

The Gossip



HORNTON

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We came Second!

in the Small Village Section

OXFORDSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE
COMPETITION

JUDGES REPORT

HORNTON – Small Village Class

Hornton is an exceptional village. The inspectors consider the church, graveyard and glebe to be magnificent: the design of the glebe, its beauty and the natural path cut through it, is a model. The play area is large, and was tidy, well mown and in use. The school premises looked fine and it was heartening to see a couple of youngsters using the litterbin. On the whole the village was litter free, except for a smattering on the otherwise excellent sports field, a fine facility, and on the D'Arcy Dalton Way.

The residential areas are superb with the best gardens that the inspectors encountered. "The Dun Cow" with its flower troughs and fresh coat of paint, is most attractive and has a good car park. The car park for the allotments was also in good condition. Not all the allotments are in use but, those that are, are splendid. The level of communal activity in Hornton is impressive. The inspectors went to the library to look in the Banbury Guardian, and enjoyed "The Gossip" and the website. The village notice boards were up to date and contained a BKV poster. The map of the village was adequate. Altogether an excellent entry to the competition.

Congratulations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Let's go for a 1st next year! (The Judges came around twice during the year).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PARTY

THE ANNUAL Neighbourhood Watch Party

is arranged for

SUNDAY AUGUST 22ND

ON THE

Village Green

Between 6 and 8 pm

There will be pork baps and sausages on sale, liquid refreshment, music, a raffle and good company!

Everyone is invited, so do come and meet your neighbours, old and new!

Summer 2004

Songs of Praise

Sunday August 15th

6 pm

In the Methodist Church

If you have a favourite hymn you would like sung at this service - there is a box on the table inside the Parish Church or let Julie Stanley know 670507

SONGS IN THE SUN

BBC1 Songs of Praise visited Blenheim Palace recently. Hornton was well represented by Lynne, Sarah, Julie and Jean wearing their HORNTON T shirts. A crowd of almost 2,000 people packed the Palace courtyard and although some of the hymns took two or three "takes", it was eventually "in the can".

Tune in on 12 September to BBC1 for your part of the action.

Jean Burden

The August Bank Holiday Music Festival is just around the corner - to be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 30 August, at the Dun Cow from 12.30 to 5.30 pm. There will be at least 3 bands performing to raise funds for the village. The main band, as always, will be the Firebirds, direct from performing two weeks before at the Cropredy Festival in front of 18,000 people. The Firebirds have a new line up with Mark only playing guitar after handing over singing duties to Tom Beckinsale. The material is almost all original for a CD which will be released this autumn.

As always it promises to be a great day (weather permitting) for live music-loving families with excellent beer and BBQ. There will be a small charge of £2 entry with children free. Anyone wishing to run a stall to help fund-raising, or to just help with the event itself, please contact Mark or Gwyneth at the pub.

If you are interested in seeing the Firebirds at Cropredy, they are playing on the main day (Saturday 14 August) at 2 pm. Day tickets for the festival are available or you can usually just turn up. We hope to see you all, especially on Bank Holiday Monday, even if you pop in briefly to help raise funds.

Mark Bowes

Ivy Chaumond

Our oldest resident Ivy Chaumond passed away at the age of 95.

She grew up in London and spent most of her married life there. During the war Ivy and daughter Pip were evacuated to Oxfordshire and fell in love with the area. She returned to London and when her husband Bernard retired they all decided to move to Oxfordshire.

It was by chance that they took a wrong turn and ended up in Hornton. Blenheim Cottage was for sale and they snapped it up.

Sadly after only 18 months her husband Bernard died. Pip and Ivy continued to make Hornton their home.

Ivy was a very outgoing person who loved to perform by reciting poetry or singing and could always be relied upon to entertain.

She was a devoted Church member and in the forefront of the Ladies Working party for many years. She was also a very active W.I. member, and loved the weekly Whist Drives. She was a great member of our community who joined in at every opportunity until her illness of the last 9 years sadly stopped her joining in so much. She was a lovely person who will be remembered with affection.

Pip and Allen Brooks would like to extend their appreciation to all friends and relations who sent cards, flowers and lovely letters following their recent bereavement when Pip's mum Ivy Chaumond sadly passed away.

The Small Playing Field Committee thank all those who came to the Coffee Morning on Saturday last. £214.61 was raised for Playing Field funds.

At 8pm on Wednesday 16th June 2004, Colin and Val Haines, 19 Kerrie Crescent, Parkhurst 2210, N.S.W. Australia.

