

The Gossip



HORNTON

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Our School of Excellence

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We are delighted to be able to report that following our Ofsted Inspection last year, Hornton School has been recognised by Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Chris Woodhead, as one of only 2 schools in Oxfordshire for providing good quality education and achieving high standards. (The other school is Combe near Witney). Our school name will be published in the official national annual report for 1995/96, as a centre of excellence.

Naturally we are immensely proud of this accolade, particularly since it has come about through the rigorous process of an Ofsted Inspection. A big thank you to all children, staff, parents, voluntary helpers and governors for making this possible. Hornton School has been "put on the map" and we all strive to maintain the high standards.

HORNTON SCHOOL NEWS

Our Christmas Concert, held in the Methodist Chapel, with the theme "Christmas Around the World" went successfully. The retiring collection raised £107.86 which was sent to the NSPCC.

In November the children raised £590 through a sponsored spell and tables test. The money is being spent on books for our new library, which we hope to establish for next September. The children are involved in selecting suitable books.

Curriculum topics for this term are:
Juniors - Health Education
Infants - Colour, Light and Sound

The year 5 and 6 children are working with the control technology computers for 2 weeks. These computers are jointly owned by the Warriner Partnership schools and are used to promote

control technology in the curriculum.

On Tuesday 11 February at 3.00 p.m. we shall plant 2 shrubs in our wildlife garden, in memory of Mushie Todd. Mushie always enjoyed the garden and we have pictures of him helping to dig the pond, so we feel it an appropriate place for a memorial. Friends and parents are most welcome to join our short ceremony.

On Thursday 27 February at 7.30 p.m. we shall be holding a Maths Curriculum Evening for parents. The County advisers will talk about ways of supporting maths at home.

The School Association will be holding a Bingo on 4th March at 7.30 p.m. in Hornton Church Rooms as part of this year's fund-raising programme.

VILLAGE MEETING

on
Mon February 10th
in

The Pavilion
at 7.30

to discuss the
Affordable housing
project with
Cherwell Housing
Trust

Hornton Allsorts
present

'CLUELESS'

at Hornton Pavilion

February 6th, 7th, and 8th.
Commencing 7.30p.m.

Tickets
including refreshments: £3.00.

Tickets from: Mrs. A. Turner
01295-670304

RAFFLE



BINGO

MONDAY APRIL 7TH

IN THE CHURCH ROOM

AT 7.30 P.M.

FOR CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

children

How many Easter Chicks can you spot
in this issue of

"The Gossip"? Send
your answers to:



Julie Stanley. The
first correct answer drawn out of
the hat, wins a prize.

Our future depends on you

"The Gossip" has now been running for six years and with every edition it gets harder to encourage people to submit articles and items to fill the pages. Our aim is to inform our community of issues and events which affect Hornton village life. We are also interested to know how clubs and groups are progressing as well as any snippets of information, stories, puzzles, recipes, news, poems or recollections of past village life - anything to make a good read.

We know that "The Gossip" is regularly passed on to former villagers as far away as U.S.A., United Arab Emirates and Turkey, who love to hear the news. "The Gossip's" future depends on you!

PLEASE SEND YOUR ITEMS TO JULIE STANLEY OR ANN HEMMINGS. The deadline for the next issue is 30th April.

CHURCH SERVICES

1st Sunday in Month - United Service - Methodist church 11 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Month - United Service - Parish Church 11 a.m.

Sunday School meets every Sunday 11 a.m. at School Room, Methodist Church.

February 5th (Wed) Christians together in the Church Room 7.30 p.m. - The Rev. Thea Jones - Working with St. Francis

February 12th Ash Wednesday Service in the Methodist Church 7 p.m. Sister Margaret Hale and Pam Smith will lead the service.

March 9th Mothering Sunday Service - Parish Church 11 a.m. Sunday School will attend.

March 28th Good Friday Service in the Methodist Church at 7 p.m. With the Sing a long Choir.

March 30th Easter Sunday Parish Church 11 a.m. Sunday School will attend.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY

OF PRAYER

FRIDAY MARCH 7TH

2 P.M. PARISH CHURCH



We are sorry to learn of the deaths since the last issue of two Hornton ladies:

Mrs Mary Archer (nee Wheeler) who ran the village shop and Post Office until 1980. She had been a regular member of the Methodist Church and for many years lead the singing with her fine voice. She also took an active part in the Sunday School and was a Sunday School teacher for several years.

Mrs Olive Brooks, although housebound for many years due to ill health always took a keen interest in the village and its people. She would often have requests played on Radio Oxford for the special occasions she remembered.

Mrs. Brooks had latterly lived in a local nursing home. Condolences to her family.

FREE Poop-a-scoops are available from the Post Office on Tuesday mornings between 9 a.m. and 12 noon or from J. Wright, Hamara Ghar, West End.

