

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 IN APRIL

Parish Crafters in the Chapel 4th
April at 7:00pm

Bingo in the Community Room
7th April. 6:45pm

Phoenix in the Community Room
11th April at 7:30pm

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

Scarecrow Making in the
Community Room 22nd April

Moviola in the Church Hall
22nd April. 7:00pm

Gardening Club 25th April in the
Church Hall 7:00pm

Cameo in the Church Hall
26th April. 12:00pm

Gentleman's Breakfast The Duke
29th April 9:00am

Contact a Councillor, read
Parish Council minutes
www.hilmartonparish.co.uk
Parish Council Clerk
Jacquie Henly

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Hilmarton, Calne, Wiltshire
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your chosen ParishGroup.
Copy and donation please
to Jacquie Henly 760401,
Jays Cottage, Compton
Road, Hilmarton, SN118SG

GENTLEMAN'S FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday 29th April 2017

9:00am for 9:30 start at

**"THE DUKE
HOTEL"**

Numbers are limited to 30 on a
first come first served basis.

£7.00 per head for a freshly
cooked hearty 'Full English
Breakfast'

Please book in via email to
davemay104@yahoo.co.uk

Please note: members with
mobility difficulties should be
aware the speaker will be using
the upstairs meeting room.

Dont forget the
LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 12th April 12pm

Come along to a lovely meal
with friends at a special price.
You won't regret it!!

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA
in association with
ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
and CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARISH COUNCIL
jointly presents
TOM HANKS
"WILDCAT" "THE TOWER" "THE TOWER"
"THE TOWER" "THE TOWER"
SULLY
MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON **12A**



In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm)
Tickets: £6.00
From
27 Poynder Place 01249 760215
or E-mail MarkHickley2@gmail.com
or 34 Church Road, Hilmarton
For more info call 01249 760312
hilmartonmoviola@hotmail.co.uk
Visit our website at
www.moviola.org

On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the "Miracle on the Hudson" when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

Reminder – Scarecrow Making Workshop

Saturday 22nd April from 10am

At The Community Room, Poynder Place.

To book your time slot contact:-

Natalie on 01249 760199 or Mary on 07765
244494 - All you need to bring are the clothes/
outfit for your scarecrow (All in one, onesie/
boiler suits work well as a base layer), we'll
supply the rest! £5.00 per scarecrow –

Refreshments will be provided.



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BINGO Come along to our friendly Bingo game & Raffle

All cash prizes.

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

From January we have introduced an Annual Bingo Membership Fee of £5.00 - this will give you the right to play for the monthly £70.00 Snowball.

The March Ten Score Club draw will also take place.

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN FEBRUARY

1st No.2 Andrea Moxey - 2nd No.148 Mel Wilkins

3rd No.177 Ian Bisset - 4th No.12 Cynthia Fry

5th No.126 Ellie Bisset - 6th No.105 Graham Moxey

7th No.198 Piers Maynard - 8th No.112 Mel Wilkins

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

HGC April Garden Tips 2017 10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2017

Longer, warmer days and stronger sunshine means that the garden is awakening. 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 now 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.

✂ Check for emerging self-seeded plants and transplant or pot up before weeding and mulching borders ✂ Trim lavender and other silver leaved plants, remove old growth from penstemon, tidy salvias and lemon verbena once new shoots appear. ✂ Hoe your borders, getting rid of weeds before they take hold - annual weeds such as bitter cress and groundsel are enough of a nightmare without allowing them to go forth and multiply by seeding. If it's dry, attack ground elder and similar weeds with a weed killer painted onto the leaves. ✂ Mulch the borders while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off and top dress plants in containers. ✂ Place supports around tall growing plants so they grow through them. ✂ By April lawns will be actively growing, mowing should be done on a high setting, gradually lowering the cutting height until the desired cutting height is reached, it should also be aerated at this time of year by spiking with a fork or spiking machine, then have a top dressing of a mixture of 50% sharp sand and 50% compost raked or brushed in, lastly feed with a spring summer fertiliser. Cut edges and repair any damage. Rake moss from lawn towards the end of the month. ✂ Plant out dahlia tubers when soil has warmed up. Protect emerging shoots from slug damage. ✂ Put brassica collars around cabbage and cauliflowers to deter cabbage root fly and erect low screens around carrots to keep carrot fly at bay. ✂ Start slug and snail patrol. ✂ Prick out seedlings before they become overcrowded and pot on larger plants. ✂ Move young plants from greenhouse to cold frame and ventilate greenhouses in good weather to prevent a build-up of pest and diseases. ✂ Plant strawberry plants in planters or hanging baskets, cover fruit trees and bushes with netting or fleece to protect from frost and the birds. ✂ Tie in new growth on cane fruits to supports. ✂ A large variety of vegetables can be started off now in a prepared beds. Aim to sow a few lettuce and salad crops every fortnight to achieve a continuous supply. Early potatoes are traditionally planted on Good Friday. Easter is early this year, so plant as soon as possible, and main crops by mid-month. ✂ Onion sets and shallots should be planted out now. ✂ Tender plants - it's too early to be bringing plants out of glasshouse and conservatories so keep looking after them indoors for the time being. ✂ And don't forget to keep an eye out for your hedgehogs especially if they've decided to hibernate in your bonfire pile and leave some food out for the birds in squirrel proof feeders and out of the reach of the neighbour's cat.

