

# Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

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## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

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Village Knockout Cricket  
29<sup>th</sup> May at GCC  
Goatacre Lane

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Bingo 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the  
Community Room 6:45pm  
for 7:00pm start

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Phoenix 14<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm  
Supper at Pat & Dave's

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CAMEO 16<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 4  
Tea at Highway  
Farmhouse

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Moviola 18<sup>th</sup> June in the  
Church Hall at 7pm

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Garden Club 27<sup>th</sup> June in  
the Church Hall at 7pm

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Contact a Councillor, read  
the Parish Council  
minutes

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WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA  
in association with  
ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
WINNER OF THREE OSCARS AT THE 2016 ACADEMY AWARDS

A FILM BY ALEJANDRO G. INARRITU  
LEONARDO DICAPRIO TOM HARDY  
INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS  
**THE REVENANT**  
JANUARY

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In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall  
**Saturday 18th June 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](mailto:MarkRickaby2@gmail.com)

For more info call Geoff Procter on: 01249 760312

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This donation can go to your  
chosen Parish Group. Copy  
and donation please, to  
Jacquie Henly (760401)

## Thank you from Hilmarton Scarecrow Committee

*Special Thanks to Richard Broadhead, Everyone who brought along Classic & Sports cars & Motor cycles, people who helped leading up to & during the festival. Gail, Steve & Sean deserve an extra special Thank you for a fantastic Saturday night entertainment with The Mangle Wurzels and Sunday evening relaxing to Jazz in the garden.*

*Scarecrow pictures, together with answers, will be published on our Scarecrow Festival Facebook page.*

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## SPRING AUCTION RESULTS

Hilmarton PCC are pleased to report that the Auction at the Church Hall on Saturday, 14th May raised around £1350 (plus some Gift Aid) for St Laurence Church.

We would like to send our warmest thanks to all those who donated, publicised and helped for the event - and of course attended and bid. The funds raised will help us keep our lovely church active and thriving.

## LINE DANCING

For those interested in Line Dancing. There is a class now being taken by Ann Helmore, on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 12pm, at the Masonic Hall in Stanier Road, Porte Marsh Estate, Calne.

## HGC Garden Tips for June

*The days are now getting longer and hopefully the garden is drying out so we can at last get things going in the garden. It is a busy time! With the bulbs fading and the herbaceous border growing in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin but we may still experience cold winds and frost so watch the weather and be prepared to cover up and protect your tender plants and seeds. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime as the lawn will love the warmer temperatures this month brings.*

**Top 14 jobs to do this month:** 1. Divide crowded perennials and share with friends. 2. Make sure tall perennials are staked. 3. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining. 4. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas). 5. Collect rainwater and find ways to recycle water for irrigation. Water regularly. 6. Regularly hoe off weeds. 7. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days. 8. Mow lawns weekly. 9. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. 10. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs. 11. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs. 12. Repot houseplants in new soil. 13. Move rosemary plants outdoors, if they don't live there year round. 14. Give everything a good feeding, to get things growing.

### **HGC Spring Coach Trip to Oxford Botanic Garden and Waterperry**

*The coach trip on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> will visit The Oxford Botanic Gardens (see above) and also Waterperry Gardens near Oxford. The 8-acre garden include a rose and formal knot garden, water-lily canal, riverside walk, and one of the finest purely herbaceous borders in the country. Herbaceous nursery stock beds provide a living catalogue of plants, and there is also an alpine garden and the National Collection of Kabshia Saxifrages.*

*The total cost of the trip will be £10.80 (60+ £9.30) for HGC members and £24.80 (60+ £23.30) for non-members. Please email [mailto:hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mailto:hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk)*

*At our meeting on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker will be Thomas Stone.*

*During his varied gardening career Thomas was Assistant Head Gardener at Mottisfont Abbey Gardens therefore he is well qualified to talk to us about – Pruning and under planting of Roses. A talk looking at the thorny problem of how to prune roses and some plants that work well with them in mixed borders and some combinations that do work well for them.*

*For more information on the club, the trip or the play call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312 or email us at [hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk)*

## PHOENIX GROUP

We are scheduled to meet at the home of Pat & Dave Rhodes in Poynder Place for a 'Pot Luck' Supper at 7:30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> June. All members are kindly asked to provide a picnic please.

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.

## WANTED - GARDEN TOOLS

A local project to help rehabilitate young offenders will shortly be starting in Lyneham. If you could help support this project by donating any no longer used garden tools: Forks, Spades, Rakes, Hedge Clippers, Secateurs, Trowels etc, then it would be much appreciated.

