

The Parish Magazine of
**WOT'S ON
IN
HENSTRIDGE**
St Nicholas Henstridge

September to December
2006



St Nicholas Henstridge
1st October 2006 @ 6.30pm

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	MEETING PLACE
Bell Ringing	Ellen Edwards - 362282	Church Tower
Bingo	Mrs Sue Aldridge - 362046	Village Hall
Brownies	Jane Jeanes - 370769	School Hall
Boot Sale	Teresa Pinkawa - 250897	Village Hall
 CAMEO club	Ann Frost - 363340	Village Hall
Church Services	Rev Peter Hallett - 362266	Church & Vicarage
Cricket	Hugo Barton - 363193	
Drawing & Painting	Penny Smilie - 33246	Village Hall
Explorers' Playgroup	Mrs Anna Swinburn 07792240804/01963 363228	St Nicholas CofE School
Football	Peter Jackson - 363460 Graham Parsons - 362072	
House Prayer Group	Nancy Mauger - 370535	Treetops, Whitechurch Lane, Yenston
LineDancing	Ros Browning - 363016	Village Hall
Mothers' Union	Betty Scofield - 362465 Margaret Ridgewell 363673	Vicarage
Parish Council	Rachel Walker (Clerk) - 370388	Village Hall
Tae Kwon Do	Robin Sleight - 363606	Village Hall
St Nicholas Singers	Liz Holbrook - 363193 Lizzie Jeanes - 370769	School Hall
Toddlers Gym	Sue Milligan - 01935 412137	Village Hall
Village Hall Bookings	Mrs F Cornish - 362543	46, Ash Walk
 Womens' Institute	Gill Holt - 363614	School Hall

Editors note

To the best of my knowledge, the information on the calendar and the list of contacts is correct at the time of going to press. If there are any inaccuracies, please let me know so that I may do better next time!

(Gerald 363497 or coxwall@aol.com)

The next issue will cover December 2006 to March 2007 inclusive.

Deadline for copy and information to be included is 18th November



From the Rector - Peter

Greetings: I hope you have enjoyed the hot weather we've had. I have to admit to being one of those who hide in the shade and wait for it to pass.

Tower Appeal

Every five years we are required to have the church surveyed by our architect, who then identifies works that should be done in the next five years. Sadly he has identified quite a lot. Most urgent amongst this is the repair of the Pinnacles on the Church Tower which have become so eroded in places that he says they are dangerous. There is quite a lot of work beside this.

Although the Church Council has been dipping into our reserves to maintain the building the amount of money required for the proposed works is well beyond what we have. We are planning to start some fund-raising, but more especially we are to launch an Appeal.

We will be launching our Appeal on 28th October at a special Supper to be held in the Village Hall. Then we will explain what we need to do, and how much we need to raise, and how you can help. For various reasons this has to be by invitation. If you have not received your invitation by 14th October, and would like to come to this evening, please contact either the Rector or Churchwardens and we will ensure you receive your invitation.

Gift Day

At this time of year we normally have our Parish Gift Day. Although the money raised through Gift Day helps us to maintain our Church, it also helps us to meet our other running costs. In the light of the Appeal mentioned above we will not be having a Gift Day this year. But the running costs we have to meet don't go away! If you would be willing to give a donation towards the running costs of the Church on top of what you might give towards our Appeal we would be extremely grateful. Please give any gifts either to the Rector or Churchwardens or Treasurer. If you want, we can get you a Gift Day type envelope.

How to give more without giving an extra penny!

Please remember that the only income we have as a Parish Church is what we raise, or what is donated. If you are a Tax Payer, donations can be increased in value by 28p in the £1, at no cost to you, if you Gift Aid them. This is because we are allowed to reclaim from the Inland Revenue the Tax you have already paid on your donation. Don't let the Taxman keep it - make him give it to us! Sign a Gift Aid Declaration. - it's easy. You are not tied in to any commitment, and it can be cancelled at any time. If you want to know more about this, please ask.