Valerief@pacific.net.au.

Called on the off chance at Crosby, Millers Lane.

Colin says: In 1944 I was evacuated from London to Hornton village and lived in the cottage named "Crosby" for about 9 months.

The owner or tenant at that time was Mrs. Fanny Hillman whose maiden name was Grant.

The cottage in those days had one room downstairs with stone flag floor and inglenook fireplace and a scullery type kitchen on the back. Upstairs were two bedrooms, no bathroom or toilet. There was no attic as such.

I attended the school, which only had one classroom. All the village children were seated in three rows depicting their ages.

Having come from London to the safety and quiet of Hornton, I was surprised to discover an Air Force base close by where the U.S. Army Air Force was based with their B17 bombers.

Each night the planes would fly off on their missions over Germany.

The local bus was run by Mr. Sumner. He would drive into Banbury one morning a week and back in the afternoon. If you missed the bus it was 7 miles walk home.

I was 7 years old while living in the village but still remember quite vividly the above details.

Historic Churches Trust

Annual Ride and Stride

****Get sponsored****

Cycle or walk around the local Churches and make money for their restoration also for the Church of your choice

Saturday

September 11th

10 am to 6 pm

**Sponsor forms from
Julie Stanley - 670507**

Lily Field (Miss Thompson)

Passed away at the age of 94 years. Miss Thompson was the first Headmistress of Hornton School and taught at the School during the Second World War. She later became headmistress of Harriers School, Banbury.

Congratulations

To Henry Turner – B.A. First Class Honours (Geography) Bristol U.W.E. July 2004.

Henry is due to join the Raleigh International Expedition to Central America (Costa Rica and Nicaragua) – Good Luck with the expedition, Henry.

Also, to Damian Hemmings – 2:1 B.Sc (Hons) in Earth Sciences from University of Plymouth.

GIFT DAY

Saturday 11 September

St John The Baptist will be open from 10 am to 12 noon for coffee and a chat and to receive your gifts for Church Funds

ART EXHIBITION

By

Hazel Robinson

Saturday 4th September

Until Sunday

12th September

10.30am – 4.30pm.

at Hopkins House,

lower Tysoe

Teas available in a garden setting in aid of Tysoe Church

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

12-month target for JUMPA

In buoyant mood, having recently won a £10,000 grant from Cherwell District Council, the JUMPA (Jubilee Multi-Purpose Playing Area) committee held their AGM on 29 July at the Dun Cow.

All officers were re-appointed and chairman Steve Woodcock thanked the committee for their hard work, not forgetting many spouses and other villagers who have also helped and come up with ideas.

Raising money to build a hard playing surface next to Hornton Pavilion, the team have staged a wide variety of events, most recently the annual Golden Mile Run on Quarry Road. Proving another runaway success, the June challenge topped £550 in sponsorship and attracted great support from families and friends, who also gathered at the Dun Cow for the barbecue afterwards. Young and not-so-young runners included dogs, three-legged entrants and, in the infant and toddler line-up, Megan and Bethan Bottoms in their buggy, ably steered by dad Graham.

Although it's not a race, friendly competition is always rife - and this year's one-miler saw some excellent times from those keen to prove their sporting prowess: the five-minute target tumbled for the first time in the history of the run when Richard Pratt crossed the line with exactly that time. Jane Perkin was the fastest female entrant.

Says chairman Steve: "Total funds for the joint Hornton-Horley project now top £7,000, plus the grant. So, at a total of £17,000, we're about half way there. We're waiting to hear from two other funding applications and busy looking at other grant options.

"The Cherwell money needs to be used within the next two years and will only be forthcoming when all of the £30,000+ amount has been raised so that work can start in full. So the focus now is on raising the balance of the money in the next year so we can make a start and get the work done.

"We're very grateful for all the enthusiasm in both villages – support and participation have been great."

Next on the JUMPA event calendar are:

Aunt Sally: Wednesday, 1 September, 7.45pm, Dun Cow. Teams of six. Prizes. £2.50 entrance per head.

Progressive Dinner: Saturday, 11 September – look out for details soon

Quiz Night: Saturday, 2 October, Dun Cow – details to follow

Halloween Fancy Dress Party: Saturday, 30 October, at the Pavilion

'Miss Saigon' trip: Wednesday, 15 December (date change)

JUMPA DINNER

SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2004

There will be a Progressive Dinner Party in Hornton on Saturday 11th September to help raise funds for JUMPA. For £20 a head you can enjoy a three course meal including drinks at three different homes in Hornton within easy walking distance of each other.

