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News and Events in the Parish of Horsley

March 2016



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New Year, New Products!

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If you have any suggestions for products you think we should stock, please let us know.

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Philip Lee We send our



sympathies to the family of Philip Lee of number one Brookside, Washpool, who sadly died unexpectedly on the 4th of February.

He was a well

known and very popular member of the village, often seen walking his two dogs far and wide around the Horsley area.

Horsley Toddlers

Horsley Toddlers is a thriving parent, grandparent, baby and toddler group that meets in the village hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am - 11.30am, during term times.

The village hall includes the main room with plenty of space to play, tables for activities and a cosy quiet area with books and soft cushions. French windows open onto the secure fenced play area just outside. There is also the adjacent village playing field for supervised activities like running and football and playing on the swings and slide.

Babies and their companions are all warmly welcome from birth up to when they start play-group, and lots of fun, refreshments and chat is shared by everyone who comes along.



Horsley Village Agent

Recently I have become aware that it is all too easy to forget that some of the items in your medicine cabinet may be past their expiry date. Whether these are pills, liquids or any other form of medicine, do check the "use by" dates, and if they are out of date, take them to your pharmacy to have them disposed of. Better safe than sorry!

Pharmacies can help check that drugs you take are compatible, and are available to give advice on many medical issues.

Do check that the batteries in Carelines and Smoke Detectors don't need to be

changed. It is advisable to check your Careline once a month just by doing a tester call. The Fire Service are also very happy to provide you with replacement Smoke Detectors free of charge, if you have any worries about your existing ones.

Should you have a telephone which uses mains electricity, are you aware that if there is a power cut you will not be able to use it? You may wish to consider either one that goes into the telephone socket or keep your mobile 'phone close to hand particularly at night.

These are all things that can be done on a rainy day. Good Luck.

Should you wish to discuss these or any other matters do telephone me Sue Colquhoun 07810 630145

Dying without a Will. Now that's a real tragedy.

My name is David Martin and I'm the local consultant for one of the UK's premier professional Home Visit Will Writers. I have 28 years' experience advising clients on personal financial matters and specialising in Wills. Writing a Will is easier and cheaper than you think and ensures that your wishes are carried out efficiently.

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David Martin, local consultant, Steele Rose & Co

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Horsley School Report

The K'nex Challenge came to Horsley School last month in which our year 5 and 6 children in Owls Class spent a fun and inspiring morning designing and building a bridge. Using K'nex pieces they worked in teams, following a brief and within the constraints of a deadline.



As part of working in a team they took turns to contribute their thoughts and ideas whilst learning

to co-operate and negotiate with one another. They used their knowledge of maths, science and DT to solve problems and bring their designs to life. The winning design was the work of Oliver and Idai (both year 5) who now progress to the K'nex Challenge Finals and this is what they had to say "This year's K'nex engineering challenge was to build a bridge tall enough to fit a grey rod under (a grey rod is abut the size of a straw). The

bridge had to be strong, we had to work well in teams of two and we had to be creative. They were all different; some were very tall, some were very creative, and some had moving mechanisms, including drawbridges and bridges that went up and down. We only had one hour to complete our models which made it a real challenge! It was such fun we can't wait for the finals and next year's competition."



In a different kind of challenge four children from Owls Class have been to Cheltenham College to participate in a Maths Challenge. They all took part in a range of puzzles and activities alongside children from many other schools. Laiyla, Niamh, Maddie and Jake all had a fantastic time and were super representatives of our school! Well done to you all.

David Williams. Interim Headteacher

Pathways to and from the playground

The playground at Horsley school is a great asset to us all. The recent additions including the football pitch with the soft surface, and the new climbing area have created a space for us all to be justifiably proud. I would however wish to share with you some thoughts that I have had to further improve the safety and well-being of the children as they walk to and from the playground in order to use these great facilities.

Currently, as I am sure you are aware, the playground is detached from the school which means the children have to use the public path next to the busy main road.

