

THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News and Events in the Parish of Horsley

February 2014



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Forthcoming Events

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Quiz Night: Sat 22nd Feb. 7pm, in the Village Hall. £2 per person. Max 6 people in a team. Bar and bring and share supper.

Cost price promotions: helping you save on your grocery bill. Each week we will be selling a product (whilst stocks last) at its cost price, not its retail price. 31.01 – 07.02 40 PG Pyramid tea bags £1.00 instead of marked price of £1.35. See in store for further promotions.

New Products

Frozen, bake at home products from Delice de France: As the ice cream season is over, our chest freezer is now stocked with spicy chicken, Cornish, steak and cheese & onion pasties, sausage rolls and spinach & goat's cheese tarts, as well as the usual croissants, pain au chocolat and baguettes.

Local Deliveries

Why not set up a weekly delivery from the shop. Contact Jo, either by email or in person in the shop, with your requirements and we'll do the rest. Your delivery will then appear, on your doorstep, on a Wednesday evening. Specially ordered Hobbs bread, can be included in your order.

Volunteer News

Local Delivery Drivers Wanted: We have a small, but merry band of volunteers, who do our Wednesday evening deliveries around the village. Do you fancy joining them? You don't need a huge car and the deliveries take about half an hour. Contact Jo in the shop for more details.



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Bad Parking!

On Tuesday afternoon, 10th December, someone drove up on the pavement on the track to the pavilion and broke the bottom slab on the steps up to the village hall. Please if this was you, please come forward and make amends – at least pay for the repair that is now necessary.

We understand that parking can be tricky at crunch times in the village but please do not park on the pavement along the track to the pavilion - pavements are for the safety of pedestrians! Thank you.

Horsley Village Hall Management Committee

FREE Piano

Lovely old upright piano needs new home by the end of February. Requires tuning and could do with some TLC as some of the notes don't work. Ideal for children to play around on. If you are interested please call Sophie on 07850 317 041



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Friends of Horsley School

Horsley School library grand opening!

Wednesday 12th February.

The award winning children's illustrator and author Hannah Shaw will be officially opening the new and improved school library. Hannah will spend the day in school running workshops with each class, then officially opening the library. The Yellow lighted Bookshop will be bringing a selection of Hannah's books to the church at 3.15pm where anyone will be able to buy signed copies - if you fancy popping in to see what the children have done, and looking at Hannah's books, then feel free to join us. It's going to be a really exciting day for all involved.

Technology in the library

Sarah Stratford has been busy over the last few weeks visiting many local businesses to see whether they would help to sponsor the introduction of technology into the library. We want to have tablets in the library, not to replace books, but to complement them, and to help improve the skills children need to nourish a love of reading. For example using cameras, film and stop animation to improve imagination and story telling. Educational apps will help with core skills such as times tables, spelling and other subject areas. These days many children are motivated by screens, and if using tablets alongside more traditional teaching methods helps children to learn, then we have to give it a go.

Any old books or comics?

We have invested in some new fiction books for the library, and will look into a few comic subscriptions too, but this doesn't come cheaply. If your children have outgrown any books, which are still in good condition please consider donating them to the library, where the children of Horsley can read them for years to come. Similarly if you have a comic subscription and have any back copies you are willing to donate - we would be extremely grateful.

Thank Yous

Thank you to all the parents and villagers who have contributed in various different ways to the library project, everyone has been so generous donating time, skills, books and money. We have produced the makings of a brilliant library for the children to enjoy for years to come. We should all feel very proud of ourselves it is a fabulous team achievement.

A big thank you to the following local businesses who at the time of writing have generously donated to library project and launch event: Beauty @ No 6, Calcot Spa, Eco Haus, Just Because, Phenomenal, Bluebird, Cotswold meringues, Egypt Mill, Lloyds Bank, Tesco Express, C2 hair salon, The Canteen, Gyles Allen & Nailsworth Computers.

Sainsbury's



On a different note...

Sainsbury's have started a new voucher scheme - active kids 2014. The school gets some great sports equipment for use at playtime as well as at scheduled PE sessions, so please hand in any vouchers you get to the school reception or at the village shop. These vouchers really do make a difference.

Nupend farmyard Planning Proposal

Villagers across the Parish state their views - and it's not too late to add yours...