*The April meeting at Hilmarton Gardening Club is on Tuesday 25th April, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Sally Nex is our guest speaker. Her topic for the evening will be **A ROGUE'S GALLERY FOR GARDENERS.***

Do put these dates in your diary and look out for our 2017 news. Everyone is welcome to our meetings. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Come along and see us at the Church Hall, Swindon Road, Hilmarton. 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

SOUP LUNCH

12 noon to 2pm
Wednesday
26th April

Hilmarton
Church Hall

Come
And
Meet
Each
Other



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME

Parish Crafters

Next meeting of the Parish Crafters will be on Tuesday the 4th April, 7pm in the Chapel when we will be attempting paper craft under the tuition of Tina Walker. If you would like to come please bring with you a paperback book (that you no longer want to keep!), 6 sheets of A4 paper (slightly thicker than printer paper but not card), sellotape, scissors, a stapler and a ruler. Sound intriguing? Come and find out what it's all about. We would be delighted to see you.

YEW TREES

We have 8 young pot grown yew trees, approx. 30" tall for sale in aid of the Church. Worth £15 each. Why not make us an offer!! Call Mel on 07443 940 367 Thanks

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 17th April

Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Benefit Fund

Its a new local grant fund that will be available to the following Parishes Bradenstoke & Lyneham, Hilmarton Christian Malford, & Bremhill Any community group within these Parishes is eligible to apply for a grant. The fund is renewed every year via an index linked payment of £50,000 t bradenstokesolarfund.org contains the grant criteria, or contact Mel on 760572, 07443 940 367 or melwilkins@live.com.

HILMARTON PRESCHOOL 2017

DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

GOATACRE CRICKET GROUND 11am till 3pm

Fancy Dress
(Dogs & Owners)

Dog Classes
£2 entry



TEA & CAKES - STALLS - BEER & BBQ
BOUNCY CASTLE - GARDEN GAMES



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Caine Veterinary Centre



All proceeds to go to Hilmarton Preschool registered charity 1384622



GREAT BRITISH CLEAN UP

Many thanks to the two groups of Litter Pickers who gave up their time on Saturday 4th March to make our Parish a tidier place to live. Following a successful funding application to Calne Area Board, pickers, hi-viz vests, gloves and bags were purchased by the Parish Council. Pete Jones organised the Goatacre group - Chris, Kate, Jo, Vicky, Penelope, Mike and Teressa. The Hilmarton group consisted Natalie, Harry, William, Piers, Sheron, Matthew, Noreen, John & Mel.

Between us we collected 35 bags of litter - everything from bottles & cans to number plates - 3 large tyres, two rolls of carpet and the remains of a keyboard. Well done. Picking kit can be loaned if you feel the need - Call 760572.

Calligraphy There is a group of people in Clyffe Pypard who would like to start a calligraphy group in the Village Hall there on a week day morning. We are looking towards arranging both "tutor-led" days and practice sessions. If you think that you might be interested in joining us, do let me know and I can let you have more details as they are available. Please contact Jan (jan_hargrave@yahoo.co.uk).

Samaras Aid May Appeal. For the past few years you have been amazing at supplying good quality clothing for the Syrian refugees through Samaras Aid. Everything that has been collected has been used and has helped to save lives. The appeal for this year has been launched and the collected items will be going in May. Can I ask you all once again to turn out your cupboards and help yet more cold and displaced people of all ages in Syria. They are in particular need of knitted blankets especially larger sizes as it is very cold. All clothing/blankets may be brought to me at Breda Cottage, Hilmarton. I am also happy to collect if required. The deadline for collecting will be the middle of April please. If you belong to a group/school/church then perhaps you may like to help to supply a Care Pack (see Samaras Aid website for details). Thank you once again for your kindness. Val Procter 01249760312

Goatacre Cricket Club (The Goats)
Saturday 1st April is the Nat West Groundforce Day - Any help to get our ground ready for the forthcoming season will be much appreciated as there is a lot to do.
Bacon rolls and coffee will be provided

Sporting Dinner Thursday 13th April Guest Speaker is Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards - £45 per ticket from Pat Murphy on 07595 503509
GoatFest 2017 - September 7th & 8th

ISLE OF WIGHT HOLIDAY CHALET

Holiday chalet available near Sandown on the Isle of Wight
 Fully equipped, 2 bedrooms
 Near the cliff at Culver Down and a beautiful sandy beach
 Close to all amenities but far enough away to be peaceful
 Chalet facilities include Full kitchen with oven & hob - Fridge - Microwave - Iron - 2 Televisions with Freeview (DVD player in one TV)
 Heaters in all rooms - Bed 1 has double bed - Bed 2 has single bunk beds - Bathroom with bath & shower over - Lounge with sofa plus sofa bed and snack tables - Complimentary tea & coffee - All bedding supplied, just bring your own towels.
Contact Reg or Lynne on 01249760136 or Stacy on 07557 911 083

