

# The Gossip



HORNTON

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## **“JUMPA” leaps into action and your ideas are needed.....**

Hornton has begun a special sporting project to mark the Queen's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year – plans are underway for our first hard-surface sports area, to be built next to the Pavilion, designed for youngsters and adults alike. The team leading the design and fundraising for the all-year-round facility are looking for ideas and inspiration from all ages in the village to help them finalise the detail of what will be built, so that it meets as many needs as possible.

The JUMPA (Jubilee Multi-Purpose Sports Area), as it's already been named, will be built on a corner of the field directly behind the Pavilion, on land donated by the Nunneley family. The Pavilion Committee approved the idea of going ahead with the project last year. Legal moves to transfer ownership of the land to the parish are underway and a 'change of use' application is being made.

The site is large enough to fit a single full-size tennis court and would also be able to function at different times of the year as, perhaps, a five-a-side football practice area, basketball court or even skateboarding practice area.

### **All ideas welcome**

The organising team, led by chair Steve Woodcock, are now busy on fact-finding, fundraising and planning work.

And that's where you come in: the team is very keen to hear from villagers who have ideas for what kind of courts or other facilities might work best on the site. Says Steve: "Everyone is clear that we should make the most of the space - we would like to make it genuinely a multi-use space and make it suitable for the school to use, as well as for adult residents and families of Hornton.

"We are already getting in prices for various kinds of surface and we have begun to investigate what grants are available via the Lottery and other sources. Obviously, we won't be able to act on every idea we receive, but we would at least like to know that some of the feedback we've already had is on the right lines, before we opt for the final specification."

If you have any ideas on what the area might be used for, how to get the most out of the space, who might be involved or can offer fundraising help, please contact Steve as soon as possible—and preferably before the end of February. Telephone him on 670795.

Helped by your feedback, the JUMPA team aim to get their plans developed sufficiently to hold a presentation for interested villagers by the summer.

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## **WE WON LAST YEAR, CAN WE WIN AGAIN?**

### **It all Depends on You!**

Hornton has been entered into the Best Kept Village Competition – Winners Class 2002. The Judges will visit Hornton twice during the year. The preliminary round will be between Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The final round will be between Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The Parish Council are confident that we can pull it off again this year, so a special effort to keep our patch clean, tidy and attractive will be needed especially during the above times. **GOOD LUCK**

**WINTER 2002.**

## **HORNTON GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

***Please come along to a  
meeting which will be  
held at the PAVILION  
ON THURSDAY  
MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>  
AT 8.15 P.M.***

***For all villagers  
interested in helping,  
organising, arranging  
what we will do as a  
village for the Golden  
Jubilee Celebrations.  
We want to make the  
celebrations a fun and  
happy time for  
everyone.***

***Your ideas wanted!  
Hornton Pavilion Fundraising  
Committee***



## **MAY DAY**

**CELEBRATIONS  
ON THE GREENS  
MONDAY MAY 6TH**

MAYPOLE DANCING  
MORRIS DANCING  
STALLS

To book a stall for your  
village charity contact::  
E. Jeffs 670529



## SCHOOL NEWS

**International links.** Although we have not received written confirmation yet, our application to renew the Comenius Project was successful and work has started between the four participating schools. This year we are developing 'Language'. Labels are being displayed around school and pupils are learning how to pronounce the different words. We shall be exchanging videos of pupils introducing themselves at the end of this term. Mrs Clifford and Mrs Childs visited The Hague in January to meet with the other staff and to plan for Year 3. We have also made contact with a school in The Gambia. As it is a Nursery School with pupils aged from 4 to 6 years, Class 1 will be exchanging 'words and pictures' with them.

A Victorian Evening formed the basis of the Carol Concert this Christmas and the whole school visited The Mill to see Rumpelstiltskin as a Christmas treat, funded by the School Association. Our Victorian Christmas Bazaar raised over £300 for school funds and was very enjoyable.