Groups of villagers across the Parish of Horsley have been expressing their views about the proposed housing development at Nupend Farm. Neighbours have been coming together in "hamlet meetings", organised by the Parish Council. These are designed to gather views on the proposed development, which probably presents the biggest change the village has faced in the past 100 years. If you have not had a chance to give your views, there are still opportunities to do this.

Background

Nupend Farm is outside the village settlement boundary and is classified as "green-field". It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It was recently purchased by the Farmar family, who have presented proposals to apply for outline planning permission for up to 36 new houses. A firm of planning specialists called Hunter Page is advising them. If outline planning permission is granted, the Farmars have said they will not develop the site themselves, but will sell it to a building developer.

As far as we know, there have been no housing developments on "green-field" land in Horsley to date. If it goes through, the proposal would increase the population in the Nupend hamlet by 100%. Bearing in mind the scale of the proposal, and the precedent it may set for the whole of Horsley, the Parish Council is determined to hear the community's views before making a formal response to the proposal.

To be able to do this effectively the Parish Council has delegated a **Nupend Farm Working Group** to undertake a comprehensive series of hamlet-based meetings. These are being held across Horsley throughout January and February 2014. Many meetings have already taken place - thanks to the generosity of local hosts and the villagers who gave up their evenings to attend the meetings. There has been a huge level of engagement with the complex issues surrounding the proposal

It's not too late to have your say

There are three further 3 meetings planned (Rockness, Downend and Priory Fields). One more meeting may be organised, to enable those who have not been able to have their say to attend.

Once it has understood the main issues the community is concerned about, The Working Group will create and circulate a questionnaire (covering these issues) to all households in the village. Once data has been processed, it will be in a position to bring all the views together in a report to the Parish Council. This will be produced in March.

If you would like to attend a meeting and/or hear more about the Nupend farmyard proposal please email nupend.neighbours@btinternet.com If you supply your name and address Information on date and venue of the nearest available meeting will be sent to you.

And another thing...

Nearly two-thirds of England has been put up for shale gas exploration, without a full investigation into what effects fracking is likely to have on local health or the countryside.

Fracking involves horizontal drilling that can extend two miles from the actual drill site, passing under the homes nearby. If those homeowners don't want fracking companies to pump toxic chemicals under their home, they can say so at the moment. Then, any drilling there becomes trespassing; and the frackers would be breaking the law. But there are already plans to change this law to facilitate access to shale gas. Fracking has been banned in France, but the British government is offering contracts to the French company Total to drill in Britain.

You can find out if your home is at risk by looking up your postcode at "wrongmove.org", and then register your objection to allowing fracking under your home if necessary.

SAINT MARTIN'S

The Interim Minister's Letter

Life is not easy or straightforward. Indeed, the older we get the more life seems to throw googlies at us ! I am fascinated by life itself and the way that we engage with it and seek to understand it.

I am hoping there might be some who would like to journey together exploring this very subject during Lent and I am offering some Tuesday evenings in March and April in which to meet. As a catalyst for conversation we will use a book called 'God Lost and Found' by John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford (SPCK ISBN 978.0.281.06352.9) £9.99.

Two well-known people say of this book: "This is an unusually honest book. Its analysis is plain-spoken and compassionate, and what Bishop John has to say about finding ways to live constructively with times of emptiness is superbly well focussed. You'll emerge from reading this with - probably - relief that a widespread set of challenges has been so sensitively identified - and certainly - with gratitude for sensible, durable advice on how to go on making friends with the mystery we can never digest or contain." Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

"What a courageous book ! In his inimitable, engaging style, John Pritchard exposes the doubts, anxieties and spiritual dryness which can afflict even faithful believers. He shows us the darkest reality of being unable

to find God. But he does not leave us there. His many stories and insights lift us gently to look again, experience afresh and be open to 'new beginnings'. The result is a deeply compassionate book - full of hope and full of God." Elaine Storkey, President of Tearfund.

I do hope that anyone from Kingscote or Horsley will feel free to join us, to be fellow explorers and to journey together to understand more fully the mystery of life, as far as we are able, and how we can live it even after we have been bruised by it and at times lost our hopes for it.

The meetings will be at Kingscote Village Hall at 7.45 for 8.00 pm finishing no later than 9.30 pm, on Tuesdays 4,11,18, 25 March, and 1,8 April 2014. To give some idea of the numbers could you let Harry Tubbs (01453 860 194) or Georgina Harford (01453 860 227) in Kingscote, or Stan Burrage (01453 832 952) in Horsley know if you are coming, even if only to some of the meetings. It will give us some idea when ordering the books and putting out the coffee cups !