HALT !!

HENSTRIDGE ACTION FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC

Enough is enough !!

This village has suffered for years due to irresponsible driving through the village main street. Every day we see vehicles travelling far in excess of the speed limits and heavy goods vehicles that should never be allowed through Henstridge's narrow main street.

Your safety is at risk and we **must** make our roads safer.

HALT is a newly formed action committee that hopefully will achieve results that will solve the problem.

HALT has the backing of your Parish Council and will be making representations to the Police, Highways Departments, Government Ministers and individual transport companies.

For your part we ask for your support, not financial, just a signature on our petition which will be displayed in the village shop.

Please also give us your views, after all this needs to be to everyone's benefit
by contacting any one of the following:-

PETER OSWICK	363281
ROY SCHOFIELD	362465
DENNIS BELL	362034
CLIFF FROST	363340
Email :- peter.oswick@btinternet.com	

Our Parish Council liaison is with **PAUL BRIGHTEN**.
Progress will be reported in WOTS ON magazine.

Yenston Gala Day

The Yenston Gala Day took place on Saturday, 8th July. Fiona and Will Eadon kindly invited us to hold the Gala in their garden again. It was a very enjoyable and successful afternoon. The weather was very good, and lots of people came - many enjoying the Cream Teas. The event raised £426.49p. Half the amount raised has been sent to Traidcraft Exchange. This helps struggling tea, coffee and rice growers to keep their businesses going.



The other half has been given to the Mothers' Union overseas projects. These help the very poor to grow crops and get started in small businesses. This enables them to help themselves.

Many thanks to all who helped and supported this event. Letters of appreciation have been received from Traidcraft Exchange and the Mothers' Union, who expressed amazement that a community as small as Yenston was able to raise such sums.



This England Jostle

A Magnificent Affair



It was a hot sunny day. The village turned out. The stage was set with a wonderful backdrop painted by Dave Pulling. The day was opened by St George on his horse Spider. Thank you to John Neades. That bit was brilliant.

The stage events went with a swing this year with the patriotic singing of Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory and a few more songs.

Carry On Company performed A Mummers Play. That was a memory to be treasured.

The school danced.

The morris people danced, and we had a go at maypole dancing.

Thank you yet again to everyone for making this day such a success.



All the bills have been paid but there are a few people who I know will give me some money soon. As soon as they have, the accounts will be published. However, it can be anticipated there will be about £500 to be shared between the Village Hall and the Church.

Lovely Day. Treasured Memories.



Painting and Drawing in Henstridge

Somerset County Council (through Adult Learning and Leisure) will continue to run a painting and drawing class at Henstridge Village Hall. The Autumn Term commences on Monday 25th September for 10 weeks with a half-term break. The class will be held from 9.30 am – 11.30 am.

Full particulars of enrolment and details of the course may be obtained from :-

Adult Learning & Leisure
King Arthur's Community School
Wincanton



Henstridge WI has enjoyed 2 meetings since the last edition of Wots On.

In June Alan Power the Head Gardener from Stourhead gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on the history of the garden and about some of the work involved in its upkeep. In July we had our Garden meeting held in a members garden with invited guests. We were blessed with a lovely warm evening and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

As there is no meeting in August most members are visiting a garden in Wells followed by dinner in a restaurant in the City. Our year starts again in September with a talk to be given on behalf of the Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth, and in October we will learn the history and making of Blue Vinny Cheese. We are hoping for samples!!

Plans are already in place for our December meeting which is usually in the form of a social evening with invited guests again. Our AGM is held in November and all our meetings are in the School Hall at 7.30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. A date to be noted is November 18th when we will hold our annual Table Top Sale.

New members are very welcome to come along and Gill Holt on 363614 would be pleased to give any further information about the Henstridge WI.

A Year in the Life of the Village Hall



Well I am happy to say we have made it through the first 12 months without too many hiccups, its been a busy time what with finding our feet as a new committee and trying to get to grips with running the village hall in a productive and user friendly way, though I am glad to say I think we are getting there! Here is a low down on the past 12 months in the life of Henstridge Village Hall.

