bus did not turn up which is very unusual. It turned out they had trouble with the doors they think mice chewed through the cables. Anyway they turned up 25 minutes late with a different bus. We did not get to Lyndhurst till 11.30am but stayed 1 hour for a late coffee break. Then on to Bournemouth arriving about 1.30pm and we stayed so everyone could enjoy the beautiful day. We even had two children on the bus who were very well behaved and had a marvellous time on the beach. Some adults went swimming, some paddling and one person slipped in the water while paddling and got wetter than expected. We left Bournemouth at 5.30pm after a lovely time at the seaside, even if the beach was packed with people. We stopped at Salisbury Coach Park to do the raffle. Theo & Lucy helped Tom so that was fun, and we arrived home at 7.40pm after a lovely day out.

On Thursday 18th July Welcome Club held their monthly meeting although we did not have a speaker we discussed the running of the Club. It was decided that our Christmas Lunch will again be held at the Bell Inn Weyhill on Tuesday December 3rd, no monthly meeting in August.

Once again on the Welcome Club monthly outing we were lucky with the weather seeing the weather we have had of late has been so bad. On Tuesday 20th September we set off for Sidmouth with blue skies shining. We stopped at Otter Garden Centre for coffee which is very popular with the members. After an hour we set off again for Sidmouth, getting to there about 12 noon so people had plenty of time to enjoy themselves as we were leaving at 5pm. On the way home we stopped at The Eagle pub which everyone seems to like, after which we did our raffle. We were sorry that six people had to miss the trip due to ill health we all wish them well.

Our September meeting is Thursday 19th which will be Bingo, and our next Outing is to Weymouth on 24th please let me know if you are interested.

Pearl Hudson



We are delighted to welcome two new families to the village this month:

Terry Snook and his partner Dale Stevens have moved to 86 Water Lane with a son Leonard aged 11, who is a very keen footballer and enjoys all sports. Chengli, aged 4, son of friends also spends a lot of time with them. Terry also has a grown-up daughter Emma, who lives in Frome. Terry is a gardener and runs T.S. Garden Services in Frome. Dale runs 'Tall Trees Kindergarten' at Old Ford House near Frome. Terry was brought-up in Maiden Bradley, but his uncle and aunt, Bert and Janet Snook, lived in Horningsham.

Mel and Tom Willoughby have moved with their family to the old village shop, No173 Chapel Street. Mel, who grew up in Warminster, works at Henford House, and Tom, who was in the "Greenjackets" in the Army, now works for KVR Aspire in Warminster Camp. They have a family of six: Jake and Sam, twins aged 17, who are at school at Kingdown; Riley and Tyler, twins aged 9, who are at Sambourne School; and two older daughters, Michaela, 26, who works away from home now, and Lauren, 22, who is at home with them. They also have two Boxer dogs.

Maggie Osborne

HORNINGSHAM CRICKET CLUB



It is September, and almost time to bid farewell to the cricket season and hello again to the family, who, it turns out, are still living with you. Of course the double life continues. You dream of next summer while grunting interestedly at holiday plans. Or, as now, cry out "Yes, Yes" at intervals while trying to compose something readable for the Horningsham News.

Our league season is over. We did well and came third. However opposition teams who failed to turn up, rain and a complicated format tended to disengage the imagination. We are debating whether to try to play fewer league games and more friendlies next year, to play more purely for fun.

The next few weeks brings a series of friendlies against touring sides and our own tour to Cornwall. It was a huge success last year, though we thought the hotel we stayed at might not want us back (don't ask me why) so we are going somewhere else. Your correspondent will be well out the way, battling mosquitos on an island in the Gulf of Thailand, so someone else may report on it next month.

I sign off with an extraordinary idea: the club may go on a tour of Thailand in 2020, and take part in an international 6 a side competition in Chiang Mai. Wouldn't that be fun.

James Osborne

Notes from a Horningsham Garden

As I write this, the rain is lashing down and, while a month ago, I was overcome with gratitude for torrential downpours after the long hot dry spell and a rest from constant watering, now I could wish there was a bit more sun and warmth.

Still, now is the time for harvesting and the rain has come in time to save things like courgettes, beans, sweet corn, even though it was too late for my soft fruit and peas, which petered out and dried up. Courgettes need picking every other day before they turn quickly into large marrows, though overgrown ones make excellent soup when sliced, fried in olive oil with garlic, simmered in stock, liquidised and served with Parmesan and basil.



