

The Gossip

HORNTON

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Never Under Estimate A Minority — *W. S. Churchill*

On Sunday 22nd September I went with my son and daughter-in-law to Basingstoke station where we joined several hundred other Liberty and Livelihood marchers to board a specially chartered train for London. Before departing the Bishop of Basingstoke held a short service and gave us his blessing. Our leader was a tall chap holding aloft a salmon rod with a bunch of golden balloons tied to it! Our companions on the train were very cheerful, full of stories of the last March, and they represented every conceivable country pursuit and way of living. There were many different banners expressing their feelings and hopes, often in quite colourful language!

At Waterloo we joined the throng and walked fairly easily along the south embankment, all the time being joined by more and more people until we were walking at a snail's pace. We were able to have a good look at the Globe Theatre which is a wonderful re-creation of Shakespeare's original theatre. We crossed the river at London Bridge and walked towards Whitehall. At intervals we saw the salmon rod bobbing cheerfully ahead of us. As we passed under the bridges the noise of the whistles, horns and cheering was greatly magnified, a strange and stirring sound.

As we reached Whitehall we joined with the marchers who had started from Hyde Park, and by this time we fully realised the size of the turnout. Nevertheless, quite by chance we bumped into my nephew and his family. Passing the Cenotaph the crowd fell silent as a mark of respect. At the end of Whitehall we could see the tally on the digital counter constantly rising which gave us a sense of contributing personally to the final total. There were a few anti-hunt protesters in Parliament Square who could think of nothing more original than to shout "go home scum".

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However, this was all taken in good spirit and given the numbers marching, was quite brave of the protesters to be there at all. Having been counted, Alexander, never one to miss an opportunity for a good meal, marched us off to Soho for a Chinese.

Back on the train, weary but satisfied, we reviewed the day. If 407,791 people, nearly HALF A MILLION, from all parts of the country and many from abroad, marched through the streets of London, the biggest march ever, surely Mr Blair and the Government of the day will have to listen to us.

Sally Buchan

The Little Prince



An adaptation of Antoine de Saint-Exupery's classic tale

On Friday 6 December
7 p.m.
at Hornton Pavilion
Tickets: Adults £4/Children £2.50
Tel 670529

3 Hs GARDENING CLUB FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW RESULTS

Winner of Vegetables Cup:	Eric Turner
Runner-up:	Dan Bachelor
Winner of Flowers Cup:	Edith Bachelor
Runner-up:	Linda Cross
Winner of Cookery Cup:	Edith Bachelor
Runner-up:	Audrey Turner
Winner of Flower Arranging Silver Salver:	Philip Williams

'The Difference'

*I got up early one morning and
rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I
didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
Why doesn't God help me? I
wondered.
He answered 'You didn't ask',
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but
the day toiled on, grey and bleak,
I wondered why God didn't show
me, he said 'But you didn't seek',
I tried to come into God's
presence:
I used all my keys at the lock,
God gently and lovingly chided,
'My child, you didn't knock'.
I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the
day,
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.*

Harvest Supper

£218.34 was raised towards the Pavilion new kitchen extension. Thank you to everyone who helped to make a most enjoyable evening.

Harvest Produce from the Church Harvest Festival was donated to Katharine House Hospice.

Two boxes of non-perishable food were collected from the children's table at the Methodist Harvest Festival for Banbury Young Homeless. There is a box at the back of the Chapel for future donations of the same i.e. tins, dried food stuffs, pot noodles etc. which will be sent to them for Christmas.

SHE'S NOW OFFICIAL!

Congratulations to Lindy Bridgeman who is now licensed to carry out services in the Anglican Church - Well done!

CHRISTMAS BINGO

*On Tuesday 26th November
7.30 p.m.
Church Room
For Methodist Church Fund*

The Ladies Working Party

Invite you to
a
**CHRISTMAS
SALE & SOCIAL**
On Saturday December 7th
7 pm
Crafts * Gifts * Tombola
* Raffle * Produce * Games *
at the Parish Church



Chapel Update

Since the last 'Gossip' the roof has been replaced. Next on the agenda is the heating and lighting which we hope to complete in the next few months.

