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**EDITORIAL**

There is great news about the Fayre on page 5 – there **will** be a Fayre next year! Steve Crossman’s appeal in last month’s issue was answered when an encouraging number turned up to his open meeting and backed the idea of bringing the Fayre back. It will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. More volunteers and people with ideas are still needed so there will be a second meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm in the Hall when plans for 2022 will be moved forward.

More good news on page 5 - Bonfire Night is also returning. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 5 pm on the Hall Field. The Hall Committee are providing the bonfire, sparklers and the fireworks. Drinks and eats will be supplied by the Bath Arms, our thriving village pub.

Continuing the theme of village life reviving, the Parish Council can resume its annual Service of Remembrance at the war memorial at 10.50am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. (Pages 12 & 13) This is an event for everyone in the village, however long you have lived here, to honour the 25 Horningsham men who died in the Great War and the 4 who died in the Second World War.

We have also been able to bring back our popular “Ins” feature. Our thanks go to Maggie Osborne who has been our longest standing contributor, having been part of Horningsham News since its very first issue. Maggie has now handed over the reins to Caroline Dykes who would love to hear from anyone who arrived during our hiatus and would like her to introduce them to our community.

Thanks also go to Paul Kemp for the wonderful Autumnal cover photo.

**Tim Hill**

Please send your contributions for the next edition by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## **HORNINGSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Horningsham Parish Council met on Thursday 21st October at the Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors, Tim Hill Chairman, Ken Windess, John Radley, Gerard Brierley, Elizabeth Glover, Simon Millar and Charlotte Hilleary.

**In attendance:** The Parish Clerk Mrs. Sarah Jeffries PSLC, and Unitary Councillor Mr. Bill Parks.

**Apologies:** Councillors, Dermot FitzGerald, Stephen Crossman, Matt Simpson

### **Public Question Time**

Unitary Councillor Bill Parks reported that a date is awaited from Longleat Estate for a site meeting to discuss the safety issues of pedestrians crossing to and from Heaven's Gate car park. The meeting will also be attended by Councillors Windess and Glover.

He also reported that he had submitted the proposal for a virtual footpath outside the Hall to the Warminster Community Area Transport Group (CATG). He and Councillors Windess and Glover will attend the CATG meeting to speak to the proposal.

The purchase of a speed indicator device to discourage speeding motorists was discussed. It was decided that a traffic survey was needed at Town Well and Scotland in order to establish the extent of speeding through the village in the 30 mph restricted area.

### **Planning Applications**

At the time of completing the agenda there had been no planning applications to bring to Council's attention to comment on.

### **Planning Decisions**

**Application No: PL/2021/03355**

**Application Type: planning permission**

**Proposal: Demolition of existing dilapidated barn, and erection of new agricultural barn.**

**Site Address: MILL FARM, WATER LANE, HORNINGSHAM, WARMINSTER, BA12 7LL**

**Decision: Approved with conditions**

**Application Number: PL/2021/ 07270**

**Site Address: 124 SCOTLAND, HORNINGSHAM, WARMINSTER, BA12 7LY**

**Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in conservation area**

**Proposal: T1 - Over mature Goat Will and Holly, on entrance to garden trees have been historically pollarded, recommend to repollard to 1.5m.**

**T2 and T3 - Mature Hazel casting significant shade onto property, recommend to re coppice.**

**T4 - Reduce the Yew that is rubbing against property to 60cm stump and allow the regrowth and prune according to forwards.**

**Decision: No objection**

**Application Number: PL/2021/ 07107**

**MILL FARM, WATER LANE, HORNINGSHAM, WARMINSTER, BA12 7LL**

**Proposal: T1 - Veteran Oak - Tree has been historically heavily pruned, significant regrowth from old pruning wounds. Recommendation is to complete a 1m crown**

**reduction and a 5% thin of the canopy. The shape of the tree is to be maintained and to lighten the loading on large individual branches. T1 - Early mature Lime - Branches brushing against building. Recommendation is to lightly prune away from building, creating a 1m clearance.**

**Decision:** No objection

**Application Number:** PL/2021/ 06880

**Site Address:**113 SCOTLAND, HORNINGSHAM, WARMINSTER, BA12 7NH

**Proposal:** T1 - Goat Willow - Storm damaged stem removed, leaving an exposed stem. Recommendation to dismantle to 2ft from ground level.

**Decision:** No objection

### **Parish Steward**

The following items were noted to be referred to the Parish Steward: verges by the Bath Arms; brambles on the pavement up to the School to be completed; gullies to be checked and cleared if required.

