

Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Bingo 5th Feb. in the
Community Room
6:45pm

Phoenix 9th Feb. in the
Community Room
7:30pm

HSA Valentines Party
12th Feb. Goatacre Hall

Valentines at the Duke
12th to 14th Feb.

CAMEO 18th Feb.
Soup in the Church Hall
from 12 – 2pm

Moviola 20th Feb. 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)

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ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
and CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP proudly presents



Matt Damon stars as astronaut Mark Watney,
presumed dead after a fierce storm
and abandoned by his crew alone on Mars.

He must use all his ingenuity to survive and find a way to signal to Earth.

NOMINATED FOR 7 ACADEMY AWARDS

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall

Saturday 20 February 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 PRE -CINEMA MEALS CALL THE DUKE 01249 760634

For more info call Geoff Procter on: 01249 760312

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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 Thursday 18th February 12:00 till 2:00pm in The Church Hall.



HGC Garden Tips February 2016

Another Garden Club Year – how quickly they come around. It certainly has not been gardening weather over the last few months, what with the continuous rain but at least we have not suffered from the horrendous floods the North are experiencing. As I write this it is also still relatively mild. Just a week ago (the first week in January) I counted over twenty plants in flower in my garden. What bizarre weather.

Whatever the weather there are still plenty of jobs to do in the garden so take any opportunity you can to concentrate on the jobs that need doing now.

To do this month if weather permits - Remove old hellebore leaves at ground level to reveal the new flowers breaking through the surface - Continue to plant trees and shrubs provided that the soil is frost free and not water logged **Check and adjust tree ties** to allow sufficient space for growth in coming year - **Carry out path maintenance** or any other construction tasks while plants are at rest - **To get off to a good start** for taking dahlia cuttings, pot up stored tubers now and start them growing in protected, frost free conditions - **Carry out turf repairs**, provide that ground conditions are good and the soil is frost free - **Clean all your empty pots** by scrubbing with hot water and a mild detergent, then rinse thoroughly - **Cut back willow** to give the coloured stems of the Salix that extra visual boost - **Order your seeds**

This month it is time to re-join or sign up to Hilmarton Gardening Club. We look forward to seeing old friends and greeting new ones.

Why join? What do you get for your money? Well, you get free refreshments at all meetings, where we have some very interesting topics and speakers. There are outings and visits to gardens and garden shows, various social activities including a free Christmas Party, and perhaps the most important part of all is that you become part of a growing social organisation where you will get to make friends who all have similar interests to you.

We kick off the New club Year on Tuesday 26th January with guest speaker PAUL ALEXANDER from The Courts Garden in Holt near Bradford on Avon. Paul is Head Gardener at this iconic National Trust country garden and he comes highly recommended by other gardening groups.

Do put this date in your diary and look out for our 2016 news. The doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. Free refreshments are served during the evening. For more information call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312 or email us at hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk

Hilmarton School Association presents

HSA Valentine's Party

Disco by Maxx Traxx,
Bar, Fish and Chips

Friday 12th February 2016
7.00pm till Midnight
£20.00

Goatacre Village Hall, Goatacre Lane

Tel: 07786364630 0026

www.printmytickets.co.uk

We are pleased to announce the Scarecrow theme for 2016 will be

'Professions – Jobs!'

Scarecrow Workshops will be held on 8th & 9th April – more info next month



So put your thinking caps on, we look forward to seeing what elaborate creations will be on display in May. Entry forms available from Natalie Doust or page 5 in the emailed News.

BINGO Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and raffle.
 Friday 5th February, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm In the Community Room - Poynder Place
 Our 'Snowball' is now £60 for 56 numbers!!!!
 The draw for the January Ten Score Club will also take place.



NEWS FROM THE DUKE

Spring is on its way and we are pretty much settled in to The Duke and the lovely village of Hilmarton.

We are actively involved in the Scarecrow Festival on the 7th & 8th May, Entry Forms available at the pub now! There will be two Scarecrow making work shops held at the pub on Friday 8th April and Saturday 9th April from 10 until 12, so you can get all the help you need in making your scarecrow from the experts!!!! Should be fun so book your place.

We will be hosting a Barn Dance on the Saturday Evening, and possibly a Jazz session on the Sunday afternoon. Watch out for more details closer to the time. We may be "Calling all hands on deck" to get the barn ready though!!!

February sees us getting all Romantic, with Valentines.

We will have the menu available Friday to Sunday 12th -14th Feb so book now to avoid disappointment.

We are now open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a limited menu and cream teas available. Sunday Roast will now be available all day Sunday for 12 till 8 (or until it runs out!!!) a limited menu is also available all day.

Finally we will be continuing our lunchtime offer throughout February (two course for £8.95) from a limited menu. Please take time to book as it's proving to be very successful.

Best wishes from Gail, Steve & Sean.



PHOENIX The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February at 7:30pm in the Community Room. There will be quizzes, refreshments and a raffle. New members are very welcome. Annual subscription is only £15.00. Visitors can attend any meeting at a small cost of £2.00, which includes refreshments - £1 will be requested to participate in the raffle. We look forward in welcoming you. For more information please contact Ruth Allen 760205.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team I have a few crimes to report to you this month that have taken place in our Rural Communities.

Non-Dwelling burglary An unknown suspect has gained entry through a window of an office at a Waste Recycling Centre in Lower Compton, Calne. Once inside they have broken a key safe and have stolen a separate metal safe.

Theft Someone removed a set of ornamental cast iron gates which were stored on a drive waiting to be fitted in Beacon Hill, Hilmarton.

Vehicle Crime Unseen persons have broken the rear offside window of a parked, unoccupied, non-secure vehicle in Foxham. Vehicle was not entered and no items were taken.