French and runner beans like the cooler, wetter conditions and have produced masses of tender pods. My favourite French beans are still Cobra, which are very crisp and tasty, followed closely, (despite the sad name), by purple Cherokee Trail of Tears. The Moonlight runner beans I am trying this year, seem to be finer and less stringy than some varieties and have pretty, creamy white flowers. French beans freeze quite well if picked when young, but runner beans have a disappointingly flabby consistency and are better made into something, like chutney.

I worry about the sweet corn ripening, but a quick peek into the husks suggests that they are turning golden. Nothing more delicious than freshly picked sweetcorn served with a knob of butter.

If the soft fruit ended rather quickly in the heat, and the blackberries are being made soggy by the rain, the Czar plum tree is bent over with fruit till its branches are scraping the ground. For the last 3 years there hasn't been a single plum because all the blossoms have been killed by late frosts. This year however, although the later Victoria plum suffered the same fate, the early Czar escaped and seems to be trying to make up for the lost years. In an effort to stop the branches breaking, I have filled buckets and buckets, chopped, chilled and frozen enough to last several more years. Fortunately, although sweet and juicy when very ripe, it is primarily a cooking plum and is delicious de-stoned and baked in its own juice for half an hour with sugar and cinnamon.



The herbaceous border is turning into its late summer mode, and the most showy flowers are daisy-like flowers of echinacea, and helenium, followed by dahlias, and crocosmias in pinks, oranges and reds. They need periodic release from strangling bindweed, propping up, tying up and dead heading. It's a good time to collect seed from dried flower heads and if sown right away, will germinate in time to make new plants before autumn.

Next thing to look forward to is trimming the yew hedges and trying to get the hazelnuts before the squirrels do!

Carole Hill

LION CUBS

In the Lion Cubs sessions leading up to the summer holidays we were blessed with some lovely sunny weather, in which we were able to get out and have some adventures!

Steve Crossman very kindly welcomed us to Mill Farm and showed the children his animals. We especially enjoyed meeting Thelma and Louise the pigs and feeding Lucky, Rosie and Poppy the donkeys. It was a great morning!





For our last playgroup session we organised a special Summer Party for our Lion Cubs, complete with bouncy castle, giant floor piano and bubble machine! Most of the children managed to eat their own body weight in party food and several parents enjoyed a turn on the bouncy castle! It was such a lovely way to end the term!

Playgroup will be starting up again on Thursday 5th September 9.15 - 10.45. We look forward to seeing our returning Lion Cubs and hope to see some new faces next term too.

Rachel Mumby

Horningsham W.I.

We enjoyed an informal evening in August, arranged around a Beetle Drive with nibbles, snacks and a very nice Pimm's to keep us going.

The beetle drive caused much hilarity and was won by our new member from Maiden Bradley. Maybe this will encourage her to come again.

After that we had lively discussions on news and views and had a thoroughly sociable evening.





Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 3rd September

Drawing skills, with village resident and Longleat graphic designer; Phil Mumby

Tuesday 1st October

Jam making

Tuesday 18th November – *NB not first Tuesday*

Christmas craft

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 of the month 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

Horningsham's Notable Trees



It is a truth universally acknowledged that the Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) is a pesky varmint. Barcham Trees of Ely in Cambridgeshire sums up the problem for me: “*Acer pseudoplatanus*, known as Sycamore to most, is the native tree we love to hate! Sycamore has long been naturalised in Britain, providing a stable backdrop to many estates, parklands and hedgerows throughout the country. The large, lobed Maple like leaves sometimes aid it to conceal itself as a less contrived variety of tree, however when the distinctive double winged samara (keys or helicopters) are produced it struggles to hide its identify from the masses any further!”

Acer pseudoplatanus puts on rapid growth for the first 20 years of its life and can reach heights of above 20m. Barcham carries on to re-inforce what horticulturalists know to be true! “The stigma attached to planting Sycamore is related to its propensity to self-seed and indeed its vigour to ensure that it will prevail, come what may!”. Of course this may not be an obvious problem to the lay person when they may see a potential tree growing in an inappropriate place.

Let's start at the beginning:- The sycamore is a tall, domed tree of the maple family. Its five-lobed leaves have toothed margins and characteristic red stalks. Its flowers are small, green and hang in spikes, turning to distinctive winged fruits, known as ‘samaras’ but first we have the achene.