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

10 November: 10.55 a.m at the Parish Church - Remembrance Sunday
1 December 11 a.m Methodist Church
8 December 6 pm Christingle at the Parish Church
22 December 6 pm Carol Service at the Methodist Church
Special Christmas Services to be arranged - see notices for details

Welcome to Rev. Dorothy Hewitson our new Minister at the Methodist Church. We hope she will enjoy her time with us.

WANTED!!

1 Virgin Mary
1 Joseph
1 Gabriel
Assorted Angels
3 Wisemen
3 shepherds
2 soldiers

Calling all children, can you help with our Christingle Service on Sunday 8th December. If you are interested in performing in the Nativity Play please contact Julie Stanley 670507 or Jean Burden 670664 by Thursday 7th November.

The Christingle Service is held to raise money for the Church of England Children's Society - we need your help!!

CHRISTMAS BINGO

*On Monday 11th November
7.30 p.m.
Church Room
For Church Ladies Working
Party*

CONGRATULATIONS

TO Paul and Janet Bulman on their recent marriage at St. John the Baptist Church. We wish them well in their new home at Tysoe.

AND TO Libby Fraser and Ben Hoskyns-Abraham on their recent marriage. We wish them health and happiness as they make their new home together in North Yorkshire.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

AT THE METHODIST
CHURCH
ON SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH
2.30 PM
STALLS GAMES TEAS ETC.

SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 2002

We have had a very busy start to the Autumn term with a number of changes in the school personnel. We welcome Miss Charmaine Campbell who has joined us as a student teacher for one year. We also welcome Mrs Trudi Tomlin who has recently taken on the post of Early Years assistant to Mrs Pettit.

Class 3 spent a week away in North Wales at the end of September with Mr and Mrs Clifford, Mrs Porter and Roger Corke. It was a very successful week, helped by superb weather, which enabled us to do all our planned activities. Look on our website (Class 3 page) for the pupils' comments about the week. While the older pupils were away the others enjoyed a day at the Gaydon Motor Museum.

We have launched a joint Harvest/Christmas Appeal this year - Operation Shoebox - and pupils are busy filling shoeboxes with gifts to send to Eastern European countries for children who otherwise will have no presents for Christmas.

The School Association are holding an Autumn Fayre on Saturday, 23 November, between 10 a.m and 12 noon at the school. Everyone is welcome - do your Christmas shopping with us! We look forward to seeing you there.

Wendy Clifford
Headteacher

SCHOOL TOTE

Thank you to all the villagers who continue to support the school tote. The winners for the past six months were:

APRIL	Judy Pettit Sheila Watt
MAY	Annie Connor Helen Robinson
JUNE	Sally Phelan Pam Wain
JULY	Judy Houston David Miles
AUGUST	No winner No winner
SEPTEMBER	No winner Oliver Fickling

FOOTBALL -

'NOT JUST FOR BOYS'

Congratulations to Jess Wain who now plays football for Birmingham City Under 16s Ladies team (much to the delight of a certain 'Blues' fan). Well done Jess.

PEPPARKAKOR BISCUITS

400g/3 cups sifted flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1½ tsps ground ginger
ground cloves and cinamon
230g/1 cup butter or margarine
230g/1 cup dark brown sugar
2 egg whites

Sift flour, spices and soda. Cream butter and sugar until very fluffy then beat in egg whites. Slowly work in dry ingredients. Wrap and chill for 12 hours.

Heat oven to 350°C (Gas Mark 4).

Roll out dough to ½cm thick on lightly floured board. Cut into as many fancy shapes as you have different cutters. Place on ungreased baking sheet, leaving space between. Cook for 10-12 minutes until light brown round edge. Cool on wire racks.

Prepare icing while biscuits cool. Blend icing sugar (about 1230g/1 cup) with 1 egg white. Make it stiff enough to pipe, in your own chosen patterns, on to biscuits.

For the record

A group of Hornton residents attended a meeting held at Oxfordshire County Council to give their views on the Planning Application to quarry Manor Farm. Planning permission was not granted.