Community Engagement In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Calne NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at facebook.com/CalnePolice This has been effective in putting out local crime warnings (in addition to usual methods such as Neighbourhood Watch), appeals for witnesses or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 3672 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT. If you wish to contact us for anything at all, please contact either the FB page or NPT page at Wiltshire Police or email me direct on sonya.stockhill@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. I am always happy to help.

And to finish this month – something to think about:

YOU'RE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A CRASH WHEN YOU'RE ON A MOBILE PHONE !

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill Community Beat Manager Rural Calne NPT

The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park 10:15 to 10:45am on Monday 22nd February

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY		
Sunday 7 th	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 14 th /21 st /28 th	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 9 th /23 rd	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 3 rd /17 th	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Friday 5 th /12 th /19 th /26 th	Prayer Group – Venue and time to be arranged	

On Happy Singles Day

Lent, the Christian season of preparation for Easter approaches rather too fast this year. Too fast for my tastes that is.

I often use this as a season to give something up: often alcohol, quite sensible if I've indulged too freely over the Christmas season.

Once, really unwisely, I gave up my tea drinking habit which was a terrible Lent for everyone who knew or worked with me. And then once I gave up *The Archers* which I never went back to listening to – it turned out that what I thought was a serious Radio 4 induced addiction was simply a habit that changed.

Now, several wise people I know, have suggested that rather than giving up something, Lent might be a time to take something extra on. I've almost always responded grumpily to this – perhaps because it seems most often to be suggested when I'm feeling slightly overloaded or stressed and the idea of doing anything else is not appealing, perhaps because I'm rather good at being grumpy.

This year Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 10th which means that the first weekend of Lent coincides with Valentine's Day. In spite of being named for a saint who was a monk and so part of a community but not of a couple Valentine's Day has become a moment to sell coupledness in the form of red roses, meals, cards and the like. As a result it seems to cause a strange mixture of guilt and pleasure; misery and joy.

If like me you are someone who almost never remembers birthdays or anniversaries and barely gets any Christmas cards sent before 12th night – you will know the kind of guilt I mean.

And for some people the focus on coupledness and happy, pretty, lovey-doveyness can be a focus for misery rather than joy, either because they are single; or because they are not.

Mothering Sunday which also falls in Lent can be another of those days – delight for some; a source of pain or bitterness for others.

'it isn't good for human creatures to be alone' is the wisdom of Genesis – so in that story God makes the mudman* a companion and it is after she arrives that everything goes really pear-shaped.

Being single or being partnered – either can be heaven or hell.

Giving up or taking on – either can be liberating or oppressive.

Maybe part of the gift of living in a community – whether a family, a village, a workplace or even a church is remembering that what is gift for me may be burden for you or vice versa.

So whatever you're celebrating in this month: may it be joyful, life-enhancing and help you be more loving to those you know who feel the exact opposite about the same celebration.

*the name 'Adam' is a wordplay on the Hebrew word for earth.

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 3rd Feb	2pm Worship in the Week at 48 Poynder Place Communion followed by tea & coffee		
Sunday 7th Feb		Sunday 7th Feb	9:15am Family Communion Tockenham 11:00am Family Communion, Broad Town 5:00pm Evensong, Clyffe Pypard
Wednesday 10th Feb	Ash Wednesday 7:30pm Benefice Communion with Ashes, Clyffe Pypard		
Sunday 14th Feb	11:00am Family Service	Sunday 14th Feb	9:15am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 5:00pm Evensong, Tockenham, 5:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Sunday 21st Feb	5:00pm Evensong	Sunday 21st Feb	9:15am Sung Communion, Broad Town 11:00am Communion, Tockenham
Sunday 28th Feb	9:15am Communion	Sunday 22nd Feb	8:00am Communion, Broad Town 11:00am Family service, Clyffe Pypard

A BIG THANK YOU to the people in and around Hilmarton Parish for their generous donations of clothes etc for the homeless of Syria

News from the Bell Tower. On Saturday 13th Feb Hilmarton tower will be hosting the monthly meeting of the Calne Branch of ringers. Ringing will start at 3pm. There will be a short 30min Church service at 4:30pm to which everyone is invited. Following a traditional bell ringing tea, ringing will resume at approx. 6pm and may continue until about 7:30pm. You may notice different patterns of ringing to those we usually ring. Hopefully most of the ringing should be to a high standard but it is also for practice so there may be the "odd" error!
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)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MARCH EDITION BY 18th FEBRUARY 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 geoffphilmarion@hotmail.co.uk **ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT PLEASE**

The Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival 2016

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May 2016. 10.00am – 4.00pm both days.

Theme 'Professions – Jobs!'

If you would like to enter a scarecrow, please complete the entry form below and return it to Natalie Doust at 'Peartree Cottage' Compton Road, Hilmarton. **NO LATER** than Sunday 3rd April 2016.

We ask for your Scarecrow to be in position by 9.00am Saturday 7th May, You may remove your scarecrow if you like after 5.00pm, but it needs to be in position again by 9.00am Sunday 8th May. Please **DO NOT** remove Scarecrows before 4.00pm on Sunday but **we do ask for you to remove them within 48 hours** to get the village back to normal.

Your Scarecrow should be positioned so that people do not have to enter your premises.

If you do not live in the village but would like to enter a scarecrow, just complete the form below and we will give you a location to place your crow.

A fee of £2.50 per scarecrow is required to enter.

People taking part in the trail will vote for their favourite scarecrow. There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place **cash** prizes! Winners will be announced on Tuesday 10th May 2016.

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SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Name:	
Address:	
Contact Tel No.	
Email address:	
Title of Scarecrow: (Chosen Profession - Job)	
Location of crow or if a location is required	
Created by: (Name how you would like it on your scarecrow)	