

Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Bingo 6th May in the
Community Room 6:45pm
for 7:00pm start

Scarecrow Festival
7th & 8th May 10am -
4pm both days

Phoenix 10th May in the
Community Room 7:30pm

Spring Auction 14th May
in the Church Hall 6:30pm

CAMEO 19th May
Ploughman's Lunch in the
Church Hall from 12-2pm

Moviola 21st May in the
Church Hall at 7pm

Garden Club 24th May 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)

Hilmarton
Scarecrow Festival
Theme - Professions

Fun for
all the family

7/8 May
2016
10am - 4pm
both days

Scarecrow Trail,
Shopping Hall, 880,
Refreshments,
Childrens
Entertainment and
much more.

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

ANTIQUES - FURNITURE - CHINAWARE - COLLECTORS MEMORABILIA

SPRING AUCTION - SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2016

Viewing from 5.00pm - Auction at 6.30pm in Hilmarton Parish Church Hall

You are warmly invited to attend our Spring Auction to raise funds for
St Laurence Church, on Saturday 14th May!

Refreshments will be available.

Catalogues (with bidding forms if you can't attend) will be on sale for £1 on the day
or in advance (for details see below) from Friday 6th May.

We already have some exciting lots, but would welcome more. If you have any quality
items or promises to donate, please contact:

Chris Mastin-Lee on 01249 760684 or c.mastinlee@btinternet.com

with a description and photo if possible.

We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you there!

Catalogues from:

The Duke Hilmarton; Goatacre Cricket Club; Md Wilkins (760572); Chris Mastin-Lee

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GCC GOATFEST 2016

Following the success of last year's initial festival Goatfest returns on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September this year and promises to be an incredible weekend once again. Tickets are on sale now so get in there early and book yours today! Visit the Goatfest [website](#) for more details on this important event for the club.

CAMEO

Come along to CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) and enjoy a tasty Ploughmans lunch on Thursday 19th May 12:00 till 2:00pm in The Church Hall.



Hilmarton Gardening Club - Garden Tips for May 2016

Another season and officially the start to a new growing year. Longer, warmer days and stronger sunshine means that the garden is awakening. (I am ever hopeful)

Hedgerows are greening up and the view from the window is different each day as plants unfurl and push through the soil. This all means more work for the gardener. It is officially spring and there are lots of jobs to be done. April is the main month for planting out and the final look of the garden will depend on what you have planned and how you execute it this month. *Top 16 jobs this month* 1.Plant out early sweet peas. 2.Cut back winter flowering heather. 3.Cut back autumn flowering shrubs, fuchsias, buddleias, etc. 4.Sow half hardy annuals. 5.Prune roses. 6.Spray roses against black spot. 7.Spray fruit trees with spring spray. 8.Put slug bait around tender plants, delphiniums etc.. 9.Complete planting of lilies. 10.Apply general fertilizer to the borders. 11.Sow under cloches or in modules early carrots and lettuce. 12.Sow herbs under glass, Basil, Coriander. Etc. 13.Plant onion sets and potatoes. 14 Sow peas. 15.Sow late summer cabbage and leeks. 16.Sow Brussels sprouts, kale etc.

If you are interested in gardening and enjoy visits to stunning gardens do come along and see what Hilmarton Gardening Club can offer. We have a programme of varied and interesting speakers covering a range of topics, we organise trips to interesting gardens and we have a friendly group of members who will welcome you.

On Tuesday May 24th our guest speaker at Hilmarton Gardening Club will be Timothy Walker. To tie in with the garden clubs visit to Oxford Botanic Garden in June the theme of his talk will be -

THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN - THE FIRST 393 YEARS

The Oxford Botanic Garden is the oldest in Britain. Since 1621 it has stood on the banks of the River Cherwell in the centre of Oxford. It has evolved from a collection of medicinal herbs for seventeenth century physicians into the most compact, diverse collection of plants in the world. In 4½ acres 4,500 species can be seen. This talk details where the Garden came from and what is done in the past 393 years.

For information

There are still places available on the coach trip to Oxford Botanic Gardens and Waterperry on Tuesday June 7th. The price for non members is £24.80 (60+ £23.80, to include coach and entry to the two gardens. The coach will leave Hilmarton at 8.30 and return by 6pm.

Please contact hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.com if you are interested.

News from the Bell Tower.