An achene is a type of simple dry fruit produced by many species of flowering plants. In many species, what is called the ‘seed’ is actually an achene - a fruit containing the seed. The seed-like appearance is owed to the hardening of the fruit wall (pericarp), which encloses the solitary seed so closely as to seem like a seed coat. A ‘samara’ is a winged achene, a type of fruit in which a flattened wing of fibrous, papery tissue develops from the ovary wall easily recognised as a ‘helicopter.’ The shape and design of a samara enables the wind to carry the seed farther away from the parent tree than typical seeds that fall within a short radius.



I’ve made it sound as though there is nothing good about a sycamore, far from it. There are many important rewards from growing this ‘nearly’ native tree. It is beautiful, and has very attractive, perfumed flowers that then turn into samaras. The winged helicopters are a joy and part of childhood memories. It provides shade and abundant resources for wildlife from the lichen growing on the bark to the honeydew on the leaves. All we have to remember is to pull them out as soon as possible when they are growing in the ‘wrong’ place.

Facts about Sycamore

In 1833 six agricultural labourers met at a Sycamore tree in Tolpuddle, Dorset to discuss their poor wages and living conditions. The men were arrested in 1834 for swearing a secret oath as part of the formation of a union and later became known as The Tolpuddle Martyrs. Following a trial at nearby Dorchester, the men were sentenced to seven years penal labour in Australia. Mass public protest followed the sentencing and subsequently the men were pardoned and freed.

Sycamores make new growth from the stump or roots if cut down and can therefore be coppiced to produce poles and other types of small timber. Its coppice stools grow comparatively rapidly, reaching up to 10 feet (3.0 m) in diameter in 450 years.

Sycamore produces a hard-wearing, white or cream close-grained timber that turns golden with age. The wood can be worked and sawn in any direction and is used for making musical instruments, furniture, joinery, wood flooring and parquetry. Because it is non-staining, it is used for kitchen utensils, wooden spoons, bowls, rolling pins and chopping boards. In Scotland it has traditionally been used for making fine boxes, sometimes in association with contrasting, dark-coloured laburnum wood (Scottish Wood).

Jayne Glover

LONGLEAT NEWS



Sky Safari returns 13th to 15th September

This September, more than 150 hot air balloons are due to take to the skies over the Longleat Estate in the biggest gathering of balloons in the UK!

This year's festival is set to be bigger, bolder and balloon-ier than ever with an array of special shaped balloons set to wow visitors coming to Longleat. Led by Longleat's very own lion shaped balloon there will also be a menagerie of special animal shapes including a koala, cheetah, wolf, parrot, panther and owl.

You'll get breath-taking views (and pictures) during our mass launches and tethered displays. Followed in the evenings* by a stunning night glow with a selection of our favourite balloons which fire their burners up to an amazing soundtrack – a sight not to be missed!

DAILY HOT AIR BALLOON SCHEDULE

- **7:15am – 8:30am:** Morning mass balloon launch
- **10am – 11:30am:** Morning tethered balloon display
- **2:30pm – 4pm:** Afternoon balloon tethering display
- **5pm – 6:30pm:** Evening mass balloon launch
- **7:45pm (*Friday and Saturday only):** Night Glow

Please be aware that ballooning is incredibly weather dependent, we may have to adjust the timing of our launches to allow for the weather, and in adverse conditions some launches and displays may have to be postponed or cancelled.

Abseiling Stone Masons



Longleat is employing the services of abseiling stonemasons to inspect a 300-year-old carved coat of arms on the front of Longleat House. The inspection is part of the regular monitoring and conservation work required to maintain the Grade I listed Elizabethan mansion.

The work is being carried out by James Preston and Columba Strachey, from Wells-based Sally Strachey Historic Conservation, who had to abseil 20 metres down from the roof to get a close-up view of the carved stonework.

“The rope work inspection is one of the more unusual aspects of ensuring the long-term preservation of this important building,” said Longleat House Manager, James Cripps. “It enables us to check the hard-to-reach parts of this amazing house and undertake minor stonework conservation where necessary. Today the coat of arms has passed with flying colours, so at the moment no interventions are needed,” he added.

The coat of arms features two ‘lions rampant’ with knotted tails and is surmounted by a viscount’s coronet. It was carved by sculptor Claude David in around 1705 as part of a new entrance for Longleat House commissioned by Thomas Thynne, 1st Viscount Weymouth. This replaced a previous entrance designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the 1660s, which was adapted and relocated to a school founded in 1705 by the 1st Viscount in nearby Warminster, where it remains to this day.

