

The Gossip



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AUTUMN

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was good to see lots of people on the village green for the party in July. The chatter scarcely paused whilst people moved under the limes or put up umbrellas to keep off the rain. Many thanks to all those who came and those who helped in so many ways.

You will see that the long-awaited seat is now in position on the green. More thanks, this time to those who gave aggregate and cement, lent tools and made the brackets for it, as well as those who gave time and muscle-power to put it in place.

On more serious matters, it might have been easy to get discouraged after the recent spate of break-ins in Hornton. It makes one very angry that these strangers can come into our village - even into our houses! - without our hearing or seeing them, disturbing our peaceful lives and taking our property. It has been suggested that we install closed circuit television (CCTV) at each end of the village. What are your views? The really good news, however, is that the two men involved have since been arrested.

But let's think positively: what can we learn? ALL of us must now make sure that keys, wallets and handbags are kept, not as we all do, in the nice convenient place near the door, but out of sight - in a cupboard or drawer perhaps, at all times. Do not leave downstairs windows open when you go out or at night, and consider fitting window locks.

And if they still get in and take your things? Spend that few minutes taking photographs of your property now! And very important - mark your property!! The newest technology is Alpha-dot. You paint a tiny blob of very hard varnish onto each item of property. Suspended in the varnish is a number of minute dots each bearing the number exclusive to the little phial you are using. Alpha-dot then register that particular number against your name and address on computer. If your property is later stolen

and then found - hey presto! - the police will be able to find out your name and address and give it back to you! Jaguar use the system to make all their cars. The household pack costs £24 from Homebase but you can order it for £15 through the Neighbourhood Watch from Robert Mellis on 678134.

And more good news: a number of times in recent months alert members of the village have helped in bringing justice to those who feel that they can take advantage of us.

The Bowes, for example, heard a rather noisy car in Bell Street early one morning and saw two men peering into cars with a torch. They told the police who later discovered they had also been driving a stolen car. On another occasion Jenny Holt, hearing some hasty reversing noises followed by a bang as a van smashed into a parked car, took the number and reported it. And recently, despite a frightening amount of "verbal abuse" from the driver, she noted the number of a transit van used by three men who were knocking on people's doors asking if they had antiques to "sell" which was really useful to the police.

Brilliant! Hornton is getting good at this. Keep up the good work and remember, even if you don't hear of an immediate result, the information you give does help. You can leave a recorded message on 01865 266651 which is the Bambury Neighbourhood Watch Officer even though it has an Oxford number, or, if it is urgent, 01865 266000, or tell your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

I wonder if we could devise a way of notching up the village score on the posts underneath the Neighbourhood Watch signs

Dogberry

CONGRATULATIONS to

Zoe and Peter Whitehead on the birth of their baby daughter

Ruth and Marc Griffiths on the birth of their baby son

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

TO MRS IVY GROOM

ON HER 90TH

BIRTHDAY

26.10.98

METHODIST CHAPEL BAZAAR

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

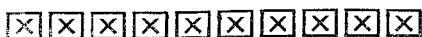
AT THE PAVILION

START 2.30 P.M.

The Millennium Festival Committee are very pleased with the fund-raising so far. The Treasure Hunt was a great success with many teams taking part despite the damp conditions. The excellent cryptic questions put together by Ian Harris and Les England certainly tested the grey matter. This event raised £103.00 and was very much enjoyed by everyone. We have also held a very successful Bingo this month which raised £89.70 and was enjoyed by everyone especially the children who all came away with at least one prize. We are holding a Beetle Drive in December which should be lots of fun and we hope to see you all in attendance.

The Millennium seat is well underway with plans being drawn up and a grant applied for. Also the Millennium Tapestry Group are busy sewing away with 24 Tapestry squares being sewn probably at this minute.

David Miles
Chairman Millennium Festival Committee



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

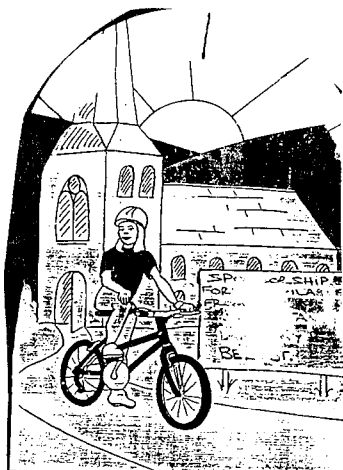
Our first Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at the Methodist Church on Sunday 2 October. The Chapel was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements and harvest produce. The Sunday School decorated the windows, the theme being H. A. R. V. E. S. T. Mike Webber composed a song on the same theme which the Sunday School sang during the service.

On Sunday 9 October the Parish Church held their Thanksgiving service. The Sunday School brought harvest gifts and sang a harvest song. The Church looked wonderful with every corner and window decorated with floral arrangements and was greatly admired by the congregation.

The Harvest Supper was held at the Pavilion on Friday evening, 7 October (between the two Harvest Festivals). As usual it was very popular and some people were unable to get tickets. After the harvest menu was served, entertainment was provided by the Allsorts.