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 will start again in May. There are three anniversaries in May and we will aim to ring from 8.30pm to 7.15pm each time. 10th May Ernest Frederick Wild - 12th May, John Taylor - 31st May, William George Robinson

We rang another new method for the service on Easter Day – this method is called Single Court Minimus. The Minimus tells you that four bells are ringing the pattern and the fifth (and possibly sixth) bell stays as the last bell to ring each round of ringing.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

VILLAGE CRAFTERS. Knitti Natters has been 'recycled' and from Tuesday 3rd May will become VILLAGE CRAFTERS. Still in the same venue, Hilmarton Chapel, on the first Tuesday of the month between 7 – 8.30pm, we now warmly welcome all crafters, those who knit, crochet, sew, quilt, patchwork, card make, cross stitch, lace make etc. Whatever your craft do bring it along and perhaps teach it to others' or maybe discover a new one yourselves. Do come along and enjoy good company, tea/coffee and biscuits (sometimes cake!). Each session only cost 50p with the money going to help a project in Zimbabwe. It will be great to see you there. Further info' if required from Val on 760312

THE WINE, THE WHICH & THE WARDROBE

Cherise & Louise's Recipes

An evening of wine tasting

Fundraising for the village hall

Hosted by The New Wine Shop (Calne)

Friday 1st July 7.30pm at Coateson Village Hall

Tickets £10, available from Page 07786 290902

Mo1 07903 498256 or ask bar staff for more details



BINGO Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and raffle.
 Friday 6th May, 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 59 numbers!!!!
 The draw for the March Ten Score Club will also take place.



Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival

We are looking for donations of cakes for our cake stall & tearoom (homemade or bought) These can be left at 'Peartree Cottage' Compton Road or to the hall on the morning.

If you can spare some time helping on a stall, during morning or afternoon, do come along and help raise funds for the community we would love to hear from you.
 Please contact Natalie Doust 01249 760199



'FEED THE GOAT'

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If you would like a regular copy of Goatacre Cricket Club's newsletter "Feed the Goat", just send an email mattoswilkins@googlemail.com.
 We are always looking for interesting, educational, informative or humorous things to put in the newsletter, so if you have anything that fits into one or more of these categories please help by sending details to <mailto:mattoswilkins@googlemail.com>

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All the latest news from The Duke on page 6

Bookings and Reservations 01249 760634

The Phoenix Group

The Phoenix Group will be meeting in the Community Room at 7:30pm on Tuesday 10th May, when Val Procter will be speaking about the history of Hilmarton Village.

Everyone, including visitors, are invited to bring along photographs and any other items of historical interest relating to the Village and it's surroundings.

Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting at a small cost, Adults £2 and Children £1 which includes refreshments. £1 is requested to participate in the raffle.

For more information please contact Ruth Allen on 760205.



In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
 Saturday 21 May at 7.30pm
 Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £6.00 from:

- 27 Poynder Place, Hilmarton 760215
- Breda Cottage, 34, Church Road, Hilmarton 760311 (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

Visit our website at: www.moviola.org



The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park at 10:15 to 10:45am on Monday 6th May 2016

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN MAY		
Sunday 1 st	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 8 th /15 th /22 nd /29 th	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 3 rd	Village Crafters	7:00pm
Tuesday 3 rd /17 th /31 st	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 4 th /11 th /25 th	Worship in the week	2:00pm
Thursday 12 th /26 th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 1 st /8 th /15 th /22 nd /29 th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

On gardening and choices. Today I had the satisfaction of doing three short but significant bursts of weeding of about half an hour each. I weeded something over 300 sycamore seedlings. I can say that with some confidence as each time I counted until I had 100 – at the size these are enough to hold, just about comfortably, in one hand, while continuing to pull them up with the other. As there are still parts of this garden where I can easily hand weed 100 sycamore seedlings without moving from one spot I also count them to reassure myself that, slowly and bit by bit, this is making a difference.

I was, I'm afraid, somewhat delighting in my persona as the tree-murdering vicar of the Benefice of Woodhill. I like to think that this wasn't so much a delight in murder as a delight that, as I pass the first year mark of being here, there are not so many seedlings of a size that they require a spade to dig them up.