The first couple of months was taken up with us going through all the paper work, applying for licences, renewing the booking form, updating first aid boxes, getting the CCTV camera up and working, making sure we were up to date with health and safety and other dull but necessary stuff!

To make the hall more inviting to users and to encourage more bookings, we have spent a lot of time making on-going minor repairs to holes in walls, leaky roofs, blocked drains and loose guttering. In September the committee and a team of volunteers got together to give the whole hall including the changing rooms, a lick of paint, to give it a new lease of life. Brambles from the front fence were also removed to make the site cleaner, safer and easier on the eye.

In May we were fortunate to receive a grant of £5,000 from the County Council via William Wallace and Blackmore Vale Constituency which paid for new flooring to the main hall and lobby and carpet to the lounge, which I'm sure you will all agree, looks great.

A kitchen has been donated via Gary White and we are just waiting for a convenient time for this to be fitted. Toilets and sinks have also been donated by Dave Wood to spruce up the rather dated Ladies and Gents toilets.

A funding application has been submitted to the Lions Club in Stalbridge, which if successful will enable us to re-stain the external wood cladding and gloss the white wood work, which is in desperate need of a face lift, so fingers crossed!

The committee are really keen to bring the community together and encourage villagers to partake in events at the hall. Various events have been arranged either by the committee or members of the community to do just this and to raise funds for the up keep of the hall.

In October Ellen & George Edwards set up and ran a table top sale, the day was a great success and raised nearly £400.

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In December, we held a Christmas Disco for the youth of the village, the disco attracted children in their early teens and some younger, although only 15 children attended, those who did said they enjoyed themselves. Although it cost the hall to put the event on, the intention of the disco was not to make money but to provide a fun night out to the youth of the village. The low interest has shown there may not be a need at the present time for a regular youth disco. We will re-look at putting on further discos in the future if we receive any requests from local young people.

In April Ann & Cliff Frost donated all the proceeds from the Craft Fair to the hall fund; the fair was the 8th one held at the village hall and raised over £160.

In May Jenny Ramond kindly allowed the members of the committee and volunteers to run the teas at her open Gardens Day, over £140 was raised in aid of the hall.

We have just heard we have been successful in obtaining funding from South Somerset District Council to hold film nights at the Village Hall. We need to decide what films to show and to what audience; I was thinking of a Saturday morning matinee for the young people of the village and maybe an up to date film for the rest of us, there will be a list of choices with Lesley in the village shop. Hopefully if the film nights are successful they can be a regular feature at the hall, but we do need support!

As the hall is a village resource we would like to host more events that appeal to the village, to encourage use of the hall and to get villagers more involved. We are appealing to the villagers to let us know what events they would like to see at the village hall; even better we would like people to approach us with ideas for events they would like to host themselves. As we put on an event for the youth last year perhaps we should put on a tea dance in the autumn/winter this year for the older generation? If anyone has any ideas or interested in the tea dance or film nights please speak to Lesley in the village shop.

In May we held our AGM and produced our accounts for year ending 31/03/06, our balance as it stood on that day was £2,057. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all donations made to the hall including those from Henstridge Gardeners' Club, Judith Rabone and the Parish Council.

So as you can see it really has been a busy year. I personally feel we have managed to raise our profile in the village and have already increased the revenue of the hall in the short time that we have been here; village organisations and individuals are supporting the hall by holding events and donating the proceeds to the hall fund. Individual villagers have signed up as volunteers and are always willing to help out and support functions that we have put on ourselves, for which we offer our thanks. Please, please, please continue to support the hall in the future, as the saying goes if you don't use it, you lose it!

For all hall bookings please call Flo Cornish on 01963 362543. For all other enquiries please call Sam on 01963 362486.

