

Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

Number 9 - Volume 7 - September 2015

This Newsletter is produced for Hilmarton Parish Council
Contact the Clerk: c/o Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton,
Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 8SG. Tel: 01249 760401 Email
jacquie88@btinternet.com-www.hilmartonparish.co.uk



Parish Council - St Laurence
Church - The School - Goatacre
S&SC - The Chapel - Hilmarton
Moviola - Phoenix Group -
Heritage Society - 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 SEPTEMBER

Bingo 4th Sept. at
the Community Hall
6:45 for 7pm

Family BBQ & Fete
5th Sept. Goatacre
Manor Care Centre 2:30

Phoenix 8th Sept.
7:15pm in the
Community Room

Cameo at Manor Farm
10th Sept. at 2pm.

Moviola on 19th Sept.
7pm Church Hall

Hilmarton Gardening
Club 22nd Sept.
7pm in the Church Hall

Contact a Councillor,
or read the Parish
Council minutes
www.hilmartonparish.co.uk

PRIVATE ENTRIES
Dependent of available space,
private entries may be
accepted for inclusion in the
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)



WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
and CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARISH COUNCIL
jointly presents

CINDERELLA

(U)

Lady James
Kate Blanchett Richard Madden
Helena Bonham Carter
as the fairy godmother

When her father dies, Ella is left by her cruel stepmother and 2 wicked sisters.
But she remembers her mother's advice to "never, never give up on your dream".
Kathryn Bonough directs this contemporary retelling of everyone's favourite fairytale.

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
Saturday 19 September at 7.30pm
Doors open 7.00pm
Tickets: £6.00

• Wiltshire, Church Road, Wiltshire (SN11 8SG) (next to hall)
• Jays Cottage, 34, Church Road, Hilmarton (SN11 8SG) (opposite chapel)
or e-mail: WiltshireMoviola@btinternet.com

For more info call Geoff Proctor on 01249 760401

Our website at www.moviola.org

RE-OPENING OF THE DUKE

Saturday 29th August from 3pm

FREE FAMILY BBQ

Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon
BOUNCY CASTLE and GIANT GARDEN GAMES

Celebrate the re-opening of your local and meet us
Just let us know how many we are catering for and drop this
slip back through the door of the pub with your numbers

No. of Adults.....

No. of Children.....

Telephone No.....

Gail, Steve and Sean 01249 760634

2015 HARVEST SUPPER

It's planned to hold the supper on Saturday 25th October in the School Hall.
Although details of the menu are yet to be finalised, it is proposed to offer a Smoked
Salmon starter, Gammon/Quiche mains and Apple Pie/Gateaux sweet. The number
of tickets are strictly limited, so please buy them soon to avoid disappointment.
Tickets are £15 each and available from Sheron & Mel on 760572.

**WILKINS BUILDERS LTD ARE KINDLY SPONSORING THE PRINTED COPIES OF THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS THROUGHOUT 2015 - TEL: 01249 822433**

AFTERNOON TEA

2pm to 4pm
Thursday
10th September

Manor Farm
Hilmarton

(Shirley Yeatman's
Garden)



Relax and chat

ALL WELCOME

Come
And
Meet
Each
Other

all electrical work undertaken
new circuits - additional points - full rewire
energy efficient lighting design & installation



**Michael
Ransom**

01249 813 554

www.hungrylab.co.uk

0787 110 2200

your local, registered electrical contractor

**Electrical Safety
Register**

incorporating

ELECSA  incorporating  ECA

certification Ltd

HGC September Garden Tips September definitely has an autumnal feel about it. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can! We still have sunny days but the grass in the morning is heavy with dew, and many of the plants in the vegetable plot look past their best. During this month there's a noticeable slowdown in the production of the heavy cropping summer plants. However, there are new crops to harvest such as pumpkins, squash, marrows and sweet corn.

1.Start planting bulbs for spring - You can plant bulbs this month for a colourful winter & spring. Bulbs include: Narcissus, Daffodils to me and you! Tulips, snowdrops, crocus, lilies and iris. 2.Start tidying up for winter. 3.Once vegetable plants have finished cropping dig them up and add them to your compost. Don't leave them lying around your patch as they can harbour disease and pests. 4.Take cuttings this month from: Lavender, Penstemons, heather, fuchsias, hydrangeas, rose, clematis, buddleia, alpines, ceanothus and bedding geraniums. To take cuttings pull off side shoots with heels, remove the lower leaves and then place in compost. 5.Collect and sow seeds from hardy annuals and perennials. 6.Divide herbaceous perennials. 7.Cut back flowers of Hydrangeas by cutting back to a healthy pair of leaves. 8.Harvest autumn vegetables and continue harvesting your other crops. 9.Chill peppers, capsicum, aubergine, borlotti beans, pumpkins, squash, marrows, swede, turnip, and late summer brassicas will all be ready for harvest. (check brassicas for butterfly eggs and caterpillars). Pick them when they are fully ripened and at their best. 10.Harvest bean seed for saving or storing, once the pods have become dry and brittle and start to split open, the beans are ready for storing. Harvest them on a sunny day and leave to dry thoroughly before storing in paper bags or an airtight container. 11.Watch out for signs of blight on potatoes and tomatoes, blight often strikes around now, when the specific weather conditions are met. Harvest all your tomatoes, ripened or not, as soon as symptoms appear, and dispose of the plants (preferably by burning). Don't put them on your compost! Remove potato foliage as soon as symptoms appear. 12.Once your plants have finished cropping, think about growing a green manure. They stop the weeds growing, break up the ground and bring valuable minerals to the surface. When you need the space, just dig them in or dig up and add to your compost. 13.If you have fruit trees then now is the time to put a Grease band around them to stop pests from crawling up and destroying the fruit. 14.More jobs that need doing this month - Plant thyme and rue, also sow the seeds of angelica and lovage in the garden. Remove early cyclamen flowers / Dry off your begonias / lift gladioli / prune back rampant climbers / Clear away annuals that have finished flowering / Plant perennials, shrubs and trees apart from conifers.

