

The Gossip



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The Snowstorm

By David Miles

Hornton Parish Council Playground Committee are pleased to announce "The Snowstorm Multi Play System" is now open. After several months of planning and construction work, the last bolts have been tightened and the turf laid. So now kids its up to you to test this piece of equipment to its limits. Try your rock climbing skills on the climbing walls, negotiate the mini log link and the mini net links then slide down the chute at maximum speed. But kids you have only got a short time to hone your skills on this piece of equipment, because on Saturday 13th August at 10.00 a.m. we are going to hold the official opening ceremony where the ribbon will be cut and you can show your parents how this piece of equipment should be used. We also want all your adults to come along because we are holding our annual coffee morning at the same time. So you can have a go on the lucky square, buy some raffle tickets, browse through the bring and buy, then sit down, relax, and enjoy a nice cup of coffee and watch the kids have fun with the knowledge that all the money raised will be going to a good cause - The Katharine House Hospice. I'm sure when Mike Webber looks down on Saturday the 13th of August and sees all the children playing happily on this new piece of equipment he will smile and say to himself "Yes, my legacy has been put to good use".

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## BAD NEWS

The Banbury Guardian editor has written to all the village correspondents, telling them that the deadline for the columns has been brought forward a day. That means that I will need to have any items for inclusion by Sunday night by phone or email and the previous week if you put submissions through our door.

Worse still, the paper has sent out a request that all village columns should be kept to a maximum of 500 words! There's only one way to respond to such a ridiculous notion - and that's to completely ignore it. Hornton has far too many interesting things going on each week to keep to 500 words - usually it's around 1,000 and often many more.

So keep all that news coming in and I'll just pretend the letter from the Banbury Guardian editor got lost in the post!

By the way, there's quite a fund of cash, which has built up from the Guardian's ever-generous six-pence-a-line fee. If anyone has any thoughts about where some of it should go, please give me a ring.

Roger Corke

## Summer 2005



HORNTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

## SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
6 p.m.  
Parish Church

If you would like your favourite hymn sung at this service - contact Julie Stanley 670507 or place your written request in the box provided in the Church



Excellence opens all doors!  
(School Motto)

Lesley King is the new West Midlands Secondary School Head Teacher of the Year after judges for the West Midlands Teachers of the Year Awards visited Nicholas Chamberlaine Technology College in Bedworth. Lesley took temporary charge of the school six years ago and has been there ever since, successfully taking it out of special measures and into Technology College status. Her impact on the school has made it one of the most sought after schools in the area. Lesley goes through to the finals of the national teaching awards in London in October. We wish her all the best.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Parish Church

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 8.30 a.m Holy Eucharist

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m (United Service)

Holy Eucharist

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 10.30 a.m Matins

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m Holy Eucharist

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m Holy Eucharist

There may be notices for details.

### Methodist Church

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m (United Service)

Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – no service

(United Service at Parish Church)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11 a.m

Thursday Club – After school until

4.30pm every school Thursday

Sunday School – 9.45am – 10.45am

Sundays - All children welcome

**Thursday Club begins on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday School on September 11<sup>th</sup> – All children 3 to 11 years welcome.**

## Congratulations

And Best Wishes for a happy future together to Philippa Bridgeman and fiancé Les on their forthcoming wedding Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church.

And to Simon and Cathy on their recent marriage July 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday October 2nd

In the Methodist Church

11 a.m.

This will be a "Bring and Share" Festival. Bring already prepared food for the Harvest Table. After the service we will use the food for the harvest lunch – Donations of money for your lunch will be sent to the Niger Appeal - Everyone Welcome



Sunday October 9th

Harvest Festival

Parish Church – 11 am

## Harold Burden

We are sad to report that a life long resident of Hornton, Harold Burden passed away at the end of June after a long illness at the age of 79 years.

He was a craftsman who sought perfection in all that he did. He appreciated fine materials such as beautiful wood and would store any that he came across for when he found the right job to use it on. He grew Walnut trees in his garden and sold them far and wide. I don't think he made a profit as posting them to customers in the proper packaging was costly but he loved to think that they were being planted around the country for future generations to benefit from the beautiful wood they would produce.

He had many hobbies, including when he was younger, playing cricket and football in the local teams and latterly snooker. His great achievement was to build a snooker room in his garden to house his magnificent snooker table, stored for many years ready for when he could find the time to house it in a building befitting its worth. He and his friends spent many a happy hour playing there. He enjoyed a drink at the pub and was a member of the crib and dominoes team for many years. His quick thinking humorous remarks turned serious confessions into laughter.

He also made his own wine, with whatever was available in the garden. These delicious and very potent brews were the downfall of many a caller especially when offered a glass of one variety and then encouraged to try other flavours. This was a great mistake as it was a long walk home down that steep hill.

Harold was a village character who will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

## On Yer Bike Again

By Lynn Corke

On Sunday, June 12, the Annual Bike Ride and Pub Lunch had its biggest-ever turnout. There were 21 cyclists – including small children – and another 12 people came for lunch at the Red Lion in Cropredy.

