

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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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 JANUARY

Cameo in the Church Hall 12th Jan. 12:00pm

Lunch Club at The Duke 12th Jan.. 12:00pm

* Bingo in the Community Room 13th. Jan. 6:45pm

Moviola in the Church Hall

14th. Jan. 7:00pm

Gardening Club in the Church Hall 24th. Jan. 7:00pm

Contact a Councillor, read Parish Council minutes

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A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

LONDON'S MOST FABULOUS FUGITIVES ARE ON THE RUN...
WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
ST. LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
and Calne Community Arts Partnership

Ashley Fabulous
THE MOVIE 15

ON THE RUN?
NOT IN THESE HEELS,
DARLING

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
Saturday 14th January at 7.30pm
Doors open 7.00 pm
Tickets: £6.00

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JANUARY NEWS FROM THE DUKE
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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
AND CUSTOMERS. AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
TREMENDOUS SUPPORT IN 2016

Fantastic New Year Celebration



**JOIN US FOR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
FROM 7.00 PM FIZZ AND CANAPES ON ARRIVAL
BUFFET AND DISCO IN THE COACH HOUSE BAR
BUFFET AND CASINO TABLE IN THE DUKE BAR
BLACK TIE COCKTAIL / EVENING DRESS
GLASS OF FIZZ AT MIDNIGHT
£25 PER PERSON**



PLEASE NOTE: 'VILLAGE LUNCHES' WILL NOW BE
ON THE **SECOND** WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH SO
OUR FIRST VILLAGE LUNCH OF 2017 WILL BE
WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY

Remember whether working from home or retired or waiting to pick up the children from school. Young or old, all are welcome. Make new friends or chat with old friends and neighbours.

Phone 01249 760634 to make your booking.
DAILY LUNCH MENU TWO COURSES £8.95

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BINGO Come along to our friendly Bingo game & Raffle

All cash prizes.

Friday 13th January, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm in the Community Room - Poynder Place.

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 December Ten Score Club draw will also take place.

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN NOVEMBER

1st No.22 Lauren Henly -

2nd No.55 Piers Maynard

3rd No.177 Ian Bissett -

4th No.13 Dave Tanner

5th No.40 Kim Gough -

6th No.14 Linda Miller

7th No.63 Peter Delamere -

8th No.32 Paul Doust

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

HILMARTON GARDENING CLUB

The start of a new gardening year! So far, (as I write this in December)

the weather has been kind to us. We gardeners are ever optimistic so let us hope that the weather stays like this. I am sure you are all itching to get out into the garden to start the many jobs to be done right now.

1.Add a little compost and a thick layer of mulch to protect the tender new growth. This is an excellent use for the branches of your discarded Christmas tree.2.In the event of snow, be sure to shake or brush off the white stuff from the branches of your evergreens and shrubs. The light fluffy snow poses no real threat, but if it should become wet and frozen, the weight dramatically increases. Branches are more brittle when the plants are dormant, and the weight of the snow may snap them off. 3.Dormant spraying of fruit trees, Cotoneaster, Dogwoods, etc. should be done this month. 4.It's a good time to prune most of your deciduous trees and shrubs. 5.Forsythia, Jasmine and Quince sprays can be cut and brought into the house now for forcing. The warmth in the home will bring some early bloom to your room. 6. Fireplace ashes should be saved to use a fertiliser for your Iris and other alkaline soil plants. 7.If the ground is workable at all (not frozen and not too wet), now is an excellent time to turn the soil. Not only will this expose insect eggs to the effects of winter and hungry birds, the freezing will help to break apart heavy clods of dirt. 8.Houseplants-dust on the foliage can clog the leaf's pores; so clean them up a little with a damp cloth, or a quick shower under the tap. Actively growing plants will benefit from a shot of liquid plant food. On very cold nights, it is a good time to close the curtains or blinds between the window and your houseplants. Make certain that Pansies your plants have sufficient humidity, by setting them on a tray filled with clean pebbles, and a little water, or by simply setting a cup of water nearby. 9.You can force Hyacinth, Paper white Narcissus, and Lily of the valley bulbs into bloom indoors, in a shallow bowl of water, or in pots this month. If you can't have spring yet.... fake it! 9.Keep a close eye open for insects on your houseplants. If you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, be sure to check those plants carefully too. 10.Extra time might well be spent getting the garden tools ready for spring. Sharpen and oil tools such as shovels, shears, mowers and the like. Power tools such as weed eaters and power mowers may benefit from a good tune-up. Could the wheelbarrow use a fresh coat of paint? 11.It's not too early to begin to think of a strategy for new spring plantings. You might want to create a small map of your garden, and use it as a guide for ordering plants and seeds from the catalogues that will be arriving in the mail soon.