### **Horningsham Street Signs**

The Chairman reported that street signs need the approval of Wiltshire Council and that consultation with them had revealed that the matter of street names in Horningsham was even more problematic than he had initially thought. Consequently the following signs would not be installed in this first round.

Scotland – this name applies to the houses by the telephone box and to a property behind the Bath Arms as well as to the road leading down from Cock Road. It is not clear how these can all be named without causing additional confusion.

Anchor Barton – this name only applies to one side of the road, the opposite side being part of West Common.

Bradley Road – Wiltshire Council have the road from the bus shelter up to Roundhill Farm as “Common Road”.

Therefore only the following 8 signs will be installed in this first round.

Newbury

Church Lane

Pottle Street

Holly Bush (2 words)

Cock Road (start & finish 2 signs)

Forest Road (start only)

### **Play Area**

Councillor Windess confirmed that he had fixed the problem with the gate. The RoSPA safety report is still awaited.

### **Tennis Court**

The Clerk reported that few contractors were willing to quote for the installation of the new gate that will provide access separate from the Play Area. However, she has received one quotation and Councillor Windess will meet on site with potential contractors.

It was agreed not to remove the existing gate.

### **Village Hall Committee**

Councillor Windess reported that the next event is Bonfire Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The Bath Arms will be supplying drinks and food and will make a donation to the Village Hall.

### **Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.**

14<sup>th</sup> November is the date of the service. Mrs. Susie FitzGerald is making the wreath. The Clerk will contact Rev. Di. Britton and Mr Tim Moore. The Chairman will read the names. The Chairman will contact Mr. Graham Long and invite Lord Bath to attend. He will also write to Mr Bill Smy to thank him for having laid the wreath for so many years.

### **Grant Applications**

Council agreed to the Clerk's recommendation that an advert is placed in the Horningsham News asking for interest from community groups in applying for grants from the Parish Council for 2022.

### **Budget Preparations - objectives for next year**

Bulb planting – Councillor Simpson submitted suggestions for the planting of bulbs in various places around the village. It was agreed that he should bring costed proposals for consideration at the next meeting.

Telephone boxes – both need painting and Councillors Windess and Glover will liaise over finding a possible contractor.

Play equipment for older children – it was agreed that consideration should be given to making provision for older children that might include such items as basketball hoops and goal posts in the tennis court area. Councillor Hilleary will bring proposals to the next meeting.

### **Frome Bus – Shoppers Bus Service**

The following information was received from Simon White Senior Technical & Contracts Officer Passenger Transport Communities & Neighbourhood.

“Last week I was informed that Frome Bus would not be able to cover their village shoppers' trips to Frome, Trowbridge, Warminster, and Salisbury as they simply did not have enough drivers to drive buses. Despite attempts to cover these trips using other operators, it was not fruitful as there were no spare drivers available to help. Therefore, a decision was taken and regrettably these trips would not operate this week. We will continue to seek bus cover, but it is unlikely to happen for a few weeks as it is hoped that bus companies can recruit new drivers.”

The Chairman said there is information in the bus shelters regarding a shared taxi service to Warminster and Frome that parishioners could now access.

*The next meeting of Horningsham Parish Council will be at 7.30 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Village Hall when all are welcome to attend.*



## **THE VILLAGE FAYRE IS BACK!**

Following a very successful meeting at the Village Hall, with old and new faces in attendance, it was decided that the next Village Fayre will be held on Sunday 19th June at the Hall and Playing Field.

We already have lots of ideas for entertainment, stalls, food outlets etc. to make this Fayre a good one, but we are always open to more suggestions any villagers might have.

We will be looking for volunteers to help on the day of the Fayre, running stalls, selling raffle tickets, serving teas or even just washing up for an hour, and some strong arms, before and after the day with setting up and taking down tents.

If you would like to be involved in any way then please come to the next Village Fayre meeting on 25th November at 7pm at the Village Hall.

**Steve Crossman, Chairman**

## **HALL NEWS**



The Village Hall is pleased to announce the return of the traditional bonfire event for 2021.

Do join us on the 5th November from 5pm.

The Bath Arms will be catering the event. Please bring cash to purchase scrumptious hot dogs, burgers and pulled pork baps. Vegan/vegetarian options will also be on offer. A selection of drinks will also be available. The Hall itself will be selling sparklers, glow bands and toffee apples for the children.

Free Entry

**Harriet Martin**



## HORNINGSHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

We held our AGM on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Our treasurer Pearl presented the accounts which showed a healthy balance. As we had only opened after lockdown in September, the membership due in April had not been collected. It was decided that it would lapse until April 2022 when the yearly membership would increase to £5.