I was hand weeding these sycamore seedlings in a space we've taken to calling the square garden, when my eyes glanced at the corner that (apart from sycamores) is not being weeded. Here, at my husband's request the nettles, the dandelions, the enchanter's nightshade, the herb bennet and other such wildflowers are being left. My husband is inclined to bemoan the fact that I'm one of those terrible gardeners, rather than a devoted botanist, and so inclined to remove weeds (even if by hand or other mechanical means and not using weedkillers) rather than value and enjoy them as the wildflowers they are. I tend to respond by citing dandelions as both a migrant plant (some people suggest they came in with the Normans) and as thugs (perhaps like the Normans?). 'If I don't weed them they would take over' I cry.

The reality is that this is a choice I make, even though I know that dandelions are early fodder for bees and other pollinators and that I have on occasion even made a respectable wine from dandelions. (By respectable all I really mean is that I am prepared to drink it as well as brew it.)

Much of gardening is about choosing – what do I keep, what do I destroy, what do I feed, what do I prune? What is for me beautiful, even if a wildflower, what for me is, if not ugly, unwanted in this place?

This week Suzie of Greenworks (a wonderful and very good value gardener who works here in this garden) and I planted some more seeds in the vegetable patch – salads, roots, legumes. For these to thrive they will at some point need thinning – even the things I can eat will need choices for life or death.

In the book of Deuteronomy in the bible, the people of God are exhorted to choose life and warned that if instead they choose death that consequences follow. So choose life, or choose death?

When my musings reach this point, I stop weeding sycamore seedlings and ponder the distinctions between gardening and botany. Which should I choose?

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 1 st May	5:00pm Songs of Praise for Rogation	Sunday 1 st May	9am Communion, Broad Town 11am Rogation Service, Clyffe Pypard 2pm Rogation Service, Tockenham Please join us to walk between some of the churches if you feel able.
Wednesday 4 th May	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel, followed by tea and coffee		
Thursday 5 th May	7:30am Communion for Ascension Day, followed by breakfast		
Sunday 8 th May	11:00am Word and Worship	Sunday 8 th May	9:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Communion, Tockenham 8:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Sunday 15 th May	6:00pm Evening Worship	Sunday 15 th April	9:00am Communion, Tockenham 10:00am Word and Worship, Clyffe Pypard 11:00 Sung Communion, Broad Town
Sunday 22 nd May	11:00am Sung Communion	Sunday 22 nd May	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Word and Worship, Broad Town 8:00pm Evening Worship, Tockenham
Sunday 29 th May		Sunday 29 th May	10:00am Benefice Communion, Tockenham

HILMARTON CALENDAR 2017

Do YOU have any seasonal photographs of local places? Or could you take some of your village, your garden, a parish event?

This includes Hilmarton, Goatacre, Corton, Clewancy, Beversbrook, Catcomb, Highway, Littlecott, New Zealand, Rodwell, Witcomb and everywhere in between.

This is not a competition as such, but of course we need at least twelve photographs, so we need plenty to choose from - please get snapping! And think what a great gift this will make for all your friends and family living elsewhere!

PLEASE SEND me any photos you think suitable - interest is the important thing - preferably by e-mail as soon as you like, but before September this year.

Photos from previous years are fine - and essential! 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 - I can probably scan your photo.

THE 2017 HILMARTON PARISH CALENDAR IS IN YOUR HANDS!

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 Healy (760401)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JUNE EDITION BY 18th MAY PLEASE TO: Mel Wilkins 760572 melwilkins@live.com - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 jacque88@btinternet.com - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 geoffhilmarton@hotmail.co.uk **ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT PLEASE**

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Staff from **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** will attempt to **cycle 250 miles** around all **50 Nature Reserves** in the county from:

21st- 23rd May,

Please support us by cheering us on at a reserve or by donating at

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For further information on where we will be over the weekend

Contact Matt Callaway

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THE DUKE NOW OPEN ALL DAY WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY

“The First Village Lunch Club was a great success”.

‘May the Fourth Be With You’

Village Lunch Club takes place on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

The second get together will be on the **4th May**. Please call one of The Duke team 01249 760634 to book your place. All ages welcome, perhaps people working from home who need a change of scene for an hour or two, new retirees, old retirees, Mum’s who want a break before the afternoon school run. A good chance to ‘chill out’ meet old friends and maybe make some new ones too.