If you would like to participate, please fill in the following form and post it in the Village Postbox next to the Notice Board on the Green by midnight on Wednesday 1st September 2004. The organisers will then contact you with all the relevant information.

Saturday 11th September - Next Great Jumpa Dinner

We would like to be **GUESTS** at the Jumpa Dinner for £20 a head.

Name: Number of Guests:

Address:

Special Dietary Requirements:

We would like to be **HOSTS** and provide a three course dinner for four people in our own home.

Name: Tel:

Address:

Any Speciality Menu?:

We would like to be **either HOSTS or GUESTS** at the Jumbo Dinner

Name: No of People:

Tel:

Address:

**OUR VERY BEST WISHES
FOR A LONG AND HAPPY
MARRIAGE**

To Louise Hart and David Battle on their forthcoming marriage - Saturday August 7th, 2.30 pm at St. John the Baptist Church

And to Annabelle Bridgeman and Brendan Kay on their forthcoming marriage - Saturday August 14th, 4pm at St. John the Baptist Church

Gooseberry Yogurt Sorbet

Serves 4-6

A light refreshing way to serve gooseberries in which yogurt gives a pleasant sharpness to the smooth sorbet. Can be made a day or two ahead for a dinner party.

700g (1½lb) fresh or frozen gooseberries, topped and tailed
100g (4oz) granulated sugar
15ml (1 tbs) gelatine
300g (10 oz) natural yogurt
2 egg whites

Put gooseberries in a saucepan with the sugar and 50 ml (2 fl oz) water. Cook gently, covered, until the fruit is soft. Puree in a blender or food processor, then push through a nylon sieve and leave until cool.

Sprinkle gelatine in 45 ml (3 tbs) cold water in a small bowl and leave to soak for 2-3 mins. Place bowl over a saucepan of simmering water and stir until dissolved. Leave until lukewarm, then stir into the gooseberry puree with the yogurt.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into the puree.

Pour into a rigid freezer container and freeze for about 2½ hours or until almost frozen. Remove from the freezer and beat or whisk well, or blend in a food processor. Return to the freezer and freeze for at least 4 hours, until firm.

Before serving, transfer to the refrigerator for about 30 mins. to soften slightly.

Next issue of 'The Gossip' first week of November. Articles for inclusion to be given to Julie Stanley or Ann Hemmings by 31 October please.

Forthcoming events

The Pavilion Committee and Cherwell Arts at Large present a Country & Western Evening with Hank Wangford in November, and 'Noah's Ark' in December. Please see noticeboards and next issue of The Gossip for further details.

**JUMPA FUNDRAISER
ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE
DINNER PARTY**

How Does it Work?

THE EVENING

Saturday 11 September 2004
from 7.00 until late.

Guests enjoy a three course dinner with drinks for £20 per head at three different venues within walking distance of each other.

GUESTS

Two days before the Dinner Party, each pair of guests will receive an envelope inviting them to the home of the first hosts of the evening for 7.00 pm. Each guest couple will be expected to bring one bottle of wine which they should give to their first hosts of the evening. Upon arrival they and another pair of guests will be served with an aperitif and canapés, followed at 7.30 by the first course of the dinner. At 8.15 pm the guests will be given an envelope containing the address of the second hosts, where they will arrive by 8.30 pm. Their second hosts will serve the main course and wine. At 9.45 pm they will receive an envelope telling them where to go for their pudding and coffee, and they will arrive at that location by 10 pm. At this final venue they will enjoy dessert, coffee, cheese and biscuits. The guests will also be given their bill for £20 per head, which is the guests' donation to JUMPA.

HOSTS

The 'Hosts' prepare and serve a three course dinner and drinks in their own home for six people including themselves. This is the hosts' donation to JUMPA. They have four different guests for each course of the meal, and give the final four a bill for £20 a head. Hosts may think of extra ways in which to raise money during the course of the evening - for instance by raffle or games.

JOINING IN

Fill in the form and post it in the Village Post Box* next to the Notice Board by midnight on Wednesday 1st September 2004. If you mislay the form then simply jot down your name and the relevant details on a piece of paper and put that in the village post box. Please don't be shy about joining in - everyone who has taken part so far will vouch for what a friendly and enjoyable evening they have had, and what a particularly relaxed way to meet some different people.

**Beware - birds nesting in box at present*

Calling all knitters again!