Due to 90 mph gales the electricity was cut off on Sunday 27 October but this did not deter the organist at the Chapel! Aided by a visitor who volunteered to pump the organ, Jean Puddle was still able to play with gusto

AN ODE TO STEVE

Steve, our postman,
Has gone away
And to mark the occasion
These few words I'll say

For several years now
Whatever the weather,
He has tracked round the village
Delivering our letters

Besides Post Office duties
He was always kept busy.
What ever he did, I'm sure
Would make others dizzy

To deliver the letters
Was not the sole aim.
'Twas also to check
on the old and the frail.

If someone was needy
Or perhaps was not well
He would see what he could do
Or others he'd tell

He put through the letters
To fall on the mat
And made the dog bark
Or frighten the cat!

As he has now moved on
to pastures new
we wish him good luck
and a fond adieu

BINGO

Monday 18 November
At The Church Room
7.30 p.m.
In aid of Small Playing Field

AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 23 November

10 - 12 noon

At Hornton School

Xmas Hamper raffle

School T-towels

Stalls

Refreshments

Pavilion set to grow – your help needed

There are plans to extend the Pavilion in order to provide better kitchen and storage facilities. Permission for this work was granted in 1998 – and it is now proposed to press ahead with fundraising and seeking grants in order to turn the plans into reality. This will involve adding a new section to the kitchen end of the Pavilion. The cost is likely to be almost £30,000. It will provide a much more flexible space, including a storage area, and allow food preparation in a suitably equipped and spacious kitchen. As ever, this will only happen if we make it so! Obviously donations are always welcome but so are ideas for fundraising. We may also try to do some of the work ourselves (eg decorating, digging out the bank and footings) in order to minimise the expense. If you can help in any way, please contact either the Pavilion Committee Chairman (Ian Harris), Treasurer (Lynne Fickling) or Secretary (Steve Woodcock). Any help, ideas or donations will be much appreciated.

The Belle of Hornton

Can any reader shed light on a character from the Victorian era mentioned in a well-known book....?

Reading Flora Thompson's trilogy *Lark Rise to Candleford* – one of the best loved books about rural Oxfordshire – I was surprised to come across a mention of Hornton and one of its former residents....

Describing some of the real-life characters in the small Oxfordshire hamlet of Juniper back in the 1880s, the author refers to her grandmother as the former

'Belle of Hornton', one Hannah Pollard.

The chapter continues by giving an idea of Hannah's simple life and character. "She had been very pretty when she was young. 'The Belle of Hornton' they had called her in her native village and she often told Laura of the time when her hair had reached down to her knees, like a great yellow cape...." We learn too that she was an avid reader of novelettes and was married to a countryside eggler (travelling egg seller) and local preacher in Juniper.

Flora Thompson herself was a cottage child born in 1877 and brought up in Juniper, renamed Lark Rise in the book. She wrote the book in 1939, recalling the scenes and daily life of her Oxfordshire home. Banbury is also mentioned in the book.

If anyone knows of Hannah Pollard or heard previous generations ever talk about her, please let *The Gossip* know.

Chris Woodcock



The Allsorts invite you to

CHRISTMAS THEME EVENING

On

Sat. November 29th

At the Pavilion

7.30 for 8.00

Full Christmas Dinner and

Mulled Wine

Ticket £10



Molly appeals for you to help her and children like her!

STAMP APPEAL

Molly Bird from Withycombe Drive, Banbury, has neuroblastoma, a highly malignant form of cancer, diagnosed in 120 children in the UK every year.

Please save your used postage stamps for her appeal – Collection boxes are situated at the Pavilion, Post Office and Parish Church.

JUMPA

BINGO

On

Monday December 2nd

7.30pm

in the Church Room

*HAPPY 94th BIRTHDAY
TO MRS IVY GROOM
FROM ALL HER FRIENDS IN
HORNTON*



Fruit and Nut

The time of year is upon us, when many gardeners are preparing for the traditional autumn tidy-up, which from a wildlife viewpoint, is one of the most unfortunate elements about gardening in the UK! For many birds and animals this can be a time of plenty with an abundance of seeds, berries and nuts upon which to gorge in preparation or winter. So think twice before you tidy the flower borders, cut away clumps of vegetation and trim hedges. Clearing out all those dead-seed heads and removing vegetation effectively destroys many of the natural wildlife food sources and areas of shelter of value to your garden wildlife!