

The Gossip

HORNTON

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MAY DAY

The sun shone as usual. The trees were in full blossom. The crowds were there in force and the usual stalls lined the greens. The May procession was as colourful as ever. The processions stopped by the Manor gate as usual for the crowning ceremony. Here for the first time, John Offord (Chair of the School Governors) crowned the King and Queen.

This special duty has always been performed by Harold Hart since May Day began in Hornton, but this year he has decided to retire from public life. We thank him for all he has done for Hornton over past years as Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the School Governors and Church Warden. At the Church P.C.C. A.G.M. on Thursday he resigned as Church Warden after 45 years of dedicated loyal service. He has looked after five vicars during this time, the first being Rev. Morgan – the end of an era! Eric Turner was re-elected as Church Warden and Lady Tweedsmuir has been appointed as the new Church Warden.

MAY DAY 2003.

Hornton School

Bottle Stall	260.00	
Car exhibition	97.86	
White elephant	250.00	607.86

Hornton Pavilion

Lucky Square	50.00	
Teas	278.44	
White elephant	256.74	
B.B.Q	217.30	
Stall Hire	70.00	872.48

Methodist Church

Pick a ticket	140.00	
Book Stall	50.00	
Flower & Craft Show	386.00	
Bowling	55.00	631.00

Parish Church

Gift Stall	160.00	160.00
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Peach Tree Pre-School

Cake Stall, Games	100.00	100.00
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Children's Playground

Raffle	153.00	
Bowling	55.00	208.00

Grand Total £2,579.34

SPRING 2003

HORNTON CHILDRENS



PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

In the last edition of 'The Gossip' (Winter 2003) we gave notice of the approaching 50th Anniversary of the Playground (the actual 50th Anniversary date being 2nd June). As advised in the last 'Gossip' we shall be celebrating during the afternoon of Saturday 31st May in the Playground, but the Pavilion if wet. We have booked Eddie Kybert 'Magic Show' from Banbury by way of entertainment from 3 - 4 p.m. This will be followed by a Tea-party including a special cake. We also hope to have a souvenir item for all children under the age of 16 who attend. We look forward to welcoming all who wish to join the celebrations, including those 'children' who may be over 16 and perhaps a bit too 'big' to play on the equipment!

Incidentally, we have on order from Wickstead a new item of equipment called a 'Holly Hedgehog'. This is similar to the 'Horse' that we already have, and is designed for the younger children. We could possibly have this installed by 31st May. We are holding monies in our accounts which were donated in memory of the late Mrs. H. Burden and this 'Holly Hedgehog' was selected by the Burden family.

Mike Webber
(Secretary/Treasurer).

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Next issue of 'The Gossip' first week of August. Articles for inclusion to be given to Julie Stanley or Ann Hemmings by 31st July.

Chapel Update

Since October 2000 the Methodist Church has undergone radical changes. The congregation decided that the building should be used for Sunday worship and also to help the community. To do this the pews had to go, which has made a more flexible space. We now have purchased comfortable chairs, the inside has been re-decorated, and last summer we had a new roof. This year our priority is a new heating system and we are diligently raising money for this. To date we have spent £18,500. We started off with a modest bank balance and with a lot of faith, the help of donations, fundraising and a grant from Historic Churches Trust have been able to meet the costs. We hope to install a new heating system before the end of August at a cost of approximately £8,500 and so there will be plenty of fundraising events throughout the summer, which we hope you will support.

The Chapel is now used regularly by the school three times a week, a yoga class meets there and we had two great concerts in conjunction with CDC last winter. (Two more are planned for this winter). We have also held flowers festivals and Art & Craft exhibitions as part of May Day.

We have had some wonderful services recently including Good Friday in which several people took part and our worship there has been enhanced by the new décor and comfortable chairs.

We hold very informal services and we have a great Organist so our singing of the hymns is always enjoyable. We hope that you will make use of the Chapel and come and join us whenever you can.

OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY June 29th
2 pm - 6 pm

For Methodist Church Funds

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
- There may be Benefice Services planned for 4th or 5th Sundays - See notices for details.

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

- May 11th - 11 a.m. Parish Church
- June 15th - 2.30 Open Air Service
- July 12th - 11 a.m. Parish Church

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday June 7th
10.30 - 12 noon
Cakes*Bring & Buy
in the Methodist Church
for Methodist Church Funds

CONGRATULATIONS



To Linda & Malcolm Cross
On the birth of their Grandson
Tom, and to John and Angelene
Turner on the birth of their
Granddaughter Olivia

REMEMBER BANBURY?

From Daphne Sadler

Remember Banbury that old Market town.
Where it was pleasant to walk up and
down,

To go to the pictures, or walk in the park
To window-shop safely when evenings
were dark?

In Parson Street, High Street, and
Market Place too

Were shops that sold everything, isn't it
true?

Pillsworths and Brummites for kids toys and
books,

Knitting pins, wool, silks, press-studs and
hooks.

Bernard Smiths, Kingerlees and Mansfields
for gifts,

There was always the Co-op 'Lets go in the
lift'.

Dossetts and Maypole, and Butlers as well
That wonderful freshly ground rich coffee
smell.

Alsops, Nathans and Timothy Whites,
Walking round town held so many delights.

The Market, the one place where we had to
call

To buy Banbury Rock from Leach's sweet
stall.

Remember the Appletree for cream cakes
and chats.

Or giggling in Judges while trying on hats.

Miss Thurston sold wool for hand knitted
socks,

John Bonham fixed watches and wind-up
clocks.

Stevens the Stationers was up by the Cross,
Chapmans, Wyncolis, and Lays now we've
lost

We can meet with our friends in Browns
Café no more

Shopping no longer a joy but a chore.

The yeast shop, with baking utensils galore,
The pork Butcher's shop with saw dusted
floor.

All these and more are so clear in my mind,
Am I viewing through glasses, the rose-
tinted kind?

The Market day buses were crowded with
folk

Men with their sons who always wore caps,
And chattering women with babes on their
laps.

Now we drive in our cars to the big
superstore,

Buy pre-packs in kilo's, no pounds
anymore.

Progress is making all towns look the same,
Each only distinguishable by its name.

I know things weren't perfect.
Sometimes there were fights

Outside the Pubs on Saturday nights.
But old Banbury had charm.

Their shops their own smell!
What next shall we lose

The Cross? Who can tell.

Well Done & Good Luck
to Nathan Harwood for passing his
music exams. We hear he is to be
entered for the BBC Younger Musician
of the Year

PARISH AGM

Only 7 members of the public attended the Parish Council AGM recently. During the year Eric Turner had stood down as Chairman and David Miles had been elected to take his place. David said that Eric would continue as a Parish Councillor and thanked him for his leadership over the years as Chairman.

Roads & Highways

Cllr. Bill Jeffs reported that the triangular green at Millers Lane was to be cut back to widen the road. The work would be carried out by Oxfordshire County Council but their budget had been cut so this work might not be done in the near future. Parking outside the school is very inadequate and causes a lot of congestion at certain times of the day. This is an ongoing problem which needs to be solved.

He reported that he had walked the footpaths in the Parish and Holloway to the New Inn was to be reinstated in the near future. Dog fouling in the village is an ongoing problem.

Hornton has been entered for the Tidy Village competition.

The noticeboard is always full and not very tidy. It was suggested that those who pin up the notices remove them when they are out of date.

Allotments

Cllr Paul Burden reported that allotments are still in demand. He had looked into having water piped there but this would be very expensive. The allotment holders currently bring their own water. He reported that of the 12 oak trees planted around the perimeter of the allotment field only 6 have survived. He said that he would replace the dead trees when appropriate. It was agreed that **children should not be allowed to play in the allotment field and that animals should be kept under control there.** He thanked Bill Jeffs and Adrian Horsley for mowing the paths.

Hornton Primary School

Cllr David Miles reported that the school is very popular and has an excellent reputation. There are now over 70 pupils.

Small Playing Field

Mike Webber reported that the playing field was now deregistered as a charity as from 22nd April 2003. The committee are a sub committee of the Parish Council and therefore the small playing fields insurance will now be added to the Parish Council policy. He reported that this year is the 50th Anniversary and this would be marked by a party in the playing field on 31st May. Everyone is welcome to come along especially children. There will be a magic show for their entertainment and souvenir badges will be given to them.

The field is very well used especially after school. A coffee morning is planned for August. The committee is Don Wain (Chairman), David Miles, Paul Burden and Mike Webber (Secretary/Treasurer). Special thanks was expressed to the committee who look after the field so well.

Pavilion

A report was read out from Ian Harris (Chairman) who was unable to attend. The Pavilion is well used by Brownies, Youth Club, Toddlers, Allsorts etc. Ongoing projects are the kitchen extension and a possible skittle alley. The AGM is arranged for June 5th at 8 p.m.

Jumpa

The transfer of land is now complete and approximately £3000 has been raised.

Neighbourhood Watch

Ginny Britton reported that there had been no burglaries, which must mean good reporting. Coordinators are needed for Pages Lane and the lower half of Millers Lane. The mobile police station comes to Hornton once a month.

Youth Club

A report from Ian Harris was read to the meeting. Youth Club meets on Thursday from 7 - 8.30 pm. There are approximately 12 regular members. Linda Edgington has retired as Treasurer this year. He expressed his thanks to her and to Les England and all the volunteer helpers.

Hornton football Club

Cllr Malcolm Cross reported that the team came second from bottom of the league. Finances are good. He thanked Glen Walther and Mark Wright for managing the team.

3 H's Gardening Club

Cllr Malcolm Cross reported that there are 66 members. Meetings are held the second Tuesday in the month mainly in the Pavilion. Annual subscription is £3. New members are always welcome.

Hornton Allsorts

The Allsorts have arranged a Sports theme night for JUMPA and a Medieval Theme night. They hope to put on a school days theme night and a farce this year.

The Gossip

Julie Stanley thanked the village people for continuing to write articles.

Keep Fit

Every Wednesday in the Pavilion at 7 pm. New members welcome. Since 1990 the members have raised £100's for charities. This year they sent £100 to the Samaritans and £100 to Horton Baby warmer Appeal.

Cllr Eric Turner thanked Cllr. Malcolm Cross for looking after the tubs on the round green and everyone who mow the greens and verges around the village.

Grateful thanks to Pauline Hart for reporting our news in the Banbury Guardian so well for so many years.

Our new correspondent is Roger Corke so please send any information about forthcoming events or activities to him at The Cottage, Church Lane

Hornton Churches Together
Open Air Service
On the Village Green
With the
Salvation Army
Sunday June 15th
2.30 pm

JUMPA dates for spring and summer

The latest tally on fundraising for the JUMPA sports ground next to the Pavilion is over £3500. Not at all bad, considering we started less than a year ago.

Thanks to everyone involved: those who've come up with imaginative ideas and put in a lot of hard work - and to all supporters from Hornton, Horley and beyond.

Highlights of recent events include the £137 raised at the Quiz Night at the Dun Cow in February and £95 raised at the JUMPA bar at the Allsorts medieval theme night in March.

Those who took part in the second Progressive Dinner Party on 5 April had another splendid evening and raised over £360. There are hopes to hold the third dinner some time in the winter as some people have already said they could not make this one but would love to be involved next time.

Now that ownership of the land has fully transferred to the Parish Council, we can make a proper start on seeking grant aid and hope to be able to report on this in the next Gossip, as it should make a very significant difference to the timescale for going ahead.

In the meantime, we hope that we have come up with a programme of activity that will provide something for most people ...

Please put a date in your diary for Sunday, 18 May for the **JUMPA Walk**. A leaflet should have dropped through your door recently on this one: it's based on the idea of holding an event for all the family that highlights that JUMPA is a joint Horley-Hornton project, for the benefit of both villages.

Hornton folk will meet at the flagpole on the Green in Hornton at 11am, walk via the footpath to Horley, meet the Horley group at 12-ish by the church and then take the cross-country route back together to Hornton to take a quick look at the JUMPA site and celebrate the occasion. We'll then decamp to the children's play area, opposite the Dun Cow, for refreshments. Please do bring your own picnic.



Next on the schedule is the second **Golden Mile Fun Run** on Sunday, 1 June. Mark Wright is staging the event again and the course will be the same as last year, from the far end of Quarry Road back to the top of Millers Lane. This time, to turn it into more of a family occasion, we're arranging a barbecue to take place right after the end of the run, at the Dun Cow.

Those still wanting to take part in the run need to contact Mark (tel 730530) or Lynne Fickling (tel 670739) for a sponsorship form - and also let them know how many will be coming along for the barbecue afterwards. Minimum sponsorship to enter is £10 per person - or £30 per family. The event itself starts promptly at 11 am on Quarry Road.

The finale of the JUMPA summer programme is the **Beach Party** at the Pavilion in Bell Street on Saturday, 28 June. The Pavilion turns into 'Bell-Street-by-the-Sea' for this evening of disco and barbecue. Get ready to don your shorts and make a rush for the sun beds. Appropriate beach wear is very much encouraged! Look out for posters and ticket details soon.

When I first came to the village – nearly 35 years ago now – dogs were treated almost as people – well-known, few, and free to visit whoever. There were, of course, notable lapses in behaviour and/or manners. (Such as when ours participated in a chapel service, and on another occasion, joined in a wedding service at Church). All of this has now changed.

Had you been at the last AGM of the Parish Council you would know that amongst other issues, dogs or more importantly their 'visiting cards' are a significant problem.

Other villages have gone down the route of those suburban, rather nasty-looking, and, I suspect smelly, dog-turd boxes. Whilst any person can fill the boxes, you need a person with a licence to empty them! The cost of the emptying service is £200 per annum to you and me whether you have a dog or not.

Because only seven members of the Hornton public attended the AGM and none of them has a dog, it was decided that dog owners should be prevailed upon, via The Gossip, to put their houses in order.

Those people who have a dog that is given free rein to wander the village will be subject to the attention of the dog wardens. One prosecution in a neighbouring village seems to have solved their problem. Whilst those of you unfortunate enough to have to walk your dog in the village will have to pick it up, please do not drop it in the village waste basket, or, as was recently observed, behind a gravestone in the Churchyard! Perhaps you should bury it or drop it into your loo (minus plastic bag) but don't tell anyone, or you might need a licence.

On a general note, if we are unable, or can't be bothered, to attend the AGM we only have ourselves to blame if action is taken which is both a surprise and perhaps not to our liking!

(Signed: 'Holier-than-Thou' – perhaps because the only dog we now have is stuffed and I have now, at last, after 35 years, attended more than one AGM!!)

Norman Britton



Thanks for the memories

Once you have lived in Hornton, it is very difficult to leave. In fact, I now envy each one of you still there!

I came to Hornton 21 years ago and Daphne and Dick Sadler were the first to show me the warmth of the village. John and Lesley, my other neighbours have been so

tremendous, I just wish I could take them to Poole with me.

However, the magic of Hornton lies in the nature of the whole community. There cannot be a more friendly and active village anywhere. You need only stroll through the village or walk across the fields and there is sure to be someone with whom you can smile and chat.

We are all justifiably proud of our churches, which look so beautiful after the skill of our flower arrangers (and cleaners!). They are particularly uplifting when there is standing room only and hymns we sung lustily.

During term time the school too is important and the crowning of the May King and Queen by Harold Hart is now an honoured tradition. In fact, Hornton has many of these.

It can only be an oversight that one of our Hornton actors has not yet been nominated for an Oscar. There have been so many notable performances in the Pavilion, alongside some noisy audience participation – whether called for or not!

There are also other dramatic moments in the Pavilion. Will Eric Turner or Malcolm Cross carry off most of the produce prizes. Even the name of our pub, "The Dun Cow" is friendly and unassuming. It hosts many happy events, from lively Quizzes and fun days to surprise parties and even the quiet drink.

Bales of hay on the green signal yet another "get together" and even the rain does not deter stout Hornton hearts! Our street parties are second to none and where else can children safely play cricket on the road in summer and enjoy exhilarating Toboggan runs in the fields behind in Winter?

But Hornton shines brightest of all at Christmas. Every year the decorations increase and become more amazing. Coach parties would be well rewarded but fortunately Hornton is still a secret village, whose true worth is known only to those who live there.

I count myself lucky to have spent so many years at Cherry Orchard:

and I wish Mr. & Mrs. Hall the same happiness I enjoyed there.

There are so many of you that I could name and thank for what you do to promote village life generally and for your friendship and support of me personally.

The words "There's only one Hornton", don't just exist on our blue mugs. They are in my heart, so it's not goodbye but only au revoir.

