



HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH MAGAZINE

October 2015



Autumn comes to Ibthorpe



ST PETER'S CHURCH

SPIRE APPEAL

UPDATE

WELL DONE TO THE PARISH OF HURSTBOURNE TARRANT!

The original Spire Appeal target to raise £20,000 from local fundraising has now been achieved, thanks to the unstinting generosity of so many parishioners. Support has not been limited to the parish; from further afield a number of donations have been received from former residents and from others in memory of family or friends who lived in the village.

The first 50% of our grant from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund has been received, with £10,000 deposited in our bank account.

As previously reported, the budget for the project has already exceeded the original £40,000 due to the need for bat protection measures. The final cost will not be known until work starts, as further unbudgeted costs may arise relating to the bat protection measures and/or a need for structural repairs which may be revealed when the old shingles are stripped off.

By the time this magazine is published scaffolding will have been erected round the tower and spire.

Natural England will shortly issue the necessary Bat Low Impact Class Licence. Various steps will be taken to mitigate disturbance to the temporary roost, including the provision of a bat box.

Re-shingling of the spire will start at the beginning of October. Subject to adverse weather or unexpected structural repairs, the work is expected to be completed early in November.

The Spire Appeal Team give grateful thanks to all for their overwhelming support for this project.

Michael Bateman

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HURSTBOURNE TARRANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“35 Years in the Hampshire Police”

Our police force is based on the premise that every citizen is responsible for law & order, and a police officer is only a citizen who is paid to do the job. The principle was expressed by Sir Robert Peel in 1829; *“the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence”*.

This was the starting point of the September talk given by Jack Taylor, a resident of Andover who spent 35 years as a police officer in Hampshire. Since retiring as a Chief Inspector he has served as a member of Test Valley Borough Council and as Mayor in 2001-02. His talk began with the origins of law enforcement in Saxon times, when the country was split into tithings (a group of ten families) and King Alfred commanded that every Tithingman (Head of the Tithing) was responsible for “raising hue & cry” whenever a crime was committed. If they failed to catch the culprit then every man in the Tithing was fined.

The Normans kept some of the Saxon ways but required Earls to take responsibility for Counties; the Earls then appointed a Reeve for each Shire. Reeves had been law officers since Saxon times but now became tax collectors. It is from “Shire Reeve” that the present office of Sheriff, is named.

In the reign of Edward I the 1285 Statute of Winchester defined the King’s Peace, with much of the old system retained and Town Watchmen appointed. In later times there were Parish Constables, usually well off men who employed others to do the job. In the 18th century the Bow Street Foot & Horse Patrol (the Bow Street Runners) were formed.

Law and Order was often the job of the militia or regular army. In 1800 militia were called out to suppress a “violent, unlawful and tumultuous assembly” in Alresford. However use of militia was not always a satisfactory way to maintain law and order. In the 1819 Peterloo Massacre, cavalry charged a crowd in St Peter’s Field, Manchester, leaving eleven people killed and over 400 wounded. After the Napoleonic Wars returning unemployed soldiers were not looked after and there was fear and disorder among the population. This was enough to overcome the fear of a permanent paid police force (it had been feared such a force would take over the country) and in 1829 Sir Robert Peel’s Metropolitan Police Bill received Parliamentary approval.

In 1839 an Act was passed allowing Counties to form police forces, Hampshire and Essex being the first, with Hampshire recruiting officers in January 1840.

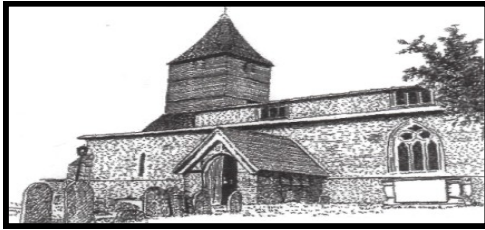
Following this history of the origins of policing, Jack Taylor regaled his audience with a most entertaining description of the many and varied experiences during his long service in the Hampshire Constabulary. Among the numerous amusing anecdotes were a selection of hilarious answers given by candidates in promotion examination papers.

Next Meeting
Tuesday 13th October: 7.45pm
at the Royal British Legion
“Magna Carta” by Dr Alex Armstrong.