Sam Healy
Secretary

Mothers' Union

Programme of Events - 2006

CONTACTS: Betty Scofield - 362465 Margaret Ridgewell - 363673

20th September @ 2.30pm in the Vicarage

Revd. Peter Hallett will talk about the "Power of Prayer"

18th October @ 2.00pm at 19 Old Station Gardens

Mary Dowrick, Diocesan MU President, will talk on her visit to Mozambique.

(There will be a Bring & Buy Stall in aid of the MU Relief Fund)

15th November @ 2.30pm in the Vicarage

Sponsored Knit for the Children's Society

20th December @ 10.30 am in the Vicarage

Christmas Communion

(Please note varying times of the gatherings)



Cameo

Programme of Events - 2006

All meetings take place in the Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm

Contact: Ann Frost 363340



6th September - Turkoman Costume & Jewellery: A display and talk by David Hawkes MBE JP

4th October - Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - Slides and a talk on the work of the Ambulance

1st November - Cycling in Israel : Views from the Saddle - Slides and talk by Eric Watson

6th December - Auctioneering - rules and regulations. A talk and quiz by Richard Bromhall
Followed by a Fish & Chip Supper

ST NICHOLAS SINGERS

This is a flexible music group that absorbs all kinds of musical talent and varying levels of ability. The group includes singers and instrumentalists. Although we primarily perform at the major church festivals of Christmas, Easter and Harvest, we do our own additional concerts as well.



We are available to sing at local weddings and we always welcome any new members.

Although the group is primarily female we do have several males within the group and it is not essential to be able to read music.

Come and give us a try!!!!

HENSTRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1911

120 CLUB

The 120 club, started in 1979 is 27 years old this year. Subscriptions of £2.00 per person per month are collected by an appointed agent, either monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly.

A monthly draw has the following prizes

1st	£50.00
2nd	£20.00
3rd	£12.00
4th	£7.00

Extra draws prizes are	June 1st	£125.00	December 1st	£125.00
	2nd	£75.00	2nd	£75.00
	3rd	£50.00	3rd	£50.00
	4th	£20.00	4th	£20.00
	5th	£12.00	5th	£12.00
	6th	£7.00	6th	£7.00

Maximum number of members is 120. Number of members at present is 120

Results of draw are published in the Blackmore Vale Magazine and on the Football Club Notice Board outside the "Bird in Hand".

Anyone interested in joining the waiting list please contact Peter Jackson 01963 363460.

The Club would like to thank the Royal Bank of Scotland for a Community Cashback Award of £250.00. This was due our previous Treasurer, Mr Steve Penny, who is a member of staff with this bank.

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 22nd July, Henstridge United Football Club held its Annual boys' six-a-side Tournament at St Nicholas School. An under 13years and under 14years competition took place. 16 teams took part. A team from Warminster won the under 13 title and Henstridge won the under 14 title.

The event has been held for 34 years and still has a very strong following.

Les Jales (Chairman) 364563

Graham Parsons (Secretary) 362072

Dee Jales (Treasurer) 364563



Tradecraft – producers of Fair Trade Goods



Nancy Mauger writes:-

The producers are paid a fair price for their work and are supported by Traidcraft when prices fall, such as with tea and coffee at the present time.

Traidcraft deal direct with the producers, cutting out the “middle man”, who pay the lowest prices possible and often do not pay the wages for months. A tea picker (that is picking every leaf by hand) may earn only 34p per day.

Yes, some of the Fair Trade prices may be a few pence more than the ones for the same article in the Super Market, but those few extra pence enables the overseas producers to feed their families, send their children to school and pay for medical treatment (no state pensions or NHS in these countries!)

FairTrade is supported by the WI, Mothers' Union and many other organisations and a number of supermarkets are now selling F.T. goods too, some charging more and a few items are less, and, of course, many churches (including St Nicholas) have a stall.

Please help to 'Make Poverty History'.

Thank you on their behalf.

(NB Tradecraft will replace or give a refund for any goods found unsatisfactory – please keep the product.)

