

The Gossip

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FAREWELL TO TERRY & DOREEN

SUMMER 2002

After 19 years of faithful service Terry and Doreen have finally hung up the towel at the Dun Cow. At an afternoon farewell party and barbeque they were presented with presents and bouquets from customers who had become good friends over the years.

We all wish them good luck, health and happiness for the future. They haven't moved too far away - just below the hill at Kineton - so we hope they'll keep in touch.

Thank you

Terry and I would like to say a very big thank you to all those in the village who have supported us over the last 19 years.

We feel proud to have achieved our goals, particularly in safeguarding our village pub, an integral part of traditional village life.

Our customers not only consist of villagers but many from the surrounding area who give invaluable support. It is important to realise that without their custom we would have had to close our doors a long time ago and the pretty village pub so many people just like to think of as a selling feature for our village, would have been lost.

You are fortunate to have Martin and Gwyneth Gelling to take the Dun Cow. Please give them your support in their new venture.

Doreen Bell



Dun Cow
Hornton

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST

AT

10.30 A.M.

IN SMALL PLAYING FIELD

(Church Room if wet)

For Small Playing Field Funds

3 H'S FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

SATURDAY, 17 AUGUST

IN THE PAVILION

ENTRIES ACCEPTED FROM 9.15 A.M.

MUST BE STAGED BY 11.15 A.M.

SHOW OPEN 2.30 P.M.

Chapel Update

Refurbishment of the Methodist Church continues. We are now about to embark on Phase 2 of our plan, which is the renewal of the main roof. Work is scheduled to commence on Monday 12th August and should take approximately 10 to 14 days to complete.

Songs of Praise

On Sunday August 18th

6 p.m.

Hornton Methodist Church

A Compliment and a Concern

What a wonderful weekend the Jubilee was! From the street party to the fun run, from the dance to the exhibition, from the fireworks to the sports day and the Coronation video. So many people need to be complimented on all the hard work they put in to make it all possible, so much of it behind the scenes.

It is occasions like that which should make all of us feel so lucky to be a part of this community and remind us just how special this village is. And it's because we have such a sense of community that I was concerned about two contributions which appeared in the last edition of *The Gossip* – the anonymous pieces which were published, airing opposing views on the future of quarrying in the village.

Although the authors put diametrically opposed points of view, both arguments were valid and deserved to be aired. What's more, it's right that on an important issue like quarrying, *The Gossip* should carry articles about it and that people with strong views should stand up and be counted. The trouble is that neither of the authors did stand up to be counted. Instead, they sheltered behind anonymity.

What's so wrong with this, you might ask? Well, for a start, people tended to speculate on who actually wrote the articles. Surely it would be better, when people discuss the quarrying issue, that they talk about the merits or otherwise of the proposals.

Second, it doesn't take long for the rumour mill to start and perhaps the wrong people to be put in the frame as authors. That's hardly fair, is it?

But third – and most important – views which would seem perfectly reasonable if published with a name at the bottom suddenly seem to take a different character when the author's name is absent.

It's entirely different if we have anonymous articles about non-controversial subjects. I am a fan of "Dogberry" and "Birdbrain" for instance, and long may their pieces continue. But in future is it too much to suggest that if people want to air controversial views about important subjects in *The Gossip* – and long may they continue to do so – that they put their name at the bottom?

Lynn Corke

Congratulations

To Ann and Martin Hemmings on their Silver Wedding Anniversary, 10th September

EDITORS' REPLY: The policy of *The Gossip* has always been to include all articles given to us for publication. However, in future, articles of a controversial nature will not now be included without the author's name.

