

The Gossip



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SUMMER

BENEFICE SERVICE 31 August -
St. John the Baptist Church -
10.30 a.m.

This special service to which everyone is invited will honour Harold Hart who has served the Church for over 41 years as Church Warden. A Paschal Candle will be dedicated as a mark of affection from Hornton parishioners.

The Candle will be lit every Easter Day and for Church services after that date until Ascension Day, when it will be extinguished. It will then be placed by the Font and used at Christenings to light the Christening candles.

Donations towards this Candle may be made to Eric Turner or the Rev. Jeff Chard.



On 22nd July, 1997, two packed coaches of intrepid travellers left Hornton on a journey to London to see "Starlight Express", one of the longest running shows in the capital.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the very fast and colourful show and we arrived home safely at around 11.30 p.m.

This wonderful evening was superbly arranged by Jill Offord (our unofficial Entertainments Officer!). Thank you very much indeed, Jill, for this and the other Theatre trips you have so efficiently arranged. We all greatly appreciate the time and trouble you spend - and look forward to the next one!



The Coffee Morning held recently in the Children's Small Playingfield raised the grand sum of £157.47 for the funds.

Thanks to all who supported this annual event.

In July 1995 Rev Mike Langstaff and his wife Carol celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary by holidaying in Kenya. The first week was spent doing the usual sunbathing on the magnificent beaches of the Indian Ocean. By the second week they became somewhat bored and met up with Michael Handelman who organised safaris. He took them into the countryside and they came upon the native village of Bodo on Funzi Island.

They spent sometime looking around the village and ended up at the School. The School was very basic. Kenyan children have to learn English and follow a set curriculum. The parents could not afford to buy books or any school equipment. There didn't appear to be any books at all, only a blackboard that was used for every lesson. The children were learning their English from visiting tourists. After talking to the teachers of the School, Mike and Carol felt challenged to help and tried to think of ways to provide the much needed books. This proved to be a big challenge as there was not even a proper road or postal service to the village. Michael Handelman said that if they sent books to him he would see that they were delivered to the School.

On their return home Mike and Carol immediately starting appealing for donations and Ladybird books to send out to Funzi Island. Churches, Schools and individuals responded and in the first year 2,000 Ladybird books were sent.

Michael Handelman realised that Mike and Carol were serious about helping the people of Bodo and Funzi and with their help began a new project to build a Clinic and a clean water supply there.

Mike and Carol have visited Bodo and Funzi several times since 1995 and the Clinic has been built. The Government there have now provided a nurse. They are still raising funds to help the people there.

Hornton is arranging a **Special Evening on Friday, 12 September at 7 pm in the Pavilion** for the cause. There will be a Buffet Supper and Mike and Carol will bring articles for sale. All proceeds will go to continue their work in Bodo and Funzi.

HORNTON SCHOOL BARN DANCE
by Jessica Wright and Susan Palmer

On Friday 18th July there was a barn dance at the pavilion in aid of school funds. There was a barbeque, bar, band and dancing. The dancing was great fun and everyone joined in (even the grown-ups!) We made over £200 which will go towards our new school computer. We would like to thank the band, 'Sunrise', John Wright, Ian Harris, Mark Griffiths, Tom Gibbs and Chris Harris, everyone who helped on the night and everyone who came from school and the village. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



EXTRACTS FROM SOPHIA MILES'S
AUTOGRAPH BOOK

Some girls love their brothers
but I so good have grown,
that I love other brothers
far better than my own.
(Mary Abernethy, May 1908)

Some say 'twas through an
apple this world came to
despair, but I've just heard
in Chapel I was brought on
by a pear (pair).
(Edith Greig, Bicester.)

