

# Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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This Newsletter is produced for Hilmarton Parish Council  
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Gardening Club - Bell Ringers  
- Preschool & Toddlers Group  
Goatacre Cricket Club - Smile  
- Knitti Natters—Breakfast  
Club

Beversbrook-Catcombe-Clevancy-Corton-Goatacre-Highway-Hilmarton-Littlecott-New Zealand-Rodwell-Witcomb

## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

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Cameo Thur. 4<sup>th</sup> June  
2pm-4pm Jill's House

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Bingo 5<sup>th</sup> June  
the Community Hall  
6:45 for 7pm

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Aussie Cricket  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Goatacre

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Phoenix 9<sup>th</sup> June  
The Community Hall  
7:30pm

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Moviola 20<sup>th</sup> June  
the Church Hall  
7:00 for 7:30pm

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Gardening Club  
23<sup>rd</sup> June  
the Church Hall  
7:00 for 7:30pm

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Contact a Councillor,  
read the minutes  
[www.hilmartonparish.co.uk](http://www.hilmartonparish.co.uk)

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space, private entries may  
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Hugh Bonneville  
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Nicole Kidman  
Julie Walters

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In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall  
Saturday 20 June at 7.30pm.  
Doors open 7.00 pm  
Tickets: £6.00

From:

- Birsemhor, Church Road, Hilmarton 760576 (next to hall)
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## GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB

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'What a fantastic annual scarecrow festival, we raised just over £3,500.00 for the local community. Thank you for your support - The Hilmarton Scarecrow Committee.'  
Answers and results are listed on our Facebook page.

#### Collection for the Lifeboats.

Thank you to the residents of Hilmarton and Goatacre for their generosity on the recent House to House collection in aid of the RNLI. Special thanks to our collectors.

The amount raised between the two villages was £181.41p. This amount is part of the Devizes House to House and Flag day and in all over £5,500 was collected. Thanks again. David Rhodes.

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## **HGC Garden Tips June 2015**

June is a wonderful month and the month when we begin to see plenty of bees in the gardens. Most gardeners are familiar with the role bees and other pollinators play in a healthy and productive garden but their importance touches our lives every day. Did you know that one out of every three bites of your food depends on a pollinator? We gardeners can help counter the decline in pollinator population. Come along and meet our guest speaker to find out more.

The summer solstice is the longest day so enjoy the long summer evenings but don't forget those all-important jobs to keep the garden looking good.

**Jobs to do this month** Remove weeds before they self seed and become a problem \* Plant out bedding plants and prepare hanging baskets now that the risk of frost has passed \* Plant out dahlias and provide support for tall varieties \* Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered whilst they establish \* It's not too late to sow seeds of annual plants \* Sow biennials for next year \* Pinch out the tips of **Fuchsias** and other basket plants to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers \* As soon as your sweet peas start to flower, keep picking them to encourage more blooms \* Dead-head your roses if they are repeat-flowering types \* Cut back oriental poppies after flowering. Cutting them ground level will stimulate new foliage \* Cut back bulb foliage as soon as it has died down naturally \* Stake tall or floppy perennial plants to prevent wind damage \* As new shoots grow, tie in and train climbing plants such as to their supports \* At the end of the month, cut back hardy geraniums to encourage new growth and more flowers.

**Hilmarton Gardening Club June Meeting - The plight of the bee - flowers to the rescue**  
**Our next garden club meeting is on Tuesday June 23rd. Our guest speaker will be Marina Christopher, another plants person with a difference. She runs her own nursery in Hampshire and is passionate about inviting wildlife to her nursery. Marina has a background in ecology and wildlife is her main consideration when selecting plants for her nursery. She shuns chemicals and is keen to promote all pollinators, not just bees but wasps, beetles and flies too.**

**Please come along and meet Marina.** For more information on the club call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312/07775505401 or email us at hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk

## **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY?**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO RUN OUR LOCAL?**

**Arkell's are looking for new tenants for the Duke Hotel in Hilmarton**

This is a fantastic opportunity to run your own business but with the support of a long established, well known and respected family brewery backing you.

Whether you are a couple, family or group of people looking to become the social hub of the community this is a business venture worth considering.

The timing is perfect to build on the potential the Duke has to offer; here are just a few of the benefits:

- Challenging, sociable and very rewarding career
- Being part of a rural community that wants you to succeed
- The MOD at Lyneham are soon to open their new Technical Training College and REME Museum Visitor Centre – New families moving to the area will be looking for a friendly local establishment that can provide great service and food with a welcoming smile.
- Already established bed and breakfast service
- Already established caravan site
- Huge potential for introducing complimentary services
- Very attractive tenant agreement

To find out more about Arkell's visit [www.arkells.com](http://www.arkells.com) and to discuss in more depth the business opportunity please contact [helen.ryan@arkells.com](mailto:helen.ryan@arkells.com)



**BINGO** Come along to your friendly Bingo game  
 All cash prizes and our popular raffle  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm  
 In the Community Room – Poynder Place  
 Our 'Snowball' is now £20!!!!  
 And the draw for the April Ten Score Club!