The first meeting of the year at Hilmarton Gardening Club is on Tuesday 24th January, 7pm for 7.30 start. We have a special treat at this first meeting. Our guest speakers will be Hilmarton Gardening Club Chairman Geoff Procter and his wife Val. Geoff and Val will be sharing their experiences of **Life in a Small Cottage Garden**.

Whether you are a keen gardener, an enthusiastic novice or an armchair gardener you will be very welcome, so please come along and meet us at St Lawrence's Church Hall, Hilmarton. For more information call Lesley Hudson on 07802 741293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760312.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 23rd January 10:15am **Please check**

A Happy New Year to all my friends and acquaintances in Hilmarton and surrounding area. Have a good year and best wishes for your Health and Happiness in 2017 from Jean Fidler

Trish Joel wishes all her friends in the neighbourhood and benefice a belated Happy Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.

SOUP LUNCH

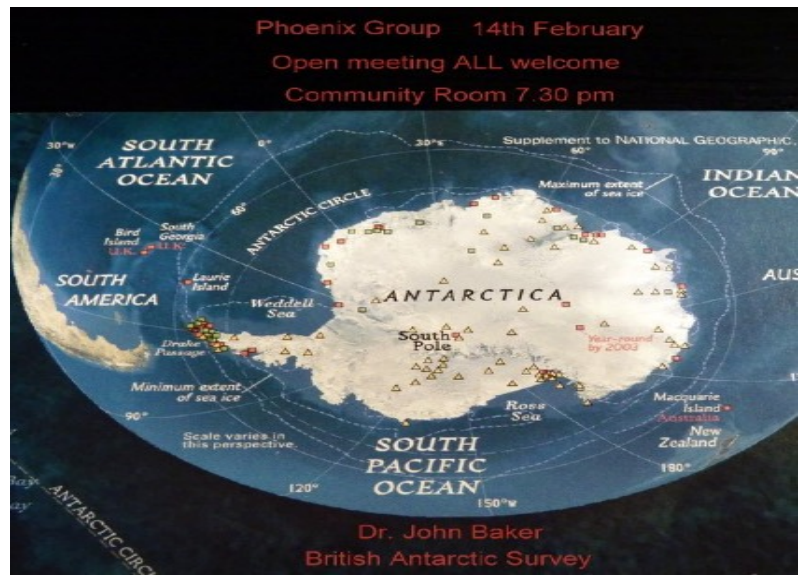
12 noon to 2pm
Thursday
12th January

Hilmarton
Church Hall

Come
And
Meet
Each
Other



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME



Goatacre Cricket Club (The Goats)

Please can someone help with accommodation from early May until early September for our 2017 overseas player £200pcm is available please contact John Wilkins on 07798680724

Dates For Your Diary:

Winter Nets 11.00-13.00 at Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Centre

February 12th & 26th/March 12th, 19th, 26th/
April 2nd, 23rd

Sporting Dinner - Thursday April 13th

GoatFest 2017 - September 7th & 8th

Hilmarton Primary School SN11 8SG

is seeking to add to its Governing Body and has vacancies for parent and non-parent members.

