

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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DECEMBER 2016 - NUMBER 12 - VOLUME 7



The Parish Council - St.Laurence Church - The School - Goatacre Sports & Social Club - The Chapel - Moviola - Phoenix Group - Smile - Gardening Club - Pre-School & Toddlers - Bell Ringers - The Village Crafters - Breakfast Club - Goatacre Cricket Club

WHAT'S ON DECEMBER *****

**** Bingo in the Community
Room 2nd Dec. 6:45pm

**Village Crafters at
Shirley's 6th Dec 7pm

**Lunch Club at The Duke
7th Dec. 12:00pm

**Cameo in the Church Hall
8th Dec.. 12:00pm

**School Christmas Fair 9th
Dec.5:30pm in the Hall

**Calne Concert 10th Dec.
7:30 St.Marys Church

**GCC Auction 15th Dec.
7:30pm Goatacre V. Hall

**Carols in the Pub 19th
Dec. from 6:30pm

**New Year Celebrations
31st Dec. at the Duke
Tickets £25 per person

Contact a Councillor, read
Parish Council minutes
www.hilmartonparish.co.uk
Parish Council Clerk
Jacquie Henly
Jays Cottage, Compton Road,
Hilmarton, Calne, Wiltshire

This Newsletter is
produced for Hilmarton
Parish Council

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accepted for inclusion,
subject to available space.
Donations are suggested.
The donation can go to
your chosen ParishGroup.
Copy and donation please
to Jacquie Henly 760401,
Jays Cottage,Compton

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS AND SUPPORTERS



The HSA will be holding their Christmas Fayre in Hilmarton Community Hall on
December 9th from 5:30-8:30pm.

We aim to raise £20,000 by April 2018 to support Hilmarton Primary School in
replacing one of their old mobile classrooms and we would be very grateful for
your support. The event promises to be an evening of fun, with some fantastic
food, great stalls, a raffle and games - even a Santa's Grotto!

If there are any businesses in the area that could support us by donating
suitable prizes or sponsoring a stall please do not hesitate to contact Louisa
Young, 13 Lammas Close, Hilmarton 760483 or younglouisa@hotmail.co.uk.
Thank you in advance and best wishes from everyone at HSA.

**Join us for our
Christmas Carol Service
on Monday
19th DECEMBER from 6.30 pm
In The Coach House
at The Duke Hilmarton
Mulled wine and Mince Pies**

**DONATIONS TO
ST LAURENCE CHURCH HILMARTON**

The printed copies are kindly sponsored by Wilkins Builders Ltd - 01249 822433

December Crafters

There will be a meeting of the Village Crafters on Tuesday December 6th at 7pm (1900 hours) at Shirley' s (Church Road, next to the alleyway to Poynder Place). This will be the 'Learn to Crochet' evening postponed from November. If you have a crochet hook and yarn do bring them along, but there will be crochet hooks and cotton yarn available at the meeting should you not want to buy your own. All are very welcome. For more information call Val on 01249760312

CHRISTMAS BINGO Come along to our friendly Bingo game. Super Christmas Raffle free Mince Pies All cash prizes. **Friday 2nd December**, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm in the Community Room - Poynder Place. Our 'Snowball' is now £45 for 57 numbers!!! **From January we are planning to charge an Annual Bingo Membership Fee of £5.00 - this will give you the right to play for the monthly £70.00 Snowball.**

The November Ten Score Club draw will also take place.

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN OCTOBER

1st No.44 Sally Fox - 2nd No.27 Mair Morgan
3rd No.121 Brian Edwards - 4th No.1 John Henly
5th No.88 Jacquie Henly - 6th No.100 Brian Edwards
7th No.22 Lauren Henly - 8th No.105 Graham Moxey
You too can have a chance to win every month - buy a number or numbers for £1 per month per number - £12 enters your number in 12 monthly draws.

For more information please contact Mel Wilkins on 760572, 07443940367 or email melwilkins@live.com

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM
YOUR VERY OWN VILLAGE CINEMA**

NEW YEAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY
14TH JANUARY
18TH FEBRUARY
18TH MARCH
22ND APRIL

FILMS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Tickets also available at St Church Road, Hilmarton, Wiltshire, SN18 7EDJ

www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Join us for **NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**
from 7.00 pm
at The Duke Hilmarton
and celebrate 2017

Fizz and Canapes on arrival

Buffet and Disco In The Coach House Bar
and
Buffet and Casino Table In The Duke Bar

Black Tie, Cocktail/Evening Dress

Glass of Fizz at Midnight

£25 per person

Christmas Cameo
SOUP LUNCH

12 noon to 2pm
Thursday
8th December

Hilmarton
Church Hall

Christmas stall
and the drawing
of the Christmas
Raffle

Relax and chat
ALL WELCOME

Come
And
Meet
Each
Other

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 26th December at 10:15am

CHILDREN'S PLAYPARK - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

ALTHOUGH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAYPARK WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NOVEMBER, UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE CONSIDERABLE RAINFALL WE HAVE HAD RECENTLY, THE PLAYPARK WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR. GIVING THE NEW TURF A CHANCE TO GROW ROOTS & SETTLE DOWN

A very Joyful Christmas and happy New Year
to all our neighbours and friends in and around Hilmarton
Geoff and Val Procter

**A very Happy Christmas from
The Hilmarton Gardening Club**

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
Question time
Demonstrations

Followed by refreshments and a raffle
or plant sale
Entrance fee: Members £3
Visitors £5 Annual Membership £6
For more information call 01249 760312
hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk
and on Facebook and Flickr

Calne Choral

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Conducted by Philip Springate

Christmas Songs, Carols
and Seasonal Readings

Saturday 10th December 2016 at 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Calne

Tickets £10 (Students & Children £5)
Tickets available from Calne Information Centre
Child members or on the door. Mulled wine & mince pie included

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Little Boxes.