Christmas festivities here in Hornton, once again raised lots of money for local and worldwide charities.

The Sunday School was particularly active and held a Bring & Buy sale for the Blue Peter Appeal which raised £110.00. The Brownies had already raised £30.00 for the appeal from a raffle at their Christmas social.

The Sunday School arranged the usual Christingle service at the Parish Church which always marks the beginning of Christmas festivities here in Hornton. This year the service consisted of the various aspects which make up Christmas, starting with the Nativity and then explaining the various traditions which make up our Christmas festivities in songs and dance. Several people other than Sunday School members were involved in the service. Ian Harris sang "The Holly and the Ivy" accompanied by John Wright who also trained and accompanied the Mistletoe dancers. Mike Webber took charge of the music and Nathan Harwood wrote musical arrangements for two of the carols. Gemma Burden painted the wonderful pictures depicting the 12 days of Christmas which was sung by the adult choir. The church was packed and £180 was raised for The Church of England Childrens Society. A memorable night!

The Sunday before Christmas there was a carol service (nine carols and readings) in the Methodist Church. Mr. Fox played the organ for the carols and a special choir was formed to sing some of the carols. Mrs. Sadler and John Jarvis both sang solos and Jean and Paul Burden sung a duet. The musical items was accompanied by Mike Webber and friends. Thank you to all those who kindly read the lessons. Another memorable night! £80.00 was sent to The Save the Children Fund.

FOOTNOTE A special thank you to Philip Williams who decorated both the Church and Chapel so beautifully for Christmas.

The Monday before Christmas the usual carol singing around the village took place. Although it was a very cold night, singers were warmed by the mulled wine and mince pies supplied by Liz Jeffs. Over £100.00 was collected by enthusiastic children which was sent to the Horton General Cancer Resource Unit.

GOOD AS NEW SALE

Sat April 5th

In the
Pavilion

FOR SUNDAY
SCHOOL FUNDS





COUNTRY HOTPOT

Serves 4 people

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Onion - chopped
- 1 tbsp. Sunflower Oil
- 8 oz. Courgettes - Cubed
- 8 oz. Turnip - Cubed
- 8 oz. Carrots - Cubed
- ½ Green Pepper - Chopped
- 8 oz. can Chick Peas - drained
- 2 tbsps. Chopped Parsley
- 1 tbsp. fresh Rosemary or 1 tspn. dried Rosemary
- 1 tbsp: Wholegrain Mustard
- 14 oz. can Tomatoes
- 1 tbsp. Tomato Puree
- Salt & Black Pepper to taste


METHOD

Fry onion in oil until soft. Add veg & chick peas & fry for a few minutes. Add remaining ingredients & bring to the boil. Cover pan & simmer for 20 mins. Season to taste. Serve hot with baked potatoes or brown rice.

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FRUSTRATION

*It was on a Monday morning
That the tradesman
said he'd call
I waited in all day
But he didn't come at all.*

*On Tuesday I telephoned
To ask the reason why
'Sorry, mate, something
came up'
Was the jovial reply.*

*On Wednesday and Thursday
His promise came to nil
Bright on Friday morning
I was waiting for him still.*

*On Saturday, thought I'd pop
out to the shops
I returned one hour later
To find a letter through my box
It said 'I called to do that job
But my efforts came to nought,
For when I rang the doorbell
I found that you were out.'*

LEMON CHICKEN STIRFRY

Red pepper, spring onion, celery and mushroom, stir fried in 1 tsp oil
Add 2-3 oz cooked chicken, soy sauce, ½ chicken stock cube and grated rind of 1 lemon
3-6 oz cooked noodles or cooked rice

COOKING TIP

IF YOU DROP EGGSHELL INTO THE MIXTURE WHILST BAKING, TRY USING SOME OF THE REMAINING EGGSHELL TO LIFT IT OUT.

short story

A poor fisherman happened one day to find a copper bottle in his net after fishing in the Arabian Sea. The copper bottle had a queer seal. When the fisherman had broken it and had pulled out the cork, he was amazed to see a cloud of black smoke rise into the air, gather itself into a fantastic shape, and become a horrible genie. "Mercy sire, mercy," cried the spirit. "Forgiveness I plead, forgiveness, O great and mighty Solomon, King of the wide lands, monarch..."

"Just a minute," said the fisherman, "there's some mistake. Who do you take me for?"

"King Solomon," replied the dreadful spirit.

"Bless us," exclaimed the fisherman. "Solomon died long ago." "Then," said the genie, "I will rush through the earth slaying and destroying, for I have long been a prisoner, and now I thirst for revenge. And, what is more, I'll begin with you."

The genie was raising his long arms as he spoke, but the fisherman, frightened almost out of his wits, said hurriedly: "Yes, very good. Do as you like, kill as many as you like but even if you hurl the mountains into the sea, I'll never believe anybody your size came out of this bottle! Never!"

