

( Editor – John McKenzie 772788)

## Dates for your Diary

Sat 10 Sept Ride & Stride ( see para. )  
Sat 10 Sept The Rookies at THE GEORGE.  
Sun 11 Sept **Flower etc. Show** ( see para.)  
Mon 12 Sept Dance Zone, Hall, (see para.)  
Wed 14 Sept. BASS INSTINCT, Hall, ( para.)  
Thur 15 Sept Camera Club, Hall, ( see para.)  
Wed 21 Sept W.I. in Hall ( see para.)  
Thur 22 Sept Art Group in Hall ( see para.)  
Fri 23 – Sun 25 Sept Wallop Artists' exhibition in  
Wallop Parish Hall. ( see para.)  
Wed 28 Sept Gardening Club ( see para.)  
Fri 30 Sept Coffee Morning at School ( para.)  
Fri 30 Sept Coffee Morning, Beech Close.(para)  
Sat 1 Oct Elvis McGonagall, Hall, (see para.)  
Wed.5 Oct Parish Council. Hall, 7.30 pm.  
Sat 8 Oct Service and Harvest Supper ( para.)  
Sat 15 Oct Circuit - club bike race day.

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This Saturday the RIDE & STRIDE annual event to raise funds for our ancient historic churches, including Thruxton, takes place. Known participants are Sue and Martin King (2872) , Amanda Williams's Peter and Sophie,( 2270 ) , Christine Barrett (2904) and yours truly John McKenzie ( 2788). All would appreciate a bit of sponsorship, which can take the form of a set amount, or the challenge of so-much- per-church. This can also be gift-aided to enhance the value. Sponsorship can be *retrospective too*. Thank you

**And the Show on Sunday,** John Davis says "By the time you read this you may be just in time to enter late items for the FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. Ring John Davis at 8 Lambourne Way (772711) straight away. Last year we had over 200 entries Let's see if we can exceed that number this year"

## HALL: NEW ACTIVITIES.

**DANCE ZONE.** Ballroom and Latin dance classes in the Hall on Monday evenings from 4.30 to 9.30pm. Children's and Adult classes. First classes start on Mon.12<sup>th</sup> Sept.

For full details contact Alex Hixson on 07917 292824

**and** CAMERA CLUB will have started on Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept , a weekly event, so the next one will be on Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. In the Hall from 7.30-10pm. Contact for details Janet Mitchell 771143.

**Hall Trustees** ( from Jacquie White). The Hall is about to host two very different events that promise to be real treats, so why not come along. At 7.30pm on Wed.14 Sept there will be a rare opportunity to hear a professional string duo, **Bass Instinct** -with cellist Benjamin Birtie and

Matthew Baker on double bass - will be playing works from Haydn, Schubert, Rossini and more, as well as popular Brazilian music. Tickets cost £10 on the door, to include refreshments.

It will be the turn of **Elvis McGonnagall** ( who some of you may know from his stints on Radio 4's Saturday Live) on Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Billed on his own web-site as "stand-up poet, armchair revolutionary, and recumbent rocker" Elvis will bring his unique blend of words & humour to the village courtesy of a subsidy from *Hog the Limelight* (the County Council's rural touring arts scheme).

Doors and wine bar open 7pm. "**One Man and his Doggerel**" starts at 7.30pm followed by a curry supper prepared by the **Pink Olive Restaurant in Weyhill**. All this for £15 per head !!

Did you know ? that every time you top up your oil tank you can give a cash boost to the Hall. Just ring Wessex Petroleum, 0800 980 6172, and quote **D2 or 777** when you place your order. They will automatically donate 1/2 p per litre to the Hall funds.

**W.I report** We did not have a meeting in August as it was our "summer holiday". However we meet again on Sept 21, when our speaker will be Mr. Page, the ex-Mayor who will talk about his year in office or receiving his MBE The competition colour is **orange**. I would also like to say that our President and our Treasurer will be standing down at the end of the year, and unless we can find people to stand **Thruxton W.I. will cease to exist**. So please, if you are interested come to the meeting and find out more. We have been going for 90 years and it will be a shame to see it go. To commemorate our **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** we were able to get a grant for publishing, and, as a group, compiled a cookbook which was sold to raise money to put two benches on the Village Green. On Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> August these were handed over to the village by our President, Pauline Howarth, and received by Charles Milner Williams. Most of our W.I. came to witness the event and enjoy a little champagne and a few nibbles. We would like to thank Graham Knight who put the benches together, and to John Howarth for taking photos which we hope will appear in the Andover Advertiser sometime soon. **Should anyone like more info. about joining the WI and becoming an Officer, please contact Claire Knight on 771803.**

SINGING GROUP ( an offspring of the W.I.) is in voice again after a short break. Next session is on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept ( it's fortnightly) *more voices are needed, the only criterion is a bit of enthusiasm*. We meet at the Hall ( Machin Room) at 2pm and the session lasts an hour.

Talk to Marion Windsor 7731832 for all the gen.