

Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Throughout November
Two Course Lunch at
The Duke for £8.95

Bingo 6th Nov. in the
Community Room
6:45pm

Remembrance Service
Sunday 8th Nov. 10:55am
in Church

Cameo in the Church Hall
19th.Nov. 12 - 2pm.

Moviola on 21st Nov.
7pm Church Hall

Astronomy at Goatacre
Village Hall on 28th Nov.
at 7:30pm

Contact a Councillor,
read the Parish Council
minutes

www.hilmartonparish.co.uk

HILMARTON MOVIOLA MR HOLMES

Saturday 21st November
(PG) 104 mins

A Tour de force performance from Ian McKellen as the ageing Holmes. With his memory beginning to fade, he moves into a country house at the end of World War 2. He is befriended by the young son of his housekeeper and embarks on one last, almost forgotten unsolved case from half a century ago, which helps him solve a riddle that has always eluded him – relationships. An elegant and absorbing British film that will have wide appeal.

You can **pre-order** cinema meals from **The Duke Hotel**, diagonally opposite the Cinema, usually for 6.00 pm but the Duke is now open all day Saturday.

www.dukehilmarton.co.uk

01249 760634

info@dukehilmarton.co.uk

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA

in association with

ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

and CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

proudly presents

Ian McKellen as Sherlock Holmes

MR HOLMES (PG)



In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall

Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm

Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £6.00

From:

27 Poynder Place 01249 760215

or E-mail MarkRickaby2@gmail.com

or 34 Church Road, Hilmarton

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private entries may be
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Neighbourhood News.
Donations of a minimum of
£10 are suggested. This
donation can go to your
chosen Parish Group. Copy
and donation, please, to
Jacquie Henly (760401)

Astronomy at Goatacre Village Hall

Paul Hill of Sirius Astronomy will be giving another talk at Goatacre Village Hall, this time, the subject is "The Moon" on Saturday 28th November, 7:30 for 8:00pm. Weather permitting, there will be a chance to use the telescopes.

Tickets are £6.00, which includes a Ploughman's 'Lunch', and are available from the Club Bar or phone Trish on 01249 760638.



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News from the Bell Tower.

We continue with our special half- muffled ringing to mark the 100th 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 November, and this is the last one in 2015, we will ring from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. This is a Monday so we will not be holding our normal Monday night practice.

2nd November – Walter Alfred Hillier

We would like to expand our group of ringers. Have you ever considered learning to ring? You do not need to be musical although a sense of rhythm is an advantage. The bells at Hilmarton are quite heavy so we are looking at a lower age of about 15 or 16 depending on size but there is no upper age limit as long as you are able to climb the stairs! We practice every Monday night and try to ring the bells for every service – more ringers would mean that this would not have to be every week. Interested or want to find out more? Talk to one of the current ringers or come up on a Monday evening and see what is involved. We will be ringing from 7:30pm to 9pm every Monday in November except 2nd November – we are very friendly. Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

HGC Garden Tips - November 2015 - It is coming to the end of the gardening year and it is time to put the garden to bed. However, whilst the weather is still favourable there are still plenty of jobs to do in the garden before you can relax and put away your gardening tools.

Top 13 things to do this month 1. Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly. 2. Cut late-summer-flowering clematis. 3. Divide congested perennials after flowering. 4. Plant bare-rooted roses. 5. Wrap grease bands around fruit trees. 6. Plant out garlic or start growing cloves in pots. 7. Clear away old crops and dig over the ground. 8. Insulate your greenhouse. 9. Bring tender plants under cover. 10. Sow sweet peas in deep pots. 11. Add old crops and bedding to the compost heap. 12. Spike lawns then brush grit into the holes. 13. Collect seeds from beans and sweet peas to sow next year

October 27th will be our last garden club meeting this year. November is the Christmas Party and there is no meeting in December. Our speaker in October will be Carl Gill. He will give a talk on Vegetable Gardening.

Carl is a professional Horticulturalist and has taught at 3 colleges over 28 years. Recently he left Lackham College where he was responsible for the annual Lackham Vegetable Exhibit at the Royal Bath and West Show; being awarded best in Show on many occasions. Also at Lackham he was Curriculum Area Manager for Horticulture, Floristry and Foundation Studies.

Look out for our 2016 news. Everyone is welcome to our meetings. We meet the last Tuesday of the month. Come along and see us at The Hilmarton Parish Hall. Swindon Road, Hilmarton. The doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. For more information call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312, email us at hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk or see our Facebook page.