Dr Armstrong is a retired GP who developed an interest in Magna Carta when he became a guide at Salisbury Cathedral, where one of the original 1215 manuscripts is proudly displayed in the Chapter House. Salisbury’s Magna Carta has often been described as “the best preserved” or “the most beautifully written” of the surviving four 1215 Magna Carta. It is the only one written in a script known as ‘Book Hand’, used when creating books, and thanks to the stable ink used the text is clearly legible.

For further information please contact Andy Watson (Chairman) 01264 736459 or andrew.w.watson@btinternet.com

Michael Bateman



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AND CHURCH CLEANING

Will it never end! Not for a couple of month yet. On **SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER** we meet to tidy up the churchyard. knowing that next month all we need to do before a short break, is clear up the leaves. As usual we meet at 9.30 am. work on until a welcome coffee break appears

If you are not free on this date perhaps you would feel like working on your own at some other day. Feel free. All help is more than welcome. Just let us know.

Working Party Co-ordinators: Paul Symes tel. 01264 736 510
Nick Willis tel 01264 736 735

CHURCH CLEANING

Our post-Harvest church clean is due this month so do come and join us on **Saturday October 17th** from 9.30 onwards and enjoy the company and the coffee. Polish and coffee provided. Further details from Viv South (735287)

HOUSEGROUP

The Housegroup will meet on **Wednesday 7th October** at 2.30 at Woodlands, Locks Drove to share ideas and discuss topics of current concern.

More information from Richard or Viv South 735287.

A REMINDER

The Farewell Service for Michael Harley
Archdeacon of Winchester will be held on
Sunday 8th November
at Winchester Cathedral
during Evensong at 3.30 pm.

GOSPEL HALL VERNHAM DEAN OCTOBER

Sunday 13th	10.30 am	Camp Service at Linkenholt Camp Site
Sunday 27th	10.30 am	Family Service
TUESDAYS	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting (phone for venue)
FRIDAYS	6.00 pm	Friday Club starting 4th Sept. with a tractor ride

For full details ring 01264 736 514/631

NOTICE OF FIREWORKS PARTIES

The parish council would like to receive notification from any resident that is planning to hold an outdoor fireworks party on any night other than 5th November.

Purpose of this request is to be able inform farmers and give them the opportunity to move livestock to a safer location.

Please send details of the date, location and timing of the event to the parish clerk.

thank you

David Baker, Clerk to the PCC Tel. 01264 736 436 : e-mail: theparishclerk@hbt.org.uk

THE PRINCE'S COUNTRYSIDE FUND opened on 7 September and is now receiving applications for grants up to £50,000 over 3 years for projects tackling one of their three key issues.

1. Thriving Rural Communities: projects that provide innovative solutions to deliver assets and services that keep rural communities together and develop a more sustainable rural economy i.e. empowering communities to provide village services or create business hubs and employment for local people.

2. Rural Livelihoods : projects that focus on developing stronger, more sustainable farm and rural enterprises with the aim of halting the decline of the rural economy i.e. providing rural businesses with support and advice or supporting farmer led initiatives.

3. Farmers of the Future: projects that help improve skills and increase opportunities of taking up rural careers, in particular in farming, with the aim of remaining within and contributing to the rural economy i.e. training opportunities and apprenticeship schemes, inspiring and enabling new entrants to consider a career in farming.

Applications close on **8 October**, at 5pm. For much more information and how to apply, visit the Prince's Countryside Fund website.



31st October: Halloweven or Hallow'een, the vigil of Hallowness or All Saints Day.

"It is thought to be a night when witches, devils and other mischief-making beings are all abroad on their baneful, midnight errands; particularly those aerial people, the fairies are said on that night to hold a grand anniversary."

Ettrick Shepherd.

John Watson Hogg known as The Ettrick Shepherd, (1777-1835) was born on a farm in Selkirk shire and worked as a shepherd until he established himself as a successful writer. He had little formal education and shrewdly promoted himself as 'nature's genius' His remarkable work was probably "The Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner." a terrifying novel which still influences contemporary Scottish writers.

NOTES OF HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE HURSTBOURNE TARRANT COMMUNITY CENTRE 21th SEPTEMBER 2015

Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSW) report

Rupert Conder presented the July report on road safety.

