

Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Bingo 1st April in the
Community Room 6:45pm
for 7:00pm start

Scarecrow Workshop
8th & 9th April at the Duke
10am – 12pm

Phoenix 12th April in the
Community Room 7:30pm

Moviola 16th April in the
Church Hall at 7pm

CAMEO 20th April
Soup in the Church Hall
from 12 – 2pm

Church History Talk
21st April in Church at 2pm.

Dog Show 24th April
Goatacre Cricket Ground
10am – 2pm

Garden Club 26th April in
the Church Hall at 7pm

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

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
Jacquie Henly (760401)

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
In association with
ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
and CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP proudly presents

MAGGIE SMITH ALEX JENNINGS

THE LADY IN THE VAN 12A
DIRECTED BY NICHOLAS HYTNER
SCREENPLAY BY ALAN BENNETT FROM HIS MEMOIR

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
Saturday 16 April at 7.30pm
Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £6.00 from:

- 27 Poynder Place, Hilmarton 760215
- Breda Cottage, 34, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 (opposite chapel)
- The Duke Hotel 760634 where you may also order a pre-cinema meal at a special price or E-mail MarkRickaby2@gmail.com

For more info call Geoff Procter on: 01249 760312
TICKETS SELLING FAST
Visit our website at: www.moviola.org

HILMARTON PRESCHOOL 2016

DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 24th APRIL

Goatacre Cricket Ground 10am till 2pm

Free Admission

£2 Per Class

BBQ and Light refreshments available



All proceeds to go to Hilmarton Preschool Registered Charity 1019286

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SPRING AUCTION

Saturday 14th May 2016

Viewing at 5.30pm - Auction at 6.30pm in Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
To help towards the general running of our beautiful 700 year old Parish Church of St. Laurence. We are aiming to secure 100 items and promises to auction on the day

Do you have any quality items or promises you are prepared to donate?

Please contact Chris Mastin-Lee on 01249 760684 or c.mastinlee@btinternet.com with a description or photo if possible. Thank you on behalf of our Church.

CAMEO

Come along to CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) and enjoy a warm soup lunch on Wednesday 20th April 12:00 till 2:00pm in The Church Hall.



HGC Garden Tips April 2016 *There is light at the end of the tunnel*

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the (hopefully) frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. This is also the beginning of the busy season; the job lists lengthening with the daylight. It can be a month of contrasts, too, with wind and frost set to challenge the first growth of spring. Here are some reminders of what you can be doing in the garden in April, now that winter (hopefully) is on its last legs

Top 12 jobs this month:::

Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes - Protect new spring shoots from slugs - Plant summer-flowering bulbs - Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials - Top dress containers with fresh compost - Tidy up and mow the lawn on dry days (if needed) - Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems - Weeds come back in to growth - deal with them before they get out of hand - Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters - Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days - Start sowing vegetable and flower seeds - Prune rose bushes

Get ready for the HGC Photography Competition in September 2016

On April 26th our guest speaker at Hilmarton Gardening Club will be John Cavanagh an accomplished local photographer, John will come along to talk to us about Camera Techniques and ways to improve results. He will tell us about: How your camera works - Why it often lets you down - Creating an image - Tips and Techniques for better results - Post production

The club will be exhibiting just some of the photographs taken by members since the club began nine years ago. Many of our members are good photographers but many more need a little help and we will look forward to John's hints and tips.

We will also be hosting an informal tea party to celebrate the Queen's April birthday. It will be an informal affair with tea and cake and a good opportunity for you to come along and meet like minded people.

For more information call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312 or email us at hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 2nd May 2016

This is the only time that 18th century Bushton Manor SN4 7PX has its gardens open to the public for The ANNUAL PLANT FAIR open from 11am to 4pm. It is held in aid of St Peters Church, Clyffe Pypard and has specialist and home grown plants, local food suppliers, crafts, BBQ, cakes, bric a brac, teas and games for children. Car Parking is free and it will cost you £2 for entrance, children free. www.clyffepypard-bushton.com

Are you interested in our Church of St Laurence?

Join us for a talk with Geoff Procter about its history on Thursday 21st April at 2pm in the Church, refreshments will be provided.

News from the Bell Tower

The bell ringers held their AGM during March and everyone was re-elected to the same posts. From 10th April the pattern of church services is changing and there will be a service most Sundays. The ringers may not be able to ring for all these services as there are only six of us, please accept our apologies if we don't ring when you are expecting us to. We are still looking for recruits to join us – please contact any ringer or come along to a practice on a Monday night between 7.30pm and 9pm, we don't normally ring on a bank holiday. Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

Calne Choral will perform Handel's Messiah, parts 1 & 2 and three motets by Stanford on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 St Mary's Church, Calne
Tickets from members or at the door £10 £2 students and children

BINGO Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and raffle.
 Friday 1st April, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm In the Community Room - Poynder Place
 Our 'Snowball' has now reached it's maximum of £70 for 58 numbers!!!!
 The draw for the March Ten Score Club will also take place.



Not long now – until the annual Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival

There are still spaces available for our Scarecrow making Workshop at The Duke on 8th & 9th



April between 10am -12pm. If you would like to attend contact Natalie 01249 760199 to book your place.

All you need to bring are the clothes/outfit for your scarecrow, we'll supply the rest! £5.00 per scarecrow Refreshments will be provided.