Olly Lemar & Blossom

STRAWBERRY CHARLOTTE

Cooking time: 10 mins

Pre-heat Oven 220 °425F gas Mark 7

3 eggs size 2

4oz (115g) caster sugar

3oz (85g) plain flour

1½lb (680g) strawberries, hulled washed and dried

7oz (200g) Greek yoghurt

7oz (200g) natural yoghurt

6 tablespoons cold water

1oz (30g) powdered gelatine

sprigs of mint and whole strawberries for decoration

Method

Line swiss roll tin (15 x 12in, 38 x 30 cm.) with non stick baking paper.

Whisk eggs and half the sugar until fluffy and thick. Sift flour and fold in with a metal spoon.

Pour into swiss roll tin and bake in heated oven for 8 mins, or well risen and springy to the touch. Turn out onto a wire rack.

Blend two-thirds of the hulled strawberries with the yoghurts and the rest of the sugar in a food processor. Roughly chop rest of strawberries and fold into mixture.

Pour the water into a small saucepan and sprinkle the gelatine evenly over the surface. Leave for 5 mins, until gelatine swells and becomes opaque, then stir over low heat until dissolved. Stir into strawberry mixture, then refrigerate the mixture for 5-10 mins, until it thickens but not set.

Cut the sponge into four strips and trim them to fit the bottom, sides and ends of a non-stick loaf tin 10x4½ in. (25 x 12cm). Spoon in strawberry mixture and spread evenly. Cover and put in refrigerator for 3 hrs, until filling is firm. Turn out onto a flat serving plate and decorate with sprigs of fresh mint and strawberries.

Fond Farewell to Hornton

It was with very mixed emotions that we prepared to leave Hornton, our home for the past seven years. Excitement at the challenges that lie ahead as we renovate an old farmhouse in Pembrokeshire and sadness at the thought of the friends we would be saying goodbye to.

Our first impression of Hornton will stay with us always - we drove down Millers Lane on a beautiful summer's evening and it was love at first sight - we hadn't even seen the house yet! We still feel the same way, and always will.

We have always been the envy of our friends and family for living in a village with such a lively social scene and strong sense of community. There's so much to do - if you just make the effort to get out there and meet people you'll be welcomed with open arms, as we found. We have particularly enjoyed our time with the Hornton Allsorts and will miss making fools of ourselves - on stage, at least!

We're moving to a fairly isolated spot - just one family across the farmyard - but we think that's just as well as no other village could ever come up to the standard set by this one. There really is only one Hornton!

We have made many dear friends here that we hope we will continue to see, albeit not quite so frequently! We will be returning to the village to visit from time to time and also hope that our friends will find their way to Pembrokeshire in the not-too-distant future. Don't forget to pack a paintbrush!

We wish Dale and Kate Fletcher and their three children every happiness in Malahide Cottage and in Hornton - we're sure they'll love it as much as we still do.

Jan & Jeremy Newman

Former Hornton School Pupils

Are invited to a **School re-union** to be held on **21st June 2003** starting at **3pm** in the **School playground**

Chat to your old School friends - Meet the Teachers
Tour the School - enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea

Later there will be a **School Family BBQ** run by the P.T.A. to which everyone is welcome.

Tickets £4 per person or £15 per family of four

Contact Liz Jeffs for more information 670529.

Have you any School photos???????

SCHOOL TOTE

Winners for the last six months were:-

October -	Roger Corke Judy Petit	No. 69 No. 92
November	Charlie Saunders Not sold	No. 48
December	Philip Williams Mandy Wray-Mitchell	No. 64 No. 72
January	Emily Wright Frank Jarrett	No. 26 No. 61
February	Roger Corke Eric Turner	No. 69 No. 12
March	Not sold Wendy Clifford	No. 65

Tote for the year is now due! Thanks to all the villagers who support this - Jane Wain

Hornton has entered
the Best kept Village
Competition

Preliminary Judging
May 2003
Final Judging
June 2003



CDC Dog Bin Service

Cherwell District Council is giving away free dog waste bags, to dog owners who need them. They are also offering a service where a contractor working for CDC will empty the dog waste bins weekly.

Unfortunately, this does not come free of charge, it would cost your Parish Council! £200 per year plus the expense of purchasing up to three dog waste bins. Before deciding whether or not to spend your money on this scheme, the Parish Council would like to hear villager's opinions on whether they think this scheme would be worth the money.

If you have a few minutes to write down a few comments please post them in the box next to the notice board.

Bill Jeffs
Parish Councillor.