For your Christmas cards, presents and decorations, look no further than the Traidcraft catalogue available from Church or through Trish, Mair or Sally. It contains beautifully made items from all over the world. The makers in these developing areas benefit directly from these fairtrade sales, and if you buy them through church, it even makes a little bit of commission! Please have a look! For example - The Real Advent Calendar £3.99

**Look out for the *Grand Christmas Raffle* held in aid of St Laurence's Church
It will be drawn on Wednesday 2nd December at an afternoon event (involving tea and cake, of course!)
Tickets available soon**

Idea's for 2016 scarecrow theme!

It's that time of year when we start planning the annual Hilmarton Scarecrow festival, (second weekend in May),

We like themes that are a little bit different!

If you have any ideas for a theme, ideas for the festival or would like to be involved with the preparations to create a successful event – please contact Natalie Doust on 01249 760199 or email dousts.hilmarton@btinternet.com



Hilmarton CAMEO - Come And Meet Each Other

Hilmarton Church Hall from 12noon to 2pm on Thurs Nov 19th

Soup lunch with home-made soup and bread rolls, tea/coffee and biscuits, Raffle. All welcome.



THE VILLAGE SINGERS PRESENT

LET IT SNOW

Saturday 19th December in St. Laurence Church

Tickets are only £7.00 each but will be strictly limited – First come, first served!!

Tickets available from Marilyn 760662 – Sheron 760572 – Jacquie 760401



BINGO Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and our popular raffle.
Friday 6th November, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm In the Community Room - Poynder Place
 Our 'Snowball' is now £45!!!! The draw for the October Ten Score Club will also take place.

FROM THE SCHOOL

Rag Bag

Rag Bag is our schools textiles recycling scheme and we know the village very kindly help support this by donating their unwanted linens. Rag Bag have reluctantly had to reduce further the items they are now able to accept as part of the scheme. Here is a list of what they are now able to accept and what they no longer accept – thank you for your continuing support.

What can be accepted: Wearable Clothing – All fashions – All ages/ Paired Shoes/ Handbags/ Belts

What is no longer accepted:- Workwear/Uniforms/Wet or Soiled Clothes/Curtains/Towels/Duvets or Covers/Pillows or Cases/Blankets/Cushions/Table Cloths/Linens/Carpets/Suitcases/Books/Bric-a-brac/Hangers/Electricals.

Job Vacancy

Hilmarton Primary School are looking for a temporary Midday Supervisor to cover their lunchtime period 12-1pm on Tuesdays to start as soon as possible. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Mrs. Edith Cameron on 01249 760602.

DOG FOULING

Please can we remind villagers that dogs are NOT permitted on school grounds, which also includes the playpark area adjacent to the school hall and the school field. Unfortunately we have had numerous occasions in the last few weeks where children have stepped in dog mess and brought it into school, which you can appreciate is unpleasant for all concerned. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

The Duke Hotel



Christmas Party Menu

Available throughout December
 Tel:01249 760 634
dukehilmarton.co.uk/Christmas



A BIG THANK YOU to all, especially Shirley, Brenda and Phyl, for the fantastic support for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising over £300.00. Thank you to those who donated cakes and raffle prizes – Steve, Sean and I have been overwhelmed with all your support and having so many attend. Watch this space, we shall be doing it again.

Halloween/Beafire Party on 31st October – Tickets going well, so don't miss out, get yours now.

From 1st to 30th November - Two Course Lunch - Monday to Friday - Only £8.95 - Daily menu available.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

*We shall be having a Pub Carol Service - date to be confirmed in the December Newsletter.
 Book your Christmas family get together - Menu on page 6 or from the Pub. Pre-orders are required*

RURAL CRIME

Fortunately, we see a quiet month within our Rural villages.

On 22nd September and 14th October, two honesty boxes have been attacked at locations at Quemerford and Stockley. The boxes are used for the sale of eggs. Money has been stolen along with produce.

If you have information regarding any crime, please send me an email or give me a call. All information will be treated in confidence. Alternatively, you can make an anonymous report to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Overnight on 13/14th October, 2 CCTV cameras at Yatesbury were destroyed by persons who climbed on a flat roof .

Christmas will soon be upon us and it is a busy time for everyone, particularly opportunist criminals.

Please make sure that the doors and windows are locked up and add any additional measures you are able.

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill Community Beat Manager – Rural Calne NPT ☎ 101

✉ sonya.stockhill@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk 📍 Calne Police Station Silver Street Calne SN110JF

The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park 10:15 to 10:45am Mon. 2nd & 30th November

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 8th/15th/22nd/29th	Service	6:00pm
Wednesday 11th/25th	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Tuesday 2nd/17th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Friday 6th/13th/20th/27th	Prayer Group at Audrey Peglar's, Dauntsey	2:30pm

On Remembrance 'Soldiers' graves are the greatest preachers of peace'

So wrote Albert Schweitzer (14 January 1875 – 4 September 1965 – awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952).