There is however an alternative route which

I believe would be much safer for the children. There is a gate from the playground onto the path that runs along the perimeter edge of the graveyard to church. I am proposing for a trial period of 8 weeks, beginning in April, to use this path for children to walk to and from the playground. The children would be supervised on this route allowing us to maintain the continued respect for the graveyard. I firmly believe this is in the very best interests of the children. If you have any questions or views about this plan please contact me at school on 833625 or the Parish Council. We would be pleased to hear from you.

David Williams, Interim Headteacher



2-4PM SUNDAY 20TH MARCH AT HORSLEY CHURCH

EGG RACES • EASTER HAT COMPETITION FACE PAINTING • CRAFTS • EGG HUNT GAMES • REFRESHMENTS • DUCK RACE

3PM - EGG RACES • 3.45PM EASTER HAT PROCESSION AND EGG HUNT TO WASHPOOL • 4PM DUCK RACE DUCKS ON SALE AT THE VILLAGE SHOP, AT SCHOOL & ON THE DAY

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Friends of Horsley Friends of Horsley School News

Thanks to all 50 of you who came to the Chilli and Quiz night in February, we had a great night with really good food and raised £591 which will be split between FHS and Refugee Aid Stroud. We're planning another

Next in our events this year we have the Easter Eggstravaganza coming up on Sunday March 20th from 2-4pm at Horsley Church. All are welcome to come and join us for an afternoon of Easter fun. There will be plenty to do with stalls, egg races (bring your own handmade egg launcher for the egg throwing race), Easter crafts, tea and cakes. It culminates in our Easter hat parade (bring your decorated hat to enter) and egg hunt down to Washpool for the famous duck race. You will be able to purchase your numbered duck tickets before from Horsley village shop or on the day in the church.

one next February, so hope you can come along then.





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Hedgehog Survey



Hello, my name is Libbie and I live in Hay Lane, Horsley. I am currently participating in the DofE this year and I have chosen to volunteer for the lovely charity "Help a Hedgehog Hospital" for my volunteering section. I hope I get many responses to this short survey as it would mean a lot for both me and the charity. Please take a look at the survey at: http://goo.gl/forms/22U8enKtdC

Any questions please email me: libertybowers@aol.com. Also, just give me a quick email and I'll happily send you the survey if that's easier for you:)



Play Areas for the Village?

The Nupend development will include a play area which will be available for all. And the centre of Horsley of course has the playing field. But nowhere else are there pieces of land set aside for children to play safely, or indeed for grown-ups to mix occasionally on warm Summer evenings.

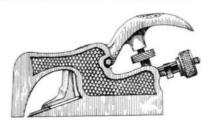
Recently in Wallow Green a group of residents met together and agreed that we should aim if possible to provide a piece of land for local young people and adults. We gave ourselves the task of enquiring about the possible availability of a piece of land to buy or rent.

And perhaps there is such a need elsewhere in Horsley: in Rockness and Washpool, in Downend or other locations. It could be an aim that is incorporated in our Horsley Neighbourhood Plan. What do you think?

Norman Kay



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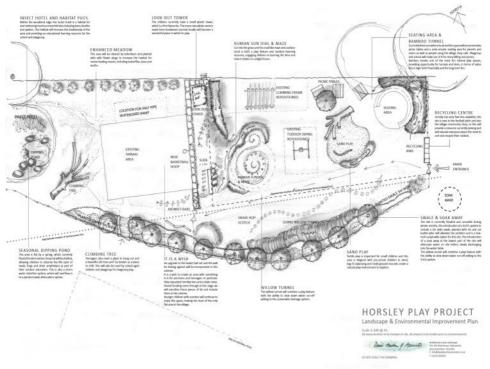
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Horsley Playground Project

The Horsley Parish Council Play Project Steering Group, have been looking at ways to improve the play area in the village. The new and exciting Landscape and Environmental Improvement Plan, slightly amended to the previous design, shows an improved playground, outdoor classroom/education space, community social area, including biodiversity and planting.