*With every blessing,
Canon Michael Irving.*



CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sun 2nd	11.00am	Holy Communion: lead by Michael Irving assisted by Sue Sobczak
Sun 9th	11.00am	Family Service: lead by Sue Sobczak assisted by Michael Irving
Sun 16th	NO SERVICE AT HORSLEY	Alternative Services: All-age Family Service 9.30am at Nailsworth Holy Communion 11.00am at Kingscote
Sun 23rd	6.00pm	Evening Service: lead by Laurie Smith assisted by Sue Sobczak
	10.00am	Archdeacon Jackie Searle preaching at St. Georges Nailsworth
Sun 2nd March	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)

New Vicar

Nailsworth, Horsley and Kingscote will be appointing our new parish priest in the Spring.

What "qualities, competencies or gifts" would we like to find in our new vicar?

One, two or three word answers, only, please to: Helen Price helen-price@yahoo.co.uk, All are welcome to respond, definitely not just church-goers please, and many thanks to those who have already contributed their ideas!

Archdeacon to preach in Nailsworth

On Sunday 23rd February Archdeacon Jackie Searle will be presiding and preaching at a service at St. George's at 10.00am. The Archdeacon is leading the process of appointing a new Vicar. It would be good if as many people from the Benefice as possible could be there as she hopes to meet with everyone for coffee afterwards, so please spread the word.

Panama Jazz Band

3 in 1 Arts are very excited to be hosting the Panama Jazz Band, including Horsley's own Alan "Oggie" Hogg on the 28th February. The Gloucestershire Police Choir were hoping to perform on this date, but had to pull out, so we hope you agree that the Panama Jazz Band will be a very welcome replacement. There will be a bar, a raffle and, we hope, lots of great music, convivial company and enthusiastic dancing.

Tickets are £7.50 each, on sale at the Horsley Village Shop, Bluebird in Nailsworth, and on the door. Doors open at 7.30pm, and the playing will be from 8.00pm.

Many thanks to Oggie himself for rallying the band at short notice to fill this unexpected gap in our programme of monthly concerts... watch out for the Amethyst String Ensemble on 21st March and the Triple Sec Jazz quintet in April.

200 Club Winner

The December draw was won by Stephen Earley with number 29 and the lucky winner of our first draw of 2014 was Patricia Rowan with number 28. They both win £35.



Horsley Orchard Project

Future of the orchard at Nupend

Since the late 70s the number of UK orchards has declined at an alarming rate, threatening the survival of many local varieties of fruit trees, as well as the specialized wildlife associated with orchards. One of the aims of the Horsley orchard project has been to combat this threat by promoting the cultivation of fruit trees, particularly Gloucestershire varieties of apples.

Three orchards have been planted in Horsley by HOP. The largest, at Nupend farm was created as a community orchard by invitation of Angie and Julian Cox. About 20 trees were bought and planted in 2005 and have since been maintained by HOP members, including Angie. The orchard has thrived in its well-chosen sheltered corner, the trees reaching maturity and producing well. No legal right to the land was offered, merely an understanding that it would remain a community managed asset, with free access to maintain and enjoy the trees.

With the sale of the farm and housing

development planned, the future of the orchard looks uncertain. Management has been taken out of the hands of HOP and the developers have proposed digging up and relocating the trees. Hop strongly favour keeping the orchard in its present place – occupying only a small corner of the development site. Potential owners of one or two of the new houses would, we feel, welcome having a mature, productive orchard adjacent to their gardens. Regardless of to whom the management of the orchard is handed, the important thing is that these special trees survive and prosper, best achieved by them staying put.

Wassail Fun again

This year's Wassail was helped by many glasses of warm apple punch and scrumptious cakes for about 60 adults and young children, with singing and stories to ensure another bountiful harvest for 2014 at the smallest of our orchards next to the church and school. We have planted 9 trees at this site with the help of school children and with a new addition of a Meeches Prolific Quince this autumn. -let's hope it lives up to its name!

To contact Horsley Orchard Project please phone Heather on 01453 833699 or Liz on 01453 836910.