*The Christingle Service held by the Sunday School raised £172 for The Church of England Children's Society*

*Thank you to all those who took part.*

*Carol Singing around the village raised £150 for Cancer Research  
Carol Service at the Methodist Church raised £104 for Save the Children fund*

### KEEP-FIT

Every Wednesday at the Pavilion  
7.00 p.m.  
New members always welcome

Q. Why do witches fly on broomsticks?

A. Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy

## SPUD LUNCH

Tuesday, 26 March  
at the Pavilion  
12 noon to 2 p.m.  
*In aid of Pavilion Extension Fund*

## CHURCH SERVICES

### First Sunday in month

8.30 a.m. Parish Church  
11 a.m. Methodist Church  
(United Service)

### Second Sunday in month

11 a.m. Parish Church  
(United Service)

### Third Sunday in month

10.30 a.m. Parish Church  
(Matins)

11 a.m. Methodist Church

### Fourth Sunday in month

11 a.m. Parish Church

11 a.m. Methodist Church

## SPECIAL SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday**, 13 February:  
United Service 7.00 p.m. at Methodist Chapel

**Mothering Sunday**, 10 March:  
Village Service 11 a.m. at Parish Church (A service for all age groups)

**Palm Sunday**, 24 March:  
(See notice boards for details)

**Good Friday**, 29 March:  
United Service 7.00 p.m. at Methodist Church

**Easter Day**, 31 March:  
United Service 11 a.m. at Parish Church

**WOMEN'S WORLD  
DAY OF PRAYER  
FRIDAY, 1 MARCH  
AT METHODIST CHURCH  
2.00 P.M.  
All welcome**

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**BINGO  
Monday 8 April  
At the Church Room  
Eyes down 7.30 p.m.  
For Small Playing Field**

## LADIES WORKING PARTY

Results of fund-raising for 2000/2001 totalled £1255  
*Thank you for your support at the two Bingos, Christmas Sale and May Day. The money was given to the following:*

Church	£600
Sunday School	£ 50
The Gossip	£ 50
Brownies	£ 50
Youth Club	£ 50
Small Playing Field	£ 50
Katharine House	£100
Horton A & E	£200
Macmillan Nurse Fund	£100

## BINGO

**Tuesday 19 March  
At the Church Room  
Eyes down 7.30 p.m.  
For Ladies Working Party**

**JIM WELLS** died aged 87 at the beginning of December after a short illness. We will miss his cheery smile and friendly chats.

He will be remembered as a kind person with a great sense of humour. He lived in Hornton all his life and was a pupil at Hornton School until at 14 years of age he went to work at Hornton Quarries. Later he was employed at Alcan in Banbury and worked there for 37 years until his retirement.

In his younger years he played football for Hornton and until his death was always one of their most loyal supporters. He loved other sports including cricket and often went to watch his stepson Donald play at Upton House. His other great interest was gardening and his neat allotment was a credit to him and the envy of other allotment holders. Our condolences to Mrs Wells and family.

*True friends are like diamonds, precious and rare;  
Fake friends are like autumn leaves, found everywhere*

Due to lack of support, Hornton's United Sunday School has been cancelled until further notice. However, the Village Services held each month have been arranged with families in mind. Please do come!

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### Extra

#### January 2002 Hornton's Web Site is live!

**Yes, it's official. The Village of Hornton has its own web site and it is live NOW.**

**Visit the site today and give us your feedback**

- News and views from the Gossip – on-line
- What's on Guide to Village events
- Village Clubs & Societies – news / programmes / contact details
- Links to the Village School
- Maps, photos and guides
- Links to local and county council web sites
- Email Directory
- Pet Directory
- Useful Phone Numbers
- Hornton Encyclopaedia
- and lots more.. . . . .

**Wherever you are** – you can access information about Hornton on-line. So next time someone says 'What's Hornton like then?' tell them our web site address [www.hornton.org.uk](http://www.hornton.org.uk)

**Club Society Leaders – Let the web be your notice-board.** Meeting dates / programme of events / how to join / notices. Publish them on-line and have access to the widest audience ever. If you already have a page, make sure it's up to date. If you don't, eMail your content to [webmaster@tgfy.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@tgfy.co.uk) or drop it in the post box at Starveall Barn, Quarry Road.

**Villagers – This is your web site. Tell us what you think.** Send us your ideas for improvements. It's YOUR site and your feedback is not only welcomed, it is essential, it is essential. Use the feedback form at [www.hornton.org.uk/feedback.html](http://www.hornton.org.uk/feedback.html) or email us at [webmaster@tgfy.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@tgfy.co.uk)

**[www.hornton.org.uk](http://www.hornton.org.uk)**

## FILLET STEAK WITH MADEIRA, SULTANAS AND PINE NUTS

served with potato and celeriac rosti  
(Preparation time 40-45 minutes, plus  
soaking. Cooking time 35-45 minutes)

4 x 175 g (6 oz) fillet steaks  
salt & freshly ground black pepper  
30 ml (1 fl oz) sunflower oil  
2 tablespoons pine nuts

### Madeira sauce:

1 tablespoon sultanas  
300 ml (10 fl oz) Madeira  
240 ml (8 fl oz) beef stock  
15 g (½ oz) unsalted butter

### Potato & Celeriac Rosti:

450 g (1 lb) baking/roasting potatoes,  
peeled & grated (eg Maris Piper or  
Cara)  
450 g (1 lb) celeriac, peeled & grated  
(carrot or parsnip could be used)  
2 tablespoons fresh chopped chives  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped rosemary  
salt & freshly ground pepper  
6 tablespoons olive oil

Soak the sultanas in the Madeira for 1  
hour before preparing the sauce.

