

# The Gossip

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SPRING

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR

By Philip Williams

Where is the year going! It seems a minute ago we entered the year with snow on Holloway hillside and endless days of tobogganing. Now here we are in May and the same children are in summer cottons, wearing flowers and ribbons to crown the King and Queen of May. The dizzy warmth of April brought an early spring to garden and hedgerows, forcing out of season colour. Thankfully Easter was early, so the daffodils were still at their best. And now what a joy to drive through fresh green hedgerows, flurries of Ragged Robins, Moon Daisies, Cow Parsley and May Blossom. The Blackthorn bloomed and the Blackthorn winter was awaited, but did it pass us by? or are the recent flurries of snow and frost a late reminder. Pity the Magnolias and Wisteria, they were caught in their prime.

Again the Swallows swooped down West End and skimmed the hillside after their enormous journey from Africa. A true marvel!! Steve Hinton spotted their early return in April but what happened to the Cuckoo? He made a late arrival in May with a determined call to wake the village to Hornton Hall, to Holloway trees, so adding to the mass song of the dawn chorus.

Now hail to May Day. David Miles our village cryer announced the village activities with a full peal of Mabels bell. The weather forecast was diabolical but come the morning we had the warmth of the sun and a feeling of well-being as all the doers and helpers prepared for the day. With cheerful optimism, stalls were prepared and bunting hung. We were truly blessed. Storm clouds embroiled around us, yet dispute a couple of light showers, we remained dry and the crowds of people who came, appeared to enjoy the festivities and were in good spending mood. I would like to thank all of you who took the trouble to dig out yet again, articles for the White Elephant. You come up trumps every time. We had a good stall and I think we made a glorious £268.00.

So thanks to you and to all who put hands in pockets and bought the stuff. Well Done!

As you have read it is planned to have an Open Garden and Flower Day in the village for village causes. Gardens will be opened (one or two, not normally shown). Tea and refreshments served and a floral display in the Church. As we cannot charge for Church entry, a raffle is planned with luscious prizes to help cover the costs. A great deal of effort goes into a day such as this, so, do please turn out and show support and we'll try to make it a colourful event. We will be in great need of cut flowers and greenery, so anything left at the Church prior to the weekend would be appreciated, even if its only just a bunch of Pinks.

I received an Air Mail from Iqbal and Alan Rushforth last month. Having bought Sunnyside last year and all set to settle into village life, they were upturned by a transfer to Korea involving Alan's work. They have experienced a cold winter and are relieved now spring has arrived. They think much of Hornton and send best wishes to all. There are playgroups for little James and much exploring in Seoul and surrounding country, but the need for western food and culture is inevitable. Alan has to work almost all day, like ours, so a welcome break to Hawaii was planned in April and theres also a possibility of a visit home in July.

Looking now towards June, you've guessed it, I'm on the cadge again. This is the turn of the school mums. We have a school fete and theres to be another White Elephant stall. We need something to sell, so dig into the cupboards and drawers. Unwanted Christmas presents, disgardered toys, linen, paper-back books, anything. You bring it, I'll sell it.

To finish, a word of thanks offered from all of us to Ann and Pete Joyner for the wonderful handcart purchased for the May Queen's parade. Painted and decorated with flowers, it given

the event an even more traditional feel. Ian Harris did a great job of restoring the wheels and hopefully this lovely vehicle will transport our future Kings and Queens for many May Days to come. and did anyone note the deliberate mistake on those painted wheels, meant to be alternately painted yellow and pink. Two spokes were twinned pink. Prize winners apply!!!



### OPEN GARDENS

#### SUNDAY, 25TH MAY - BELLEVUE GARDEN

By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Turner for Macmillan Nurses and other charities.

TEAS will be served from 2-6 p.m. in the Church Room by the Cubs and Brownies.

There will also be a Plant Stall.



#### SUNDAY, 8TH JUNE

Six gardens will be open to raise money for the Church funds.

TEAS will be served from 2-6 p.m. in Mr. and Mrs. Roger Corke's garden near the Church.

There will be a Festival of Flowers in the Church and Plant Stall in Bellevue garden.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE?

We were very sorry to hear about the burglary in Church Lane last month. It is so sad that our way of life is spoiled from time to time by an unpleasant outsider invading our lovely friendly village.