We will be addressing the drainage issues, fencing, relocation of both the play equipment and the mound. We are looking at various funding options and hope to start work in the Autumn.

The proposal plan and booklet will be on display in the village shop. We need funds, so if any of you have a knack at filling out grant applications, are enthusiastic fund raisers or have the skills to get building, you could be a volunteer. If you feel you could help in any way, we will leave a contact sheet in the village shop.





Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

RIDE+STRIDE:

GHCT supports Gloucestershire's church buildings – helping keep them alive as places of worship, active centres of community life and land-marks of our architectural heritage.

Ride & Stride is a sponsored event in which people from all over the country walk, cycle or ride between churches.

In 2016 it will take place on Saturday 10th September. Join us and help the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust raise much needed funds.

The event takes place from 10.00am to 6.00pm and you can visit as many or as few churches as you want. Why not make it a day out with friends or family and plan a route beforehand?

Half of the money you raise goes to the church while half (plus any gift aid) goes to the Trust to help us look after our county's wonderful churches.

We are looking for a local organiser to run the event at St Martin, Horsley. The role primarily involves handing out sponsorship forms to participants and collecting them back in after the event with any money raised then sending it all to the County Organiser. There are a few other jobs like organising people to welcome other participants to the church and optionally providing a few snacks for visitors!

Due to the demographic in some churches, other sponsored activities are chosen instead of the cycle ride. It doesn't really matter what you choose to do as long as you enjoy yourself and can get sponsors!

Some churches sing hymns, some clean the church, some sort out the churchyard and some ring the bells. What could you help your church to do? Can you help us with this important fundraising task? If you are interested, please visit www.ghct.org.uk or contact Glenn on rideandstride@ghct.org.uk and we will help you!

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Sir William Romney's School

Sir William Romney's, our local catchment secondary school at Tetbury, is looking for people to work as Exam Invigilators. Exams take place on various dates throughout the school year, particularly during November, December, May and June.

Full training is provided and pay of £7.26 per hour initially, rising to £7.65 per hour with experience.

You should be enthusiastic, well-organised, punctual and able to communicate effectively with students and staff alike. Days of work vary according to the examination timetables; prior notice of the specific dates required is given in advance. Availability is needed from 8.30am for morning exams and until 3.30pm for afternoon exams.

The closing date for applications is Friday 11th March 2016, and details of how to apply are on the school website: http://swr.gloucs.sch.uk/ or phone 01666 502378.

SAINT MARTIN'S

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends.

March sees the first day of Spring (officially 20th March). Yet, looking at my garden, the first daffodils were out in January; there was blossom on some trees pretty soon after; my strawberries have never stopped flowering and I could have carried on cutting the grass all over official winter as it never stopped growing.

Also, we have seen stock markets plummet and then make huge gains in reverse as oil first went to virtually an all-time low before surging ahead 12% on one day!!

In the words of the Kinks, "It's a mixed up, muddled-up, shook-up world except for....". Well, except for what? Where is the certainty in this chaotic stream of happenings?

It's in the centre of the goings on of what we know in the church as Holy Week and the events of Good Friday and then Faster



The certainty contained in these events is that God loves us more than we can ever imagine. Jesus went through ridicule, torture and death to show us just what real love is. He was willing to lay down his life because of love.

But then, on Easter Day, the power of that love was shown when Jesus rose from the dead. No matter how hard the authorities at the time tried, they could now mask the fact of this miracle (a miracle recorded not just in the bible, but in histories written at the time).

In a time of uncertainty, it is good to know that, whatever may happen in our lives, the love of God is powerful enough to support us and to strengthen us.

We hope that you have a great Easter break and enjoy this special time of year.

With every blessing

Míke

Snow Drops and Church Bells

Horsley Bellringers rang the Church Bells at Colesbourne on 20th February to help Sir Henry Elwes, former Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, on the final weekend of his well-established Charitable Snowdrop Open Days.

He has several thousand varieties, almost 300 of which are named after generations of his family.

Horsley ringers enjoyed the opportunity to ring for visitors to the lovely little Church, noticeably quite full when pouring down with rain outside. A good trip and opportunity to promote bellringing

Messy Church...

Messy Church at Horsley is on Thursday 24th March at 2.15 pm (straight after school), It is 90 minutes of crafts, games, a time of celebration and food for all the family. It is free and anybody is welcome.

If you've never been before, come and try it out – you might like it! All we ask is that children are in the company of a responsible adult.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Sunday 6th	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Family Service
Sunday 13th		No Service (see below)
Sunday 20th	6.00pm	Palm Sunday Evensong
Thursday 24th	2.15pm	Messy Church
Sunday 27th	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion

You can also find details of what is taking place on the church website. Go to www.thenailsworthbenefice.co.uk and then click through to the Horsley pages or to the calendar. * Please note later time from now until the Autumn.

March Events in St Martin's

There are three major festivals in the Church this March, and the usual Service pattern has been moved around so that they can all be celebrated in the best possible way.

First, Mothering Sunday is on the 6th March, so the Family Service will be open to all mothers and their offspring (that'll be everyone then!) at 11am, with flowers to hand out, and refreshments afterwards, and it will be followed by the Soup Sunday lunch from 1pm to explore ways Horsley can help the Refugee crisis.

Because of all this excitement we will take a break on the 13th of this month, so there will not be a service in Horsley then. Alternatives will be available in Kingscote at 9.30am and Nailsworth at 11.00am.

Palm Sunday will be on 20th March, and remembered at our Evensong Service, which is moving back to it's summer time of 6pm, as the evenings will be lighter by then. The afternoon will have seen the FHS Eggstravaganza in the church, with stalls, egg hunts and races, Easter crafts, tea and cakes, an Easter hat parade and down to Washpool for the famous duck race.

On Easter Day all parishioners and their families and visitors are welcome to come to the Holy Communion Service at 11am, to celebrate the greatest miracle of the Christian calendar, and again there will be coffee and refreshments as usual after the service.



The big clean up continues on Saturday 19th and 26th March at 10.00am.

The last one was a major success, clearing most of the North and East areas. The bonfire was a raging success! Many thanks to all involved. See if you can drag some of your mates along this time, the more the merrier.

The plot is to get all the major areas cleaned down to mowing level so the grass contractors can maintain around the listed graves etc.

Many Thanks, Stan Burrage



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HORSLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

Sun 6th	Mothering Sunday Family Service in St Martins at 11.00am	
	Soup Sunday in aid of refugees at 1pm in the 3 in 1	
Thurs 10th	World Dance in the Village Hall 7-9.30pm. Call Hazel on 834125	
Tues 15th	Quiz Night at The Hog - see page 7 for more details.	
Sat 19th	Churchyard clear-up - see page 13 for more details.	
Sun 20th	Friends of Horsley School Eggstravaganza see page 6	
	Palm Sunday Evensong Service in St Martin's at 6.00pm	
Thurs 24th	Messy Church in St Martin's from 2.15pm - see page 12	
	World Dance in the Village Hall 7-9.30pm. Call Hazel on 834125	
Sat 26th	Churchyard clear-up - see page 13 for more details.	
Sun 27th	Easter Sunday Service in St Martin's at 11.00am	

Horsley Village Fete 2016

The first meeting to start planning the 2016 Horsley Village Fete has been set for 6pm on Tuesday 8th March in the church and should last no longer than one hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and any new ideas or suggestions/possible improvements would be more than welcome.

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Congratulations to Nick Hackett holder of winning number 60 in the February draw. Nick wins £37.

Don't forget there will be two winners next month - the regular monthly prize of £37 and also the twice yearly bonus draw for £78.



New Residents at Hartley Bridge

This month we extend a late but nevertheless very warm Horsley welcome to Mark Aldington at Box Tree Cottage and also to Alistair and Heather Boyes at Little Stoke Cottage who all moved to Horsley at the end of last year.



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