AFTERNOON TEAS NOW AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY

SCARECROW FESTIVAL WEEKEND

THE DUKE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9.00 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

The tickets are selling fast (£10) for

THE MANELED WÖRZELS and **HOG ROAST** on Saturday Evening

Call 01249 760634 now to avoid disappointment.

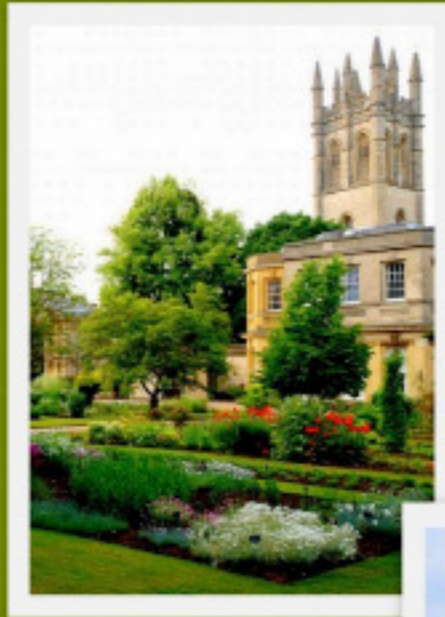
On Sunday afternoon at times between 4.00 and 6.00

Listen to the ‘really cool’ Jazz Saxophonist Peter Tyson



HILMARTON GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 7th June 2016



OXFORD
BOTANIC
GARDENS



Total cost to members
including coach and
entry
£10.80 (60+ £9.30)

If space is available
after 26th April
meeting the trip will
be open to guests
for £24.80
(60+ £23.30)

WATERPERRY

The coach will leave Hilmarton Church 8.30 am to Oxford Botanic Gardens and then to Waterperry time for lunch (not included in ticket price)
The coach will leave Waterperry at 4.30.

Subject: FW: Neighbourhood report from our Local Police Team

Fortunately, not to many crimes this month on our rural area.

On 19th March just before 5pm in Derry Hill, a report was made to Police of a vehicle being driven erratically. The vehicle was located, the driver stopped and breath tested. He blew over the prescribed limit and was subsequently arrested.

The Offender was charged and bailed to appear before the Court.

The Magistrates found him guilty and handed down a sentence of 60 hours community work, with a fine of £145 in legal and victim fees and given a driving ban for 28months or 213days if he chooses to attend a driving course.

Just after midday on 30th March. A vehicle was parked in a lay by at Derry Hill, when offender/s unknown smashed the rear offside window and reached inside stealing a handbag that was left underneath coats on the seat. The handbag contained jewellery and personal items.

Please do not leave any valuables in your vehicles, even if hidden.

On 3rd April Officers were on patrol at Derry Hill following a BMW which was weaving from the nearside to the crown of the road. The vehicle was stopped and the driver of the vehicle was found to be intoxicated. The driver was also drug wiped and indicted traces of Cannabis and Cocaine. He was subsequently arrested and our enqs continue.

On 4th April at Cherhill, during the daytime, offenders have forced entry into a garage via removing the padlock and metal bar, once inside suspect/s have stolen chain saws and other garden equipment.

At this same time another property in Cherhill suffered a burglary where offenders entered a conservatory and removed a Samsung Tablet.

During the afternoon of 9th April, Fire Officers were called to a fire on land in Marsh Lane Cherhill where a fire had started inside a barn, containing hay bales used for feeding beef cattle and horses.

Sadly, it is suspected this was an arson where offender/s have deliberately set fire to the hay bales.

A quantity of hay bales were destroyed and a trailer damaged. This has obviously resulted in a financial loss to the owner.

Our enquiries continue into this matter and any information from witnesses would be welcome.

The thought for this month has to be recent reports of "Lock up your Landy".

Gangs of thieves are stripping parts from Landrover defenders across the West and shipping them out within hours to Eastern Europe. This can of course mean thieves stealing the entire vehicle and generates from the last of the Landrover 4x4 vehicle being rolled off the production lines at the end of January.

The vehicles are easy to take apart without a key and many "Landy" drivers are discovering Doors, wings, bonnets and engine parts missing. The value of these parts is likely to increase.

There are organised teams who work very quickly in stealing and shipping to Eastern Europe.

Our close neighbours in Gloucestershire have seen a new surge in Defender thefts.

Do check in on www.facebook.com/calnepolice to see our updated news for the area.

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill

Community Beat Manager – Rural.