The speaker for the September meeting will be Geoff Hobson talking about and demonstrating Bonsai.

For more information call Lesley on 07803 741293 or Geoff on 01249 760312.

TABLE TOP SALE

The next 'Table Top Sale' will be held in the Parish Church Hall on Saturday 3rd October 2015, 9:30am to 1:30pm. There are still a few tables available, so please book now to avoid disappointment. To reserve your table, or for further information, please contact Lesley on 01249 760576.

PHOENIX GROUP

There will be an Arts & Craft evening at 7:15pm on 8th September in the Community Room. Demonstrations will be presented by Elaine Leighton and Shirley Gilleard.

All are very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Ruth on 760205 or Tina on 822531.

BINGO Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and our popular raffle.
Friday 4th September, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm in the Community Room – Poynder Place
Our 'Snowball' is now £35!!!! And the draw for the August Ten Score Club!

CHURCH ORGANIST

Malcolm, our Church Organist for the past 17 years, is retiring at the end of September. We shall miss him greatly, but wish him a very happy retirement.

Time for Tea.

Please have an early Sunday lunch on the 13th September and join us for an 'English' tea in the Church Hall, Hilmarton between 3 - 5pm. This is in aid of Julia's House Children's Hospice which helps to support families across Dorset and Wiltshire.

For anyone who has had experience of this amazing service you will know just how important it is.

If you would like to help donations of sandwiches, cakes, scones and all things yummy would be most gratefully received and can be delivered to Val at Breda Cottage or on the day at the Church Hall between 10 and 11 am. If you could spare a couple of hours on the day to help that would be wonderful. Just speak to Val who will welcome you with open arms!

For those of you on social media please spread the word. You can find out more about Julia's House on their website www.juliashouse.org and on Facebook and Twitter.

Everyone please tell all your friends and families and help to make this Time for Tea a big success. **Thank you. Val 760312**



Family BBQ and Fete

to be held on the 5th September 2015, 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Goatacre Manor Care Centre

Craft Stall, Cake stall, Cream Teas and Ice cream cones
 Children's Activities, Treasure Hunt, Children's Lucky Dip and Face
 Painting, BBQ, Dog Show and Our summer Raffle

EVERYONE WELCOME

RURAL CRIME

The Rural area of Calne has seen an increase in Burglaries this month.

Overnight on 18/19th July, three properties were the subject of burglaries where sheds and store rooms were broken into. A Dirt Devil 125 blue Pit Bike was stolen and also a red petrol chain saw.

Overnight on 17th July, an insecure vehicle was entered and item if value stolen from inside at Stockley Lane.

Cherhill School had a quantity of children's toys stolen from a locked container to the rear of the school during July. At this crime scene, the offenders also hung around a fair while to use Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas), as evidence of containers were left behind. Please refer to the descriptions later in this report. In addition please keep an eye out for persons loitering in this area.

Quemerford has seen the theft of monies and eggs from an honesty box during July, to the value of £50.

Still at Quemerford a Horse has been mindlessly shot with an air rifle. Please see Calne Police Facebook page for the full story. I am pleased to say the horse is ok. Our enquiries are still on going.

At Hilmarton, a male was disturbed breaking into a shed at 2300 hrs on 23rd July. He made off at speed in an unknown vehicle.

At Foxham on 23rd July between 0715 and 1830 hrs a Ford Ranger pick up was stolen.

This is not an unusual crime and we have received several reports of this nature in the past. Additional security measures can be found on the internet relating to this type of theft.

Please be mindful that the offenders may return to commit further crime and secure as much as you are able, including locking all your cars, even if they are on your driveway.

Please do call is you see anything suspicious, no matter how minor you think it may be.

As usual, all our news is on our Facebook site. Please join us for up to date info and news items.