But, rather than just give up we can and must take what steps we can to combat the effect. Let's change our attitude from "I hope it doesn't happen to me" to "if it does happen, what have I done to look after my house and belongings?". Compare the following two scenes:

Someone calls the police and says "Oh, I only just popped out for a minute so it didn't seem worth locking up and closing the patio doors at the back. They've taken the stereo - it was really expensive - but no, I'm afraid I can't remember the model exactly. And a pretty little table left to me by my mother - I feel awful about that - and a picture of Dorset where we used to live, and lots of other things.... My neighbour says she saw two men in jeans and jackets but she thought they must have come to mend something as it was the middle of the day - but now you tell me most burglaries take place in the afternoon! She says she might have heard a vehicle drive away but she didn't see it and thought nothing of it.

Another person calls the police and says that despite their best efforts their house has been broken into. "They've taken the stereo, Technics, serial number TG786540/K. I have the receipt here. The table was marked visibly and with ultra violet ink with my name and postcode on the underside and in the drawer, and the picture was marked at the back of the canvas and the frame. Here are photographs of them both. My neighbour said she saw a white Transit van when she came in from shopping and noted the number just in case: ICU 20K".

In this case the police can look up the registration number on computer and get the address.

They might then call, perhaps find the stolen property at the address, or they can circulate the photographs of the antiques to dealers. If something is found it can be compared with the photos and the identification marks or the serial numbers checked. And you'll need some proof of ownership - you can't reclaim property without proof, even though you know it's yours.

You see the point? It's up to you!

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Your house insurers may offer a discount because you live in a Neighbourhood Watch area. Our serial number which you will need to quote is: 410 A 691/702.

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The annual Neighbourhood Watch Party is planned for Sunday, 27th July, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. on the Village Green, or in the Pavilion if it rains. We have some funds in hand and hope that after this party there will be enough to replace the seat that used to be on the Village Green - then people can sit on it and make a note of any suspicious goings-on!

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### TRoubLED BY 'COWBOY' HOME IMPROVEMENT?

The home improvement and repair industry is the largest single source of consumer dissatisfaction in Oxfordshire. More than 500 complaints about 'cowboy' traders were made to the County Council's Trading Standards Service in the past year. They covered shoddy workmanship, inflated bills, worthless guarantees, fraudulent practices, high-pressure selling and unreasonable delays. Have you suffered? For help and advice contact Trading Standards who are making this issue a priority to protect consumers and reputable businesses.

For more information contact Linda Akers, Trading Standards Information Officer at the County Council on (01865) 815000

It is an odd fact that the Bible is still the world's best-selling book, and most homes have a copy somewhere, yet it is also one of the least well-known and understood. In fact, the thousand-plus pages of small (sometimes tiny!) print in old fashioned language about customs we do not understand and a way of life we just do not identify, seem almost calculated to prevent understanding. Sunday School and Church do not help much either, because they tend to examine one story at a time and never look at the whole picture.

With this in mind, "Churches Together in Hornton" have organised a series of four fortnightly sessions to look at the what? when? where? whole? and why? of the Bible. It is a fascinating story of people trying to understand themselves and their history, and in the process developing a way of looking at life which still speaks to us today - in fact, has shaped our history and culture. The first session on 7th May entitled "The Overall Picture" discussed the story of the Old Testament period; what happened to the Jews and how it fits in with history. Further sessions are planned as follows:

#### 21st May:

"What sort of People"

A look at the main characters of the Old Testament, where they fit in and what they did; Patriarchs, Judges, Kings and Prophets etc.

#### 4th June:

"Between the Testaments"

What happened in the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments; how well would we understand modern history if we missed out everything after the death of Queen Elizabeth I.

#### 18th June:

"The New Testament"

What was the Jesus mission and how did this "set the world on fire"?

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School has lots of fun. That's because we do things together.

We meet on Sunday, 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

Ages 5 - 7 years go with Jean and Sandra and ages 7 - 11 years go with Isabelle and Julie.

By Jessica Wright

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## Come and Sing

THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

WILL LEAD

AN OPEN AIR SERVICE

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

ON SUNDAY JUNE 22ND AT 2.30 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS

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If you would like to know more about the Bible, understand how Bible stories fit together, have questions to ask, or ever wondered whether the Bible was interesting and made any sort of sense, then come along and see if there are any answers. The meetings will be held on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room. Light refreshments will be available.

Rev. Jeff Smith

## WANTED

### VOLUNTEERS

to be  
**CARER INFORMATION CONTACTS**  
in their local area.

To help with reception and  
office jobs at the Carers Centre  
in Banbury.

To assist with publicity and  
fundraising.

To offer friendship and support  
to individual Carers.

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Come and join our friendly team...

We will train and support you  
and pay out-of-pocket expenses.