Henstridge Brownies

Henstridge Brownies enjoyed a varied programme during the summer ending with strawberries and cream in Bowden. They polished the brass in the church until they could see their faces in it. We look forward to starting again on Monday September 11 6pm in St Nicholas school hall. Any girl living in the area aged 7-10 is welcome to join us. We really need new members as older girls are now able to move on to Guides in Templecombe.

Please ring Brown Owl - Jane Jeanes 01963370769 for more details.



Service times at St Nicholas, Henstridge

With the creation of the new Benefice which groups together Abbas & Templecombe, Henstridge and Horsington, changes have had to be made to the regular times of services at St Nicholas. The normal times of the services will now be as follows. These will, however, be varied for major festivals such as Easter and Christmas and at other times such as for the Remembrance Day services. More details of the services for the current months are displayed on the Church Noticeboard.

1st Sunday of each month

8 am Holy Communion

11 am All Age Worship

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday of each month

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

2nd Sunday of each month

9.30 am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of Each Month

11 am Holy Communion

When there are five Sundays in a month, There will be a combined Benefice service in one of the three churches on the 5th Sunday. Details will be on the Church Noticeboard.

Owing to the recent organisational changes, it has not yet been possible to fix the dates of the various Christmas services for this year. It is likely that they will take place as follows, and Parishioners may like to note these dates in their diaries. Nearer the time, however, the dates should be checked with those which will be posted on the Church Noticeboard.

The provisional dates are:-

Christingle Service: 3 December @ 4.30pm

Carol Service: 17 December @ 6.30pm

Crib Service: Christmas Eve @ 4pm

First Communion of Christmas: Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Christmas Morning Family Communion @ 11am

Autumn Clean of Church

On Saturday 9th September we shall be holding our usual Autumn Clean of the Church. If you can spare half an hour or more during the day to give a hand, between 10 am & 5 pm, we shall welcome you.



Taekwondo

WELL DONE TO ALL

The instructors of Accolade Taekwondo Tracy and Robin Sleight would like to congratulate their students and let them know how proud they were of the High Standard of Achievement attained at the recent Grading which took place on the first of July. Six students double graded and two students Treble graded.

The Fourth Dan examiner from Poole who carried out the Grading Mr N.Patterson was so impressed with the very high standard achieved by all and is looking forward to following their continued improvement at the next Grading.



This is our 11th year.

You are invited to participate in the event by attending a coffee morning at Templecombe Recreation and Sports Club in Vine Street Templecombe from 10.15 to 12 noon on Friday 29th September.

Please come and support. There will be a raffle, Bring & Buy Stall, Cakes and Miscellaneous Competitions.

Contributions for any of the stalls or donations will be gratefully received.

Contacts are:-

In Yenston – Nancy Mauger 370535

In Henstridge – Mary Dyer 362406

In Templecombe – Brenda Blackman 370916

There will also be a coffee morning on the same day in Henstridge. This will be at the home of Mrs Gill Holt, 'Framptons', High Street from 10.30 to 12.30, where there will also be a raffle, bric-a-bac and cakes for sale.

The contact is Mrs Gill Holt 363614



Explorers Playgroup.

We have had a very busy and exciting term. A trip to the Weymouth Sealife Centre, subsidised by Sure Start, was enjoyed by all the children as was a Community Arts funded outing to the Pot Doodles Ceramics Cafe in Yeovil. The children loved both experiences and learned a lot about the aquatic world and making and glazing ceramics. They each came home from Pot Doodles with an object they

had designed (plate, mug, bowl or tiles).

The children were also given an insight into nature, looking at the life cycle of tadpoles, releasing the resulting frogs in a local pond. We have enjoyed joint ventures with the school, running a cake stall at the very popular school fete, with the childrens' cakes selling well.

Explorers continues to thrive with children receiving excellent playgroup education, making friends and having fun as well as learning. Seven children left this term to move up to primary school. To say goodbye a teddy bears picnic was held on the school field where we ate delicious food, sandwiches and fruit kebabs, made by the children and the leavers were presented with mementos of their time at Explorers.