It was also agreed that with the increase in the cost of ingredients and a possible increase in rent, the cost of meals would rise to £3.50 from November. This is still very good value for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee.

The Club is very appreciative of the low hire cost charged by the Hall Committee, but realise that there is extra cost in keeping the Hall warm for our members.

Members chose Hunters Lodge near Wincanton as the venue for our Christmas dinner on 16<sup>th</sup> December. This is paid for by the Club and enables all members plus the cooks and helpers who keep the Club running throughout the year to sit down together and enjoy the meal.

Looking to the future we hope to be able to have our annual outing next year in August when again members, cooks and helpers can enjoy a day out.

**Lesley Trollope**



## WELCOME CLUB

Welcome Club Annual General Meeting will be held at Horningsham Hall on 18th November at 2pm.

The Christmas Bingo will be held at Maiden Bradley Hall on Monday November 29th 7.30 for 8pm.

Christmas Dinner will be held at the Udder Shop on Tuesday 30th November.

On 28th September we got up in the morning to pouring rain but by the time we caught our coach for our monthly outing it had stopped raining. So we headed off in dry weather and when we stopped at Blandford for a refreshment break it remained dry. Some of us got off the coach at Norden to catch the steam train to Corfe Castle where most of us went into a pub for a lovely lunch. One lady did not go to the pub but climbed to the top of Corfe Castle and showed the rest of us up! Also, on the train to Corfe one of our gentlemen got chatted up by a young lady who was on holiday in the area so you never know what is going to happen on our coach trips!

When we caught the train on to Swanage on arrival it started spotting with rain for the first part of the journey. It rained for about an hour but not too heavily. After a cup of tea it was dry to walk back to the coach. On the way home it poured with rain all the way. After stopping in Shaftesbury for a drink and to do the raffle we were told it had rained all day there so we felt very lucky and everyone returned home happy after a good day out.

**Pearl Hudson 844779**

## PARSONAGE FARM RAINFALL

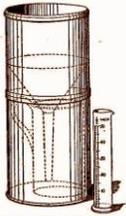


FIG. 151.—Standard rain-gauge.

Well, September yet again gave us a mixed bag of weather, starting with dull, cool but dry, then on the 6<sup>th</sup>, boy was it hot, just for 2 days! Then muggy. We had a few heavy showers mid-month and we then had a lovely dry spell, allowing us to drill all of my winter wheat, (milling) but down came the rain on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We had not quite finished ring rolling corn, with about 90 acres left to do. After that we had high winds and rain to see us out of September. Total rainfall for the month was 2.08 inches.

**John Whatley**



Welcome to Jen & Andy who moved into The Corner in mid-September.

They arrived from Bristol and are enjoying the great views, woods and trails around Horningsham. Jen is a keen runner (her goal is 100km a month), Andy is a semi-reluctant running companion. Their dog Stevie (mid-sized, blonde lab-cross, if you see them out) is enjoying the pheasant visits to the garden, whilst Newie the cat has adjusted to cows outside the window instead of cars.

With over 20 years in the region neither are West Country newbies but Andy originally comes from an Oxfordshire village and Jen a little further afield from Regina: the provincial capital city of Saskatchewan, Canada. The story goes she was travelling in Australia and met some friendly Bristolians; fast forward 12months, they'd become firm friends and persuaded her to move to England. They own a rather special 1930 tugboat, named Fir, moored at Avoncliffe and available to hire on Airbnb. Fir is one of 8 specially made tugboats that once took cocoa beans from Gloucester docks to Cadbury the chocolate makers. Andy will happily tell you a lot more about Fir's heritage, hull and build design if asked.

Jen is currently working on a new project in e-Commerce (on-line shopping) - she'd like to tell us more but can't as it's a secret. Andy has a background in garden design with a passion towards ecological, naturalistic gardening. His current day job has a rather grand title "Associate Horticultural Producer" but it essentially means he does the site visits, planning and heavy lifting for the BBC's Garden Rescue. Look out for him in the background behind the lovely Charlie Dimmock.

Both are keen to be involved in village life and are looking forward to meeting more of their neighbours over the coming months.

**Caroline Dykes** (*with a nod to Maggie for first introductions*)



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**Harvest Time!** We were overwhelmed with everyone's generosity at our Harvest Festival at the beginning of the month. We had a fantastic amount of donations, which were then collected by a very appreciative Food Bank from Warminster. Our service was lovely –whilst we would have loved to have had parents join us, it was very special having all the children able to come together for Harvest this year and share their songs and stories they had been learning in class. The children did us all proud and produced some beautiful singing.



**Harvest at  
Horningsham**



## **Dance Workshop**

A group of Year 6 boys had a wonderful time at a WWDF Boys Dance Workshop. They learned a variety of routines and then planned and led a whole session with their peers back at school. We were all very impressed with their leadership and teaching skills and all the children thoroughly enjoyed being taught dance by the boys.

## Owls Residential visit to Wales

Owls Class had an amazing end of term with a residential visit to Plas Pencelli in the Brecon Beacons. It was a wonderful time for the class to bond and test their resilience, courage and determination with some adventurous activities.



They all learned a range of new skills doing canoeing, caving and rock climbing; all in natural environments and with some challenging weather! The visit culminated in a fantastic gorge walk before returning back to Horningsham for a well-deserved half-term holiday!

Dear Friends,

As I said in last month's letter, the life of a vicar in the time from late August until Christmas is a busy one with lots of remembering. I would imagine that in this period of flux and change, of worry about rising food and fuel prices, and the possibility of shortages of day to day goods, most of us are a bit twitchy. And then there is the double whammy of warnings about a serious Flu epidemic along with the uncertainty of how Covid infection is going behave when we spend more time indoors in the winter months. We might look back and remember with nostalgia those halcyon days when we didn't have to worry about such things.



It is in times of change and uncertainty that I really appreciate the seasons and festivals of the Church that come around every year, and provide a framework if you like, to hold the worries and uncertainties that are so much part of our lives at the moment. Every year we give thanks to God for all the good things we enjoy at Harvest, we remember those with whom we have shared love at All Souls and those who give, and continue to give their lives in the service of their country, on Remembrance Sunday. In a few weeks' time it will be my very favourite season of the Church's year, Advent, when we look back to the great prophets who spoke of a future that for most of them was centuries in its fulfilment. And of course at Christmas we look back at that moment more than 2000 years ago when God chose to be born as a vulnerable baby to share at the deepest level the vulnerability as we try to and uncertainty of what it means to be human.

Some might ask what the point is in looking back, in remembering events that we cannot change: *Footfalls echo in the memory/Down the passage which we did not take/towards the door we never opened. (T.S.Elliot)* But often, it's when we take the time to remember and reflect that we discern patterns and meaning that in the maelstrom of day to day life, elude us. I came across a lovely description of this the other day, Susan Philips writes: *The Christian faith is familiar to me, the Bible my daily bread, and I have witnessed diverse manifestations of God's grace in human life ----- I lean towards the flutter of the numinous, and I am filled with wonder when I see it, however briefly and incompletely.*

This image of *the flutter of the numinous* is an extraordinary one; like coming upon the delicate beauty of a butterfly. Sometimes we glimpse something of God and recognise it instantly, but often it is only when we allow ourselves the time and space to reflect and remember, that those glimpses are able to seep into our souls to colour and ultimately transform our view of the world. Every single human being on this earth is made in the image of God and as such holds within themselves a spark of the divine. Every single human being is passionately loved by God who comes to each of us in a myriad of different ways.

So, as we immerse ourselves in these weeks of remembering, when we struggle to find meaning and purpose in these challenging times, I hope you can find the space to look back and wonder at the mystery of it all, and I pray that you too might recognise the flutter of the numinous in the story of your life.

Love and prayers

**Pauline Reid revpauline@btinternet.com 01985 841290**

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



A Memorial Service was held at the Chapel on 29th September in memory of Victor Dennis Trollope.

Victor was a true Horningsham man, having lived and worked nearly all his life in the village and was a very respected family member of the community.

The service was excellently conducted by Mr Andrew Coxhead a regular Minister at the Chapel. Tributes to Victor were made by members of his family, Michelle and James, and by Tim Moore.

The service was well supported by many friends and relatives.

Following the service all retired to the Village Hall for refreshments where a collection was made on behalf of the Heart Foundation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family and friends.



**Our next service will be on 14th November at 10am**

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

## Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November



The War Memorial, pictured on this postcard from the time, was inaugurated in 1920 and the ceremony was described in the Wiltshire Times:

*“It was a typical winter day and the surrounding country was covered in a thin layer of snow which must have brought home with tremendous force the hardships bravely borne during the grip of a hard winter in France and Flanders by the 25 villagers before they fell . . . The ex-servicemen of the village were given a privileged position on the left-hand side of the wicket gate leading to the memorial, near by were the school children, who, under the conductorship of Mr T Wellborn, with the united church choirs sang the hymn “The Supreme Sacrifice” and at the close of the service, and after the singing of the National Anthem, Mr N U White (Warminster) sounded the “Last Post” with “Reveille” following immediately after.”*

This year it is 107 years since the outbreak of World War One and Horningsham will remember the 25 Horningsham men who died in that war and the 4 who died in World War 2. In the “Great War” the huge loss of life spread across the whole social spectrum of Horningsham from: the heir to Longleat and his Uncle, who top the list; to John Bothwell the village Doctor’s son; Wilfred Duff a footman; and to many Estate workers.

## Horningsham War Memorial

### World War 1

Lt Col Lord Alexander Thynne	14.Sep 18	Bethune Town Cemetery
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Viscount Weymouth	13 Feb 16	Vermelles British Cemetery
Pte John Bothwell	27 Aug 17	Tyne Cot Memorial
Pte James Carpenter	6 Dec 15	Chapelle D'Armentieres
Pte John Carpenter	12 Mar 15	Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard Laventie
Pte Jessie Carrier	13 Sep 18	St Sever Cemetery Extension Rouen
Pte Percy Carter	14 Oct 17	Windmill British Cem Monchy-le-Preux
Pte Ernest Chapman	13 Nov 16	Ancre British Cem Beaumont Hamel
L/Cpl Dennis Curtis	19 Jul 16	Heilly Station Cem Mericourt-L'Abbe
Pte Frederick Curtis	5 Jul 16	St Sever Cemetery Rouen
Pte Henry Curtis	3 Sep 18	Bagneux British Cemetery Gezaincourt
Pte Wilfred Duff	21 Mar 18	Favreuil British Cemetery
Pte Charles Froude	30 Dec 17	British Cemetery Manancourt
Pte Ernest Garrett	14 Jun 17	Etaples Military Cemetery
Pte William Houlton	8 Jul 16	Thiepval Memorial
L/Cpl Edwin Lewer	2 Sep 15	Menin Gate Memorial
L/Cpl John Lewer	1 Jul 16	Thiepval Memorial
Pte Henry Marsh	25 Apr 17	Thiepval Memorial
Pte Walter Miller	15 Oct 16	Thiepval Memorial
Pte Reginald Moore	20 Oct 18	Bethencourt Communal Cemetery
Pte Russell Prowse	10 Apr 17	St Marie Cemetery Le Havre
Pte Sidney Tancock	26 Oct 17	Hooge Crater Cemetery
Pte Wyndham Trollope	13 May 17	Etaple Military Cemetery
L/Cpl Sidney Wheeler	8 Feb 19	Longbridge Deverill Churchyard
Pte Charles Wyman	24 Mar 18	Arras Memorial

### World War 2

Cpl Ivor Ball	6 Dec 45	Horningsham Churchyard
Air Gunner Horace Chatterley	3 Jul 40	Fleet Air Arm Memorial Lee-on-Solent
Pte Harold Marsh	13 Jul 44	Bayeux Military Cemetery
Cpl Joseph Tant	16 Mar 44	Minturno War Cemetery

*Come and join us at the War Memorial at 10.50 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November*

## Horningsham's Belgian Soldier

Did you know that in the far bottom corner of Horningsham Churchyard there is a World War One grave?

How did a Belgian Soldier come to be buried in Horningsham?

Who was he?

After being injured in battle, Corporal Jacques Pelegrin was evacuated to the hospital at Longleat House in 1914 where he unfortunately died, aged 24, of an enlarged spleen and a weak heart, as stated in his death certificate counter-signed by the village doctor – Dr Bothwell who lived in the big house at The Island.

Jacques was born in Tienen in Flanders, the son of railway engineer, Jean and his wife Catherine. Aged 18 he joined the Belgian Army in 1909, rising to become a Corporal by the time the Germans invaded Belgium on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914. Under the Schlieffen Plan the Germans intended to sweep quickly through neutral Belgium and conquer France in 42 days and then efforts could be concentrated against Russia before it had time to mobilise. However, the Belgian army, out-numbered 10 to 1 by the German Army, still delayed them for a month – enough to wreck the plan. To the surprise of the Germans, the invasion of Belgium also brought Britain into the war as it honoured its treaty obligation of 1839.



Jacques' unit was taken by rail from their barracks at Mons to the River Gete 2 days before the invasion and came under fire on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. We do not know where Jacques was wounded but the heaviest losses to his regiment were at Epepegem some 10 miles from Brussels in September. After that, his regiment was heavily involved in the defence of Antwerp in early October so maybe that was when he was wounded.

Unfortunately his official records emailed to me from Brussels say nothing of when, where or how severely he was wounded. The next item in his record is his death certificate showing that he died on 30<sup>th</sup> November and was buried in Horningsham Churchyard on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1914 with full military honours.