We held two sessions this month of 40 and 30 minutes as a result of which the details of 12 vehicles infringing the speed limit by more than 5 mph have been passed to the police. We have also held one monitoring period when we don't take numbers. Most drivers slow down when the Speed Indicator Device is set up, but we need a frequent and continuing effort to establish that, if you drive through Hurstbourne Tarrant, you will "come to the attention of the police"!

Mr Conder felt that a more effective method may be to have a Speed Indicator Device permanently displayed, which is the method being considered by St Mary Bourne as the effort and enthusiasm is difficult to maintain. . A permanent display would remind drivers to keep to the limit, but it would also allow a team to record vehicle details of those vehicles whose drivers are breaking the law to be passed to the police from time to time.

Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre (HTCC) report

Susie Hoare presented a summary of the HTCC September report to the meeting.

It was agreed that HTCC would provide a report on a quarterly timescale to the parish council. The next report would be presented in December.

Cllr Mark Betteridge was asked to act as the parish council's link with the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

Correspondence

The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor. The following items were discussed and actions agreed:

- North Wessex Downs AONB were still looking for parish council representatives. Cllr Jamie Williams was considering the position;

- The clerk asked was any parish councillor available to attend HALC AGM meeting on Saturday 10th October 9.00-1.00 pm Sparsholt College.

- Details of the Princes Fund proving grants up to £50k over 3 years to support projects in three areas of Thriving Rural Communities, Rural Livelihoods and Farmers of the Future had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed to place the information in the next parish magazine.

Councillors' reports:

Councillor David Sullivan presented Mark Thomas's footpath and environment written report. Cllr Sullivan asked Cllr Louisa Russell if she would consider becoming Hurstbourne Tarrant's Village Agent. The Clerk was asked to supply details to Cllr Russell. Cllr Sullivan reported that the Rivers Catchment Authority had been investigating the river Swift to understand how best to minimise silt entering the watercourse.

Clerk's report:

The external auditor's report was reviewed by the clerk. Councillors noted that the external audit had been completed satisfactorily. The external auditor had issued no comments or recommendations to the parish council. Councillors resolved that the Annual Return had been approved and accepted by the parish council.

Allotment plot 5 which was being release at the end of the year had been allocated and accepted by the first resident on the waiting list.

Annual review of insurance policy

David Baker presented details covering the renewal premium for the parish council's insurance policy due on 29th September 2015. Councillors agreed to accept the level of cover as specified in the renewal documentation for 2015/16. Councillors approved the renewal of the insurance policy at an annual premium of £708.26.

Providing notice of firework parties.

The clerk requested permission to place the annual advertisement in the parish magazine asking that all firework parties planned within the parish should be notified to the parish council. This would allow for local farm owners to move livestock to safe locations where necessary. Councillors agreed the request.



HbT Community Centre News

Bookings continue to come in apace – not only for this year, but also for events and regular activities in 2016 **and** 2017! In addition to the kinds of activities and events we have outlined in previous updates, Parent and Toddlers Group sessions will soon be taking place in the hall every Friday morning (with effect from 6th November this year). For further information, look out for flyers on village notice boards, or contact Tracey Golding (traceygolding118@btinternet.com).

Progress is being made on developing a new village web site, including online booking services for the Community Centre, but in the meantime, you can find up-to-date information about the centre as well as details of hire charges, terms of hire, handy hints for users - and much more - on the 'Stop Press' page of the existing site. Just go to www.hbt.org.uk and click on the 'Community Centre' link.

Behind the scenes we continue to streamline all of the operational aspects of the centre. Also, since our last update on progress with kitting out the hall, we have installed a 'community notice board' in the lobby area. Although the notice board is primarily for information relating to the Community Centre, we would be very happy (subject to availability of space) to include information about more general village / parish related events and activities on the board. Do get in touch with Susie Hoare (susie.hoare@virgin.net) if you would like to follow up on this opportunity.