Julie Stanley & Ann Hemmings

CHURCH SERVICES

Parish Church

- 1st Sunday – 8.30 a.m Holy Eucharist
- 2nd Sunday – 11 a.m (United Service) Holy Eucharist
- 3rd Sunday – 10.30 a.m Matins
- 4th Sunday – 11 a.m Holy Eucharist
- 5th Sunday – 11 a.m Holy Eucharist

Methodist Church

- 1st Sunday – 11 a.m (United Service) Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday – no service (United Service at Parish Church)
- 3rd Sunday – 11 a.m
- 4th Sunday – 11 a.m
- 5th Sunday – 11 a.m

VILLAGE SERVICES

- 8 September: 11 a.m at the Parish Church
- 6 October: 11 a.m Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church
- 13 October: 11 a.m. Harvest Festival at the Parish Church

RECENT BAPTISMS AT HORNTON

Megan, daughter of Graham and Claire Bottoms

Toby, grandson of Julie and Harry Stanley

Lawrence, grandson of Rosemary Gilkes

Finlay, grandson of Margaret and Ron Hale

CONGRATULATIONS to Liz and Bill Jeffs on the birth of their grandson, Henry William, on 1st August

BEST WISHES to Lisa Jeffs and Mark Hillman on their recent engagement

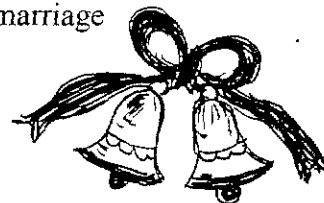
CONGRATULATIONS

To Laura Hemmings on her Graduation from the University of Liverpool with a 2:1 BA (Hons) degree in Sport, Recreation and Physical Education with Sociology.

Good Luck for the future.

ALL GOOD WISHES

TO Rosemary Hillman and Gary Fenemore on their recent marriage



CONGRATULATIONS

TO Caroline Edginton and Richard Swiers on their recent marriage



SPONSORED RIDE OR STRIDE SAT 14 SEPTEMBER

Raise money for
YOUR CHURCH
And for the
OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsorship forms available from
Julie Stanley

GIFT DAY

St John the Baptist Church
10 a.m to 12 noon
SAT 14 SEPTEMBER

Next issue of *The Gossip* due out in November. Articles for inclusion, by 31 October please, to Julie Stanley or Ann Hemmings

Hornton Website t-shirts

Now on sale

Due to overwhelming public demand, good quality white cotton t-shirts – decorated with the website's distinctive lime tree logo – are now available.

There are two sizes in stock – medium (suitable for smaller ladies) and extra large (suitable for men and slightly larger ladies). T-shirts for children and other adult sizes can be ordered at short notice. The price is only £8.50 and all proceeds will go to funding the website. What a bargain!

Buy now by contacting Lynn Corke on 670673 or

e-mail lynn.graham@legalservices.gov.uk.

HORNTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

Songs of Praise

On Sunday August 18th

6 p.m.

Hornton Methodist Church

We hope you will be able to join us at our annual Songs of Praise Service. The Choir specially formed for this event are practising hard and there will also be other musical items during the service. We hope you will be able to come along and enjoy this special service with us. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like to be sung at this service please write it down and post it in the box provided (on the table just inside the door of the Parish Church) by the 10th August.

Thank you for participating and we look forward to seeing you on August 18th.

GARDEN ART EXHIBITION

Original Paintings by HAZEL ROBINSON

Saturday 31st August until Saturday 14th September

'At Hopkin House, Lower Tysoe, Warwickshire

TEAS IN AID OF SHIPSTON HOME CARERS

In cottage garden setting, weather permitting

Coming to the Methodist Church on
Friday 8th November

Hilary James & Simon Mayor

Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel and Hoedown

A witty and captivating mix of folk, blues, swing and classics with Simon Mayor's unique brand of humour and Hilary James 'wonderfully honey-dripping voice'. Simon, who started out as a guitarist and fiddler, is one of the world's foremost mandolinists. Hilary is renowned for an unlikely taste in bass instruments, accompanying Simon on guitar on anything from Bluegrass to Vivaldi and even managing a step dance if the wind is in the right direction.

Tickets for this special evening will be available from Julie Stanley on 670507 nearer the time. Book early to avoid disappointment.