Oh wouldn't the days be lank
and long if all went right
and nothing went wrong.
And wouldn't life be extremely
flat with nothing in the world
to grumble at.
(M. Annie Bradshaw)

MUSICAL CORNER

by Mike Webber

In 1936 a young, aspiring teenage American actress starred alongside the already established Deanna Durbin in a "shortie" film entitled "Every Sunday". Her name was Frances Gumm. ("Shortie films were only of about twenty minutes duration, hence their description "shortie".) The Hollywood moviemakers considered her to be a "not very promising actress". The following year, 1937, she played a part in "Babes in Arms" and then "Broadway Melody of 1938", where she sang the song "You made me love you" to a photograph of Clark Gable. In both these films she only met with moderate success.

Much earlier, in 1903, a series of children's books had been published, each one with a different main make-believe "Oz" character. In 1939 one of the books was chosen to be turned into a film, which was in fact "The Wizard of Oz". By 1939 the young Frances Gumm had changed her name to Judy Garland and took the part of Dorothy in the film. Regarding Judy Garland (Frances Gumm), she walked down the Yellow Brick Road and the rest, as they say, is history!

One of the most enduring songs - probably of all time - came from this film. That was "Over the Rainbow" with words and music by Yip Harburg and Harold Arlen.

Judy Garland's next most successful film was "Meet me in St. Louis" in 1944, in which she sang "The Trolley Song", "Have yourself a merry little Christmas" and "The boy next door", words and music by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane. She also starred with Fred Astaire in "Easter Parade" in 1948. However, by this time ill health dogged her and she began to go somewhat into a decline.

In the early 1950s she gave a series of concerts. Then in 1954 she played opposite James Mason on "A Star is Born", a remake of the 1937 "Babes in Arms". One of the most memorable songs from "A Star is Born" was "The man that got away", words and music by Harold Arlen and Richard Rodgers; co-incident perhaps that Harold Arlen had been involved with the music for "The Wizard of Oz" fifteen years earlier. "A Star is Born" was probably Judy's last film to meet with any major success.

Regarding the 1903 published series of "Oz" books, another character was "The Dragon of Oz" (I can't recall any other titles). Who knows what might have happened if the "Dragon" had been selected instead of the "Wizard" for the 1939 film. Perhaps no Judy Garland, nor "Over the Rainbow".

JUDY GARLAND: born Frances Ethel Gumm 10th June, 1922; died 22nd June, 1969.

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



GIFT DAY

SAT 13 SEPT

10am - 12 noon

in the Church



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, Ian Harris, Tel. 670541

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

PHOTO ALERT

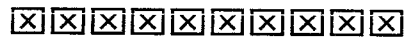
Jean Burden of Barry Cottage, Millers Lane, would like to compile a scrapbook of photographs of weddings held at either Church or Chapel over the years. If you have a spare photo to donate Jean would be pleased to include it in this interesting village collection.

HARVEST SUPPER

FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

AT THE PAVILION

7.30 FOR 8.00 P.M.



CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sunday 8th June, the day many gardeners, and flower arrangers had worked and prepared for. A lovely morning but the question on everyones lips "How long will it last". Six gardens and the Church to visit then tea and cake to finish the afternoon.

To me the beauty of village gardens is the variety, every one unique, from the small flat garden to the ones on the bank, from the garden still "Under Construction" to the well matured garden. Everyone looked at its best which showed how much time had been put into its preparation.

The Church was magnificent. I don't think I have ever seen it looking so beautiful. What a talented bunch of people we have in the village to produce such an effect.

I have purposely not named names as I would hate to leave anyone out but on behalf of the P.C.C. of St. John the Baptist Church many thanks to everyone who helped from the garden owners, the flower arrangers, the tea makers and washers up, the cake makers, those who donated prizes to the Bingo and Raffle, and lastly the visitors without which the whole operation would be pointless.

You should all be very proud of your achievement as the total raised for Church Funds on the day was a staggering £700.00.

Again many thanks to you all.

Frank Jarrett
(Hon. Treasurer Hornton PCC)

Thanks to those of you who came to make merry and get to know your neighbours on the village green on the last Sunday evening in July - we hope you enjoyed yourselves! We were lucky with it being such a beautiful evening! It was a shame that a lot of people who usually come along were away - you were missed!

