

The Gossip



HORNTON

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KEEP HORNTON SMILING

Hornton has always been a special place, particularly independent and self-sufficient. People don't sit back and wait for things to happen or for someone to do things for them - they get on and make things happen. For instance, the Pavilion wasn't built by the Council or any other 'them'. It was bought, built and decorated by Hornton people, and is run by a volunteer committee. The same applies to the Small Playing Field, its maintenance and equipment, to the Football Field, and will apply to the Hard Play Area. The Church Room and the Chapel, the Brownies and the Youth Club - they all depend on money that Hornton has to find. The money raised on May Day is used to finance all of these facilities and more, buy the various licences and pay the ever-increasing insurance policies, and so, of course, the money raised is absolutely vital.

Luckily, we have a large number of new families who have moved here, bringing with them fresh ideas, lots of bright-eyed children, and lively enthusiasm.

Hornton needs you!

We're already planning the next May Day, but we urgently need people to help. Mike Webber, for instance, used to man the PA system all afternoon - well, we have the PA but we need the DJ! We need some new and interesting sideshows and games - perhaps you have a hobby which could double up as a game for the afternoon, or perhaps you know someone who can supply an interesting stall. We need people to give some time to help on the established stalls. We desperately need muscle power before and afterwards, to help lift and carry tables and chairs - this really is one area where many hands make light work! Please don't feel shy about offering to help - anything and everyone will be gratefully received, and it's a great way to get to know people. If you can't spare much time then perhaps you could buy a few extra bottles for the bottle stall, or donate a prize, or make a couple of cakes. Anything to keep the show on the road! Liz Jeffs is Chief Co-ordinator (at the moment - but I'm sure she'd be more than happy to become Assistant to the Chief Co-ordinator) so please, please, give her a ring on 670509 and let her know what you can do to help.

Anne Joyner

WINTER 2004



MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS ON THE GREENS MONDAY 3 MAY

Maypole Dancing
Morris Dancing
Stalls Teas



ART, CRAFT AND FLOWER FESTIVAL At the Methodist Church Sunday 2 May Monday 3 May



COMING SOON

Hornton Allsorts present
"A Night for Mike"
(A tribute to Mike Webber)
Watch notice board for details

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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 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER VILLAGE SERVICES

Feb 25th 7 pm Ash Wednesday
 Methodist Church
 Mar. 14th 11 am Parish Church
 Mar 21st Mothering Sunday
 11 am Methodist Church
 Apr. 4th Palm Sunday
 11 am Methodist Church
 Apr. 9th Good Friday
 7 pm Methodist Church
 Apr. 11th Easter Day
 11 am Parish Church

The whole village was shocked to learn of the death of Ronald Emblem who was taken ill in early November after returning from a holiday abroad.

He contributed so much to village life by his friendliness to everyone he met while walking his dogs and salesmanship on May Day at the White Elephant stall, making great profits for the cause and for generally being a nice person. He enjoyed Hornton life and joined in at every opportunity. Hornton people enjoyed his company too.

Ronnie, Philip their dogs and Philip's mother Mabel, first made their home at Sunnyside, Millers Lane, 18 years ago. Sometime after Mabel's death they moved to Wainsbank, West End, where Philip and Ronnie made the bungalow and garden into their own.

Ronnie was born in Egypt and was brought to London by his mother at the beginning of the Second World War. They made their home there and Ronnie began dancing lessons to keep his sister company. He was so good at ballet dancing that he made it his career and became one of the greats in the dancing world. When his dancing career ended he carried on by passing on his knowledge and skills to other dancers. He will be missed by the world of dance.

Hornton will miss him too.

Sunday School

We would very much like to begin the United Sunday School once again after a break of 2 years.

We follow the Scripture Union 'Salt' programme, which teaches children about Christianity by play, activities, craft and story telling. We will begin on Sunday April 4th at the Methodist Church from 9.45 am to 10.45 am. All children will be very welcome aged from 3 to 11 years. If you would like further details contact Julie Stanley 670507 or Jean Burden 670664.

Ladies Working Party

The Ladies Working Party would like to thank everyone who supported their events in 2003. Monies raised amounted to £1,458.20 and went to the following:-

Church	600.00
Church Room	50.00
Gossip	50.00
Pavilion/Kitchen Ext:	350.00
Youth Club	50.00
Brownies	50.00
Small Playing Field	50.00
Toddlers	50.00
Young Stroke Club	100.00
Heart Foundation	100.00
Petty Cash	8.20
	<u>£1,458.20</u>

All Day Sale Of Furniture & Household Items, Garden Tools Etc. China Pictures, Lamps, Linen, Glassware, Collectables.....

On Saturday

February 14th

10 am - 4 pm

**At the Methodist
 Church**

**Bargains - Everything
 Must Go**

Refreshments

Coffee time - from 10 am

Light Lunch -

Soup served from

12 noon to 2pm

Afternoon Tea - from

2pm to 4 pm

*For Small Playing Field and
 Methodist Church Funds*

Hornton Primary School

Due to the impending retirement of their existing caretaker the school is seeking to employ an enthusiastic Caretaker to carry out the cleaning/caretaking duties, maintaining/improving the standard that has already been achieved.

The post is for 12.5 hours per week am and pm, wages range from £6.07 - £6.59 per hour. Other benefits include 25 days annual leave plus bank holidays, generous sick scheme, and company pension scheme.

Application forms can be obtained from the school or by ringing 01865 336391 and must be returned by mid-day on Wednesday 11 February 2004. Interviews will take place on Friday 13 February 2004.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Neil and Alison Shadbolt on the birth of their daughter Atalia; to Mike Sammon and Jess Payne on the birth of their daughter Maisie, and to Ken and Leanne Hancox on the birth of their son Archie.

Recipe from Lynne Corke.

Lynne says:-

This is a very simple and very good but it is important to time it so that it is ready when you want to eat it (otherwise it will overcook or, if left standing, collapse!)

Golden Syrup Soufflé Pudding

4 tablespoons golden syrup
8 slices white bread – medium cut and buttered generously
2 eggs, beaten
¾ pt milk

Butter a deep 3 pint dish/soufflé dish. Spoon the syrup over the bottom of the dish. Remove the crusts from the bread and cut each slice into four fingers – arrange butter side up on the syrup. Whisk the eggs and milk and pour over the bread.

Bake for 40 – 50 minutes at gas mark 4 (180°) until puffed up and golden. Serve straight from the oven with cream.

WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION ON FRIDAY 26 MARCH AT 8.00 PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL ROOMS HORLEY

Please come and join us for a Wine Tasting evening, hosted by S.H. Jones & Co. of Banbury, and a Silent Auction on Friday 26 March at 8.00 pm in the Old School Rooms in Horley to raise funds for a computer for Peach Tree Pre-School. Tickets are £6.00 each, and can be obtained from Amanda Wray-Mitchell (730402), Fiona Donaldson (670505) or Peach Tree direct.

JUMPA UPDATE

The JUMPA team, raising money for the building of a multi-sports area behind the Pavilion, have begun the year with grant applications and event planning....

Bowling, dining, dancing and jogging all feature as part of the 2004 JUMPA fundraising programme. Add in some wine tasting and a spot of Aunt Sally and it should be a very varied calendar that holds something for everyone, of every age and sporting (or otherwise) persuasion.

Dates are to be confirmed (keep your eyes on the notice board and on future issues of The Gossip) but the committee are busy preparing events, including a spring wine-tasting evening, a summer bowling challenge at the Pavilion, another progressive dinner party, a repeat of the highly popular Golden Mile sponsored jog in June (up on Quarry Road again) and another Halloween fancy dress disco (the last one was in 2002).

Meanwhile, Martin and Gwyneth at the Dun Cow have said they are keen to host an Aunt Sally challenge - and we're going to approach the Red Lion in Horley to see if they could host a similar event too, so that we can involve both villages (as both Hornton and Horley will make use of the finished facility).

Another JUMPA quiz is also envisaged, probably in the autumn (£103 was raised at the last quiz before Christmas).

Three grant applications have been submitted and we hope to hear the results in the next couple of months. We have also been supported by Hornton Youth Club and have begun consultations with other village groups to seek their support and involvement.

The fundraising total stands at around £6000. Grateful thanks goes to all villagers who have made generous donations in the last few months, as well as those who have arranged and supported events.

REMINDER

The Parish AGM will be held in the Church Room in April. See notice board for further details.

This is your opportunity to air your views and concerns about the village.

Our present Clerk to the Parish Council, John Peace of Horley, is to retire in April and Alan Cater of Pages Lane has kindly agreed to take over the post.

PAVILION UPDATE

The much needed Pavilion Kitchen Extension will hopefully get off the ground this year. We have been reliably informed that the footings will be done before the end of the year. The Pavilion Committee will need everyone's help to raise the remaining funds of approximately £30,000 to get the extension built. Your ideas and help for fund raising will be much appreciated.

CHAPEL UPDATE

The next phase to update the facilities at the Chapel is now under way. We plan to build more toilets and remodel the kitchen and vestry in the near future.

NOTICE BOARD

The notice board gets very full. Please date your notice so that it can be removed when obsolete.

Happy 18th birthday to Emily Wright.

Belated 18th birthday wishes to Lizzie Wain and Mike Palmer

Press Release from *Anchor Staying Put*

Anchor Staying Put provides a service that helps people in the Cherwell District to remain in their own homes, by attending to large or small repairs, improvements and adaptations. Staff from the agency can visit people at home to discuss their needs and help them find the right solution.

Anchor also offers free, confidential advice and practical help with obtaining reliable builders and overseeing any work that is done, as well as providing advice on what social security benefits may be available and helping to apply for them.

We also run a Handyperson Scheme, covering minor repair and adaptations, such as rewiring a plug, hanging a curtain rail, or small plumbing jobs. Our Handyperson can also advise on Home Security and Fire Prevention.

Our service is available to anybody who is over 60 years old or disabled. *Anchor Staying Put* is a non-profit making organisation, established in Cherwell in 1996, supported by Cherwell District Council, Oxfordshire Social Services and North East Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust.

For more information, please ring 01295 221660

SCHOOL TOTE

Winning numbers:

September 2003	No. 85 Clint Walther
	No. 56 David Kings
October 2003	No. 95 Sheila Watt
	No. 15 Timmy Mobbs
November 2003	No. 36 Carolyn Barker
	No. 46 Mike Connor
December 2003	No. 98 Not sold
	No. 73 Barbara Neville
January 2004	No. 19 Bev Oakley
	No. 82 Paula Miles

CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW

On Saturday, 21 February, in the Pavilion

Children's clothes from GAP, Next, M & S, Tammy, BHS, etc, modelled by local children.

Bargain prices, with sizes from 0-16.

Refreshments and Raffle.

Tickets £3 from Jane Wain (670716)

Free glass of wine. Children free.

Next issue of 'The Gossip' first week of May. Articles for inclusion to be given to Julie Stanley or Ann Hemmings by 30 April 2004 please.

A MONGOLIAN ADVENTURE

I started on my two year A level course at Banbury Sixth Form Centre in September and was very pleased to find that a four week World Challenge Expedition was being planned for the summer of 2005 to Mongolia. My brother went on an expedition from Banbury Sixth Form Centre to Venezuela in 2000 and I know that he found the whole experience absolutely fantastic so I always hoped that I would have the opportunity too. World Challenge Expeditions Ltd have many years experience of involvement with these sorts of trip and although they oversee expeditions in terms of professional safety back-up, supervision and training, the team members are encouraged to manage their own budget, organise an itinerary, and generally develop essential life skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication etc. During the course of each expedition a week is spent on a local community project and our team will be working to improve facilities at an orphanage. Initially the most important objective is to finance the expedition and each team member, of whom there are 11 on the trip from Banbury, has to raise just over £3000 to cover all costs including flights, guides, in-country travel to the community project, etc. The whole team is involved in group fund-raising to help towards financing the project but obviously most of the funds have to be raised by the individual. Luckily Martin and Gwyneth at The Dun Cow are happy for me to hold a

Fun Quiz Evening on

Friday 27 February at 7.30 p.m.

to boost my funds. Are you the brain of Hornton or the dunce? Come and find out - teams of 4, £5 per team! To book a place for your team please ring 670511 as space is limited.

Jason Hemmings

CONGRATULATIONS to

Annabel Bridgeman and Brendan Kay on their recent engagement

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Eastern European children need mittens to keep warm. Please help by using the pattern enclosed. Isabelle Harris of Bell Street will be pleased to pass on the finished articles.

The following statements about the Bible were written by children and have not been retouched or corrected (i.e. bad spelling left in ..)

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

In the first book of the Bible. Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

MITTENS - LEFT HAND

Using No 3mm needles cast on 33 sts, work in 1 x 1 rib for 2 inches (or more for a longer cuff), ending with 2nd row and **inc 5 sts** evenly across last row. 38 sts.

Change to No 3 ¾ mm needles and proceed in st-st.

Work 4 rows.

Shape Thumb Gusset. K16, m1, k3, m1, knit to end.

Work 3 rows without inc.

5th Row. K16, m1, k5, m1, knit to end.

6th Row. Purl.

7th Row. K16, m1, k7, m1, knit to end.

Cont to inc 2 sts in this way on every alt row until the row "K16, m1, k11, m1, knit to end" has been worked. 48 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Divide for Thumb. K 29, turn.

Next Row. P13, turn.

Cont on these 13 sts for 10 rows thus ending with a purl row.

Next Row. K1, *k2tog, rep from * to end. Break yarn, thread through rem sts, draw up firmly and fasten off.

With right side facing rejoin yarn at base of thumb and k to end. 35 sts. Cont on these sts for 17 rows thus ending with a purl row.

Shape Top. K1, (sl 1, k1, pssso, k12, k2tog, k1) twice. 31 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next Row. K 1, (sl 1, k1, pssso, k10, k2tog, k1) twice. 27 sts.

Cont to dec 4 sts in this way on every alt row to 19 sts ending with the purl row. Cast off.

MITTENS - RIGHT HAND

Using No. 3mm needles cast on 33 sts, work in 1 x 1 rib for 2 inches (or more for a longer cuff) ending with 2nd row and inc 5 sts evenly across last row – 38 sts.

Change to No. 3 ¾ mm needles and proceed in st-st. Work 4 rows.

Shape thumb gusset. K19, m1, k3 m1, knit to end. Work 3 rows without inc.

5th Row. K19, m1, k5, m1, knit to end.

6th Row. Purl.

7th Row. K19, m1, k7, m1, knit to end.

Cont to inc 2 sts in this way on every alt row until the row “K19, m1, k11, m1, knit to end” has been worked. 48 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Divide for Thumb. K32, turn.

Next Row. P13, turn. Cont on these 13 sts for 10 rows thus ending with a purl row.

Next Row. K1, *k2tog, rep from * to end. Break yarn, thread through rem sts, draw up firmly and fasten off.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn at base of thumb and k to end. 35sts. Cont on these sts for 17 rows thus ending with a purl row.

Shape Top. K1, (sl 1, k1, pssso, k12, k2tog, k1) twice. 31 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next Row. K1, (sl 1, k1, pssso, k10, k2tog, k1) twice. 27 sts.

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