

The Gossip

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*An Extract from Recollections of an Oxfordshire Village and Its People
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Final Gleanings

Now I have gathered my gleanings in this account of village life and events over the last century or so. As the gleaner steps forward to gather another ear of corn, and then another, so the pace of village life has moved onward along the road of progress. One step has led to another and scientific discoveries in the last fifty years have altered our way of life beyond recognition.

Fifty years and more ago, many aspects of life in the village had been unchanged for generations. Life was more leisurely, a pound was a pound and the cost of things less important. The simple candle, so essential in the dark days of winter, and the bath tub in front of the kitchen fire, are distance memories of that time. Values, too, have changed, as illustrated by this story about my wife's grandmother, Eliza Webb. Eliza walked the six miles by footpath to Banbury to purchase material for a dress. When she reached home, she found she had forgotten the matching sewing cotton, so she immediately retracted her steps to rectify the matter!

Today, the pace of life, and the effects on us all of discoveries in the fields of science and technology, leave us wondering. "What next?" Motorways, road and air travel, probes into outer space, world-wide telephone and radio communication, television in every home and advances in medicine, all present us with unavoidable responsibilities in our democratic society. Perhaps we would do well to remember we are but the guardians of a wonderful world.

Hornton Allsorts
present
VALENTINE
THEME NIGHT
at
Hornton Pavilion
On Saturday 17th February
2001
7.30 for 8.00
Ticket £6 Includes Meal
From A. Turner 670304

**MAY DAY
CELEBRATIONS**
7 MAY 2001
ON THE VILLAGE GREENS
*Maypole Dancing
Morris Dancing
Stalls*

POST OFFICE UPDATE

Hornton Post Office is going computerised.... Some of you may not know that Hornton does have a Post Office which is held in Julie Stanley's kitchen at Langway every Tuesday morning between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Pensions and Benefits are paid out there and Electric, Telephone and various other bills can be paid along with T.V. licences. Postage stamps are on sale too. The computer to be installed at Langway will be linked to the Post Office network and hopefully more Post Office products and services will be available in the future.

HORNTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

*Invite you to a series of
Monthly Shared Village Services*

*A joint initiative to bring some
different patterns of worship to our
community*

Time and place:

*St John the Baptist 11 a.m.
11 March, 13 May, 8 July
Methodist Church 11 a.m.
8 April, 3 June*

*Services will be varied, each one will
last for approximately 40 minutes and
be followed by refreshments*

May Day will soon be here. Plans are now being made to make this a wonderful day again this year. If you can offer help in any way, we would be pleased to hear from you.

We hope to have a village craft stall so start making your crafts for us to sell - 80% of the money to you and 20% to the Pavilion fund. Stalls for village organisations welcome. Of course, we also need other stalls and games. Please telephone Liz Jeffs on 670529 to book.