**CAMEO** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2pm to 4pm

33 Church Road, Hilmarton (Jill Holt's House)  
 Relax and chat – ALL WELCOME

**PHOENIX** We shall be holding a 'Family Photo Quiz' at the June meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Community Room. For more information please contact Ruth on 760205 or Tina on 822531.



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BOYS FROM COUNTY  
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PSG, SLOE TRAIN  
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 AND MORE.....

### TEN SCORE CLUB UPDATE

We have now 'sold' 102 of our 200 numbers, which gives a first prize of over £25.00 and seven smaller prizes.

If you would like a chance of winning, why not buy a number (or two).

Contact Mel Wilkins on 760572 for more details.

### BINGO

Last month the Snowball was won, together with the £10.00 full house, a lucky winner was handed £80.00.

Our monthly bingo evenings are very popular and well attended. Every Full House is now worth £10.00, this equates to a prize fund of £100 per month, so with 16 prizes to go for, there's a good chance of winning.

So far we have raised £950 for Church Funds.

The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park 1:30pm to 1:50pm Mon. 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June

### CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN JUNE

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Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Knitti Natters	7:00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	Smile Group	10:00am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Group at Audrey Peglar's, Dauntsey	2:00pm

### On Newness

'Behold, behold I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.' This John Bell song, drawing on texts from Revelation in the Bible (copyright by the Wild Goose Resource Group, 1995) has been singing itself in my head and I've been pondering newness.

Some newness is wonderful: the freshness of clean, new sheets, a new outfit, or if you're like me, a new haircut and colour to mark a new beginning.

Sometimes oldness seems much more desirable.

Much as I have enjoyed the newness of signature buildings, like London's Shard in a cityscape or TV news image, if I'm on a day out I'm more likely to visit an old one.

We may want new technology (until like me you are struggling with working out new icons that are part of a new version of Windows) but we often value old objects – especially if they are designated 'antique'. The pleasures of easy conversation with an old and dear friend are not normally matched by newness in those we love, although, of course, who would tell you with delight that someone now had an 'old' baby?

The experience of being new here in this community both makes me seek solace and refuge in the comfortable and familiar, whether my rather battered armchair or my 'same old' husband and also excites me with the possibilities of new friends in the people I meet; of new things to learn and discover and of new and fun mistakes to make on my way to becoming a skilled 'old hand'.

So I ponder, what helps you manage the scary wonder of 'all things new'?

For me resources to find newness a joy and the reminder that I may need refreshing is in the second verse of that simple John Bell song: Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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Rev. Rachma Abbott, Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice

Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>2pm Worship in the Week in Church Communion followed by tea &amp; coffee</b>		
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Family Communion, Broad Town 6:00pm Evensong, Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11:00am Family Service</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 6:00pm Evensong, Tockenham, 6:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>6:00pm Evensong</b>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9:15am Morning Prayer, Tockenham 11:00am Sung Communion, Broad Town
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am Patronal Festival, Clyffe Pypard

### News from the Bell Tower.

We continue with our special half- muffled ringing to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of people connected with Hilmarton Parish who died as a result of the First World War.

There is one person to ring for in June and we will aim to ring from 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

15<sup>th</sup> June - Francis James Wilkins

The band who attempted the peal on 21<sup>st</sup> April were successful. They rang for 3 hours and 3 minutes and rang seven different methods. The ringers were Tom Garrett, Sheila Matthews, David Hacker, Nicholas Lawrence, Bob Purnell and Timothy Collins.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other special services please phone Rev'd Abbott (01793 731134), Lay Pastoral Assistant – Val Procter (760312) or Churchwarden, John Henly (760401)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS-EDITING TEAM NOTES - ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JULY EDITION BY 18th JUNE PLEASE** TO: Mel Wilkins 760572 [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 [jacque88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacque88@btinternet.com) - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 [geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk) **PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT**



## **HILMARTON PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2015**

### **Chairman**

Another year has passed and once again, I submit to you, my summarised report for the year 2014 - 2015.

We have succeeded in having the Duke included on Wiltshire Council's list of Assets of Community Value. The instigation of this followed information Arkells were intending to close the pub and board it up. A meeting between Arkells and Hilmarton Parish Councillors is to be arranged in the near future. Hopefully this meeting will give us a clearer idea of their plans for the property.