Originally from Burgundy, by 1700 Claude David was in England carrying out work at Windsor Castle for William III. In addition to the entrance, the 1st Viscount also commissioned David to sculpt several statues for the new formal gardens he introduced at Longleat. These gardens were replaced in the mid-18th century by the present parkland landscape designed by Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown.

MONTHLY RECIPE

Blackberry Fool

“Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit and resign yourself to the influences of the earth.” Henry David Thoreau (1817- 1862)

I think I finally managed to do that this year. ‘We’ as in me and my BH (Beloved Husband) made a conscious decision to pour energy and effort into our postage stamp sized garden and we have been both delighted and rewarded by the results. Alpine/conventional strawberries, broad beans, sweetcorn, 25kg of potatoes, raspberries and tomatoes. The courgettes and cucumbers died from neglect because I couldn’t see them. Lessons learned and a new garden to plan make winter, when it comes, a time to pause and reflect on what works and what doesn’t.



There seems to be a profusion of wild blackberries, I was going to say it must be a good year however Violet Hudson in Spectator Life, 9th August 2016 advised that we should be cautious: “a profusion of berries is traditionally a signifier of a harsh winter ahead. Given the plethora of blackberries in the hedges, it may be time to start dusting down your cashmere.” Dorothy Hartley wrote in her book *Food in England* in 1954 the following: “In September the lowest berry of each cluster swells and ripens alone. These are the largest and sweetest and best fruit; they should be eaten raw, being soft and full of juice. Late in September the secondary berries ripen; these are less juicy but good for pies and puddings and jam-making. In October the last blackberries are smaller and there is more seed in proportion to pulp, so mix with apples when cooking.” Bearing this in mind, here is a lovely recipe for Blackberry Fool by Kriss MacDonald, wildaboutthere.com

Ingredients

500g blackberries	1 tablespoon lemon zest (freshly grated)
2 tablespoons water	170g caster sugar
120ml vanilla yoghurt	350ml chilled double cream
2 teaspoons lemon juice (freshly squeezed)	

Method

Reserve some blackberries and lemon zest for garnish before adding blackberries, water and grated lemon zest in saucepan. Simmer for up to 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Pour cooked blackberries in a blender and purée until smooth. Mix in sugar and lemon juice. Strain blackberry puree through a sieve into a bowl. Set aside purée to completely cool. Mix vanilla yoghurt with approx 350 ml of the blackberry puree. Chill and store remaining fruit purée. Whisk chilled cream into thick peaks then gently fold into blackberry and yoghurt mixture.

Serve blackberry fool in small bowls, cups or glasses and add some of the chilled blackberry puree on top of each serving. Garnish with some sprinkles of lemon zest and raw blackberries.

Jayne Glover

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A company of twelve hundred ladies and gentlemen of the two counties, Wilts and Somerset, assembled at luncheon under canvas on the lawn, presided over by the Marquis of Bath. Mr. Stratton, on behalf of five hundred tenant farmers of the Longleat estate, presented to Lord Weymouth an address of congratulation. He said that no class was so much interested in the welfare of the aristocracy as those privileged to rent under them, and that the tenant farmers unanimously desired to hold under a great estate. The older and larger the estate the more desirable was it to hold under it. Mr. Stratton proposed "The Health of Lord Weymouth," which was enthusiastically received. Lord Weymouth, in response, said he was deeply grateful for the address of the tenant farmers, as evidence of those close relations which had always existed between his family and themselves, and of their friendship

and mutual regard, which he should ever strive to maintain. Lord Heytesbury then proposed "The Health of the Marquis of Bath," and the toast was very warmly received. The Marquis, in responding, thanked the company for the welcome which they had given Lord Weymouth at the opening of his career.

Other toasts followed. There was a grand display of fireworks in the evening, provided by that skilful pyrotechnist, Mr. James Pain, of Walworth; among the most admired devices of his art was a figure of Jumbo, the famous elephant, nearly as large as life. Our Artist's Sketches represent several other popular features and agreeable incidents of these festive proceedings, the decorations and triumphal arch in the village of Horningsham included. The towns of Frome and Warminster, about three miles from Longleat at opposite ends of the vast park, took their share of local rejoicings, and some of the townsfolk were among the spectators upon this interesting occasion.

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