*****Plum Chutney*****

*The flavour of plums in this recipe blends well with cold beef.
Makes approximately 2.5 kg. (5lbs)*

1 kg (2 lb) plums (or damsons, if preferred)
500 g (1 lb) onions
500 g (1 lb) apples
600 ml. (1 pint) vinegar
500 g (1 lb) seedless raisins or dates
1 x 15 ml spoon (1 tablespoon) salt.
1 x 5 ml spoon (1 teaspoon) ground ginger
1 x 5 ml spoon (1 teaspoon) ground allspice
pinch grated nutmeg
pinch ground cloves
500 g (1 lb) sugar

Wash and stone the plums. (if using damsons, it is best to remove the stones as they rise to the surface during cooking). Peel and chop the onions. Peel, core and chop the apples. Place these ingredients in a pan, add half the vinegar and cook until soft. If using dates, stone and chop them. Add the raisins or dates, salt and spices, and continue cooking until thick. Stir in the sugar with the remainder of the vinegar and continue to simmer gently until the mixture thickens again. Put into warm jars and cover.

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Whats green and hairy and goes up and down?

A gooseberry in a lift.

JUMBO JUMPA DINNER

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2002

JUMPA FUNDRAISER – A PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY

HOW DOES IT WORK?

THE EVENING

Saturday 5 October 2002 from 7.00 until late

Guests enjoy a three course dinner with drinks for £20 per head at three different venues within walking distance of each other.

GUESTS

Two days before the Dinner Party, each pair of guests will receive an envelope inviting them to the home of the first host of the evening for 7.00 pm. Upon arrival they and another pair of guests will be served with an aperitif and canapés, followed at 7.30 pm by the first course of the dinner. At 8.15 pm the guests will be given an envelope containing the address of their second hosts, where they will arrive by 8.30 pm. Their second hosts will serve the main course and wine. At 9.45 pm they will receive an envelope telling them where to go for their pudding and coffee, and they will arrive at that location by 10.00 pm. At this final venue they will enjoy dessert, coffee, cheese and biscuits. The guests will also be given their bill for £20 per head, which is the guests' donation to JUMPA.

HOSTS

The "Hosts" prepare and serve dinner with drinks in their own home for six people including themselves. This is the donation to JUMPA. They have four different guests for each course of the meal, and give the final four a bill for £20 a head. Hosts may think of extra ways in which to raise money during the course of the evening – for instance by raffle or games.

JOINING IN

Fill in the form and post to in the Village Post Box next to the Notice Board by Friday 20 September 2002. The organisers will get back to you nearer the time with details.

Saturday 5th October – Jumbo Jumpa Dinner

We would like to be **GUESTS** at the Jumpa dinner for £20 a head.

Name:..... Number of Guests.....

Address:.....

Special Dietary Requirements:.....

We would like to be **HOSTS** and provide a three course dinner for four people in our own home.

Name:..... Tel:.....

Address:.....

Any Speciality Menu?.....

We would like to be **either HOSTS or GUESTS** at the Jumbo Dinner

Name:..... No. of People.....

Tel:.....

Address:.....

Fun-packed schedule shapes up for JUMPA

Dates for your diary

After a highly successful June-when the Jubilee Golden Mile fun run raised over £700 on its own-the fundraising team of JUMPA have lined up a feast of activity for this summer and autumn.

The action kicks off in August with a **Treasure Hunt and Cheese and Wine** garden party. This unusual combination is scheduled for Saturday 17 August. It's open to individuals or families. From 4pm onwards, those taking part can pick up their clue sheet from outside the School on the Green, paying £4 per adult, £2 per child or £10 for a family of four to enter. Then, off you go, working your way around the village to seek out the clues and the treasure. You return your completed form to the team at the gate of the Manor where, from around 5.30pm, there will be cheese and wine and lemonade for all participants in the back garden. Prizes will also be presented to the treasure hunt winners.