Moving to the outside of the Community Centre, you may have noticed that the Birch and Acer trees are flourishing (thank you again to those who so generously donated these), the various grasses are growing taller and 'plumping out' (forgive the non-technical terms here!); and also that the wild flower grass seed planted along the back of the site has started to spring into life – with poppies, cornflowers, oxide daisies and many other wild flowers already emerging. Of course, the other thing that is emerging is 'weeds' or to put it another way, plants that were not included in our landscaping scheme! If you feel you could help with a little light weeding every now and then (perhaps every two or three months) it would be wonderful. We would supply garden waste bags and coffee, if you could bring your own trowels and forks. If you can help, please contact Susie Hoare (T. 01264 736 353 or email susie.hoare@virgin.net) who will happily show you what is and what is not supposed to be growing on the site!

... And the September 2015 100 Club draw results are:

1 st Prize		2 nd Prize		3 rd Prize	
No.	Winner	No.	Winner	No.	Winner
77	Mark Tooms	37	Tim Smith	71	Jenny Betteridge

If you have not already done so, why not join the 100 Club? Tickets cost £12 each per year and are entered into a monthly draw, with three prizes being drawn at the end of each month. The value of the prizes will depend on the number of members, but will total half the income for that month with the balance going towards your community centre. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Nash (01264 736 530 or email: Ann.Nash8@btinternet.com) or download an application form from the village web site - <http://www.hbt.org.uk/100Club.htm>.

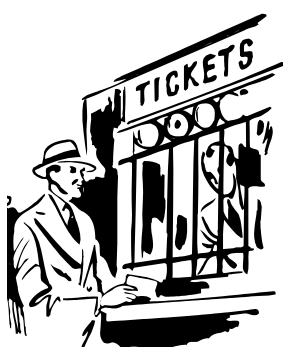
SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN!



Not content with having won two gold medals in Scotland last August, in September off Holly Mills sprinted to the U.K. National Championships at Bedford and was crowned double gold national champion for long jump and sprint hurdles.

Now we must congratulate her on having been awarded a five year sponsorship of £500,000 by a Newbury based firm BDZ Holdings. This award will help her to achieve her goal of reaching the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 Watch this space!!

A full report of Holly's achievement appears in the Andover Advertiser of 18th September, 2015



FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD:

Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, *FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD* set in Victorian England,

Is the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan), who attracts three very

different suitors:

Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts), a sheep farmer, captivated by her fetching wilfulness; Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge), a handsome and reckless Sergeant;

and William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), a prosperous and mature bachelor. This timeless story of Bathsheba's choices and passions explores the nature of

relationships and love – as well as the human ability to overcome hardships through resilience and perseverance.

Showing at the Village Hall Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm, Doors/Bar Open at 7.00pm



CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

We now have ten rescue pens each of which can accommodate up to three cats from the same household or a family of

mother and kittens. Of course, the more cats we take in the more money we need to raise. Adrienne, who has been organising our fund raising for many years has decided to step down. We offer her many thanks for all her hard work. She will be difficult to replace but we will do our utmost to continue as usual. The three weeks we spent in the Whitchurch shop were very successful and we raised £2961, a record so far. If you would like to help with the shop and other fund raising events in 2016 please contact us.

01256 892019 or andovercats.org.uk

THE POST OFFICE

As from **21st September** you will find the Post Office at Clayton Country Cars Ltd. The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant.

Opening hours

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

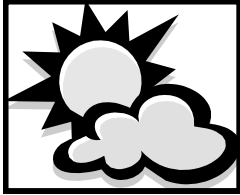
6.30 am—8.00 pm.

SUNDAY

8.00 am—7.00 pm

Services: Mails: Cash Withdrawals; Travel money; Telecoms.

Juergen and Jean Simonson are now
settled at
33, Barnhill Court,
Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6FG
and their telephone number is
01454 603269



HURSTBOURNE TARRANT RAINFALL

Although many newspapers declared that August was the wettest on record it definitely wasn't here at Hurstbourne Tarrant, but the rainfall total of 107.9 mm.(4.25 ins.) was the highest monthly amount recorded so far this year.

There have been higher recorded totals for the month in the past, notably during 1977, when 144.6 mm.(5.70 ins.) was measured, while interestingly, over the last five years August has been witness to rainfall totals in excess of 100 mm.(4.0 ins.) on no less than three occasions. Last year the August rainfall amounted to 110.6 mm.(4.36 ins.), slightly more than this year's figure, and certainly for both of these totals it was above the average of 61.7 mm.(2.43 ins.).

