

Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Bingo 8th Jan. in the
Community Room

6:45pm

16th Jan. Moviola in the
Church Hall at 7pm

21st Jan. CAMEO Soup
in the Church Hall
from 12 - 2pm

26th Jan. Garden Club in
the Church Hall at 7pm

Contact a Councillor,
read the Parish Council
minutes

www.hilmartonparish.co.uk

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY

2016

SUFFRAGETTE

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA

In association with

ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



SUFFRAGETTE 12A

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall

Saturday 16th January 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

For more info call 01249 760312

hilmartonmoviola@hotmail.co.uk

Visit our website at

www.moviola.org



You may also order a pre-cinema meal
and a cinema ticket from The Duke
call 01249 760634

PRIVATE ENTRIES

Dependent on available
space, private entries may be
accepted for inclusion in the
Neighbourhood News.
Donations of a minimum of
£10 are kindly suggested.
This donation can go to your
chosen Parish Group. Copy
and donation please, to
Jacque Henly (760401)

FUTURE FILMS

Sat 20 February THE MARTIAN 12A Sat 12 March SPECTRE 007 12A
Sat 16 April THE LADY IN THE VAN 12A

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Can you help?

I am collecting winter clothing for all ages new and used, baby bedding, sheets and towels for refugees through Samara's Aid Appeal. They are also in dire need of blankets and duvets (in good condition please).

If you have anything you could spare, I would be so grateful.

Thank you. Val Procter 01249760312

CAMEO

Come along to CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) and enjoy a warm soup lunch on Thursday 21st January 12:00 till 2:00pm in The Church Hall.

WATCH OUT! THERE ARE ROGUE TRADERS ABOUT

Residents are being warned not to fall victim to rogue traders following a spate of incidents in the last few weeks. With winter fast approaching and poorer weather with us, Wiltshire Council is warning residents not to engage with cold callers offering to do home maintenance work.

Wet weather, fallen leaves and high winds can be an excuse for cold callers to knock on doors offering to clean or repair gutters or roofs, repair or replace damaged driveways or take down trees. The council's trading standards team advises strongly against people engaging with any person who calls without appointment.

Obvious signs of potential rogue traders are:

- ◆ Appear not to be local (due to accents or no genuine local address provided)
- ◆ Only a mobile phone number given no land line
- ◆ No written quotation provided and no details of the right to cancel provided
- ◆ Vague about the cost or what work will be done
- ◆ Cost appears cheap for the work offered this will often be a bait as costs will rise

The advice is that:

- Elderly residents should not answer the door to unexpected callers
 - People should not be tricked into stepping outside their home by any unexpected caller
 - People should call 999 if they feel intimidated by a caller or a caller will not leave when they are asked to
- If people need work doing to their home they should approach local reputable businesses for quotes and get three to compare costs. People should also use local schemes to find a reputable trader.

If people have any doubts or suspicions about particular traders they should not take up their services but find a reputable company instead.

"We want people to be as vigilant as possible to this type of crime and look out for any vulnerable or elderly friends and relatives who might be particularly at risk."

For further advice people should call the consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

We are restarting Busy Bees in the new year on Wednesday mornings at Tockenham Village Hall 10-12.00 am.

Forthnightly from Wednesday 6th January.

We have a chat and a play and a coffee and finish with either an activity, a story or a song and a prayer.

It would be lovely to see you, for further details contact Kim Gough on kim.gough@rocketmail.com or 07850 933344

Hilmarton Gardening Club



St Laurence Parish Church Hall

Every 4th Tuesday

Throughout the year except
December when there is no meeting
7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

Speakers

Garden
visits



Social
events

Demonstrations

Question
time

Followed by refreshments and a raffle
or plant sale

Entrance fee: Members £2
Visitors £5 Annual Membership £6

For more information call 01249 760312
hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk
and on Facebook and Flickr

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hilmarton Parish Calendar – 2017!!!

At the risk of being thought copycats (imitation being the sincerest form of flattery of course), how about preparing a 2017 Hilmarton Parish calendar for selling this year. The few I have mentioned it to already agree it might be good. The idea would be to gather photo's from locals during the year, up to September, arrange the chosen ones and have the calendar available by the end of October – costs and other information will be available in the next Neighbourhood News or you might like to call me – Sally Fox – on 891442 or email sally_fox@btinternet.com.

BINGO Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and raffle.
 Friday 8th January, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm In the Community Room - Poynder Place
 Our 'Snowball' is now £55!!!!
 The draw for the December Ten Score Club will also take place.

Gail, Steve and Sean would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 We want to thank everyone for all their support and for the wonderful welcome we have had in the short time we have been in The Duke.