Some time during the summer, it is also hoped to hold a special Bingo evening.

Hot on the heels of this treasure trail the **Allsorts Theme Evening** on Saturday 7 September. As it's in aid of JUMPA this time, there's a sports theme to the evening. Look out for posters soon. Tickets will include an evening meal - every dish carefully calorie-counted for maximum fitness value, of course (but no one will force you to add them up).

A month after on Saturday 5 October, an unusual 'Progressive Dinner Party' event is also being organised, with dinner hosts nominated around the village and guests donating funds to JUMPA for the pleasure of enjoying a three-course dinner at three different venues. See the form in this issue.

Hornton Hallowe'en Party, much enjoyed by many last year, makes a welcome return to the Pavilion on Saturday 2 November-a definite date for your diaries. This time it's all in aid of JUMPA. Once again, fancy dress is "de rigueur". There will be disco and prizes for the best (most horrific) costumes. Tickets will be on sale in October.

Last but by no means least on the planned itinerary is a **Twelfth Night Barn Dance**, scheduled for Saturday 4 January 2003 as an antidote to the post-festive anticlimax and return to work. Look out for more details in the next issue of *The Gossip*.

Stop Press

Three quotes are being sought for the building work on the JUMPA site, with latest estimates looking like the cost will be over £30,000-a little more than originally thought, mainly due to the making up of the ground and the surfacing work, plus fencing and

access. Grants are being sought, but we need to raise considerable funds ourselves.

Hornton Summer Treasure Hunt and Cheese & Wine

in aid of JUMPA

Jubilee Multi-Purpose Sports Area

Saturday 17 August 2002

Prizes for winners



**£4 per adult, £2 per child (under 16)
or £10 for a family ticket,
including refreshments
(family = two adults, two children)**

**Pick up your treasure hunt clue sheet from
outside the School on The Green from 4pm onwards.
Then follow the clues and return your completed
entry form to the The Manor. Once you've finished,
enjoy your Cheese & glass of Wine (or lemonade)
in the back garden of The Manor, from 5.30pm.**

**THE FIRST (ANNUAL?)
Hornton Leisure Cycle Ride &
Pub Lunch**

By Lynn Corke

On Sunday 21 July it was reasonably warm, breezy and not raining - the group cycling from the Green to the Stag's Head at Swalcliffe were grateful for the weather.

The outward route was via Fulling Mill and the return was rather circuitous via the edge of Shenington. Both provided lovely scenery and hills which had some of us walking and pushing our bikes some of the time!

We sat in the pub garden for lunch and were joined by others who had driven over from Hornton as well as a walker (well done Glen, who walked there and back).

Well done to the intrepid cyclists-Ian and Calum, Bill and Liz, Graham and Judy, Chris and Steve, Fiona and Sarah. Thanks too to Steve and Bill for being the informal guides.

Might this become an annual event?

HORNTON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEKEND

By Bill Jeffs

Whether they were a committed royalist or just enjoyed a good party, everyone in Hornton pulled together to make it a most enjoyable Jubilee weekend and for once the weather was kind to us. Some people in the surrounding villages were heard complaining that there was a shortage of flags and bunting on sale in Banbury. We all know why! The people of Hornton had bought it to decorate their houses. What a show, from the tasteful to completely O.T.T. After word got around we became a tourist attraction. Steve, our local postman, agreed to judge the "best dressed house" competition and gave us an assurance he could not be bribed or corrupted. In any case his wife came with him to keep him out of the Dun Cow before the judging was completed.

Congratulations to Ronnie and Philip whose house came first, with Eileen Lewis and Paul and Jean Burden tying for second place.

The celebrations kicked off on Saturday with the Golden Mile fun run - a contradiction of words when you looked at the pained expressions on the faces of the runners in the pictures on the web site. Peter Whitehead clocked the fastest time for Hornton. Shame he was one second slower than a "Horleyite". A short rest and then those up for it boogied the night away to 50's and 60's music played by the Challengers in the Pavilion.