Place the Madeira in a small pan.  
Bring to the boil and boil for 5 minutes  
until the liquid is reduced by half. Add  
the beef stock and continue boiling for  
a further 5-8 minutes until syrupy.  
Season, stir in the sultanas and set  
aside.

Season the steaks well and heat the oil  
in a large pan. Add the pine nuts and  
cook, stirring for 1-2 minutes until  
golden brown. Remove with a slotted  
spoon and drain on kitchen paper. Set  
aside.

Add the steaks to the pan and cook,  
turning occasionally, to suit individual  
tastes (10 minutes for rare to 20  
minutes for well done)

Meanwhile, prepare the rosti. Place the  
grated vegetables in a bowl and mix in  
the herbs and seasoning. Divide the  
mixture into 8 patty-shaped portions.  
Heat 3 tablespoons of oil in a large  
frying pan and cook 4 rosti at a time,  
for 3 minutes on each side, until crisp  
and golden. Repeat with the remaining  
oil and rosti.

When the steaks are almost done,  
reheat the sauce, whisking in the butter  
a little at a time to thicken.

Place the steaks on individual plates.  
Scatter pine nuts over each and pour  
over the sauce. Serve at once with  
potato and celeriac rosti.

## The End of the Millennium

After nearly four years the  
Millennium Committee has held its  
last meeting. During that time the  
village raised over £9,000 towards  
the Millennium project. The money  
came from fundraising events such  
as Open Gardens, Bingos, Beetle  
Drives, May Days, Barbeques and  
Treasure Hunts, to mention just a  
few. Funds also came from the sale  
of Millennium merchandise e.g. tea  
towels, tee shirts and mugs and, of  
course, the village photograph and  
the video "There's Only One  
Hornton."

So what have the Committee done  
with all the money that was raised?  
Only five of the projects actually cost  
us money; most of the events were  
not only fun, but contributed to the  
funds. You may remember the  
Variety Show, the play "Abigail's  
Party", the Film Premiere, the  
children's Millennium Eve Party, the  
Village Exhibition and the Christmas  
Markets around the Village  
Christmas Tree, which seem now to  
have become an annual event.

So many people gave up their time  
to make Hornton's Millennium  
celebrations a success, it is difficult  
to pick out individuals for a special  
mention. However, our thanks have  
to go to Roger Corke and Anne  
Joyner who worked tirelessly to give  
the village a unique memento with  
their video film "There's Only One  
Hornton!".

The Committee would also like to  
remember the contribution made by  
the late Jenny Holt.

The principal costs were:

The Millennium Tapestry	£ 463
Xmas Tree Lights	£208
Millennium Stone Seat (including entertainment at the dedication)	£2,929*
The Village Photograph	£500
"There's Only One Hornton" video	£5,952
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,052</b>

\*The remaining money for the  
construction of the seat was provided by  
generous donations from the Parish  
Council and Cherwell District Council.

At the close of the Millennium  
committee there was a shortfall of  
£952. However, most of this amount  
will soon be made up by further  
sales of the video. The Millennium  
bank account will continue until  
future sales of the video have  
balanced the books. Any further  
income will be passed to village  
projects.

The records of the Millennium  
Committee have now been filed  
with the Parish Council. If anyone  
would like to see the Minute book or  
bank statements this can be  
arranged with the Clerk or  
Chairman of the Parish Council.

Finally, thanks to everyone for their  
efforts and support over the past  
three years. It is not difficult to  
understand why....There is Only  
One Hornton!

### Thank you

Millennium Committee for giving  
your time and effort to make  
Hornton's Millennium celebrations  
so enjoyable and memorable

### Millennium Committee:

Les England, Libby Fraser, Ian  
Harris, Ron Hale, Liz Jeffs, Bill  
Jeffs, David Miles, Eileen Lewis,  
Audrey Turner.

## ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE CHURCH ROOM

ON

15 APRIL 2002

AT 7.30 P.M

*All parishioners welcome*

## WANTED FOR PEACH TREE PRE- SCHOOL

Any good condition outdoor  
toys e.g. bikes, scooters or ride-  
on toys (3½ to 5 years)

WELL DONE to Mathew Burden  
on achieving his Tae Kwon-do Black  
belt, and being voted Best Sunday  
Player for Horley Cricket Club.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Joan Bowes who passed away on the 16<sup>th</sup> December after a long illness.

Joan and her family moved from Stockport in 1967 to Grafton Rise, Bell Street. Joan was a teacher at Hornton School where she taught Juniors and then Infants along side John Oxberry. Many of her past pupils have children of their own attending the School today.

After her retirement she moved to Horley and wrote a book "Walking through the Centuries" which provided a historical insight into the villages of Hornton and Horley and the fields surrounding them. She was very interested in local history and was a member of the Historical Society in Banbury. She was also an active member of BBONT and played a part in obtaining land for the nature reserve at the old Ironstone works. She also loved painting. Later she moved to Chacombe where she lived for the last 10 years.

Mark and Joe wish to thank all ex pupils and old friends who attended the funeral at Chacombe just before Christmas.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Did you see the recent Neighbourhood Watch notice regarding high pressure sales people selling security alarms in the area? (By the way, you do know, don't you, that we put up occasional notices regarding requests for information and warnings sent to us by the Neighbourhood Watch Office in Banbury? They are to be found on the Notice Board, on the Church Room door and, by courtesy of Terry and Doreen, in the pub. Look out for the yellow paper!). These people were ringing unsolicited in order to make appointments with householders and then putting on the pressure to buy. The Trading Standards Office was interested, and the police warned people that it would be best not to get involved. However, a tip! Did you know that you can ask to have a block put on telesales phone calls? Just ring 0800 398893 and give your name and

address to an answering machine and hey presto! (well, after 28 days, anyway) no more such calls! Brilliant!

I know we go 'on about it' all the time but don't forget to mark all those new items that have been added to your household over Christmas! In addition to marking the items themselves – by etching, ultra-violet pens or Alpha-dot – the insurance companies require us to have a list of valuables, noting, for example, the material – cast bronze, oil on canvas – the measurements, any inscriptions or hallmarks, any distinguishing features such as scratches or repairs, the date and period, the maker, or the title and painter of any pictures etc. The advice has always been to use the post-code but as 'Consignia' – (whatever was wrong with the old name, 'Post Office'? So solid and comforting) – are considering doing away with post-codes, that becomes rather questionable. Perhaps the Alpha-dot system would be the best idea because here your own code-numbers are held at a central registry.

A really useful way of spending one of those wet afternoons

Dogberry

## BINGO

Monday 4 March  
At the Church Room  
Eyes Down 7.30 p.m.  
*In aid of Methodist Church Funds*

## BEST WISHES

To Jean and Paul Burden on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 29 March.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Monday, 3 June 2002, will be an additional Bank Holiday to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

The Spring Bank Holiday will be on Tuesday, 4 June 2002,

A Commemorative mug will be presented to every child in Hornton aged 16 years and under. The mugs will also be available for purchase on May Day.

## JUMPA Fundraising "golfing guru" offers tips

Money will be raised through a combination of grants and village fundraising events. Among village schemes underway are:

☛ Stuart Clegg, in Bell Street, has agreed to give coaching sessions (any standard) in return for a donation to JUMPA. If you're interested in picking up some tips, call him on 670744 and book a session.

☛ May Day stalls.

☛ Triathlon sponsorship - Hornton participants will be taking part in May.

☛ Jubilee events, on a 1950's theme (see full Jubilee planning news elsewhere in this issue of the Gossip)

### Dance helps to kick off fundraising

Returning to Hornton by popular demand, The Challengers band will be making another appearance at the Pavilion as part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations. They are booked for **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** and monies raised will be split between the Pavilion extension fund and the JUMPA project. Tickets will go on sale in the spring - look out for more detail in the next Gossip.

### JUMPA Committee members

Chairman Steve Woodcock:  
Secretary Jane Perkin  
Treasurer Lynne Fickling  
Committee: Bill Jeffs, Ian Harris, Simon Perkin, Anne Joyner, Joy Clegg, Ollie Fickling and Chris Woodcock.

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### HORNTON ALLSORTS

Present  
Two One-Act Comedy Plays  
(for adults only)

"The Last Bread Pudding"  
and  
"The Last Tango in Hornton"

at the Pavilion  
7.30 p.m.

21, 22 and 23 February  
Tickets £4 from Audrey Turner  
Tel 670304  
For Pavilion Extension Fund