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SUMMER

Imagine this. The Sahara desert stretched out at your feet. The snow-capped mountains of Morocco to the west. The Red Sea coast to the east. The breathtaking views and panoramic sunsets are not a mirage, and the challenge of a 100km trek through one of the most extreme landscapes on earth is not for the faint-hearted. However, eight days in the Sahara is an adventure you're unlikely to forget. A small caravan of camels will bear the load of luggage and equipment while Toureg tribesmen guide you effortlessly through an ever changing terrain. And there's an oasis waiting for you at the end of every day.

Sarah Walther and Joanne Cross are planning to trek 100 km across the Sahara Desert to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief. On 14 November the intrepid pair are flying from London Heathrow to Quarzazate, via Casablanca, which lies just below the High Atlas Mountains on the edge of the desert. After an early breakfast and detailed briefing they leave for a three hour drive over the Jebel Sarhro Mountains

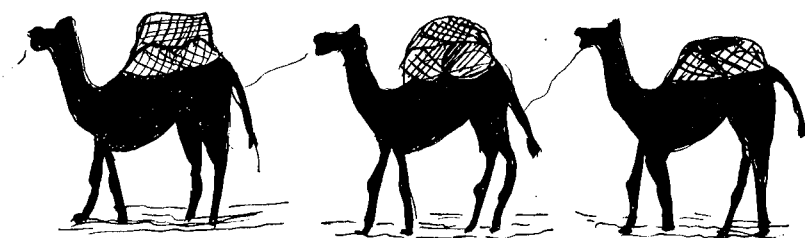
towards Mississi which is the starting point. After a good lunch the camels are loaded and the trek starts with a 4 hour walk, making camp under the stars. The next six days continue with a daily walk of 7 or 8 hours, passing through Tfararoute Alt Khebache, across the Ghriiss River to Oum Jrame then south west towards Tissemoumine and Iminouassif, ascending to 800m through the Tizi-n Tafilelt pass near the summit of Tizintafilalet. Descending from the pass, Jebel Adafane lies to the north as the guides head towards Tinfou and on to Zagora, finally reaching Quarzazate on day 8.

Sarah and Joanne have paid for their own travelling expenses, but now need to raise £1800 each in sponsor money! They have already enlisted the help of local businesses and Desray Products for whom they both work, has pledged their support. They also plan to involve the residents of both Hornton and Horley. A Cheese and Wine Evening and a Bingo are being planned, so please watch the noticeboards for dates and times.

SONGS
OF
PRAISE
AUG 23
6 P.M.
METHODIST CHURCH

MUSIC FESTIVAL
MONDAY 31 AUGUST
SPORTS PAVILION FIELD
START 12 NOON

3 Hs FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW
SATURDAY 22 AUGUST
2.00 P.M.



WORKING TOWARDS YEAR 2000

The Millennium Festival Committee are pleased with what they have achieved so far. 1. The Stone Seat - this project has been put forward by Cherwell District Council along with 14 other villages for the large grant. We now have to wait and see how much will be allocated to us and how much the village will have to raise. Mr. Peter Whitehead of Hornton has agreed to draw the plans for the project and to submit them for planning permission.

Thank you to all villagers who sent back replies to the village circular. If you have any more good ideas don't hesitate to let us know. We have already arranged 3 events which we hope lots of people will support:-

1. Treasure Hunt on foot around the village. Saturday September 12th. Start at 3.30 p.m. at the Pavilion followed by a barbeque and family night.
2. Bingo - Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room
3. Beetle Drive - Friday 4th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Money raised to date - Open gardens raffle	133.37
Bring & Buy Stall	48.76
(Neighbourhood Watch)	<u>£182.13</u>

HORNTON MILLENNIUM TAPESTRY GROUP

It has been decided, as one of the Millennium projects, to make a Tapestry depicting village life. This will be made in small squares then mounted onto a large screen.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go even if you have never done tapestry before! We have ladies to help you. Materials are provided. If anyone has any spare wool it would be gratefully received.

The first evening has been arranged for Tuesday, 1 September from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion. For more information call Liz on 670529.

HARVEST SUPPER

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

7.30 P.M. FOR 8.00 P.M.



A REVIEW OF "ROBIN AND THE GREENWOOD GANG"

Hornorton Primary School put on a well-known folk story of Robin Hood to packed audiences in the middle of June. The familiar storyline was of Prince John (Marc Connor) ruling England with a rod of iron in the absence of his brother Richard Lionheart (Matthew Lucas) who is off on the Crusades. He keeps the people under his thumb with the help of his evil sidekick, The Sheriff of Nottingham (Ben Mobbs) and regular tax increases which leave the people so poor they can barely find enough money to eat.

One man decided enough is enough - a former friend of Prince John, he takes matters into his own hands. Robin Hood takes to Sherwood Forest and enlists the help of local villagers including Little John (Calum Harris), Friar Tuck (Jason Hemmings), Alan Adele (Keri Farwood) and the lovely Maid Marian (Jessica Wain) who used to live in Nottingham Castle with Prince John. They then recruit many other villagers and form "The Greenwood Gang", played by Dexter Acock, James Haden, Harriet Jones, Persha den Kader, Tanja Miles, Samuel Offord, Andrew Parker, Paul Rowe-Jones and Max Talbot. They hit back at the evil Prince by robbing rich people of their gold and jewels and giving it to the poorest families so they can pay the taxes imposed by the cruel tyrant.

The townsfolk played by Adam Bryant, Libby Edgar, Kelly Guttridge, Michael Hearle, Olivia Lucas, Niall MacKellar, Anna Miles, Ben Pearce, Matthew Ponsford and Tara Ramsey, treat Robin like the hero he is and his reputation spreads far and wide - much to the annoyance and anger of Prince John who can see his power to control the people slipping away.

But, despite all this popularity, the woodland life isn't all it's cracked up to be: freezing cold winters, boiling hot summers, not to mention being invaded by hungry animals, played superbly by Dakota Acock, Harry Brookes, Laura Haden, Emma Hearle, Tomas Miles, Jenner Naysmith, Erika Pattison, Matthew Parker, Sam Pearce, Alex Short, Jake Talbot, Sam Thornton, Stephen Wheddon and Oliver Wright.

The scheming Sheriff thinks of a cunning plan to capture Robin by organising an archery contest which he knows Robin will find hard to resist. He is quite right as Robin decides to go to the contest, accompanied by Marian, even though he knows it must be a trap but thinks he can outwit the Sheriff and his men. But sadly, although winning the contest, Robin along with Marian, is captured and sent to prison to await execution. To make matters worse, Prince John offers a reward of £100 for anyone who can capture the rest of "The Greenwood Gang", an offer taken up with delight by the Norman soldiers who guard the castle, played by Jamie Abbotts, Edwin Barson, Matthew Boorer, Stephanie Boorer, Alix Dessain, Rosie Franklin, Tom Hannah, Charles Hesketh, Kirsty MacKellar, Timmy Mobbs and Susan Palmer. However, led by Little John, "The Greenwood Gang" come up with a plan that is too clever for the soldiers and they rescue Robin and Marian and escape back into Sherwood Forest. One day they capture a passing stranger who turns out to be Richard Lionheart returning from the Crusades, and he is immediately returned to the throne, kicking out his evil brother and returning the country to a state of reasonable taxes and a better standard of living.

Robin and his merry men disband, Marian goes back to live at the castle, along with her ladies at Court, played by Ruth Phelan, Becky Miles, Bethany Ponsford and Jessica Wright.

The level of acting, dancing and singing was first class - the set was superb - and the general production was a joy to behold. Congratulations to everyone associated with the production for a very professional level of performance. I, along with the rest of the audience, was right royally entertained. In fact, I enjoyed it so much I went back the following evening!

Charlie Ward

CHURCH SERVICES

1st Sunday in Month

8.30 Parish Church - Holy Communion
11.00 Methodist Church (United) - Holy Communion

2nd Sunday in Month

11.00 Parish Church (United) - Holy Communion

3rd Sunday in Month

10.30 Parish Church - Matins
11.00 Methodist Church

4th Sunday in Month

11.00 Parish Church - Holy Communion
11.00 Methodist Church

United Sunday School meets at the Sunday School Room, Methodist Church at 11.00 every Sunday.



WANTED!!!

Are you good at drawing cartoons?
Would you like to put your talents to good use?
Would you like to be associated with a musical production?

If the answer to all three questions is **YES** - then please let me know.

The Young 'Uns are looking for someone to draw cartoon-style caricatures of the cast of the forthcoming musical "Grease", for use as poster displays in the entrance to the Pavilion and possibly as publicity for the production. Anyone who feels they have the necessary talent (either children or adults), please give me a ring on 271207. Recognition will definitely be given to the person involved.

Charlie Ward



OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
MONEY RAISED WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC TRUST AND THE CHURCH CHOSEN BY THE CYCLIST

HORNTON SCHOOL NEWS

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

As we near the end of the school year, we welcome Mrs. Janet Porter to our school staff. She will work part-time teaching Class 3 with Mrs. Clifford.

24th May - The night we "Rumbled in the Jungle".

We have had another busy term. Many of you will have seen our production of Robin and the Greenwood Gang by Philip Lane, in June. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed it. Children have also been involved in an African Arts project, a partnership singing day, a visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, as well as our own Sports Day.

As we walked through the Pavilion doors, our first encounter was a large snake rapped around a tropical palm. We entered the main hall straight into the jungle. Monkeys, snakes and creepy crawlies hung from the leafy bowers overhead. We found our table in the gloom.

Children in Years 2 and 6 successfully took SATS test in May and 8 more children have passed their Cycling Proficiency Test.

The Allsorts began with a jungle song and then served up our supper of Cannibal Stew followed by Banana Splits. - Delicious!!

The older children have compiled our first school newspaper - Hornton Chit-Chat. It is entirely written, edited and published by the children and is on sale at 30p from the school, should you wish to purchase a copy.

Various chimps of male origin then sang the monkey song from the Jungle book followed by the Pink Parakeets - Linda, Pauline and Jean in their pink finery who performed their song with synchronized arm movements to great applause.

The building plans will go before the planning committee in August. We hope, if successful, that work can start in September. All being well we should be able to occupy the new classroom by November.

There followed an hilarious sketch of 'Up the Jungle' then other jungle songs.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Bryant at the end of term. She has successfully undertaken an LSA Diploma at Westminster College this year, and has recently been appointed as a full-time LSA AT William Morris School in Banbury. We congratulate her on both these achievements and wish her all the very best for the future.

Once again the whole evening was a roaring success. Thankyou Allsorts for entertaining us so well.



thankyou...

Ten children are leaving this term - all are going to Warriner School. We wish them well.

I hope everyone has a pleasant summer. W.M.F. Clifford

CLUBS TO JOIN

KEEP FIT - Wednesday 7 pm in the Pavilion. Just come along!

DRAMA - Hornton Allsorts.
Contact Linda Cross, Tel. 670562

FOOTBALL - Hornton United F.C.
Contact Malcolm Cross, Tel. 670562

3 H's GARDENING CLUB - 2nd Tuesday in the month. 7.30 p.m.
Membership Sec. Phyllis Miles, Tel. 670550

Thank you for supporting the recent fundraising events in the village.

The second coffee morning held at the Chapel raised £201 even though there was torrential rain.

The coffee morning for Small Playing Field funds was held in the Church Room because of stormy weather but was still very well supported and £168 was raised.

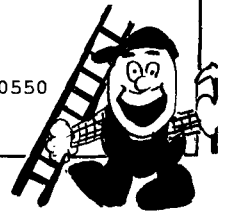
Seven gardens opened on July 19th and funds raised for Church funds exceeded £600 thanks to the excellent organising skills of Roger and Lynne Cork.

The coffee morning held at Longworth Close, Banbury was very well supported by Hornton villagers and £170 was raised for Chapel funds.

The next coffee morning is on Saturday August 22nd at the garden of Jane and Kevin Wain. Proceeds from this are for much needed Chapel funds.

DAVID MILES

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CUB CAMP

By Calum Harris

As most of you know, there is an annual cub camp at Horley in the woods for the cubs in the Banbury area.

We set off to camp on Friday evening June 5th at 7.30 p.m. then the mammoth task of setting up camp began with lots of help from parents and friends. We were soon ready for the weekend to begin. It started with us playing football until it got dusk then we had a hot cup of chocolate and went to bed. We eventually got to sleep at about 3 a.m. and woke up again at 4.15 a.m. ready to play football again until 6 a.m. - we weren't very popular! We were then sent off to collect firewood to start breakfast.

The day was spent doing various activities like line dancing, painting, making musical instruments, juggling, diabolo skills and poster making. In the evening we sat round the camp fire and sang songs, then back to camp, more hot chocolate and then bed at 11 p.m.

Sunday morning we were much more sensible and got up at 8 a.m. We had more activities and then each pack had to arrange some entertainment for the other packs lasting five minutes. We came 1st and once again came home with the cup, thoroughly exhausted after a great weekend.

BANANA CAKE

50g/2 oz sunflower margarine
175g/6 oz light soft brown sugar
175g/6 oz natural yoghurt
2 eggs, size 2
275g/9 oz wholemeal SR flour
2 bananas, mashed
125g/4 oz sultanas
5 ml/1 tsp mixed spice

Place the margarine and sugar in a mixing bowl. Beat in the remaining ingredients. Spoon into a greased 20 cm/8 in cake tin and bake in a preheated oven at 180°C/350°F/Gas mark 4 for 1¼-1½ hours. Cool in the tin and turn out onto a wire tray. Serves 8. (Will freeze)

Julie Bruce Dancing Academy

Congratulations to Gemma Burden, Katie Walther and Amy Harris who obtained very high grades in Grade 3 tap dancing. All got between 83% and 85%. Amy also took Grade 4 Ballet and got 86%.

Alice Offord aged 4 years has just completed her Primary Ballet exam - congratulations to her.

Julie Bruce holds classes at the Dance Studio at Drayton School and her students always achieve high pass rates.

WELL DONE to Jason Hemmings and Tanja Miles on passing their Clarinet Grade 1 music examination.

"MUSICAL CORNER"

by Mike Webber

"UNFORGETTABLE"

In the Spring issue of "The Gossip" (Issue No. 29), I wrote about the early piano playing days of Nat King Cole. I continue with the second, and final part of the story: with Nat King Cole still playing at the "URBANGI CLUB" in Los Angeles.....

It was here that a drunken patron insisted that Nat should sing a song called "Sweet Lorraine". The manager gave Nat the ultimatum of either sing or be sacked, so Nat sang (!), albeit reluctantly. Nat sang to such good effect that this became his first big hit in 1939 (I have the original 78 record).

The big-time now beckoned and the trio went to New York. However, they only met with moderate success until 1943 when they signed up with the newly formed Capitol record company. Their recording in 1944 of "Straighten up and fly right", composed by Nat, proved a sensational hit and a whirlwind of concerts and theatre tours followed.

Gradually Nat's singing became so popular that it overtook his piano playing and the trio. In August 1946 he recorded "The Christmas Song" with a string orchestra, followed by "Nature Boy" in 1948. Then came "Mona Lisa" (1950), "Too Young" (1951), "Answer Me" (1954), "A Blossom Fell" (1955), plus many other vocal recordings until his death on 15 February 1965.

The trio had finally broken up in 1951 and only came together again on one occasion in 1956 when Nat added a drummer and guest instrumentalists for the LP "After Midnight".

Nat's piano playing was influenced by Earl Hines who lived in Chicago when Nat's family moved there in 1921. Another influence was Teddy Wilson. He took the fluid lines of Earl Hines plus the neatness of Teddy Wilson, and imbued this with a crispness of his own. In turn Nat's piano playing influenced many other pianists, notably George Shearing,



HANDY TIP

From Linda Cross

Going on holiday, or arriving back? Are you like me and end up with several containers of sun creams all different factors with just a little in each!! Take a pot and squeeze out all the creams (I also cut plastic bottles etc in half. Surprising how much is left). Mix together, and use as a daily moisture cream especially on arms and legs.

whose famous quintet sound springs directly from Nat's Trio (George Shearing added vibraphone and drums). Also Errol Garner is said to have started off the day by listening to records of the Nat King Cole Trio.

The last reported time that Nat played piano was at a concert in Berlin in 1962 when he gave a spontaneous unscheduled half hour or so at the piano; unfortunately this was not recorded.

On one occasion a doctor in the audience is reported to have said to Nat "Son, with a bad throat like that you should be home in bed". Obviously he did not take the doctor's advice! Nat's voice can certainly be described as "Unforgettable". To me his piano playing is equally "Unforgettable", borne out by the wonderful trio recording legacy he left behind.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Jonathan Hart on his recent 18th birthday
- to Jean and Paul Burden on their 50th birthdays
- to Josie and Gray Gardner on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Spellbound - Young Poets from Oxfordshire is a book compiled by the very best endeavours of the children of the region. In this the fifth year of the competition we are pleased to announce that three Hornton girls namely Amy Harris, Katie Walther and Jessie Hinton were winners and had their poems published in the book. We will be featuring their winning poems in this Gossip and future issues.

THE BADGER

When it's cold and very dark
Lots of men come into the park
They have big dogs and sticks
and things
This is where their fun begins
Then they see me hurry by
I see the dog and I know I'm
going to die
I fight the first dog off he
was only a pup
But inside me I know my time
is up
Then they get me and put me
in a sack
I know this time I'll never
come back
I'll never forget the day they
did this to my sister
I'm going to join her now but
I've really missed her
I knew they killed but I never
knew how
There have been a lot more dogs
set on me now
At least I know I will die with
some pride
I looked at the sky, took one
last breath and died.

Amy Harris



GREASE

By Charlie Ward

The Young 'Uns are performing the musical "Grease" from Thursday 30th October to Saturday 1st November at the Hornton Pavilion.

Like most theatrical productions we are seeking volunteers to help us both during rehearsals which begin in late August right through to the performances themselves.

No theatrical talent or training is necessary (otherwise I wouldn't be involved). All you need to do is turn up and help in any way possible.

The only qualification you need is to like being in the company of children and having a good time.

If you are interested just give me a ring on 271207 and I will be only too pleased to talk to you about how you can help.

If you haven't been involved with a Young 'Uns production before then you're in for a treat - please lend a hand if you can.

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