Over a three day period during August, namely the 24th; 25th; and 26th; 48.5 mm.(1.91 ins.) of rainfall was recorded, over three quarters of the expected rainfall for the month, with the 25th. producing the highest daily figure during August, as 22.8 mm.(0.90 ins.) deposited itself. Other wet days were the 19th; with 13.9 mm.(0.55 ins.), and the 13th. and 24th; both of whom registered 13.6 mm.(0.54 ins.).

Weather lore. There is an old saying that October brings 21 fine days, this is due in part that sometimes October is dominated by high pressure, which tends to settle the weather and produce many pleasant days, so perhaps after a disappointing August, October may have an "Indian Summer", although a warm October is said to herald a cold February.

Another lore predicting the type of winter to expect is: "*If in October the leaves still hold, the coming winter will be cold.*"

Another weather lore trying to predict the winter is this one: "*When owls hunt in daylight, expect a hard winter.*" However, this lore is slightly more optimistic for dry conditions: "*When dew is on the grass, rain will never come to pass.*"

Trevor Wheeler.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Examining the old written Andover County Magistrates records for the period of 1830 to 1850 one finds that the residents of the parish were a fairly law abiding group of citizens for there are few cases to be found over the 20 years, However, there was the case against Jane Lawes of Hurstbourne Tarrant for damaging underwood. She appeared before H.B. Coles and the Revs. C.W. Dodson and Thomas Best on 17th October 1849, and admitted the offence PC Joseph Hibberd said that on 10th October he was on duty as a police constable when he saw the defendant in a wood at Hurstbourne Tarrant, called Hustbourne Hangings, with another woman. "I saw her cut some green wood, part of which I produce to the court. She had a bill hook with her. I was watching in a tree. She had a bundle of wood and the stick I produce was the one she used to carry the hitch upon. The wood belongs to Mr Thomas Miles. They left the wood and I followed them and took the wood away from them. I asked them where they had the hook and they denied having one. I found the hook in defendant's pocket. Defendant refused to give me her name. Damage done was about three pence."

Lawes was ordered to pay the damage of three pence plus 5/- court costs and 2/6d police costs, a total of 7/9d or 14 days imprisonment with hard labour. She had no money or goods and was committed to prison.

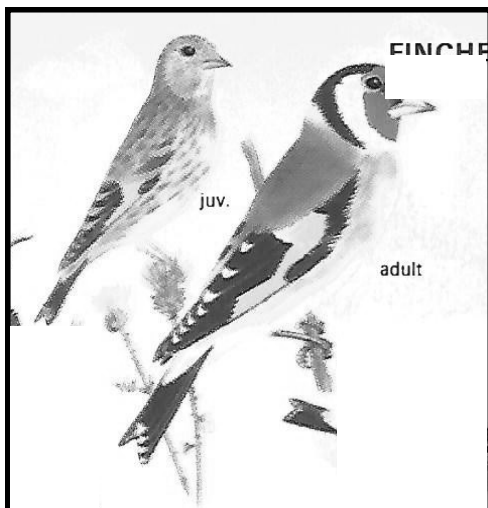
OCTOBER BIRDING AROUND THE HURSTBOURNE TARRANT AREA

The second week of September saw a marked change in the weather, a change in our birdlife and the beginning of the autumn season. In that week the final broods of house martins fledged and departed quickly for Africa and there was a significant influx of goldfinches (including many juveniles) and siskins around the village. It is unusual to get that large a number of goldfinches and siskins around the village at this early stage in the autumn, so it means either a very good breeding season and a now decline in the local seed crop, or migration from birds further north or abroad.