Our compere for the evening was our very own resident funny man, Dave Jarrett. The entertainment began with a poem about a Church mouse, wittily recited by Caroline Pearce resplendent in mouse costume. Next was a monologue about a gymkhana comically delivered by Jenny Bowes, followed by a romantic musical interlude - "Red Roses for a Blue Lady" - sung by newly-weds Jan and Jeremy. By popular request the "Pink Paraquets" reformed to sing a musical number composed by Mike Webber and entitled "Hollyhocks up against the Garden Wall" which met with great applause. We were then treated to an extremely funny sketch about "The Vicar of Dibley".

Thanks to the Allsorts for the wonderful entertainment. Everyone said it was the best ever. How will we follow that next year....?



THANK YOU to the people who supported the Historic Churches Bike Ride this year. Five walked (plus one dog) and two cycled although the weather was inclement. We are still awaiting the final amount raised but it should be over £100.

Thanks to all who manned the Church and Chapel and welcomed the many cyclists and walkers who visited Hornton.

BINGO

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

AT CHURCH ROOM

7.30 P.M.

IN AID OF METHODIST CHURCH



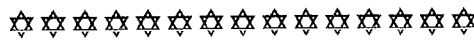
CHRISTMAS SALE AND SOCIAL

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

IN THE CHURCH

7.00 P.M.

FOR LADIES WORKING PARTY



BINGO

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

AT THE CHURCH ROOM

7.30 P.M.

FOR LADIES WORKING PARTY



CHRISTINGLE

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

AT THE PARISH CHURCH

6.00 P.M.

SONGS OF PRAISE

What a brilliant musical event to the glory of God this turned out to be. It was held at the Methodist Church in August and thirty people took part.

Eight favourite hymns, selected by village people, were sung throughout the service by the congregation accompanied by Chas Fox on the organ.

There were readings from Miss Dimelow. David Harwood and John Bridgeman and musical items beautifully played and sung by Nathan Harwood, Keri Harwood, Becky Miles, Jessica Wright, Jessica Wain, Mike Webber, Sunday School mums and teachers. John Jarvis, Irene Harwood and David Harwood. A choir of eighteen voices especially formed for the event and led by Jean Puddle, sang four hymns unaccompanied.



STOP PRESS

YOUNG 'UNS PERFORMANCE OF "GREASE" POSTPONED

As there is a national tour of "Grease" at the moment, which was not known about when the Young 'Uns project was planned, everyone will be disappointed to learn that it was not possible to obtain a Licence to perform "Grease" at Hornton and therefore the production planned for the end of October has had to be postponed.

Following such hard work by everyone connected with the production which was at dress rehearsal stage, it is hoped to perform "Grease" in 1999 instead. Plans are also in hand for some fund-raising ventures to help towards the Licence fee for next year as well as costs incurred so far.

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.

JEAN PUDDLE'S VERY EASY CAKE

1 tub yoghurt (plain - 4 oz)
3 tubs SR flour
1 tub cooking oil
2 tubs castor sugar
2 tubs mixed fruit
3 eggs
vanilla essence

Mix all together

Cook for 1½ hours (180° for ½ hour then reduce to 150° for about 1 hour.



Another poem from the Oxfordshire Young Poets' book - "Spellbound"

MY FINAL GOODBYE

I saw them coming, each and every one,
That's when I knew it had only just begun.
It was my turn now and I couldn't get away,
All I could do was hope and pray,
It was too late,
It must have been fate,
They set the hounds out just to see,
If they would beat and kill me.
They bit my leg, they scratched my eyes,
Only to hear my final goodbyes,
I tried to run away from them,
But all they did was catch me again.
One time, I made it through,
I ran to the woods to survive,
but I knew,
That I hadn't won, I lost my fight,
Along with my arm, a leg and all my sight,
I lay there in darkness, very still,
Why was it me they went out to kill,
At least I was going with a little bit of pride
That's when I looked up,
With a cough, and a splutter,
it went black,
And I died.

Katie Walther

DAVID MILES

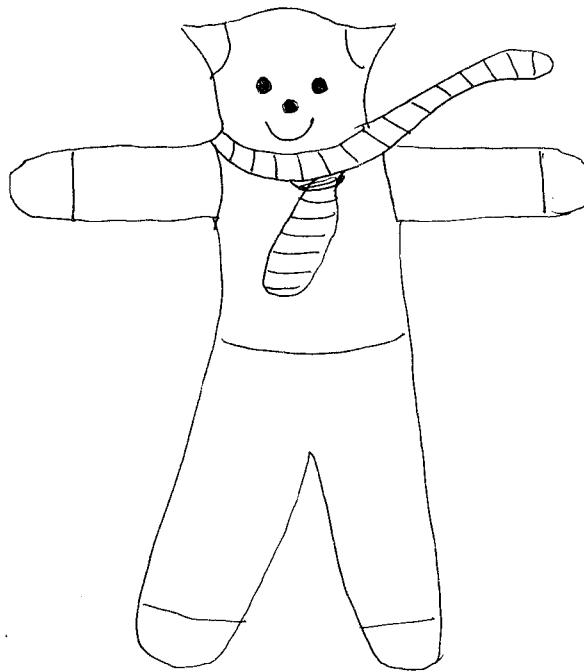
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TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES

Can you help? Could you please spare an hour or two to knit a little teddy? Doctors who treat children in third world countries are asking for them, as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps his own teddy and can take it home, so the doctors need a continual supply.