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 1:30pm to 1:50pm Mon. 7th & 21st September

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6 th	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 13 th /20 th /27 th	Service	6:00pm
Wednesday 16 th & 30 th	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Wednesday 9 th & 23 rd	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Friday 4 th /11 th /18 th /25 th	Prayer Group at Audrey Peglar's Dauntsey	2:30pm

On Transitions

September is often a month of change and transition. Outside, summer moves to autumn. For many September marks a change to a new school or stage of life, whether from nursery to 'big' school or primary to secondary or on to college or university or work. Change and transition comes for adults too – sometimes in response to the changing needs of those one loves as parents and contemporaries age.

Sometimes we discover we have made a transition in our life or our work. It may have been consciously sought and worked for or it may be that change has crept upon us. We may realise some achievement or come to accept that a longed for ambition will not be achieved. It may be as trivial as thinking about whether one colours one's hair or leaves it – or it may be a matter of life and death.

Change isn't always seen as desirable. As an old hymn tune expresses matters: 'Change and decay in all around I see, o thou who changest not abide with me'. Yet change is inevitable: watching and working in the garden has taught me that the alternative to 'change and decay' is not a refusal to change but a willingness to accept change and growth even if growth comes in unexpected ways. Beneath our feet, albeit unfelt, the earth is changing its position relative to the sun as it moves on its daily and annual orbit.

There's a David Bowie song that I still love but which for years I mistook the lyrics. I thought the song went: 'ch ch ch changes, turn and face the strange' only to realise recently that, in fact they are: 'ch ch ch changes turn and face the strain'. I think sometimes that facing the strange, directly, even when this is a strain can encourage a transition that we do not desire to become something good and wonderful.

As the writer of the letter to the Hebrews expresses it: 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares' [Hebrews 13:2] and maybe if September finds your life reassuringly unaltered you can spare some time or thought for those who face change and find it a struggle.

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
Wednesday 2nd Sept	2pm Worship in the Week in Church Communion followed by tea & coffee		
Sunday 6th Sept		Sunday 6th Sept	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Family Communion, Broad Town
Sunday 13th Sept	11:00am Sung Communion	Sunday 14th Sept	9:15am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 4:00pm Picnic Service, Clyffe Pypard 6:00pm Evensong, Tockenham 6:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Sunday 20th Sept	6:00pm Evensong	Sunday 20th Sept	9:15am Sung Communion, Broad Town 11:00am Communion, Tockenham
Sunday 27th Sept	11:00am Family Service with Baptism	Sunday 27th Sept	9:15am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 6:00pm Harvest Songs of Praise, Broad Town

News from the Bell Tower.

There was one special half-muffled ring to mark the 100th anniversary of a person connected with Hilmarton Parish who died as a result of the First World War in August. There'll be another in September and as usual we'll ring from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. 21st August – Harry Thomas. 25th September – Edward John Dash

The band have been learning new methods recently St Laurence's Day was our first public ring of Bastow Little Bob Minimus for the service. If you listen very carefully you can tell when we are ringing a minimus method as some of the lightest four bells will change position every blow but the heaviest one or two (depending how many ringers we have) will always be the last one or two bells to ring.

Thank-you to everyone who helped at, or attended, the teddy parachute drop. 42 brave teddies (or other cuddly friends) paid to jump and together with raffle, teas etc the afternoon raised £250.90 and was fun. 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 OCTOBER EDITION BY 18th SEPTEMBER PLEASE TO: Mel Wilkins 760572 melwilkins@live.com - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 jacquie88@btinternet.com - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk **PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT**

The logo for 'Ride+Stride for Churches' features the words 'RIDE+STRIDES' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The 'R' has a gear-like texture, and the 'S' has a triangular pattern. Above the text is a blue chain-link graphic on the left and a blue banner with white triangles on the right. Below 'RIDE+STRIDES' is a green rectangular box containing the words 'for Churches' in white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

RIDE+STRIDES for Churches

Taking part in **Ride+Stride** is an excellent way to combine raising a bit of money for your church with spending an enjoyable day out exploring your local area on foot, bike or horseback, and visiting some of the Wiltshire's rich heritage of churches.

Bear Grylls, adventurer, Chief Scout, Wiltshire resident and supporter of Ride+Stride, writes: *"Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride+Stride adventure, a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation."*

Half of all money raised goes to your own chosen church, and the other half is used by the Trust to award grants to churches with special maintenance needs. You don't have to be as fit and energetic as Bear Grylls: just walking between one church and another can constitute participation in Ride+Stride, and most sponsors are generous enough to reward even the shortest of journeys. For the more competitive, however, there are cash prizes for the best achievements, including several for under 15-year-olds, and parishes which mobilise large numbers of participants can compete for the Brooke Cup and Junior Group Cup.

Last year R+S raised over £58,000 for Wiltshire's churches. Can you join in on **September 12th** this year and help us top £60,000? The chances are very high that you will enjoy it! For more information, please contact Charles Graham (01672 514301 or ctg100@hotmail.com) or visit www.wiltshirehistoricchurches.org.