For more information telephone  
**0345-125546**  
(for the cost of a local call)

## CHURCH SERVICES

### 1st Sunday in Month

8.30 a.m. Parish Church - Holy  
Communion

11.00 a.m. Methodist Church -  
Holy Communion

### Second Sunday in Month

11.00 a.m. Parish Church - Holy  
Communion

11.00 a.m. Methodist Church

### 3rd Sunday in Month

10.30 a.m. Parish Church - Holy  
Communion

11.00 a.m. Methodist Church

### 4th Sunday in Month

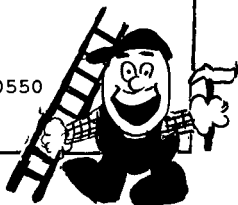
11.00 a.m. Parish Church - Holy  
Communion

11.00 a.m. Methodist Church

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

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## COMPETITION RESULT

There were 11 chicks in the  
last issue of "The Gossip".  
Keri Harwood found 9, and as  
our only entrant won the prize.

At the P.C.C. A.G.M. held  
recently, Frank Jarrett resigned  
as Treasurer but agreed to  
continue until a replacement  
could be found. Rev. Jeff  
Chard thanked him for the  
meticulous way he had handled  
the Church finances during  
his years of office.

Eric Turner reported that two  
of the stone windows are desper-  
ately in need of repair which  
will need concerted fundraising  
efforts along with grants to  
put right. It is hoped that  
everyone will do their bit  
to ensure our Church stays  
in sound condition for future  
generations.

The P.C.C. was re-elected en  
bloc with Harold Hart and Eric  
Turner remaining as Church  
Wardens. It was revealed that  
Harold Hart had been a Church  
Warden for over 40 years. It  
was agreed that his dedicated  
long service should be celebrated  
during the year. Chas Fox  
agreed to continue as Organist.  
Mrs. Sadler resigned as Electoral  
Roll Secretary after many years,  
and Mrs. S. Hillman took on  
the post.

### At the Methodist Church A.G.M.

The committee was re-elected  
en bloc. It was agreed that  
the Chapel needs re-decorating  
and several major repairs must  
be shelved for the time being  
due to low funds. The committee  
decided to spring clean and  
do minor repairs.

Parish A.G.M. All the village  
clubs and groups reported or  
sent reports on their activities  
during the past year.

The Affordable Housing project  
was discussed. The Parish  
Council reported to the meeting  
that unfortunately there would  
be no Affordable Housing scheme  
in the village in the near  
future as the West End project  
had been squashed. Cherwell  
Housing Trust could not continue  
with a scheme for Hornton as

## CONGRATULATIONS



To Phyllis and Arthur Miles  
on their Golden Wedding  
Anniversary - 12th April, 1997.

Pam and Roger Sumner  
on their Silver Wedding  
Anniversary.

welcome to

The Thompsons who have moved  
into "Sunnyside".

they had spent out a lot of  
money trying to get the scheme  
at West End off the ground.  
This site was the only viable  
place to get planning as all  
other sites had been rejected  
by Cherwell District Council  
and Oxfordshire County Council.

Pavilion A.G.M. Eric Turner  
resigned as Chairman but there  
were no takers for the post.  
He agreed to continue for another  
year. Richard Miles resigned  
as Vice Chairman. There were  
no volunteers for this post  
but eventually David Miles  
agreed to take over as Vice  
Chairman. The rest of the  
committee were re-elected en  
bloc as there were only three  
members of the public who  
attended and they all declined  
a place on the committee. It  
was agreed that new members  
should be sought before the  
next A.G.M. as all the committee  
have served for many years  
and some would like to stand  
down.

John Wright resigned as  
organiser of the tote which  
brings in a revenue of nearly  
a £1,000.00 a year for Pavilion  
funds. He agreed to continue  
until September when hopefully  
someone else will fill the  
post.

Anyone interested please contact  
Eric Turner (Chairman) or  
Julie Stanley (Secretary).

### PIZZA DOUGH (a soft dough) by Joy Clegg

8 oz SR flour  
2 oz marger or butter  
¼ pint milk  
Pinch of salt

Oil large flat tin. Mix ingredients to a soft  
dough. Roll out and put in tin, making a  
thick edge (it will rise).

### ITALIAN SAUCE (can be made earlier)

1 medium chopped onion  
1 tsp oil  
1 x 15 oz tin of tomatoes  
Pinch sugar  
2 level dsp tomato puree  
Herbs, oregano to put into mixture  
Cheese of choice to put on top

Fry onions in oil until soft. Add tomatoes.  
Simmer to a pulp. Cool. Add to dough.  
Add sliced mushrooms, ham, Mattesons  
sausage sliced. Top with cheese  
(mozzarella or cheddar).

Cook at 200°C for 30 minutes.