Experience in Project Management, Administration or Finance would be useful but is not essential.

The governors meet six times per year at FGB (Full Governing Body) meetings, each lasting approximately two hours, with some upfront document reading and question formatting.

Governors are also expected to be on at least one sub-committee which also meet six times a year. The main sub-committees at Hilmarton are Curriculum & Staffing and Finance & Premises.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and committed team, please feel free to contact any of the following:

Danny Holland (Clerk):

dholland@hilmarton.wilts.sch.uk

Sam Churchill (Headteacher):

head@hilmarton.wilts.sch.uk

Andy Hutton (Chair):

ahutton@hilmarton.wilts.sch.uk

Church Cleaning:

Is there anyone who would like to join our team of church cleaners? You can choose a time to suit you and your commitments and if we can get a few more people interested it won't be many times a year. We usually work in pairs and it is a good opportunity to spend some time in our beautiful historic church. Please email Elaine using beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk or call Trish on 760638.

JANUARY IN THE CHAPEL

Sunday 8th/15th/22nd/29th	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 10th & 24th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 4th & 18th	Winter Worship	2:00pm
Thursday 5th & 19th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 6th/13th/20th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

On New Year Resolutions

Writing a post-Christmas piece pre-Christmas has a slightly post-truth feel about it: somewhat jaded, not completely upfront.

No wonder it reminds me of New Year resolutions. I make them, but I don't really seem to keep them, to the extent that I've often forgotten what it was I resolved to do within days of January 1st.

This may be because I'm not a late night person and so if someone asks me what my resolution is when I'm celebrating on new year's eve I'm not awake enough to remember what I intended it to be in the morning. It might be because in a slightly post-Christmas, pre reality way I tend to make the same resolutions all the time: lose weight, get fitter, gain height, behave better. It's a pattern that suggests I'm not serious about self-improvement.

So this year I'm turning over a new leaf. I'm going to accept that I'm clearly not serious about losing weight – I haven't in the last decade so I'm going to get rid of any clothes in my wardrobe that I've been keeping hold of in the fantasy that I might fit back into them. That's not going to happen, but it might be that someone else could use them, if not there's always rag recycling options.

I am going to keep up going swimming, which I got back into after my summer holiday because I've really enjoyed it – so I might get fitter, but that will be because I didn't try and start it in the dark, cold, still short part of the year when my natural tendency is to be hibernating (I think hibernating more might have been my resolution one year).

Gaining height is up there on the impossible list – I'd quite like it but my resolving to gain height isn't going to make it happen. I suppose if I lay on my side and cheated I could claim increased width was increased height – just possibly that is one of the reasons why I never managed to achieve the lose weight resolution.

Behave better... that's the new year's resolution that I ought perhaps to be working on the question is would I be behaving better if I weren't making new year's resolutions of any sort at all?

I resolve not to make any new year's resolutions this year. I'll be behaving better because I might manage to keep this one and that will be a first. Have a happy, healthy and resolution free 2017.

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 1st January		10:00am Benefice Communion, Clyffe Pypard
Wednesday 4th January	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel Followed by tea & coffee	
Sunday 8th January	11:00am Word & Worship	10:00am Communion - Tockenham 6:00pm Evensong - Broad Town
Sunday 15th January	10:00am Communion	11:00am Sung Communion - Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Worship - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 22nd January	11:00am Sung Communion	8:00am Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Word & Worship - Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Worship - Tockenham
Sunday 29th January	10:00am Benefice Communion	

News from the Bell Tower.

Our next WW1 commemorative ringing is in April 2017.

Try something new for 2017! We would like to increase our band of bellringers at Hilmarton Church. Is there anyone who would like to find out what is involved in learning to ring? Come along to a practice session on Monday between 7.30pm and 9pm from the 9th January or contact Steve Stott (01249 760361) or talk to Elaine or John for more details.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

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

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