Sunday brought the Hornton Jubilee Sports day. The old favourites were there, sack race, three legged race, and obstacle course. The children had a great time, but our memory is getting so poor we cannot remember who won what, not that it mattered anyway.

Hornton Golden Jubilee mugs were presented to all Hornton children 16 years and under. Any child who was not able to collect a mug on sports day can still get one from Audrey Turner Tel: 670304. As sports day ran its course, the Golden Jubilee memorabilia exhibition opened in the Church Room. This included a showing of the original film footage from the Coronation. The atmosphere of 1953 was recreated, when most of the village packed into

the Church Room to watch one of the only three television sets in the village to see the ceremony. I believe Ian had as many problems getting the video to work as Roland Miles did trying to get a signal on the 1953 television set.

The Sunday evening blue skies gave way to a murky Monday morning. Hornton's well-oiled machine swung into action. Tables and chairs converged on the village green; the road was diverted, tables were allocated and then the rain began to fall. As if by magic, as 12 O'clock approached, the rain ceased and the skies brightened. People began to appear with decorations for their tables. Hornton's Street Party was on.

The Silver Jubilee street party was legendary, but this was easily surpassed. Instead of tea and cakes, four and five course meals arrived on the tables, champagne corks popped and wine flowed like water. The tables were set with linen tablecloths and adorned with candelabra. Hornton's Royal family were present even accompanied by the Palace Corgis. To cap it all the "Alisorts" entertained us with sketches based on the Commonwealth of Nations, finishing off with Britannia singing "I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts" to the tune of "Rule Britannia" accompanied by Mike Webber and his boys (Nathan Harwood, Keri Harwood and Sam Offord).

Those villagers with the bulldog spirit finally made their way up to the allotments to ignite the Jubilee beacon and to light up the sky with fireworks as a spectacular finale to a simply wonderful weekend.

A special thank you to everyone who helped make our Golden Jubilee weekend so good - to name just a few:- (Please forgive us any omissions).

Steve Woodcock who was always there when there was work to be done.

Eileen Lewis, what would a Hornton event do without a raffle and a good cup of tea?

Ian Harris for soldiering on when not feeling at his best.

Glen Walther and the Burden family who carried on despite the sad loss of their Mother.

Roger and Lynne Corke for technical support, bunting supplies and doing the little things that made the weekend tick along smoothly.

Glenis Griffiths who had the unenviable job of sorting out the tables for the street party.

David and Anne Jarrett for their help on sports day.

David Miles for setting up the Memorabilia Exhibition.

The Alisorts for being "The Alisorts".

The Parish Council and C.D.C. for funding the Jubilee mugs and contributing towards the cost of various events.

The Hornton fairies that clear up the mess after everyone has gone home.

School Fete made over £1,000. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it so successful this year.

We are sad to report that Hazel Burden passed away after a long illness early on Jubilee Sunday.

She originated from a small village near Bristol. Her father was a Butcher by trade and she was an only child. She won a scholarship to the Grammar School and after leaving school pursued a career in the Almoners Office. During the war Hazel was a fire watcher in Bristol bravely serving her country. She came to Hornton to stay with her cousin at the Dun Cow and met her future husband. For more than 50 years she made her home here in Hornton and with her husband Harold with whom she brought up their six children.

Our memories of her are of a kind and caring person who was a friend to everyone she met. She loved her family dearly and could not do enough for them.

She was famous for her cooking skills and made the most mouth-watering cakes, which were much sought after at the Church Bazaar. She was a faithful member of the Church and a member of the Women's Working Party. She also was a committee member of the 3 H's Gardening Club for many years and a great help to them.

She shone in everything she did and if there could be a Degree for Good Housekeeping and Family skills she would have passed with honours. She was truly a Golden Lady who died on Golden Jubilee Sunday and we will miss her.