"You don't believe it?" asked the angry genie. "You don't think I'm powerful enough to do that? I'll show you!"

He did. Condensing in the twinkling of an eye, he returned to the copper bottle. "Well, who would have thought it?" murmured the fisherman to himself, neatly replacing the cork and throwing the bottle back into the sea.

RED LENTIL & VEGETABLE CURRY

4 tsps oil
1 large onion
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 carrots, diced
2 sticks celery, diced
4 tsps curry powder
1 large (450g) can chopped tomatoes
8 oz split red lentils
1 pint vegetable stock
lemon juice
Seasoning as desired

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and stir fry the onion and garlic for 3 minutes. Add the carrot and celery, stir then add the curry powder. Stir in the tomatoes, lentils and stock and bring to the boil over a moderate heat. Cover the saucepan, reduce the heat and simmer for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally. If necessary add a little more stock. Stir in a little lemon juice just before serving. Serve with boiled rice, pasta or with pitta bread.



MRS BEETON'S HISTORY OF THE WORLD

COMING TO HORNTON SPORTS

PAVILION ON TUESDAY -

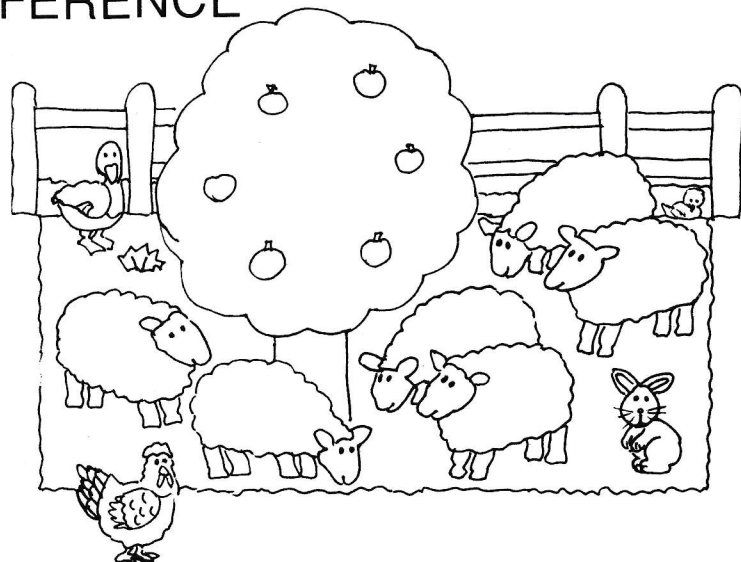
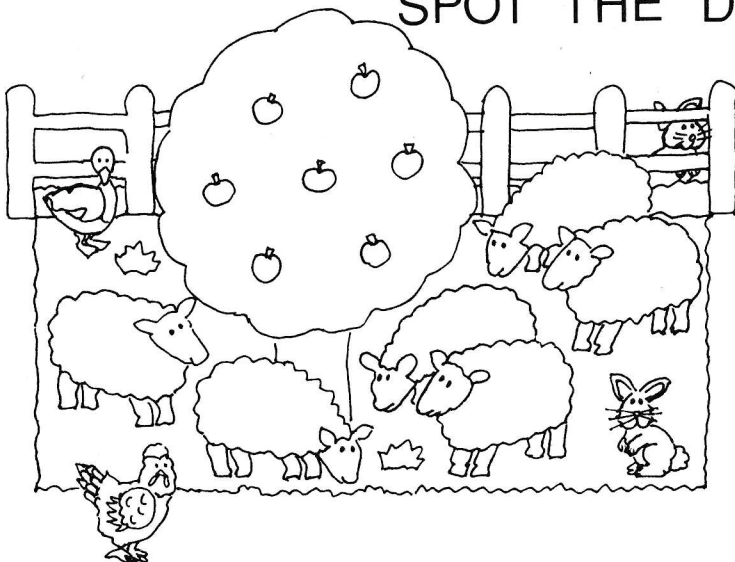
FEBRUARY 25TH - 7.30 P.M.