PHOENIX GROUP

The meeting of the Phoenix Group on the 11th April in the Community Room at 7.30pm will be Coloured Pencil Art. All welcome. Come and see if you are a budding artist. Refreshments.
 May 9th will be a talk on Nepal by Anna Townsend

Smile Group will be meeting in the Chapel from now until the Autumn on alternate Thursdays 10-11:30am Everyone very welcome

THE ANNUAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING

this year is on Tuesday 25th April in the church at 6.30pm (just before Gardening Club in the hall - don't worry, you CAN come to both as the APCM is short, but important!)
 It is open to everyone:
 - feel more involved in your parish church
 see who the Parochial Church Council members are
 - and vote for them and/or new candidates
 learn how much it costs to keep our church running
 and understand how your contributions are used

APRIL IN THE CHAPEL

Sunday 2nd	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 9th/16th/23rd/30th	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 11th & 25th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Tuesday 4th	Crafters	7:00pm
Wednesday 5th & 19th	Worship in the Week	2:00pm
Thursday 13th & 27th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 7th/14th/21st/28th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

On amphibians and conservation.

Like the frogs at this time of year I'd rather be bouncing around in the garden. The new pond that Steven made in the autumn seems to be proving itself a valuable addition to the ecological niche of the garden. It is already full of daphnia and other water mini-beasts. The garden provides living quarters for toads, newts, frogs and bats as well as various bird species. The pond holds frog spawn as I write this, but I don't yet know if the toads and newts have been as successful. Several of our visitors are not as interested in newts and toads as my husband and I are. In fact the Benefice Administrator admits to feeling slightly squeamish about squirmy amphibians. I also know that they are endangered.

My garden and occasionally the house thanks to Mittens the Cat is also the home to a yellow-necked mouse – something we discovered when the Wiltshire Bat Conservation group were inspecting here last summer.

I'll readily admit that I feel no desire to conserve mice, even unusual yellow-necked ones. Instead I consult my favourite local pest control expert.

What makes one species make my flesh crawl and another make me ooh with excitement, conserving even the nasties of the animal world will no doubt prove important in ways I may not yet have realised. In the meantime, as I inspect mouse traps, I'm reminded to have sympathy for those who dislike frogs and toads and to contemplate the challenge of worshipping a God who said of everything he made, even the squirmy, scary creatures, that they were good.

Rachma Abbott, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY. Tel:01793 731 134.

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

DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Sunday 2nd April	6:00pm Evening Worship	8:00am Said Communion, Broad Town 9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham 10:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard
Wednesday 5th April	2:00pm Communion in the Church followed	by tea and coffee
Sunday 9th April	11:15am Word & Worship for Palm Sunday	9:00am Liturgy of the Palms, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Passion Gospel with Communion, Tockenham 6:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Thursday 13th April	7:30pm Communion for Maundy Thursday	with stripping of the altar
Friday 14th April	10:00am Family workshop for Good Friday	2:00pm Music & meditation for Good Friday @ Hilmarton
Sunday 16th April (Easter Day)	10:00am Communion	9:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Sung Communion, Broad Town
Sunday 23rd April	11:00am Sung Communion	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Word & Worship, Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Worship, Tockenham
Sunday 30th April		10:00am Benefice Communion at Tockenham

Samara's Aid Appeal

Samara's Aid is a charity for the relief of suffering through the provision of humanitarian and medical aid in Syria, Iraq and the Middle East. Many of you have given generously when Val has asked in the past. We are now hoping to put together at least one care pack for a family in need. The details of what is required are very specific so there will be a list in Church for you to sign against what you would like to provide and a box in Church in which to put your gift. All items must be new, in packing or still with tags. Further details are on the Samara's Aid website <http://www.samarasaidappeal.org/care-packs/> remembering it is the Family Care Pack we are aiming to provide. If you would prefer to give money so that we can buy items missing from the list that would be gratefully received and can be given to any member of the PCC or put through my door in a labelled envelope (48 Poynder Place). Thank you in advance - Elaine Leighton.

News from the Bell Tower. Our next WW1 commemorative ringing falls on Good Friday. It has long been the custom that no church bells are rung during Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) and especially not on Good Friday so we have decided on this occasion to postpone the commemorative ringing until Easter Monday. We will not be practising on Easter Monday as it is a Bank Holiday so will ring from 6.30pm to 7.15pm for Albert Diccoc.

We are continuing our attempts to ring Reverse Canterbury but due to holidays etc are unlikely to have reached a standard high enough to ring it on Easter Day. We welcome visitors to our practice nights, just come and chat and see what we do. We practise most Mondays between 7:30pm and 9pm but not usually on Bank Holidays. Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MAY EDITION BY 16th APRIL PLEASE To melwilkins@live.com - 760572
Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton. 760401 - jacquie88@btinternet.com or Geoff Procter
Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 - geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk. ALL ENTRIES IN 'WORD'