Given the above, keep a watch in the fields and hedges for October flocks of greenfinches, goldfinches, linnets and yellowhammers. In the woods close observation of the bird flocks can be very rewarding, especially regarding the number and species in each flock. Mixed woodlands of oak, ash, hornbeam and cherry are the best places to seek them out, or along mature hedgerow margins, while pure beech woods are less productive. On discovering a woodland bird flock notice the number and diversity of the birds and how each species feeds. Initially you might notice the tit species: blue tits, great tits, coal tits, the constant communal twittering of long tail tits and even the odd marsh tit (the similar willow tit rarely joins tit flocks as they are bullied by the rest of the tit nation). Within the flock there will be others, first the chaffinches with their chinking calls, then nuthatches, treecreepers and woodpeckers (probably the large black and white great spotted woodpecker or possibly the rarer sparrow sized lesser spotted woodpecker in the uppermost branches). The birds move forward through the wood in a broad circuit and in a conveyor belt of continually moving individuals, each species investigating its preferred niche for food; those hidden aphids, grubs in rotten wood, seeds and nuts. Finally there will be the goldcrests and possibly the rarer firecrest. The goldcrest is Britain's smallest native bird and is pale green above and off white below, but with a distinctive striped crown to the slate grey head. The males have a central orange stripe bounded by black side stripes, while the females have a central yellow stripe. They have a high pitched, reedy call which they give as they move through the branches and sometimes stopping to hover to investigate a crack in the bark for a tasty morsel. Quite a few may be in the combined flock as they come and go from view, but careful observation may also reveal its less common cousin, the firecrest!. The same size and general appearance of the goldcrest, the firecrest is the flashier cousin. Once a migration rarity in Britain, it now breeds regularly in parts of Hampshire (200-300 pairs) and is distinguished from the goldcrest by having broader head stripes (a red crown in the male), but also an additional black eye stripe through the eye with white feathers above and below it. Their main home area is the New Forest, but with winter dispersal they can just about turn up anywhere! So keep those eyes peeled! Finally, with the end of October we can expect the early arrival of our 2 wintering thrush species, the fieldfare and the redwing. Look out for them stripping late winter fruits in the hedgerows, before the larger fieldfares migrate and start feeding on worms and grubs on open pastures.

Dave Ellis Thatchers Cottage Hurstbourne Tarrant

FINCHES



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THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

We would just like to thank you to all our customers on our last day of service here at Hurstbourne Tarrant Post Office. It's been a wonderful experience in our life, our little daughter was born in this village, our son spent a wonderful three and a half years time in the Hurstbourne Tarrant Church School.

We will never forget this beautiful experience, we met so many nice people in our post office, who supported us in our good times and bad times.

We just want to say thank you to everyone from the bottom of our heart and goodbye.

Saiful and Shamima

SOCIAL CLUB PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER

Thursday 1st October the Club will be holding its AGM followed by a chat and Jo will be visiting with her greetings cards

15th October—the Club is out to lunch

And **29th October** programme has yet to be arranged.

Do ring Brenda Michie 736 424 or Trish Andrews 736 227 for more information

DIARY DATES

October

- 1st 2.30 pm Social Club (see above)
- 13th 7.45 pm HbT Historical Society (see page 9)
- 15th Social Club (see above)
- 17th 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party (see page 3)
- 17th 9.30 am Church Cleaning (see page 3)
- 17th Safari Supper (see page 16)
- 19th 7.30 pm Parish Council (see pages 23/24)
- 21st 7.00 pm Bourne Valley Movie Club (see page 17)

DEADLINE FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for all
articles will now be

6 PM ON THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

There is no guarantee that anything arriving after that time will be published no matter how important, unless the delay has been discussed in advance.

'I forgot' and 'I was busy' won't wash!

A plea! - Could I ask you to please have your contributions delivered by 6 pm on the 20th of each month at the latest. This will let me make a start on compiling the magazine and also get to bed at a reasonable hour!. Ed.

SERVICE ROTA FOR OCTOBER 2015

Sunday 4th October - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22) (green)

10.00am Hurstbourne Tarrant Family Worship & SSF HC Revd. Sue Hobbins
10.00am Vernham Dean Matins

Sunday 11th October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23) (green)

8.30am Hurstbourne Tarrant BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Vernham Dean **HARVEST FESTIVAL** n.b.
Monday 12th Vernham Dean **Harvest Supper**

Sunday 18th October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24) (green)

10.00am Hurstbourne Tarrant CW Sung Eucharist
10.00am Vernham Dean Morning Praise
6.00pm Linkenholt Evensong & Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October – The Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25) (green)

8.30am Vernham Dean BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Hurstbourne Tarrant CW Benefice Communion

Sunday 1st November – ALL SAINTS DAY John 11.32-44 (white)

10.00am Hurstbourne Tarrant Family Worship & SSF HC & Holy Baptisms
10.00am Vernham Dean Matins & HC (RS)