Thank you very much to all who have knitted mittens. We have now knitted over 100 pairs. I have a pattern for a hat, if anyone fancies a change. Please telephone me on 670541 if you would like a pattern. This is an ongoing project for hats, mittens and scarves. If anyone has spare double knitting wool but hasn't the time to knit, I would be grateful for it.

Thanks again for your help; happy knitting!

Isabelle Harris

The Konevets Vocal Quartet

from St Petersburg, Russia, will be coming to the Methodist Church, Horton, on 14 October during their UK Tour.

Tickets will shortly be on sale from Julie Stanley (Tel 670507) so book early to avoid disappointment.

HORNTON FILM FESTIVAL 2005

Roll up, roll up...or should I say "action".....YES! It's here...the first Hornton Film Festival is officially launched right here, right now!! The formula is simple. YOU are the directors, the producers, the stars.....the sound and lights.....the camera-person (very PC here you know)....you can even be your very own luvvie!

You are invited to submit a film. MAXIMUM length of five minutes. (This will be strictly enforced). Subject matter of your choice, but as this is the first year, the "theme" is PREMIERE.....but this is intended as a starting point; a springboard to let your imaginations take you where you will.

The format can be either digital or on video. All films will be presented at a Gala, Premiere, Champagne Evening, either at the Odeon, Leicester Square or the Pavilion, Hornton, subject to availability. This will take place in early February 2005, so there is plenty of time to plan and produce your movie. All are invited to attend, whether or not you have made a film. In fact, as it is already being talked about as THE event of 2005, attendance is virtually obligatory!

If you need any more information, give me a call, (670320). If anyone intending to submit a film could let me know, we can ensure the appropriate marketing campaign is set in train.....

Peter Whitehead

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Submitted by Elisabeth Jeffs

Taken from Oxford Mail March 16th 1953:-

Flourishing Social Life at Hornton

Nestling against the side of the one hill and protected from the north winds by another, Hornton is a village in the old agricultural style.

A casual observer in working hours on a week day would probably comment on the apparent lifelessness of the place. This early impression is wrong, however, for although the streets are deserted for most of the day there is much ado during the villagers leisure hours.

Although it has no village hall, Hornton has a flourishing social life and whist drives, dances, Women's Institute meetings, football matches and cricket matches all form part of it.

There are two places of worship - a Church and a Chapel both of which can rightly claim to have a good congregation.

It is difficult to say whether agriculture or the near by ironstone and building stone quarries provide the most employment. It would be perhaps fair to say that agriculture had a slight lead.

Main Landlord in the district is the Oxfordshire Ironstone Company, which has one of the biggest ironstone producing quarries in the country.

After the company has exercised its right to pursue open cast mining the ground is restored to the tenants, and within two years is again producing crops.

From one road near the village, acres of fine red soil stretch as far as the eye can see.

The Miles Family

Bell Street, Hornton, is the home of four members of the long-lived Miles family, three brothers and one sister, all of them over 70.

The eldest is Mr. William Miles, aged 87, retired from the family building business. Next comes Mr. George Miles aged 85, builder, blacksmith and wheelwright. Then there is Miss Fanny Miles who keeps house for her brother George and finally the youngest member of that generation of the Miles family Mr. Ernest Miles, a mere 74.

There is one other surviving member of the family-Mr. Frank Miles, who many years ago left the building business to farm at Tysoe where he remains.

Mr. William Miles told the "Oxford Mail" that both his mother and father lived to be over 95.

Boer War Veteran

Another Hornton villager who carried his years remarkably well is Mr. Frederick Eden aged 74. Signalman and checker at the Ironstone Quarry level crossing.

Grey waxed moustache indicates that Mr. Eden has been a military man. He served for over 17 years with Oxfordshire Light Infantry - before it became the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Mr. Eden fought in the Boer War, going to South Africa with the 1st Battalion in 1899, and returning with it in 1902.

He has the ribbon of the Queen's Medal and five bars and received the Meritorious Medal in the reign of King George V. He attained the rank of staff sergeant instructor. No need to ask what subject he taught - Drill.

During the Second World War ex-staff Sergeant Eden had a strange squad to drill -14 evacuees from London for whom he and his wife undertook to care.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sheds! Again!! Over the recent weeks thieves have broken into sheds in Wroxton, Lower Tadmarton, North Newington and Great Bourton. PLEASE make sure that they are as secure as possible! Put away, lock up, bolt, alarm- anything you can afford. You know what to do....Do it - NOW.

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