If you can spare a morning or afternoon to come along and help raise funds for the community we would love to hear from you. Contact Natalie Doust 01249 760199

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All the latest news from The Duke on page 6

Bookings and Reservations 01249 760634

PHOENIX GROUP

There is a meeting of Phoenix on Tuesday 12th April. We will be discussing Scarecrow preparations for the Festival next month. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room.

Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting at a small cost of Adults £2.00 and Children £1.00 which will include refreshments. £1 will be requested to participate in the raffle. For more information please contact Ruth Allen 760205.

HILMARTON CALENDAR 2017

Please start sending in your seasonal photographs of somewhere or something local - Parish of Hilmarton, Goatacre, Corton, Clevancy, Beversbrook, Catcomb Highway, Littlecott, New Zealand, Rodwell, Witcomb and everywhere in between.

This is not a competition as such, but of course only twelve photographs can be chosen, so we need plenty to choose from - please get snapping!

The plan is to put all this together to have it ready for sale in aid of St Laurence's Church in autumn 2016.

And of course, photos from previous years are acceptable.

Please e-mail your digital photographs to Sally Fox - sally_fox@btinternet.com

If you do not take digital photographs, please give me a ring - 891442 - and I can probably scan your photo.

The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park at 10:15 to 10:45am on Monday 18th April 2016

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN APRIL		
Sunday 3 rd	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 10 th /17 th /24 th	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 5 th /19 th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 6 th /13 th /27 th	Worship in the week	2:00pm
Friday 1 st /8 th /15 th /22 nd /29 th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

On Poetry and Springtime.

I like the spring and, especially in a new garden, there is a delight in seeing what unknown bulbs appear and what responds with fresh newness to the pruning of the autumn. It seems to me no accident that the Church chose to mark the Christian feast of the resurrection from the dead of Jesus at a time of year that abounds with natural metaphors for new life returning from the apparent death of dry and barren ground. So I like April. Not everyone does. In fact. T S Eliot the poet wrote that:

April is the cruellest month, breeding

Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing

Memory and desire, stirring

Dull roots with spring rain.

Winter kept us warm, covering

Earth in forgetful snow, feeding

A little life with dried tubers. From Part 1 of the Wasteland

I find myself saying a piece of verse from my primary school days:

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz

I wonder where them birdies is

The birds is on the wing

Why that's absurd!

The wing is on the bird. (as far as I know this is anonymous)

Whether April takes you with meditative melancholy or springy silliness I hope that April gives you both new life and wings to enjoy springtime and poetry.

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 April		Sunday 3 rd April	10:30am Benefice Communion, Broad Town
Wednesday 6th April	2:00pm Communion in the Church, followed by tea and coffee		
Sunday 10th April	11:00am Word and Worship – followed by the annual meeting	Sunday 10 th April	10:00am Communion, Tockenham 6:00pm Evensong, Broad Town 6:00pm Communion, Clyffe Pypard - <i>followed by the annual meeting</i>
Sunday 17th April	6:00pm Evening Worship	Sunday 17th April	9:00am Morning Prayer, Tockenham 10:00am Word and Worship, Clyffe Pypard 11:00 Sung Communion, Broad Town - <i>followed by the annual meeting</i>
Sunday 24th April	11:00am Sung Communion	Sunday 24th April	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Word and Worship, Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Worship, Tockenham

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL & THE ANNUAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING

this year is on Sunday 10th April after the 11am Family Service and refreshments in the Church.

It is open to **everyone**: feel more involved in your Parish Church - see who the Parochial Church Council members are - and vote for them and/or new candidates - understand how your contributions are used - and how much it costs to keep our Church running

If you live in Hilmarton Parish and/or you come to Church, and your name is not already on the Church Electoral Roll, you can enrol by using the forms in Church, from Sally Fox (sally_fox@btinternet.com or 01249 891442) or on page 6 of the emailed version of this newsletter, by 27th March 2016 please.

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)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MAY EDITION BY 18th APRIL 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 **ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT PLEASE**

Hilmarton



Scarecrow Festival

Theme - Professions



Fun for
all the family

7/8 May
2016

10am - 4pm
both days

Scarecrow Trail,
Shopping Hall, BBQ,
Refreshments,
Childrens
Entertainment and
much more.

All proceeds goes to
Hounds for Heroes, Hilmarton Church, Preschool and School



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Your 'Local' News

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LIVE MUSIC

Live music with The Mangled Worzels and a tasty Hog Roast on the 7th May and on 8th May come and listen to some live jazz between 4.00 and 6.00 Tickets only £10 per person are going fast. The Duke will be supporting The Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival.



Thank you all for your continued support xx

SUNDAY ROAST

Sunday Roast now available all day Sunday from 12.00 until we sell out! Last orders for food 7.00 pm



LUNCH



Special Lunch Time Menu Monday to Friday £8.95 for two courses from a selective menu



A NEW MENU

A new menu is now available and we will be opening all day Wednesday to Sunday from 1st April (No fooling). Afternoon Cream Teas will be served from 3.00 pm

VILLAGERS LUNCHEON CLUB

Starting Wednesday 6th April Every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

2 course lunch with tea or coffee £8.95.

Transport can be arranged for anyone that needs help getting here.

Booking is necessary as we will have limited places



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