Following the collapse of a section of the wall surrounding the Well House, weakened by ivy from the neighbouring property, the wall has been successfully rebuilt and re-pointed.

The affordable homes are nearing completion and I think you all agree, blend in very well with their surroundings. Occupation is awaited with anticipation and I look forward to welcoming new residents.

I wish to thank all my fellow Councillors for their continued support during the past year, thank you to our Clerk, Jacquie, for the excellent service she provides for our Parish, a service she now also provides for Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council.

I also wish to thank Christine Crisp and other members of Calne Area Board for their support to our Parish Council.

Mel Wilkins May 2015

### **Finance**

Every year internal and external auditors audit the Parish Council accounts. Many thanks to Chris Chapman for fulfilling the Internal Auditor role again this year. Our External Auditors are Grant Thornton UK LLP from Bristol and following our Annual Parish Council Meeting our accounts will be forwarded to them for approval.

The precept for 2015/2016 is set at £7400.00. This means an average cost per household of £24.00 per annum approximately 46p a week. We say it every year but a small price to pay for living in our lovely Parish.

### **Planning**

Over the last 12 months there have been 21 planning applications within the Parish.

13 were permitted, 1 was withdrawn, 2 were refused and 5 are pending a decision by Wiltshire Council (WC).

Of the above applications only 1 of the decisions made by WC differed from the recommendation of the Parish Council.

### Play Park

The play park continues to be well used and enjoyed by residents and visitors. The equipment is checked on a regular basis and funding put aside for necessary maintenance and safety inspection fees.

### Parish Newsletter/Website

The Parish Newsletter continues to be published monthly. The Editorial Team would like to thank all the Groups and individuals who contribute regular items for the Newsletter. More than two thirds of the newsletters are circulated by e-mail, we would really like to increase this number, if you have not yet supplied your e-mail address to the team, please contact the Parish Clerk:

[jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com)

Thank you to Wilkins Builders for continuing to photo copy the monthly issues and last but not least the volunteers who deliver the paper copies, come rain or shine, every month.

The Parish web site is now up and running. Thank you to Alex Blackburn for his invaluable ongoing help and guidance. Don't forget to send us any news, dates of events or updates for your groups. It is also nice to have photos and reports of events that have taken place, as these are a way of recording all the exciting things that happen throughout the year. Please send any information to [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com)

### Open Spaces

Kevin Iles Home & Garden Services have continued to look after the flower tubs as you enter the village of Hilmarton. The Gardening Club continue to look after the flower tubs by the Well House and all have looked fantastic all year round. The effort that goes into keeping the Parish looking so good is really appreciated.

**Reminders to dog owners, please do not to take dogs into the School Playing fields or Children's Play Park and please pick up your dog mess whilst out walking.**

### Highways

Our contacts at Wiltshire Council (WC) continue to support us on community days to help keep the Parish looking smart and tidy. If you notice anything that needs attention (hedges overgrowing the highways or pavements, grit bins that need refilling or repairs to pot holes etc) then please phone WC directly on free phone 0800 23 23 23. They will give you a reference number to enable you to follow up your report if the situation is not resolved.

We remind residents each year to please be considerate when parking vehicles. Remember it is an offence to park on pavements as this causes an obstruction. Similarly, parking on corners is dangerous and can also be an offence that could attract a parking fine.

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Chairman: Mr M Wilkins

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### Rural Crime

Further reports this month of crime committed in the Rural Area.

Overnight on 1-3<sup>rd</sup> May a burglary took place at Quemerford Gate and a further burglary at Ratford overnight on 6<sup>th</sup> May. During the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> May, a child's Nemesis bike was ridden off by a male who took it from a private garage.

Sandy Lane saw the theft of garden furniture including a Char-broil gas grill BBQ.

At Cherhill White Horse lay by, a handbag and contents were stolen from a parked car during the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Please be mindful that the Rural areas of Wiltshire are currently suffering a spate of thefts and burglaries. Please try to put extra security on outer buildings. The burglaries shown here have all occurred in outer buildings. Outside lights are always a good deterrent.

### Fraud involving Fishmongers

Please can I make you aware of some Fish Mongers who are travelling Wiltshire and the Calne area in a unmarked white van selling fish, these are fraudulent and are currently being investigated by Trading Standards as there have been reports of them targeting the elderly by getting them to buy fish and when paid by card, instead of a person believing they are paying £3.50 they take £350, this is well known and the banks are aware of the scam. If you see anything suspicious then please report it on the 101 or 999 system.

We are increasing our patrols and working with the intelligence from trading standards to target these individuals.

If you get a spare moment, please follow us on [www.facebook.com/calnepolice](http://www.facebook.com/calnepolice) and see what we are up to.

**WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill** Community Beat Manager – Rural Calne NPT

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