106 years later, Jacques Pelegrin will be honoured alongside Horningsham's own fallen from the two wars when his name is read out with theirs at the Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – why not come along and honour them all?

## FROM THE PAPERS SPECIAL

### **HORNINGSHAM**

**WOUNDED BELGIANS AT LONGLEAT.** – On Saturday afternoon some thirty wounded Belgian soldiers from the front arrived in Warminster by train from Southampton. They were met by Lady Kathleen Thynne, representing Lord Bath, and were conveyed in motors, which were kindly lent for that purpose, to Longleat House. A number of Belgian refugees who are staying in Warminster were also on the platform to greet their brave countrymen. The wounded soldiers are being nursed and cared for at Longleat House, through the kindness of Lord and Lady Bath, rooms having been set apart for this special purpose.

*Warminster & Westbury Journal* 13<sup>th</sup> November 1914

### **DEATH OF A BELGIAN SOLDIER**

#### **Military Funeral at Horningsham**

The death took place at the temporary hospital at Longleat, on Monday, of Jacques Pelegrin, a private soldier in the Belgian Army. The deceased, who was only twenty-four years of age, was, about a month ago, taken to Longleat with thirty other soldiers who were wounded. He had contracted an illness which was probably brought on by exposure while bravely resisting the invaders of his native country and from which he did not recover.

A sad feature was that the dying soldier's wife could not be found. With thousands of other refugees she had fled from her home before the German advance, and in spite of enquiries and advertisements, which were freely inserted in papers circulating both in this country and on the Continent, she was not found until a few days ago. She arrived in Warminster from France on Sunday afternoon by train and was conveyed to Longleat only a few hours before her husband passes away.

The gallant Belgian soldier was buried with full military honours in the churchyard at Horningsham on Wednesday morning, and the ceremony was of a very impressive character.

The first part of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Father Locargan, of Frome, and a Belgian priest, took place in the chapel at Longleat. The cortege then proceeded to the churchyard, headed by the band of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wilts Regiment, under Bandmaster Carter, which played the Dead March in "Saul".

The school children were lined up by their headmaster, Mr T. Welborn, on each side of the road at the church and reverently saluted as the coffin, which was covered by the Belgian flag, was borne into the churchyard.

At the conclusion of the service the firing party from the Wilts Regiment, under Major Clark, fired three volleys over the grave and this was followed by the sounding of the "Last Post" by the buglers, under Corporal Pullin.

In addition to the widow there were also present at the graveside Lord Bath, the Rev. A. S. Murray (Vicar of Horningsham), nurses from the hospital at Longleat, and a large number of Belgian refugees and villagers.

*Warminster & Westbury Journal* 4<sup>th</sup> December 1914

## LONGLEAT NEWS

### Flamingo Chicks in the Pink at Longleat



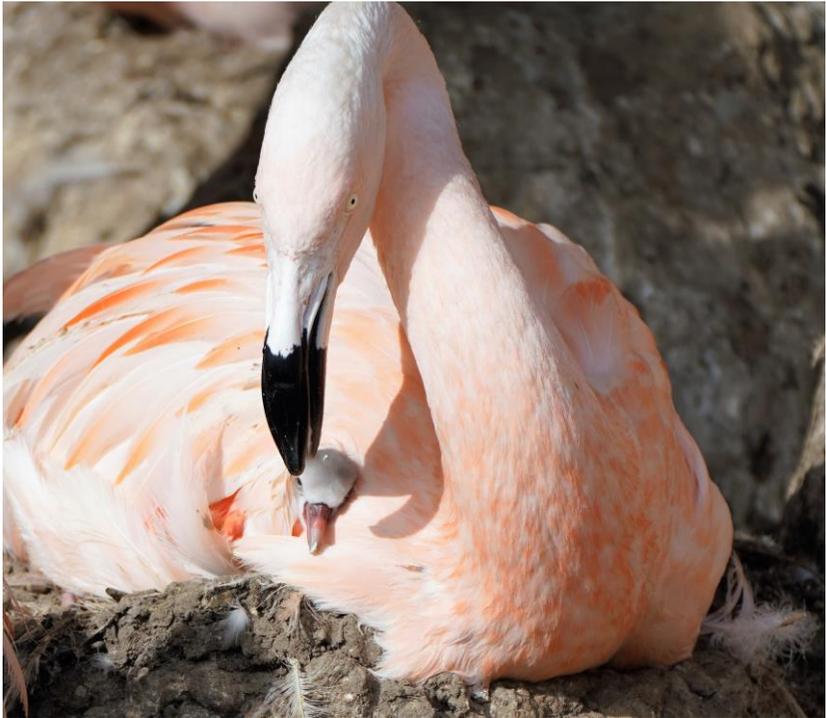
A newly hatched Chilean flamingo chick under the watchful eye of its mother at Longleat Safari Park. The tiny chick is among a dozen to have been born at Longleat over the last six weeks. All chicks are born with white plumage, which they keep for around three years, and a straight bill which gradually droops down as the bird grows.