Please contact the Clerk for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council:

[Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com) - 01249 760401. Thank you

## THE WINE, THE WHICH & THE WARDROBE

*Cherise & Lucien's Supper*  
An evening of wine tasting  
Hosted by The New Wine Shop (Calne)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.30pm at Coatsacre Village Hall  
Tickets £10, available from Page 07788 296962  
Tel 07903 498216 or ask bar staff for more details



**BINGO** Come along to your friendly Bingo game. All cash prizes and raffle.  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 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 60 numbers!!!!  
 The draw for the May Ten Score Club will also take place.



### SCARECROW FESTIVAL

What a wonderful weekend, enjoyed by so many visitors - the Village was 'heaving' with people visiting from miles around.

Congratulations must go to Natalie and her hard working team for raising almost £7000.00 to the benefit of local groups.

WELL DONE



'FEED THE GOAT' - News from Goatacre Cricket Club



Following our win over Cattistock, we host old rivals Redlynch and Hale in the Group Semi Final of the National Village Knockout on Sunday 29th May, any support will be most welcome!

We are looking for new players and anyone interested should contact John Wilkins on 07798680724.

Gail, Stephen & Sean Carroll



## THE DUKE HOTEL JUNE



A very **BIG** thank you from Gail, Steve and family and the wider Duke team for your terrific support over Scarecrow Festival Weekend. What fun was had!



For diners in June the same system as usual, but for footy fans we will be televising the 2016 Euro games in the Coach House/Marquee 'Stadium' area from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July.



Village Lunch as usual on the '1st Wednesday of the month' which this time is 1<sup>st</sup> June for another fun filled lunch time, all welcome, but please book.

01249 760634.



Don't forget to order your meals and tickets for **The Revenant** 18<sup>th</sup> June, not sure we can obtain sirloin of bear for the occasion. 01249 760634.



**THANK YOU AGAIN FROM ALL AT THE DUKE, YOUR LOCAL**

**The Library Bus will visit the School Hall car park at 10:15 to 10:45am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN JUNE		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup>	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Village Crafters	7:00pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Worship in the week	2:00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Smile	10:00am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

### On royalty and patriotism.

As a child long ago I wrote a poem, only two lines of which remain in my memory: I often wish I were a king/ for then I could do anything.

In a year in which I will be sharing in the national celebrations of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, I've been thinking about 'kingship'. It no longer seems simply permission to do anything you want. Instead I'm aware of the cost of public service.

The practice of kindness and courtesy – how many times can one open a new building with a smile or even receive a bouquet of flowers from a small child with thanks? The rarity of privacy and spontaneity in a diary ordered to fit the needs of others in a life in which the 'right to reply' to criticism has not often featured. The need for patience and duty to be at the forefront of one's choices, when even leisure activities are watched and sometimes commented on by others.

Royal celebrations have memories that make me laugh and smile: I still treasure the Silver Jubilee coin I was given at school in London. I remember how as a family we dressed up my little brother as 'Bye Baby Bunting' for a street party celebration of the wedding of Charles and Diana – and how he won a mug as his prize. I remember the Queen visiting Zambia for a Commonwealth Conference and the pride and delight with which my dad, Dr Mike Bush (may he rest in peace) received his OBE from Prince Charles. But I have not wished to be king or queen, or even a princess, since I was a child.

Since I became a Christian as an adult, a regular part of my life has included praying for the Queen – 'Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies, and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.' \*

There are also many things that I am glad of in being English and British, in that sense I am, if you like, a patriot. In June, like I hope all of us who have the privilege of a vote to use, I will be casting mine as part of the decision of whether as a nation we remain part of the European Union or not.

The prayer reminds me, as does the faith of the Queen herself, that I am also under a larger kingship, one whose kingdom is not of this earth. My patriotism for the Kingdom of Heaven will I hope always overcome anything in my patriotism for this country that is not founded on a commitment to love my neighbour as myself and also to love my enemy even as I pray for the Queen to overcome them.

\*This is part of *A prayer for the Queen's Majesty* from the Book of Common Prayer.