However, I can't help thinking that if Schweitzer was correct, by now we should no longer be asking young men and women to die in war for our nation states. This feels especially so in a season when Remembrance is marking 100 year anniversaries connected to the Great War. The war that was supposed to end all wars but which now we mostly describe as 'The First' World War – a way of describing it which both acknowledges and expects that we will be fighting wars with other numbers. Indeed, in many ways it seems to me that our nation is currently 'at war' even if this we do not endure the experiences of Blitz or conscription or imprisonment for pacifism that have exemplified the last two world wars.

I visited two war memorials on holiday in the summer. One was the German cemetery near Maleme where the Battle of Crete was fought. It was both beautiful and horrifying – beautifully laid out with succulents in flower amidst olive trees and with a wonderful view of the sea; horrifyingly full of both the named and the unknown war dead. These were mostly young and mostly killed within a very short space of time. This cemetery holds within it the graves of Nazis, of the war criminal General Bruno Bauer executed after the war and those forced to serve who were German but opposed to Nazism. It also holds a stone marking a ceremony in 2001 when survivors from both German, Greek and Allied nations marked post war reconciliation.

The other memorial was that to the young cadets from mainland Greece who on the surrender to the Nazis refused to obey the order to surrender and escaped, with some equipment and guns to Crete and fought within the resistance there. I pondered their bravery, the challenge of deciding when it is right to obey authority and when the moral choice is disobedience – a particularly fine discernment for those pledged to military loyalty and faithfulness and their youth and the sacrifice of life – both theirs and of the many villages that gave them safe haven.

Crete and Greece were occupied by the Nazis. Here in England (if not across the whole of the British Isles) we were more fortunate. Yet sometimes it seems to me that we rest too comfortably in a sense of our moral authority because in that last world war we were both winners and on the side of right. So pondering the forgiveness shown by the work to create the German cemetery and the ceremony held there in 2001 I wonder. Could we forgive those who have been our enemies? Can we imagine a future in which one might hold hands in reconciliation with those who fight and perpetrate evils under the banner of 'so-called Islamic State' when peace has come? It took Crete and the communities of Maleme 70 years. Remembrance challenges us to reflect on war and on peace; on enemies and on our friends.

Rachma

Reverend Rachma Abbott, Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY.

Tel 01793 731134

Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
Sunday 1st Nov	11:00 am Family Service	Sunday 1 st Nov	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham
	4:00 pm Commemoration of the Departed followed by tea, Tockenham		
Wed. 4th Nov	2pm Worship in the Week at 48 Poynder Place, Hilmarton Communion followed by tea & coffee		
Sunday 8th Nov	10:55am Act of Remembrance	Sunday 10 th Nov	10:55am Act of Remembrance, Broad Town 10:55am Act of Remembrance, Clyffe Pypard 10:55am Act of Remembrance, Tockenham Corner
Sunday 15th Nov	5:00pm Evensong	Sunday 16 th Nov	9:15am Sung Communion, Broad Town 11:00am Communion, Tockenham
Sunday 22nd Nov		Sunday 22 nd Nov	10:30am Benefice Communion and Patronal Festival, Broad Town
Sunday 29th Nov	10:30am Benefice Communion	Sunday 29 th Nov	5:00pm Advent Service, Clyffe Pypard

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)

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The Marchioness of Lansdowne

invites you to the

Bowood House Christmas Extravaganza

Thursday 26th November 10am-8pm

Friday 6th December 10am -3pm

to be held at

Bowood House, Calne, Wiltshire

Tickets £6 in advance or £8 on the door.

Visit www.bowood.org for further details and advanced ticket sales.

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The **DUKE** Hotel



Christmas Menu

Starters

- Chicken, Cranberry & Brandy Pate
- Sweet Red Pepper & Tomato Soup
- Breaded Lemon & Black Peppered Scallops
- Prawn & Smoked Salmon Marie Rose

Mains

- Roast Turkey with Cranberry Stuffing
- Roast Beef with Horseradish
- Both served with all the traditional Christmas trimmings
- Salmon Supreme with an Orange & Cranberry Sauce
- Served on a bed of crushed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Mushroom, Brie & Cranberry Wellington
- Served with Dauphinoise Potato & Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

- Viennese Mincemeat & Orange Tart
- Mulled Wine & Apple Crumble with a Crunchy Oaty Orange Topping
- Chocolate Yule Log
- Traditional Christmas Pudding
- Selection of West Country Ice Creams & Sorbets

2 Course £16.95

3 Course £20.95