Long may it continue.

Join us for our first New Year Eve Party, we will be offering a free buffet from 10 p.m but you need to collect a ticket so we have number to cater for.

Families welcome and there is optional fancy dress with a spots and stripe scheme. We will be making our own entertainment as we were too late in the year to organise any music.

Finally we will be continuing our lunch time offer from the 5th January (two course for £8.95) from a limited menu. Please take time to book as it proved to be very successful during November.

We will be looking to open all day soon in the New Year when we have more staff in place, especially in the Kitchen.

We would like to thank Sophie Bennett for organising and holding her charity night here with us, the live music was extremely good and they raised fund for MPS. If anyone would like to organise something similar please get in touch as we would be happy to help.

**THE DUKE HOTEL
 HILMARTON**

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Mon. 21st Dec. 12-3pm & 6pm Carol Service
 Tues. 22nd Dec. 12-3pm & 6-11pm
 Wed. 23rd Dec. 12-3pm & 6-11pm
 Thurs. 24th Dec. Open all day - Food 12-8pm
 Friday 25th Dec. Bar Only 11-2pm
 Sat. 26th Dec. Open all day - Food 12-8pm?
 Sun. 27th Dec. Lunchtime only 12-3pm
 Mon. 28th Dec. 12-3pm & 6-11pm
 Tues. 29th Dec. 12-3pm & 6-11pm
 Wed. 30th Dec. 12-3pm & 6-11pm
 Thurs. 31st Dec. Open all day - Food 12 6pm
 Fri. 1st Jan. Closed all day
 Sat. 2nd Jan. Open all day -
 Food 12-2:30pm
 & 6-8:30pm



NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
 AT THE ONLY PUB IN THE VILLAGE
 FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
 theme is SPOTS & STRIPES
TICKET ONLY FREE LATE BUFFET
AVAILABLE FROM 10pm
 Phone 760634 for your free tickets

The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park 10:15 to 10:45am on Monday 25th January

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY		
Sunday 10 th /17 th /24 th /31 st	Carol Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 12 th /26 th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 6 th /20 th	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Friday 8 th /15 th /22 nd /29 th	Prayer Group at Audrey Peglar's, Dauntsey	2:30pm

On Flying to Egypt

Christmas, even if only in the Church calendar is followed by another festival season and, I'm not thinking of the January sales but of Epiphany, so called because it reveals not the cheapest price available but because it reveals the Christian traditions about who the Jesus who had a rather inauspicious start in a stable is supposed to be. This revelation kicks off with the feast of Twelfth Night on 6 January which marks the visit of the Kings, sometimes called the Magi or the Wise Men.

Exciting as a royal visit ought to be this one brings terrible horrors in its wake. So much so that the family of Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus have to escape another King's plans to kill this child, whom Herod sees as a threat to his throne and power. Flying away to Egypt might feel rather appealing at this time of year.

But the stories that this family would have known from their Jewish faith and traditions often show Egypt as more of a place to run away from than a place of safety to run towards.

Dad's namesake, the dreaming dream-boat Joseph of technicolour coat fame is sold into slavery in Egypt and then imprisoned. Later the story continues with a boy baby who is hidden to prevent his death in a cradle made of rushes and waterproofed with tar.

Yet in this instance the first born child finds safety not in his own home town but in a foreign land, not in the home of his ancestors, but in a country where the stories of his people might have lead him to expect something different.

Maybe, some of the stories that Jesus told as an adult that showed foreigners and strangers in a good light were rooted in his experiences of the welcome of strangers in his childhood.

Maybe, we too might find in the new year that our expectations of others can be changed from fear to discovery and from strangers to friends.

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 3rd Jan		Sunday 3 rd Jan	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Family Communion, Broad Town
Wednesday 6th Jan	2pm Worship in the Week in the Church Communion followed by tea & coffee		
Sunday 10th Jan	11:00am Family Service	Sunday 10 th Jan	9:15am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 5:00pm Evensong, Tockenham,
Sunday 17th Jan	5:00pm Evensong	Sunday 17 th Jan	9:15am Morning Prayer, Tockenham 11:00am Sung Communion, Broad Town
Sunday 24th Jan	9:15am Sung Communion	Sunday 24 th Jan	11:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 5:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Sunday 31st Jan	10:30am Benefice Communion with Baptism		

News from the Bell Tower.

There will be no commemorative ringing for WW1 until May 2016

We are still looking for people to join us and learn to ring. Any one is welcome to come to any of our practices to see what is involved without committing themselves to anything. We practise on Mondays from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. We apologise that we were unable to ring in the New Year due to holidays and other commitments.

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)

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