# A Spectators View

## Season 1996/97

By Rachel Sumner and Laura Hemmings

"Its coming home, its's coming home, it's coming, football's coming home", is a phrase that sprang to mind when Hornton F.C. returned home...to the pub... as league champions.

Thanks to new members recruited by the management, the team's progress improved immensely, leading to a solid performance all season round. No games were lost and with mainly wins and some rare draws we dominated the league.

Due to the combined skills of the team, league superiority led to further successes in cup matches. Hornton's first defeat came in their first cup final as we unfortunately came runners up to Lesme in the Alan Hughes trophy. However Hornton returned to their winning form in the semi final of the Bill Gregory Cup against Byfield. The game was taken into extra time with neither side looking the better team. No golden goal was scored therefore the game went into penalties with Hornton winning 5 - 3 , taking us through to the cup final against Priors at Wroxton. With the second cup final it was Hornton's chance to add more silverware to the cupboard. At half time the score was 1 - 0 to Priors. The match seemed to be going pear shaped for Hornton. A vital player for Hornton, Martin Cadd was injured and taken off in the first half as Priors were playing a dirty game. With the adrenalin pumping and a crowd of Hornton supporters the length of the pitch, their confidence was greatly boosted after half time. The score line crept up to 1 - 1 after Justin Stanley put away a free kick from just outside the box. The crowd went wild after Paul Cutler curled in the second to make it 2 - 1. Superb play by Michael Sumner led to a score line to 3 - 1. Panic struck as Priors came back to make it 3 - 2. However Paul Cutler made it 4 - 2 to ensure Hornton the cup.

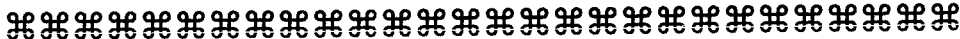
The cup deservedly went to Hornton after a quality performance in the second half against the dirty play of Priors which resulted in 4 of their players being booked and 2 sent off.

Captain Julian Wright went up to receive the cup and the league trophy on behalf of the team, with each player gaining their own trophy.

Jamie Fisher received a trophy for top goal scorer, not only for the league but of the area with over 40 goals this season.

For the final game of the season Hornton played Bodicote in the Supplementary Benevolent Cup. Hornton went 1 - 0 ahead but after a few minutes it was 1 - 1. Bodicote scored and Hornton leveled again to 2 - 2 thanks to Fisher. Bodicote were leading 3 - 2 with 15 minutes to go, and things were looking gloomy for Hornton, but Fisher came to the rescue again making it 3 - 3. Another 2 goals by Fisher made it 5 - 3 to Hornton of Division 2 over Bodicote of Division 1, receiving yet another cup.

Rachel and Laura are on the pitch...they think its all over...It is now! Well until next season anyway. Fair play to you Hornton from your two devoted fans...Rachel and Laura.



### THREE H'S GARDENING CLUB

#### PLANT SALE 17TH MAY

10.30 A.M.

IN THE PAVILION



#### HORNTON ALLSORTS

"TRUE BRIT" EVENING

R R R

17th May

7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

£6 including meal

Tickets from Audrey Turner Tel. 670304

### \*\*\* MAY DAY RESULTS \*\*\*

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Barbeque           | £129.00 |
| Bowling            | £ 40.52 |
| Brownies           | £ 59.50 |
| British Legion     | £ 94.00 |
| School             | £ 52.00 |
| Stall Rental       | £ 10.00 |
| Pick A Ticket      | £ 89.19 |
| Bottle Stall       | £132.70 |
| Churches Together  | £146.00 |
| Teas               | £207.88 |
| Raffle - Childrens | £ 22.50 |
| Raffle - Adult     | £ 70.50 |
| White Elephant     | £268.00 |
| Ice Cream/Toddlers | £ 45.00 |
| Football           | £ 25.00 |

- Expenses £1,391.79 42.00

Total Raised £1,349 79



### How to be a good Wife

Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal - on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospect of a good meal (especially his favourite dish) is a part of the warm welcome needed.

Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so that you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your makeup, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh-looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties to provide it.

Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives. Gather up the school books, toys, paper etc. then run a dust cloth over the tables. In the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel that he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering for his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.

Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair and, if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part.

Minimise all noise. At the time of his arrival eliminate all noise of the washer or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.

Listen to him. You have a dozen important things to tell him but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first - remember his topics of conversation are more important than yours.

Make the evening his. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner, or other places of entertainment, without you. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his very real needs to be home and relax.

Your goal: try to make sure your home is a place of peace, order and tranquillity where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.

Taken from a 1950s High School Home Economics textbook