“It’s been a fantastic breeding season for the flamingos and it’s lovely to watch how well the parents are looking after their chicks,” said keeper Amy Parratt. “Flamingos aren’t always renowned for their parenting skills, but this year they seem to have excelled and the youngsters are being very well cared for.” Adult flamingos build a volcano-shaped nest and lay a single egg, which they then usually sit on for around a month.

Fully grown flamingos grow up to a-metre-and-a-half in height, and can weigh anywhere up to seven kilograms. They live 15-20 years in the wild, however in captivity, and safe from predators, they can reach ages of 70 years.

The Chilean flamingo can survive at high altitude in the Andes Mountains. They are also significantly more cold-hardy than their Caribbean counterparts.

In the wild flamingos eat small crustaceans and other microscopic animals and plants which are obtained by filter feeding. When adult, the continuously moving beak acts as an efficient filter for food collection when water is pumped through the bristles of the mouth. Longleat’s flock of close to 100 birds eat a special flamingo diet of brine shrimp and algae that contains pigments essential for maintaining their distinct colour.



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COLLINS, LONGLEAT.

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This month, there is actually a very significant difference between the two photos although they are separated by only 90 years or so. While most of Chapel Street is unchanged, look closely at the foreground, known as Tomkins Pool, though the pool is long gone. This is the only known photograph of Thorne's Chair Factory now little remembered but in existence for nearly 150 years.

In 1789, William Thorne signed a lease on the property with the local aristocratic landowner while just across the Channel, the French Revolution was getting underway. However, there were no tumbrels in Horningsham taking aristocrats to the guillotine and the Thornes went on renting from the Thynnes until 1936 when the factory finally closed. In its heyday the factory made chairs, household furniture, bedsteads and brushes and employed a fair number of workers.

In the 1871 census, 18 Horningsham residents are shown as "chair maker", "cane seat chair maker". "apprentice chair maker" or "bedstead maker". As well as Thornes, other very familiar Horningsham surnames feature amongst the workers, such as: Rowe; Marsh; Garrett; Chapman; Curtis; and, of course, Trollope. The same census shows no fewer than 13 separate dwellings at Tomkins Pool.

The property consisted of: a large private residence; several cottages with long strips of garden ground which ran parallel to the road leading to the Pottle Street crossroads; four workshops; an office; a steaming room; a dye house; two sawpits; a stable; a cart house; and a barn with a hay loft. There was also a French polishing room.

By the year of his death in 1936, Walter Thorne was restoring antique furniture rather than manufacturing. When the lease reverted to Longleat, the Estate decided to pull down the existing buildings and in 1947 erected the pair of semi-detached houses visible in the lower picture. Sadly none of the products of the factory are known to survive.

### **HORNINGSHAM,**

Four miles from Warminster and Frome.

#### **SALE of THE STOCK-IN-TRADE of a CHAIR MAKER; HORSE, WAGON, &c.**

**MR. JAMES LOW** begs to announce that he is instructed by Mr. ТЮРНА to **SELL BY AUCTION**, on the premises at Horningsham, on **THURSDAY, APRIL 24th, 1890**, the whole of the **STOCK-IN-TRADE,**

#### **HORSE, WAGON, IMPLEMENTS,**

and other Effects, viz. :—A useful Chestnut Cob, Wagon with tilt, pair of Harrows, Plough, pair of Trucks, Wheelbarrow, Band Saw with iron frame and driving wheel, two-knife Chaff Cutter, 2 Corn Bins, 4 Ladders, 2 pairs of Steps, Beam Scales and Weights, iron Pig Trough, Thill Harness, Saddle and Bridle, &c. ; about 1,200 feet of Beech, Walnut, and Ash Plank and Board, Beech, Walnut, and Fir Timber, large quantity of turned Chair Legs, Backs and Seats ready to be made up, 8 Turning Lathes and Benches, quantity of trimmed Table Legs and Bedstead Posts, 6 Carpenters' Benches, with screw and vice, 2 iron Cramps, Stove and Pipe, 2 iron Safes, and numerous other articles connected with the trade; also a few lots of Household Furniture, new Chairs, and other Effects.

Sale at One o'clock.

Auction Offices, 12, Market-place, Warminster.