I am collecting little empty boxes - medicine tablet boxes ideal - for a project. Instead of throwing them into your cardboard recycling bin I would be very grateful for them. I am very happy to come a collect them.
Thank you. Val Procter, Breda Cottage - 760312

ANNUAL GCC CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Thursday 15th December 7:30pm
At Goatacre Village Hall
Always a good social night with a raffle
Free sausage rolls and mince pies
Auction items gratefully received
Everyone very welcome to come along

“KEYING” - The term used when people deliberately damage a vehicle by scratching with a sharp object. Compton Road has witnessed many parked vehicles having been ‘keyed’ over the past few months. This targeted vandalism to a persons property is both cowardly and criminal. If you have seen anyone acting suspiciously near a vehicle, please contact the Police with a description of the suspect or get a picture on your mobile. Did you know that an increase in reports of vehicle damage to the Police may Cause an increase in vehicle insurance across the whole post code area. **BE VIGILANT**

DECEMBER IN THE CHAPEL

Sunday 4th	Family Carol Service	4:00pm
Sunday 11th	Service	6:00pm
Wednesday 7th	Worship in the Week	2:00pm
Thursday 8th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 2nd/9th/16th/30th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

On Advertising

Traditions are very important at this Christmas season, and among my favourite of the modern Christmas traditions is that of the seasonal advert. This tradition is improved by the fact that one no longer needs to watch television to see advertising – twitter, you tube, facebook and even old fashioned printed newspapers will run articles on the competition for the best Christmas advert each year.

My favourite as I write this is the John Lewis advert – I sniggered gleefully, although perhaps not for the reasons the advertisers intended. I have also enjoyed the parodies with Hilary Clinton as the disappointed little girl and president elect Trump as Buster the Boxer; as well as the one which reverses the action sequence, reflecting a slightly more cynical response to the bouncing wildlife on the trampoline.

It's a valuable tradition for churches: suddenly this is one of those moments when I no longer need to think carefully about whether mentioning an event in church is too churchy or Christian for village communities that are increasingly diverse – carol services are advertised in jingles, supermarket music mixes and the school email. I can advertise Jesus at this season, at least in the traditional packing of dark stable, endless livestock and blonde angels, to my heart's desire. All the major shops are doing the same.

Consuming and shopping in response is bound to give us that beautiful seasonal delight – just as the John Lewis advert foretells – both child and pet contented with one present – a couple where assembling a present on Christmas Eve in the snow leads only to a cuddle on the sofa and not to a serious argument about time management. For we can surely buy contentment if we look beyond the gloss to the real value we are being sold – in the frenzy of marketing 'peace on earth' we need not consider the real cost of providing peace for a child in Mosul.

If we just take a moment to 'like' an advert, or justly find its parody cleverer; we need not be caught up wondering about whether the consequence of our choices is setting justice aside. It seems that all Jesus and I want for Christmas is a trampoline.

Traditions old and modern are only of use if they help us recall and live by the values of the message that tradition imparts. What are the values that you want advertised this Christmas? What do you really want to be consumed by at any cost? Who can you set aside to make sure you get your bounce on the trampoline?

Reverend Rachma Abbott, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY Telephone 01793 731 134

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other special services, please contact Reverend Abbott, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter 01249 760 312 or Church Warden, John Henly on 01249 760 401.

DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Sunday 4th December		10:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard
Wednesday 7th December	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel Followed by tea & coffee	
Sunday 11th December	11:00am Advent Family Service for everyone.	10:00am Communion - Tockenham
Thursday 15th December		6:30pm Carol Service - Broad Town
Sunday 18th December	10:00am Benefice Communion 4:00pm Carol Service followed by mince pies & mulled wine	6:00pm Carol Service - Clyffe Pypard
Monday 19th December	Carols in the Pub - From 6:00pm in the Duke	
Saturday 24th December	11:15pm Midnight Mass	6:00pm Carol Service - Tockenham
Sunday 25th December		10:00am Family Communion - Tockenham 11:00am Family Service - Broad Town

News from the Bell Tower.

Our next WW1 commemorative ringing is in April 2017.

We are still practising Plain Bob Doubles and are hoping to be able to ring it for the Carol Service on 18th Dec.

We will probably not be ringing for the service in the morning on 18th Dec. There will be no practice on 19th Dec (Carols in the Pub), 26th Dec or 2nd Jan. We may ring in the New Year on 31st Dec depending on the number of ringers available.

Happy Christmas to everyone from the ringers.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JANUARY EDITION BY 16th DECEMBER PLEASE

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