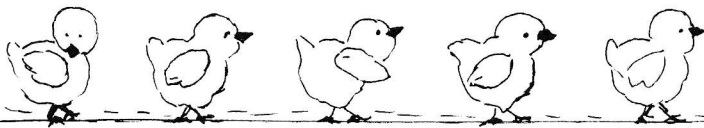
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FROM ISABELLE HARRIS

TEL: 670541

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE





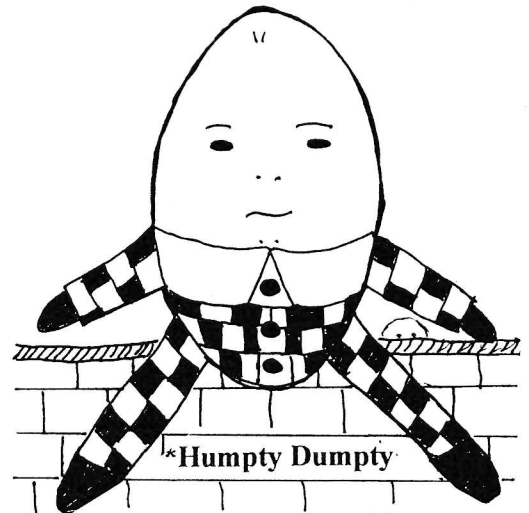
FOOTBALL

By James Fisher

Hornton's unbeaten run came to an end when they lost 1 - 0 to Islip in the Junior Shield. Hornton are still in three cups, two of which are semi finals. Still unbeaten in the league, Hornton look favourites to win, especially after beating top of the table 4 - 3.

Hornton have a very strong and confident team who give everything in every game they play. So if you are free on a Saturday afternoon, come down and give your support.

**Hornton Allsorts present
!!!The Village Panto!!!**



*Humpty Dumpty

In Hornton Sports Pavilion on:

Thursday 20th February,

Friday 21st February,

Saturday 22nd February,

all at 7.30 p.m.,

childrens' Matinee Saturday 3.00 p.m.

£2.00 for children | £3.00 for adults

Telephone 670 304

Information about Hornton - Compiled by Ann Hemmings

Other information may be found on the village noticeboard on the Green.

- MILK** Doorstep deliveries Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - A. & M. Dunbar Tel: 259039.
- NEWSPAPERS** Daily delivery - S. & G. Smith
Tel: 01869 338201
- REFUSE** Collections Wednesday early p.m.
- BUTCHER** Mumford's van visits Tuesday & Friday evening. Some groceries available.
- FISHMAN** Visits Wednesday approx. 1 p.m.
- MOBILE LIBRARY** Alternate Wednesdays on The Green from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Videos available.
- SCHOOL** Hornton County Primary School (rising 5s-11). Headteacher Mrs. W. Clifford Tel: 670335.
- PLAYGROUP** Peach Tree Playgroup held in the School House, on Monday & Friday afternoons & Tuesday & Friday mornings.
- TODDLERS** Wednesday morning in the Sports Pavilion from 9 p.m. - 12 noon.
- DOCTOR** Drs. Mann, Taylor Christopher and Janet Marshall, The Surgery, Stocking Lane, Shenington.
Tel: 678124.
- POST OFFICE** Church Room, Bell Street, between 9 a.m. & 12 noon on Tuesday only. Pensions & Child Benefits etc. paid. T.V. Licence, telephone, car tax and postage stamps available. Telephone accounts & Council Tax payments accepted and T.V. Licences issued.
- CHURCH** St. John the Baptist Parish Church. Services held weekly - see Church noticeboard for details. Vicar, Rev. Jeff Chard Tel: 730344
- METHODIST CHURCH** Services held at 11 a.m. on Sundays. 1st Sunday in the month, United Service; 2nd Sunday in the month United Service at the Parish Church. Minister Rev. Jeff Smith Tel: 262784.
- UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL** Held at 11 a.m. in the Sunday School room attached to the Methodist Church.
- TIP/RECYCLING** Oxfordshire C.C. Alkerton tip approx. 2 miles away. Open daily till dusk.
- BUS SERVICE** Thursday & Saturday from the Green to Banbury Bus Station and return. "Cherwell Villager" minibus on Tuesday (see noticeboard for details).
- BROWNIES** Monday 4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Church Room. Brown Owl, Mrs Ann Simpkins Tel: 670620.
- CUB SCOUTS** Thursday 6.45 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion Cub Leader, Ian Harris Tel: 670541.
- DRAMA** Hornton Allsorts. For details contact Linda Cross Tel: 670562
- KEEP FIT** In the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday between 7 p.m. & 8 p.m. If interested just come along.
- 3 H's GARDENING CLUB** Every 2nd Tuesday in the month at the Sports Pavilion. Membership Secretary Mrs. P. Miles Tel: 670550. Non-members welcome to attend meetings for a small charge.
- FOOTBALL** Hornton United F.C. Contact Malcolm Cross Tel: 670562.
- CRICKET** Horley C.C. Contact Paul Burden Tel: 670664.
- "THE GOSSIP"** Quarterly village newspaper. Editor J. Stanley Tel: 670507 All articles etc. gratefully received. Deadlines for inclusion of items posted on the noticeboard.

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HORNTON CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

We would like to thank Mark Bowes and "The Firebirds" for their kind donation of £50.00 to our funds from their "gig" at the Sports Pavilion on 27th December last.

This is very much appreciated.

Mike Webber
(Secretary/Treasurer)