This auction notice from the *Warminster Journal* of April 1890 makes fascinating reading.

It's not clear why this particular Thorne was selling up but the list of sale items provides a revealing snapshot of the chair factory.

8 lathes and 6 carpenters' benches plus 1,200 feet of timber show how big the operation was.

That the legs were "turned" provides a clue as to the type of chair the factory produced.

The farming equipment shows that Thorne was also an active smallholder.

# Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

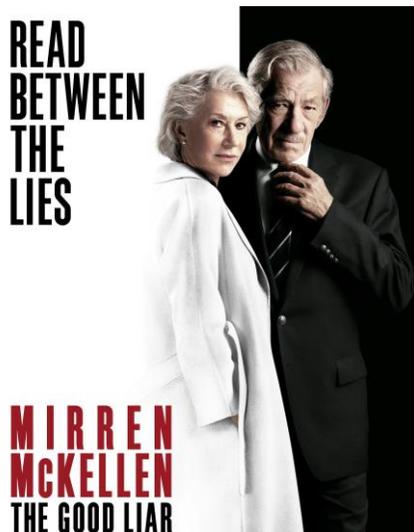
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**Sunday 7th November** – Sunday Catch-up Coffee Morning 10.00-11.00

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Archive Night – an evening of local history

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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Film Night – The Good Liar (15 Certificate)

Doors Open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm FREE ENTRY and a raffle to cover costs

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Fair 6pm-8pm

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Welcome Club Bingo

## Regular events

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Coffee Morning

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## MONTHLY RECIPE

*Fast Forward: June 2nd - 5th 2022*

I should be thinking about Christmas but I'm quite excited by the prospect next year of one of my heroines, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. Her Silver Jubilee ranks as a very happy memory spent in St Breward on Bodmin Moor with family. Bunting, flags, food and fun! I decided I should sharpen up my baking skills in the hope that they would come in useful next year. Of course the 'go to' would be the best sponge recipes: Victoria, chocolate, Swiss roll, Butterfly . . . but I wanted to know what the Queen's favourite cake is. I may be behind the times but it is writ large that the Queen loves Chocolate Biscuit Cake! I have known this fabulous confection to be made with digestive or rich tea but 'Petit Beurre' is my favourite! These are quite hard to come by these days. They used to be made in this country by Huntley and Palmers but the origin of the French Petit Beurre biscuit dates back to 1886, when Louis Lefèvre created an original square butter cookie in his Nantes biscuit factory. Married to Mademoiselle Utile, this inventive baker decided romantically to place their initials "LU" on every biscuit. Aaah!

### **Le Petit Beurre Recipe**

To make 50ish biscuits, you need:

200g sugar      200g salted butter      125 ml water      500g plain flour  
½ tsp baking powder and a few drops of vanilla extract.

Place the butter, water and sugar in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Cool for about 20 minutes. Add the vanilla.

Combine the dry ingredients and then add the liquid. Mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon and then with hands turn out and wrap in greaseproof and chill well for about 3 hours. Roll out the dough with a little flour and cut out with a cutter. Place on a baking sheet with greaseproof and cook for 10 - 12 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180°

Cool on a rack.

### **Now it's time to make the cake**

½ tsp butter for greasing      200 grams Petit Beurre biscuits  
100 grams unsalted butter      100 grams granulated sugar  
100 grams dark chocolate      1 egg

Grease a cake tin and pop it on a baking tray lined with parchment. Next break the biscuits into pieces and put them in a bowl to one side. Melt the dark chocolate for the cake in another bowl, and once melted - taking care not to burn it - add it to the butter and sugar mixture. Crack the egg into the bowl and mix everything until it is well combined, then add in the biscuit pieces, ensuring they're all coated in chocolate. Pour the mixture into the tin, pushing the mixture right to the bottom with the back of a spoon as this will be the top once it's turned over. Into the fridge to chill for three hours until it is set, and once it's hard, turn it over and remove the cake. The cake may be finished by melting more chocolate and pouring it over the top.

Thinking about it, I'm sure we could fit one in at Christmas!



**Jayne Glover**



# Services suspended until further notice



## BUSES FROM BUS STOP AT THE COMMON

As a partial replacement, from 13 October a special shared taxi service will be provided for pre-booked passengers from Maiden Bradley and Horningsham to Frome on Wednesday mornings and to Warminster on Friday mornings, allowing approximately 1½ hours shopping in each town.

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- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November ***Bonfire Night*** 5.00pm at the Hall Field
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November ***Remembrance*** 10.50am at the War Memorial
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November ***Fayre Meeting*** 7.00pm at the Hall

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