Prospects for the future are very exciting having secured a £5000 Local Network Fund grant, awarded to fund the construction of an extensive all weather outdoor play area and equipment. This will allow the children to play, exercise and learn outdoors throughout the year, something that we haven't been able to do until now.

We are very lucky to have Explorers Playgroup in Henstridge, a registered charity and not for profit organization, managed by a committee of parent volunteers, offering a high quality learning environment, run by dedicated, qualified and experienced staff. The Committee works very hard to continually raise funds through various grant bodies and small-scale activities such as cake sales etc. However, we are always seeking to strengthen our committee and would love to hear from anyone with experience of fund raising or finance who may have some time to spare to assist in our aims. If interested please contact Mrs Claudia Stokes on 01963 363 600.

Explorers is based at St Nicholas Primary School and is open Mondays to Fridays from 9.00am-12.00pm during term time. There are a limited number of spaces available for the autumn term for children aged two and a half to five. Charges are reasonable and children aged three and above are eligible for an education grant from the term after their third birthday. To find out more about Explorers, or to arrange to come and visit us, please contact the supervisor Mrs Anna Swinburn, on 07792 240804 or 01963 363228.



News from the Diocese of Bath & Wells



2006 marks the 800th anniversary of the building of the Bishop's Palace at Wells, This is being marked by a special Festival between 10 and 17 September 2006. Included are a lecture by Dr Philip Starkey, the TV historian, on Tuesday 12 September and an Acker Bilk concert on Friday 15 September.

2006 is also the 450th anniversary of Archbishop's death by burning under the reign of Queen Mary. Archbishop Cranmer is loved and remembered by Anglicans today as the author of what eventually became the Book of Common Prayer. But he is also regarded by many as a martyr for his willingness to die for his beliefs. On 18 October 2006 the Bath and Wells branch of the Prayer Book Society is holding a one day commemoration of Cranmer's death, starting with an afternoon session (lecture, entertainment and tea) in the Bishop's Palace, followed by Choral Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15 pm.

Wells Cathedral are running a series of 5 Theology Lectures on Tuesday evenings between 19 September and 17 October 2006 to be held in Wells Cathedral Nave. It is not necessary to attend all the lectures, which are free.

Details on all the above events (including admission prices) are available from Michael Smith on 363226.



This is a voluntary scheme intended for use by anyone who may feel vulnerable while living at home.

The scheme provides the emergency services with vital details of any illness or allergy, and who to contact should they be called to your home in the event of sudden illness or an accident.

The scheme works by you recording your details in a plastic container, which is kept in your fridge.

Two small stickers, known to the emergency services and other caring agencies are then attached within your home, one to the outside of the fridge door, and the other to the inside of the front or main entrance door to your home.

The scheme is sponsored by the Blackmore Lions and free.

It might save your life!

Bottles etc can be obtained from Ann Frost on 01 963 363 340.

Just give her a ring and she will deliver it to you personally.

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Normal arrangements for regular meetings in Henstridge

Always confirm with the contact listed on inside cover that a meeting on a particular date is taking place

Bell Ringers	Each Tuesday	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Church
Brownies	Each Monday	6 pm	St Nicholas School
CAMEO	1st Wednesday in each month	7.45 pm	Village Hall
Drawing & Painting	Each Monday	10 am	Village Hall
Line dancing	Each Thursday	7.45 pm	Village Hall
Mothers' Union	3rd Wednesday in each month	2.30 pm	Village Hall
Revellers Carnival Bingo	1st Friday in each month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
St Nicholas Singers	Each Monday	8 pm	St Nicholas Church
TaeKwonDo	Each Tuesday	6 pm	Village Hall
Women's Institute	3rd Tuesday in each month	7.30 pm	School Hall

Dates of Parish Council & Planning Committee meetings are displayed on the Village Notice Board