There were five intrepid walkers, including Jean, Lynne and Sarah, who were in training for their sponsored Breast Cancer Ribbon Walk.

The pub coped really well, considering they were faced with twice the number of people expected and had a new waitress!

The weather was reasonably kind, although it was bit chilly and rain-threatened. Only Ian Harris (and me) managed to follow the planned route to the letter but next year I plan to hand out marked maps to the cyclists, so that everyone knows where they're going!

Next year should see another innovation, too. We're going to finish the bike ride with home-made tea and cakes!

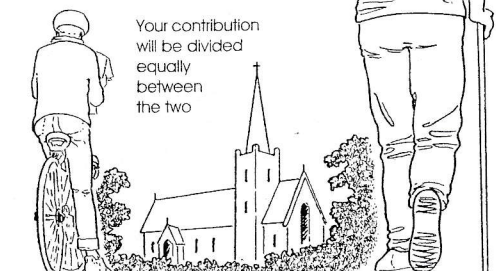
**Bikers, Walkers - If you would like to take part in the annual Historic Churches Ride and Stride on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – contact Julie Stanley 670507 for a sponsor form**

## Ride or Stride

Sat 10th Sept 2005

A sponsored event to raise money for:

- The church of your choice and
- The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust



Sponsorship forms available from:

County Organiser: Richard Lethbridge (01993)824196 Registered Charity 235644  
Incorporated in England. Registered Office: 11, Railway Station, Munkley, Gillingham

## WELL DONE

Jean Burden, Sarah Walther and Lynne Miles who achieved the 26 mile walk for The Ribbon appeal and raised over £1,700 in sponsorship

**CONGRATULATIONS** To  
Amy Harris on her 2.1 BA (Hons)  
degree in Textile Design.

### FRUIT AND NUT BAKED

#### APPLES

Serves 2

2 cooking apples  
25 g (1 oz) raisins  
1 tablespoon flaked almonds  
2 teaspoons maple syrup  
pinch of ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon low fat spread

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 5,  
190C, 375F. Line a roasting tin  
with non-stick baking  
parchment.

Wash and core the apples.  
Arrange in tin

Mix together the raisins,  
almonds, maple syrup and  
cinnamon and pack equal  
amounts into each apple. Dot  
the top of each with a little low  
fat spread and bake for 20-25  
minutes, until the apples are  
soft and pulpy. Serve warm.

### Would you like to make a REAL difference to your community?

Do you enjoy:-

Meeting people? Problem  
solving? Making new friends?  
Working as a part of a happy  
team? Learning new skills?  
Influencing social change?

The Citizens Advice Bureau is one  
of the UK's largest and best known  
voluntary organisations. The  
service helps people resolve their  
legal, money and other problems  
by providing information and  
advice, and by influencing  
policymakers'.

Liz Pride, CABs' Recruitment and  
Training Officer thinks that the root  
of our volunteers' satisfaction lies  
in the fact that the CAB offers the  
rare and rewarding opportunity  
"to make an immediate and lasting  
difference to the quality of an  
individual's life within just a few  
minutes".

If you would like to find out more  
about joining the CAB team of  
volunteers please contact Liz on  
01993 708492

### **DUN COW CRIB TEAM urgently require players for the forthcoming season**

They did rather well last year,  
coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the Harbury and  
District Crib League, Runners  
Up in the League Cup and star  
player, Josie Gardner, won the  
Ladies Cup. So, if you are free  
on a Tuesday evening and enjoy  
a game of crib in good  
company, contact Martin  
Gelling on 670524 or Paul  
Burden on 670664.

### **ARTS AT LARGE FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **At the Pavilion**

On 29 October at 8.00 pm,  
by popular request, the  
return of

**HANK WANGFORD AND  
REG MEUROSS**  
Box office 670511/670627  
Tickets £10

**At the Methodist Church**  
On 11 November at 7.30 pm  
**MUNDY TURNER**

(Australian classical, blues, folk  
and rock music duo)  
Box office 670507  
Tickets £7

On 1 December at 6.00 pm  
(Workshop 4.30 pm)  
**PINOCCHIO**  
Box office 670507  
Tickets £6/£4

Since the AGM, Lesley Waller has  
been appointed a Parish Councillor  
to fill the vacancy. The Parish  
Council now consists of David  
Miles (Chairman), Eric Turner,  
John Offord, Malcolm Cross, Paul  
Burden, Lynne Fickling and Lesley  
Waller with Alan Cater as Parish  
Clerk.

### **GIFT DAY**

At St John the Baptist Church  
Saturday 10 September  
10 am to 12 noon  
*Do come and have coffee and a  
chat*

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 3 September  
10.30 to 12 noon  
Bring & Buy Raffle  
Cakes etc  
For Methodist Church funds

*Our best wishes go to Pip  
Brookes who is at present in  
hospital.*

### **3 Hs GARDENING CLUB FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW**

On Saturday, 20 August  
Members' entries accepted from  
9.15 to 11.15 am on day of Show  
Viewing 2.30 pm

### **WHAT'S ON IN HORNTON**

#### Monday

**Brownies at Pavilion**

#### Tuesday

**Cherwell Villager bus a.m.**  
**Yoga at Methodist Church 7 p.m.**  
**Crib at The Dun Cow**  
**3 Hs Gardening Club**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month**

#### Wednesday

**Toddlers at Pavilion**  
**Keep Fit at Pavilion 7 p.m.**

#### Thursday

**Banbury bus 9.30 a.m.**  
**Thursday Club at Methodist  
Church after school**  
**Youth Club at Pavilion 6.45 p.m.**  
**Dominoes at The Dun Cow**

#### Sunday

**Services at Church and Chapel**  
**Sunday School 9.45 am at Chapel**

# HORNTON FILM FESTIVAL 2006

Following the staging of the Film Festival earlier this year, a touch of Hollywood glamour will be returning to Hornton in 2006. Once again it is YOU who are going to make the evening a hit, by making a movie, or just coming along on the night to see the films that have been made.

For the Hornton Film Festival 2006, there is a 'theme', although one that I hope will inspire rather than constrain. The inspiration for the films should be a favourite music track, although the way that the music is incorporated could be in a number of forms: as a soundtrack, as a starting point for a fictional plot, as a straight music video, or some other way I have not even thought of. The music itself does not have to be the dominant element in the movie, it might be the words, or even the title, which is the main theme- the choice is yours.

What made the evening so enjoyable in March this year was the amazing variety of films, and in 2006, what I hope we will end with is a 'compilation album' of movies, as rich and varied as was on show this year. I have never known Hornton not to rise to a challenge with aplomb!!

The date for the Festival will be a weekend in March, not in half term or the Easter holidays, but to be confirmed soon. If anyone has a film that was being put together for the 2005 festival- but never quite made it in time- we can find a special slot for it, even if it does not follow the theme for 2006.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please call me on 670320 and in any event, if you

are thinking of making a film, please let me know. Following the experiences of this year there is now plenty of technical back-up available for anyone who needs it. Just call.

*Peter Whitehead*

## A DIARY FOR YOUR DATES

Hornton's not the Best and Busiest Village in Banburyshire for nothing! When I write the Hornton column each week for the Banbury Guardian, I never cease to be amazed at the way so many activities can be organised by such a small community.

So it's a pity when some activities clash with others. For example, the latest progressive dinner party was held on the same evening as a special pie night down the Dun Cow and then the Golden Mile had to be moved because it clashed with the cricket club dinner.

Some clashes are inevitable – we have so many events going on each year that you can't always avoid two of them happening on the same day. But sometimes organisers of two events would want to avoid a clash because it means neither is as well-supported as it otherwise would be.

At the moment, there's no way of checking well in advance whether there should be a village "diary", so you can look up what's happening before you decide on a particular date for your event.

Effectively, I already keep such a diary for the Hornton column. I've got events in my computer going right through to the early part of next year and as each new event comes in, I make a note for the newspaper.

So if you're thinking about having an event on a particular date, please give me a ring as early as possible. I may already know if anything else is happening that day. You can pencil in a date if you want and if someone else wants to stage something on the same day, the organisers of both events can get together and sort it out.

Of course, the decision to stage an event if there's a clash must be down to the organisers (please note, this is a diary service, not a court of arbitration!) but the fewer clashes we have, the more events we can all attend and the more fun we'll all have.

You can reach me anytime at 01295 670673, 07721 988977, 02028361 6789 or an email at [roger.corke@hornton.org.uk](mailto:roger.corke@hornton.org.uk). I look forward to hearing from you. *Roger Corke*

## Good news on the JUMPA front:

with a recent flurry of grants, we have now achieved our target. The next step is to meet on site with the contractor that we are hoping to use and to sort out any final details of the specification.

At the time of writing (1 August 2005), the hope is that this might allow us to commence work in October with the aim, weather permitting, of completing the multi-purpose play area before the end of the year.

"This is a fabulous effort by both the committee and all those in Hornton and Horley who have been so supportive," said JUMPA chairman Steve Woodcock. "I am delighted we have reached our goal as, after four years, it's been hard work and demanded a good deal of persistence. All being well, we can look forward to the area being active for next spring."

Those on the JUMPA committee are: Anne Joyner, Lynne and Ollie Fickling, Joy Clegg, Jane Perkin, Mark Wright, John Offord, Ian Harris, Bill Jeffs, Lesley Waller and Steve and Chris Woodcock. They have been ably supported by the parish clerk, Alan Cater.

The JUMPA team will continue to run some events as they will need to raise funds to run and maintain the playing surface once it is open. We expect another Progressive Dinner later this year.

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