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
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>2:00pm Communion in the Chapel, followed by tea and coffee</b>		
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10:00am Communion</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8am Communion, Broad Town 9am Family communion, Tockenham 6pm Evensong, Clyffe Pypard
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>		Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am Service to celebrate the Queen's birthday, Broad Town TBC Evening Worship, Tockenham
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6:00pm Evening Worship</b>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am Morning Prayer, Tockenham 10:00am Word and Worship, Clyffe Pypard 11:00 Sung Communion, Broad Town
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>		Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am Benefice Communion to celebrate St Peter, Clyffe Pypard

### News from the Bell Tower.

Special half- muffled ringing to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of people connected with Hilmarton Parish who died as a result of the First World War will continue in June. There is one anniversary in June and we will aim to ring from 6.30pm to 7.15pm as has become the custom. 17<sup>th</sup> June – Ernest William Hillier

Most of us are taking our holidays in June (before the schools break up) so there may be Mondays when we don't practice, we will try to maintain Sunday ringing wherever possible. On Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a shorter practise session and ring to commemorate the Queen's birthday. On that night we will not ring a pattern that we have learnt but will change the order of the bells as directed by a conductor.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

### CAMEO

Afternoon tea on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm and 4pm at Highway Farm - the home of Rosie Addington. All welcome to come for a chat, meet your neighbours and enjoy homemade cake!!

If you would like a lift or can offer a lift please contact a member of the Church or ring Trish on 01249 760638.



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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Road, Hilmarton 760312 [geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk) **ENTRY IN Microsoft 'WORD' FORMAT PLEASE**

## Neighbourhood Police Report

Reported crime on our Rural beat this month is a little higher than last.

A sign of the summer months (dare I say that ?) being nearly here.

At Derry Hill on 12<sup>th</sup> April a trailer containing numerous garden tools was stolen from a lay-by.

Also in Derry Hill a few days later, garden ornaments were stolen from two residents gardens.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April, at Studley, someone set fire to some green oak, which could have had more major consequences had it spread due to its location.

18<sup>th</sup> April saw a vehicle stolen from Goatacre, but recovered by Police three days later in Reading.

At Quemerford Gate, a local Farmer has had persistent damage to wire fencing on his land. Barbed wire has been deliberately cut. It is believed this is done to enter the field where there is no public footpath. This is an act of Criminal Damage and I would be grateful if anyone has any information, to please contact me via email or phone.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2 persons were found at Smallgrain picnic Site by an officer in possession of Cannabis.

They were both subsequently dealt with for being in possession of a controlled drug.

On 19<sup>th</sup> April, a vehicle was stopped at Sandy Lane and the driver did not have valid insurance. His vehicle was seized by the Police. This incurs storage fees until such time the driver recovers his vehicle on production of valid insurance. The driver will also be dealt with by way of a hefty fine for driving without insurance and will also be given penalty points on his licence. Any new insurance he takes out will undoubtedly be extremely pricey ! As usual, please keep the cars locked up and secure windows and doors.

### Dash Cam

One of our residents was driving at Hilmarton last week and witnessed a piece of dangerous driving by another motorist who did several overtakes on solid white lines and was seen to tailgate another vehicle whilst again trying to overtake. Fortunately, our witness had a Dash Cam fitted into his vehicle and recorded the incident. He kindly passed the recording to us. The offending driver is shortly to be invited into the Police Station for a formal interview. Thank you to the witness. Dash Cams are great .

### Cold Callers

On 10<sup>th</sup> May in Calne, an elderly lady had a cold caller knock on her door, who told her that her roof was damaged and needed repair.

As the lady was worried, they agreed a price of £850 for the caller to repair the roof.

Having started working on the roof, the callers then asked for another £1000. This was refused and the self-styled roofers stated that they would return.

When a genuine qualified roofer then went onto the roof he discovered a large hole in the roof where the roof tiles had merely been removed.

This is not an uncommon type of Fraud. Many residents fall foul of these callous fraudsters, and I would advise never to give work in this way to doorstep callers.

Any people employed to do work for you should be properly checked and researched before agreement and parting with any hard earned cash.

Please keep an eye on elderly neighbours if they do start having work completed. If you are concerned, give us a call.

WPC 319 Sonya Stockhill

Rural Community Beat Manager



## Carers Week 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June

Caring is part of being human and at the heart of family life. As our population ages and people live longer, often with complex health



conditions, more and more of us will find ourselves caring with 3 in 5 of us becoming carers at some point in our lives.

A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who cannot manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

Many people don't identify themselves as carers, they feel they are just doing what anyone else would so they don't always know what support is available to them.

**Carer Support Wiltshire** is a local charity supporting carers in Wiltshire. They help them to access support, services, education and training, and breaks from their caring role. As part of **Carers Week (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June)** they will be celebrating the contribution unpaid carers make to families and communities in Wiltshire with their **Walk a Mile in My Shoes** sponsored walk. Walkers are encouraged to decorate their trainers or swap shoes with a relative or friend and show their support for carers. The walk will take place at John Coles Park in Chippenham. You can find out more at [www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk) or telephone 01380 871690.