Now to serious business - apparently one in four people have been burgled during the past 5 years! This is an alarmingly high figure, but it seems that most of these burglaries were unplanned and committed by thieves who simply see the chance of easy pickings - and take it! Two out of every ten burglars simply get through an open door or window, and a further 6 out of 10 get through a back window so quite simple measures are effective in discouraging such this sort of burglary. The following survey was published recently by the National Neighbourhood Watch Association: use it to assess the security of your own home. And if you haven't time to make the major changes before you go away, we'll do our best to keep an eye on your property for you - but make a resolution to do something about it when you get back!

1. Do doors have a solid wood core (or wood laminate)?.....YES/NO
2. Do all external doors have two good locks and three strong hinges?
.....YES/NO
3. Is a security chain fitted?.....YES/NO
4. Is it always used?.....YES/NO
5. Are doors glass-free?.....YES/NO
(Glass panels in the lower half or beside the door reduce security, but, if present, are better on the hinged side of the door.)
6. Are window locks fitted?.....YES/NO
7. Do you always use them?.....YES/NO
8. Do you ensure a spare key is never hidden outside yourhome?
YES/NO
9. Are you sure sliding patio doors can't be lifted off their rails?.....YES/NO
10. Can doors and windows be seen by neighbours?.....YES/NO
11. Are frames in good order.....YES/NO
(Rotten wood or dried out putty makes entry easy)
12. Are garage and shed doors securely locked/.....YES/NO
13. Do you have an alarm system fitted to your house?.....YES/NO
14. Do you display a Neighbourhood Watch sticker?.....YES/NO
15. Is there a Neighbourhood Watch sign in your street?.....YES/NO

Scoring: Score 1 point each time you answer 'yes'. **Under 5 points:** You are at risk of being burgled tomorrow. **6 - 12 points:** You're doing OK but still likely to be a victim. Check the list carefully to see which areas need to be improved. **13 points** Remember, statistics tell us that Houses in Neighbourhood Watch schemes are 5 times less likely to be burgled than those not in schemes. Follow the advice above and you'll see why!



**3 Hs FLOWER AND
VEGETABLE SHOW**
SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST
2.00 P.M.

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SQUIDGY HAZELNUT MERINGUES WITH HOT SPICY PLUMS

- 3 egg whites
- 5½ ozs caster sugar
- 1 tsp cornflour
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 oz ground hazelnuts
- 1½ lbs plums
- 3½ oz brown sugar
- 2 tsp Chinese 5 spice powder
- 1 orange rind & juice
- 1 lemon rind

Preheat the oven to 150° C/Gas 2 and cover a baking sheet with baking parchment. Whisk the egg whites until stiff then whisk in the sugar 2 tbsps at a time until shiny. Then whisk in the cornflour & lemon juice, then finally gently fold in the hazelnuts.

Separate the mix into four equal mounds on the baking sheet and place in the oven. Reduce the heat immediately to 140° C/Gas 1 and bake for 50 minutes. Then turn off the oven and leave until the meringues are cold.

Halve and stone the plums and put in a saucepan with the remaining ingredients. Bring this to the boil and simmer covered for 3 minutes. Place the meringues on a plate and spoon over the plums and serve.

At the recent Pavilion committee meeting, Mrs. E. Jeffs reported that the Pavilion is still being well booked. It was agreed that hire charges could remain the same for another year due to the healthy bank balance. However there was great concern that no one has come forward to take over the running of the tote which provides a regular income for Pavilion funds. It was agreed that the tote must continue after J. Wright gives up at the end of August. - **anyone willing to take over the post should contact E. Turner or J. Stanley as soon as possible.**

No major maintenance has been required this year, although the Football Club have agreed to tile out the changing rooms and cupboards have been installed in the Cub room to house excess china.

Several complaints have been received about dogs fouling the sports field. This is a very serious problem as children play on the field and if they come into contact with the mess, could cause blindness. It is also an inconvenience to the football team who have to clear it from the pitch before they play. There is a sign on the gate stating that no dogs are allowed on the field. It is hoped that dog owners will take note of this.