Full instructions are given below; they are very simple and quick to make and can be stuffed with old tights or any chopped up clean fabric. If you can make a little bag for your teddy, that would be most welcome but if not it doesn't matter as the teddies are the important item.



BINGO

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

AT THE CHURCH ROOM

7.30 P.M.

FOR SMALL PLAYING FIELD FUNDS

GOOD LUCK

to Sarah Walther and Joe Cross on their forthcoming 100km trek across the Sahara Desert to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

TEDDY'S KNITTING INSTRUCTIONS

Double knitting wool. Size 10 needles.
Main colour - for head and paws.
Trouser colour. Jumper colour.
Scarf colour.

Cast on 10 stitches main colour. Knit 10 rows. Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows. Make another leg the same.

Knit across all 20 stitches and work 16 rows. Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows.

Change to main colour for head, and also change to stocking stitch. Work for 5½ inches and change to jumper colour continue remainder of Teddy in reverse order.

Stitch down the sides of the head. With jumper colour pick up 8 stitches either side of the neck join and knit 20 rows. Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.

Sew up Teddy leaving opening in crotch. Please stuff Teddy with only kapok or other healthy padding. Foam rubber is not recommended as babies may chew it. Then draw a thread around neck. Sew diagonal top corners for ears. Sew happy face on Teddy.

Scarf: cast on 75 stitches. Knit 4 rows. Cast off. Tie scarf on Teddy and sew to back of neck.

Teddies also require little bags made from material with a drawstring at the top. Finished size 10" x 13".

Good luck with your Teddy. A sick child is waiting for one.

All teddies gratefully received by Julie Stanley or Ann Hemmings for forwarding on.

CLUBS TO JOIN

BROWNIES - Monday 4.30 pm in the Church Room. Brown Owl, Mrs. A. Simpkins, Tel. 670620

CUBS - Thursday 6.45 pm in the Pavilion. Akela, Les England

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

POST OFFICE

Please note that our restricted service village Post Office has now moved from the Church Room, Bell Street, to the home of Julie Stanley at Langway, Bell Street. Opening hours continue to be Tuesday mornings between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Not only are pensions and child benefits paid but also postage stamps. TV licence stamps, telephone stamps and car tax savings stamps may be purchased. Telephone accounts and Council Tax payments may be made as well as TV licences issued.

THE YOUNG 'UNS
present a
VARIETY SHOW
20 & 21 NOVEMBER
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

Watch notice board for details

FLOORBALL UPDATE

Laura Hemmings will once again be taking part in the Great Britain Championships due to be held in Scotland on 20 & 22 November

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Best wishes to Annabel Bridgeman on her forthcoming birthday



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CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER
IN METHODIST CHURCH
AT 6.00 P.M.



HORNTON SCHOOL NEWS

The Autumn Term has started well. We welcome two new families to our school. We now have three classes and await further news of our new classroom, for which planning permission has been granted.

Each class now has a Geo-Bear. The tree bears, Sam, Toffee and Coco, invite parents and friends of children in the school to take a bear on their travels to different parts of the world. A diary accompanies each bear for notes about its excursions. On return to school the children map the bears' travels, thereby extending their knowledge of the geography of the world. If anyone is planning a foreign visit and is interested in being accompanied by one of the Geo-Bears, please contact school.

Mr Peter Bassett visited the school with his mobile planetarium in September and enthralled the year 2-5s with his talk about the planets and our solar system.

All the year 4, 5 and 6 children have just returned from a busy and successful residential visit to North Wales. The weather was reasonably kind but even the little rain did not spoil the activities.

Mrs Clifford visited our sister school Junga Skola in Sweden, taking with her a book about Hornton School and greetings from our children (and Coco, the Class 3 Geo-Bear!). We look forward to further likes with the Swedish children.

The School Fete in July raised over £900.

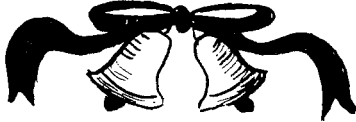


FASHION SHOW
TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER
AT THE PAVILION
7.30 P.M.
FOR PEACH TREE PLAYGROUP

**CAROL SINGING
AROUND THE VILLAGE**

DATE TO BE ARRANGED

WATCH NOTICEBOARD FOR
DETAILS



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

AT HORNTON SCHOOL

6.30 P.M.

FOR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



ADULT RACE NIGHT

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

AT THE PAVILION

ADMISSION BY RACE CARD
AVAILABLE AT £1.50
(SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR TIME)

FOR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL THANKS to Philip Williams for his kind donation to "The Gossip".

**"BANBURY GUARDIAN"
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT**

Unfortunately Jean Burden is relinquishing her role as village correspondent at the end of December after several years. She has made a sterling effort in keeping Hornton's profile high with local news and it is hoped someone else will carry on her good work.

If anyone is interested in this post then application should be made to the "Banbury Guardian" Offices.