Marjorie Elaine Dyer

Miss Marjorie Dyer, 87, formerly of Downend passed away peacefully on December 24th 2013 having suffered a stroke a few days earlier.

Marjorie was born in Downend at Ivydene Cottage and lived there for 72 years until ill health forced her to move to Bunting Way in Nailsworth in 1998 where she could be nearer her daughter, Julie, and her family. Julie said her mother loved her home in Downend and spoke of her neighbours often and would happily have moved back if she were able.

Marjorie's funeral service and interment, attended by many family and friends was held at St Martin's Church on Friday 10th January at 12 noon and was followed by a reception also held in St Martins.

Marjorie will be greatly missed and our sympathy goes to Julie and her family at this very sad time.

COMMUNITY ACTION TO BUY THE BELL & CASTLE !

Horsley villagers have now pledged more than £190,000 in a little over two weeks to purchase shares in a company that aims to buy and operate the village pub. This follows the very successful Public Meeting on Sunday 12th January attended by over 140 people, which set out the Bell & Castle Working Group's plans.

Now the Working Group is looking to encourage others to come forward and join those who have already pledged. "The momentum is growing and we have been very encouraged by the support we have received," said Mark Carden, Chair of the Group. "The target is £350,000 so more is needed – but we are over half way there !"

One of the key reasons for buying the pub is to ensure it meets the needs of the whole community. Clearly we want it to be a warm and welcoming traditional village pub, but it could also be a coffee shop during the day-time, perhaps allowing parents to use the car park for school 'drop off'. It could be an 'out-of-hours' outlet for the shop or a location to host school dinners - the options are endless. Most importantly, if it is a community asset, decisions could be made in the

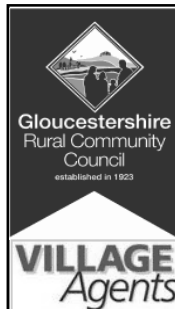
interests of everyone. We also strongly believe that a community-owned pub is the best way of safeguarding its future.

The Working Group, which has drawn heavily on the experience of those in the hospitality industry and the legal profession, has worked extremely hard to finalise plans. We believe the pub can be financially viable - and we think that because it will be "your" pub, you will want to use it. Our research into other community-purchased pubs, for example those at Hillersley and Arlingham, has only gone to strengthen this belief.

We have also looked realistically at the advantages of investing your hard-earned cash. Any investment is likely to be eligible for a 30% tax break and a working pub should increase the value of your house. If all goes well, there are also likely to be dividends. Above all, we see buying a share in the pub as an investment in keeping the village together and a contribution to the future of Horsley.

The Prospectus can be viewed on-line at www.horsleyparish.co.uk and in the Shop. Pledge-forms are also available to download from the website.

Bell & Castle Working Group



Horsley Village Agent

Surviving Winter Grants
Gloucestershire Community Foundation runs a Surviving Winter Appeal, which asks people who

receive the Winter Fuel Allowance but don't need it to donate to help those older people in Gloucestershire who are struggling with their heating bills. They also welcome donations from others.

The Surviving Winter Grant is available to older people living in Gloucestershire who

need support to heat their home and eat properly in cold weather.

A grant of £125 could help someone with:

- Paying a fuel bill
- Purchasing oil
- Purchasing an oil heater
- Purchasing of coal
- Topping up electricity
- Purchasing a pair of warm slippers and a blanket.

Applications can be made through Age UK Gloucestershire Tel: 01452 422660 and Gloucester and District CAB Tel: 01452 527202.

If there is anything you think Your Village Agent might be able to help you with, do please telephone. Sue Colquhoun 07810 630145

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Mon 10th	Gloucestershire Mobile Police Station 12 noon to 12.30pm next to the shop - see opposite page.
Wed 12th	Official opening of Horsley School's new and improved library by children's illustrator and author Hannah Shaw - see FHS news on page 5.
Thur 13th	World Dance in the Village Hall 7 to 9.30pm £8 (prepay £30 for 6 sessions). For more details call Hazel on 834125
Sat 22nd	Horsley Shop Quiz 7.00pm in the Village Hall - see Shop Talk on page 3 for details.
Sun 23rd	Archdeacon Jackie Searle leading Service at 10am in St George's Nailsworth - all welcome.
Thur 27th	World Dance - see Thursday 13th above.
Fri 28th	Panama Jazz Band performs in the 3 in 1 at 7.30pm - see front cover for details.

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