KEEP FIT

The Keep Fit is flourishing and recently gave:-

£100 to the Cancer Resource Centre

£50 to School Funds

£50 to the Redlands Mini-bus appeal

£50 to the Samaritans

HORNTON SCHOOL NEWS

As I write we are coming to the end of a very busy and successful year. We say goodbye to 8, year 6 children: Lizzie Wain, Michael Palmer, Anneka Watson, Emma Bridle, Emily Wright, Kirsten Sheppard, Joe Coles and James Edgar, all of whom are moving on to the Warriner School. We wish them the very best for the future.

The children have written brief accounts of the activities they have enjoyed this year.

Midsummer Fayre

We have had a Midsummer Fayre lately. There was country dancing, maypole dancing and lots more. There was also a Great Balloon Race. There was £20 prize for the balloon that went the furthest. The Fayre raise £840 which will go towards a new computer.

By Keri Harwood

England in Bloom Competition

We have been busy with competitions this term. One of the best was the England in Bloom competition. We had to chose a flower, according to which month we were doing. We worked hard for about 7 weeks on them. Mr. Clifford and Mr. Williams judged the competition to see which ones would go on to the regional final. If any of our paintings get through that, they will go on to the national final.

Unfortunately only 3 from each age group could go. Mr. Clifford said that if he had the choice then he would send them all! The pictures which got through were by Keri Harwood, James Haden and Ruth Phelan (9-11 group) and Lizzie Wain, Kirsten Sheppard and Emily Wright (11-15 group).

The ones which were not chosen were mounted and are on display.

By Jessica Wright

The Synagogue (Junior Topic Visit)

I can remember when we went to a synagogue in Oxford, it was very exciting. On the gate it had a star - the Star of David - and there was a mosaic of the burning bush. We went inside and a Jewish lady showed us around. We saw this little silver hand, you would use it to write a scroll, they were like models. After the lady showed us the scrolls she said shalom, which means peace, goodbye and hello. The Hebrew people write right to left and we write left to right. It was very interesting.

By Becky Miles

Our Library

I bet some of you can remember about 10 months back, you had us ringing you up asking you to sponsor us on our sponsored spell and times table test. We raised about £600! We have spent it all on new books. We also have new blue and cream shelves to put them all on. Now we have around 700 books, all in the little room of the School House. They are non-fiction and help us with the projects the upper juniors are doing.

In the junior classroom are all the fiction books and we have rearranged them all into animal stories, poetry and 3 different groups - they are red circles (the hardest), green triangles (middle) and blue squares (the easiest). This will help our books to be more organised and we will be able to find the book we want more quickly.

By Lizzie Wain

Other events we have enjoyed have been working with visiting artists - Robin Whitmore doing animation and 4 Nigerian artists working with years 2, 3 and 4 on African textiles, dance and music. A musical concert was held in Horley Church in June and the Infants enjoyed a visit to Cogges Farm Museum.

Children in year 2 and 6 have taken their SAT's tests with good results all round. Sixteen children have successfully passed their cycling proficiency test.

During the summer break the inside of the School House will be re-decorated. We would like to express our thanks to everyone in the community who has supported the school this year and hope you all have a pleasant summer.

Wendy Clifford

BEST WISHES

- to Marc and Ruth Griffiths, and
 - to Stuart and Markella Edginton
- on their recent marriages.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Mathew Burden on his 18th birthday

The winner of the Balloon Race held at the School Fayre on 21st June travelled as far as Peterborough - 60½ miles away. The lucky winner was Mrs. L. Rasula, 5 Gullicote Lane, Hanwell.



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

Opinion

THE RECENT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GATHERING WAS QUITE WELL ATTENDED BY OLD AND NEW VILLAGERS, BUT PLEASE LET'S NOT FORGET THAT THERE ARE OTHER VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT GO ON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT!