

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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## WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

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**Bingo in the Community  
Room 4th August.**

**6:45pm**

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**Lunch Club at The Duke  
9th August. 12:00pm**

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**Phoenix Group in the  
Community Room 12th  
August at 7:30pm**

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**ENTRIES FOR THE  
September NEWSLETTER  
BY 16th August PLEASE**

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**No Moviola in August**

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**Cameo at Jill Holt's 22nd  
August 2:00pm**

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**Gardening Club 24th  
August in the Church  
Hall 7:00pm**

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**Contact a Councillor,  
read Parish Council  
minutes**

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ST LAURENCE CHURCH  
HILMARTON

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

2017

Theme - ENGLISH COTTAGE GARDEN



**FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - 6:30PM TO 9:00PM**

Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles.

**SATURDAY 16TH - SEPTEMBER - 2:00PM TO 5:00PM**

Tickets £5 to include tea/coffee and cake – and Teddy Parachute Drop from the tower.



**SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - 2:00PM TO 5:00PM**

Tickets £5 to include tea/coffee and cake.

For further information please contact Jasmine McFadzean on 760611

## ST LAURENCE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

To celebrate the Flower Festival in St Laurence Church on 15-17 September, we would like to give you the opportunity to sponsor an arrangement or area of the Church that may have special memories for you, for example you might wish to commemorate a baptism or wedding or you may have family or friends who have their last resting place in the Churchyard, you could sponsor the Memorial Window, the Porch, it's your choice. Your sponsorships, which has been suggested at £20.00, would be donated to the purchase of flowers for the festival and so will directly contribute to its success. Please contact Mel and Sheron Wilkins on 01249 760572 to pledge your support. Many thanks



## HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY FOR YOUR VERY OWN VILLAGE CINEMA

In a week when news was announced of the sad passing of veteran film buff Barry Norman it is, perhaps, an appropriate time to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our very own Village Cinema. Barry Norman actually knew of our little cinema and was known to say how much he approved of our desire to bring movies to the community. "And why not"? NB He insisted he never actually used this catch phrase.

Hilmarton Moviola was set up in 2007, in part, to generate an income to help the survival of the Parish Church Hall after the school moved to its smart new school hall in Poynder Place.

Over the intervening 10 years, supported by regular moviegoers, the generosity of 'Movie Angels' and the unstinting work of the unpaid volunteers this venture continues, enabling 'Hilmarton Moviola' to show some of the latest feature films.

If you have not been before please give it a try. There are 75 upholstered seats, a licensed bar for the sale of wine and to help boost the relatively small income a fun raffle and refreshments. We have all the latest equipment provided by Moviola including the most up to date projection and sound systems and a big screen (see Moviola's website for more information [www.moviola.org](http://www.moviola.org)). Paul Schilling is the film buff and projectionist who, on film nights, who for 10 years travels up from his home in deepest Dorset. 'Movie Angels' are those unsung heroes in the community who offer regular donations to help us 'keep the show on the road' and the many hours given up by the volunteers also to ensure continuance of the cinema and hall.

We are in the process of selecting the films for the autumn and here are the dates for your diary:  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October -  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

The doors open at 7.00 pm the show starting at 7.30. We hope you will continue to support the cinema and encourage more people to come along. Thank you. The Hilmarton Moviola team.

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

**BINGO - Come along to our friendly Bingo game & Raffle All cash prizes.**

**Friday 4TH AUGUST**, 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 July Ten Score Club draw will also take place.

### TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN JUNE

1st No.157 Reuben Bisset -2nd No.177 Ian Bisset

3rd No.21 Reuben Bisset - 4th No.48 Elaine Leighton

5th No.20 Geoff Procter- 6th No. 12 Cynthia Fry

7th No.126 Ellie Bisset- 8th No.24 Cilla 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.

contact Mel Wilkins on 760572, 07443940367 or email [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com)

## 10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

### HGC 2017 August Garden Tips

*If the weather allows, don't forget to relax in your garden and browse the new bulb catalogues to plan your autumn plantings for next spring.*

**1.** It is vital to keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered in summer. Rain is often insufficient, so additional watering is required. Always water legally (look out for local hosepipe bans) and use recycled water wherever possible. Watering is best done in the evening or early morning. **2.** Continue to deadhead and feed bedding plants with a high-potassium fertiliser such as Phostrogen or Miracle-Gro. **3.** To prevent unsightly brown patches on conifer hedges, trim from now until late summer but before October – late pruning has been linked to problems with brown foliage. Avoid trimming in drought conditions as this puts the plants under more stress. **4.** Don't let dry weather put you off buying plants. Plant them using the "puddling" technique: dig a hole, set the plant in it and water the hole several times (add fertiliser at the recommended dose to the watering can). Firm the plant in – this gives close and intimate contact between the roots and surrounding soil.

**5.** Treat vine weevil grubs that damage plants grown in containers with acetamiprid (Scotts Bug Clear Ultra Vine Weevil Killer) or thiacloprid (Provado Vine Weevil Killer 2) used as a liquid drench applied to the compost. Or, for organic gardeners biological control suppliers offer a microscopic pathogenic, which can be used on edible and ornamental plants.

**6.** Clear blanket weed, algae and pond debris and keep the pond topped up with water. **7.** The peak time to control scale insect is July, when the young nymphs are active. On ornamentals, use a systemic insecticide such as imidacloprid, acetamiprid or thiamethoxam (Provado Ultimate Bug Killer or Scotts Ultimate Bug Killer). Or, for organic gardeners biological control suppliers offer a microscopic pathogenic, which can be used on edible and ornamental plants. **8.** Tidy roses to produce second blooms, pick off dead heads as they fade, once every flower on stem has faded cut off whole lot down to first main leaf cutting just above with sharp secateurs. **9.** Stand houseplants outside in rain this helps rinse the leaves.

**10.** Tomatoes will fruit well into autumn if well cared for. Feed with tomato fertilizer once a week, pinch out side-shoots regularly, cut off leaves growing below lowest ripening truss to improve air circulation and prevent disease. Don't allow plants to dry out. **11.** Make regular sowing of salad leaves. **12.** Re-pot slower growing peppers into progressively larger pots, support larger plants and feed with tomato fertilizer to promote fruit development. **13.** Check for signs of cabbage white butterfly eggs, on the underneath of leaves, rub off. **14.** Sow spring cabbage. **15.** Watch for potato and tomato blight (brown patches on leaves) and spray with fungicide before you lose the crop. **16.** Carrots can still be sown and also sow a late crop of French and runner beans. **17.** Pick all beans and other crops regularly to ensure a continuous supply.

**Please note Hilmarton Gardening Club can accept no responsibility for members' use of chemicals, we will not influence you to be an organic or a chemical grower we simply pass on tips from experts in either group. The choice is yours, please read manufacturer's instructions carefully.**

*The speaker on 25th July is Altheda Raymond who is a past lecturer at Lackham.*

*For more information please call Lesley Hudson on 07803 741 293 or Geoff Procter on 01249 760 312*

### FROM THE DUKE

Dear Villagers of Hilmarton and The Parish,

It is with sadness that Steve and I will be leaving The Duke in August. Many already know that Sean has left for pastures new in the Big City LND. He has settled well and is a manager with Youngs Brewery and living life to the limit!

We as a family settled well here and with all intense and purpose this should have been for the long term, unfortunately there have been many issues regarding extending the dining area and refurbishing the pub.

When we took The Duke on two years ago, we had a vision and we were led to believe that Arkell's Brewery would agree to everything once we had the pub back on the map. Again, it's unfortunate as Arkell's do not see the viability in a major refurbishment at the moment, maybe we asked for too much!

Trading will be a little disrupted throughout August so please bear with us, we will be closing from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August to get organised to hand over to the new tenants on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

So a fond farewell it is, we would like to thank all for your support and friendship, we have made some lifelong friends in the short time we have been here and I'm sure you will see us around sometime.

Love and best wishes to you all

Gail, Steve & Sean Carroll (and my mum Joyce) xxx

### MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 7th August at 10:15am

This Newsletter is produced for Hilmarton Parish Council

Private entries may be accepted for inclusion, subject to available space.

Donations are suggested. The donation can go to your chosen Parish Group.

Copy and donation please to Jacquie Henly 760401, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton. SN118SG

**SPONSORED  
BIKE RIDE AND WALK**



If anyone is interested in participating in the Historic Churches "Ride & Stride" on Saturday the 9th of September, please contact Mair on 760308. If anyone is prepared to help keep our Church open throughout that day, by being there for a hour or so, please contact Trish on 760638.

**The Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival 2017**

This year our grand total is a whopping £8,750!

This was raised not only from the scarecrow festival in May but from other events we have held throughout the past year, we could not have raised this much without your continued help & support.

We are still selling calendars where a percentage of the proceeds will go to this year's chosen charity and a percentage to next year's festival funds.

This is how we have split it this year:-

Annual chosen charity Teenager and Young Adult (TYA) team	£3,000
Hilmarton Primary School (Inc donation to new build)	£3,000
Hilmarton Pre School	£1,000
St Laurence Church	£750
Hilmarton Church Hall	£500
Goatacre Village Hall	£250
Hilmarton Breakfast Club	£150
St Laurence Flower Arrangers	£50
Phoenix Group	£50

If you are a local community group that would like us to consider you for a donation next year, please let us know.



**Date for your diary: 12th September**

**Phoenix Group in the Community**

**Room**

On the 12th September at 7.30pm

Tricia Lawrence from Send-A-Cow will be at the Phoenix Group in the Community Room to explain about the work of this amazing charity, which began in the West Country when farmers got together to help the people of Africa by sending livestock. Many lives have been changed because of this first act of generosity. Do come along - open to all.

Entrance for non members is £3.00. Refreshments.

Proceeds from the evening will go to the work of the Charity.

**Village Crafters Changes.**

For the past few years we have seen a fall in numbers at Village Crafters (formerly Knitti Natters). Sadly we have lost a number of old friends and regular members. I suspect also the warm summer this year has tempted people into their gardens.

At the last meeting the eight of those attending decided to now incorporate the group into Phoenix by having crafting evenings a few times a year. For those who still want to knit or craft Shirley Gilliard has kindly offered her home as a venue on an ad hoc basis (please see Shirley).

Knitti Natters saw some wonderful projects undertaken and although big projects are now not feasible with the number of members we shall still endeavour to do some small interesting and exciting things when we can. At present we are knitting and crocheting a 'tea'!!! We have also be asked if we would kindly like to knit, crochet or craft flowers for a window in the church for the flower festival in September, so any items would be much appreciated.

Knitti Natters was a joy to run and we like to think that we helped new knitters on their path as well as making a bit of money for worthwhile causes. Above all we had a great team spirit and a lot of fun.

I would like to thank everyone who has knitted, crocheted, crafted or built things for us over the years; you can now have a rest. No more crazy projects, at least for the time being...Kindest wishes to you all Val Procter.

**AFTERNOON**

2pm to 4pm  
Tuesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> August

33 Church Road,  
Hilmarton  
(The home of Jill Holt)

**TEA**  
**Come**  
**And**  
**Meet**  
**Each**  
**Other**



Relax and chat **ALL WELCOME**

All are welcome at a COFFEE MORNING in aid of BRIGHTER FUTURES - the GWH charity for the radiotherapy appeal.

It will be on Saturday 26th August, 10am to 12

At Dorothy Wilkins' house,  
Clyffe Pypard, opposite The Goddard Arms

**THE CHAPEL IN AUGUST**

<b>Sunday 6th</b>	Family Service with tea	4:00pm
<b>Sunday 13th/20th/27th</b>	Service	6:00pm
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	Worship in the week in <b>The Church</b>	2:00pm
<b>Thursday 10th &amp; 24th</b>	Smile	10:00am
<b>Friday 4th/11th/18th/25th</b>	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

## On Memory and Loss

There are some things I'm very bad at remembering. Among them newsletter deadlines and birthdays. The first is probably frustrating for newsletter editors, the second has brought me more personal trouble. My son still dines out on stories of his mother forgetting his birthday (twice). Once I was in hospital so I feel exonerated from all guilt, the other time is much more embarrassing. While still at primary school he came home one day and said (as a news item, without, I should make clear, any desire to make me feel bad): 'You forgot my birthday'. My reply was: 'No, I didn't, it's tomorrow'. 'Oh, OK, but it was today at school.' I looked at the calendar and realised he was right, I had muddled up the days. This failure to be good with dates and numbers also causes me trouble when banks etc need to know birthday dates to prevent identity fraud and I'm yelling: When's your birthday darling? Is it May or September? I have got as far as knowing it is either the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> or the 9<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> but not anchored the correct date. I normally realise I should think about my husband's birthday when post that clearly looks like cards starts landing on the doormat. This was easy in London, but now I live further away from an emergency purchase just in time it's a little trickier. I have sometimes blamed attending primary school in Zambia for this – way too early I was introduced to the challenge of American style dates that begin with months, not days. I have also sometimes blamed my Dad who was also prone to date failure. Throughout my first year at boarding school I was in the wrong place in the dinner queue. We were supposed to line up in age order and the difference between 21<sup>st</sup> of June and the 21<sup>st</sup> of July was therefore significant to the child I displaced. This was one of the few dates I was certain of: mine is July and my sister's the June. However, when I told the House Mistress that the date was wrong and so it was ok for Rachel to be ahead of me in the dinner queue I was told I couldn't possibly know what my birthday was better than my father. In apology for this failure on my part I will say I've never knowingly been upset if other people forget my birthday and my son and I have developed a very relaxed approach to this particular form of familial expressions of love. My failure to remember dates mostly doesn't cause me trouble. Fortunately, I live in a culture where everyone else remembers Christmas and Easter always changes so having to look it up is not a sign of mental peculiarity.

Recently I have been reminded that memory playing tricks can be a source of great personal grief, either with the fear of diminishing memory in oneself or in the loss of being known, seen and recognised by someone else. The burden of caring for and loving someone whose memory for eating or conversation or how to dress or whether you are the person they love is enormous. Visiting care homes early on in my ministry I remember happily joining in with someone who seemed to celebrate a birthday every week and later becoming aware of the distress this caused their spouse. It was in the relationship of love and connection that the birthday remembered or otherwise mattered.

<https://www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk/>

Rev. 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 Reverend 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
Wednesday 2nd August	2:00pm Communion followed by tea & coffee	
Sunday 6th August	6:00pm Evensong	8:00am Communion, Broad Town 9:00am Family Communion, Tockenham 10:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 13th August	10:00am Benefice Communion for St Laurence's Day	
Sunday 20th August	10:00am Communion	11:00am SUNG communion, Broad Town 6:00pm Evensong, Tockenham
Sunday 27th August	11:00am Sung Communion	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Word & Worship, Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Worship, Tockenham

News from the Bell Tower.

There is one 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 in August and one at the end of July. As the one on 31<sup>st</sup> July falls on a Monday there will be no normal practice that week. We will ring from 6.30pm to 7.15pm each time. 31<sup>st</sup> July – Joseph Topp - 1<sup>st</sup> August – Ephraim John Baker

If you would like to come and watch us ring and find out what ringing is about either turn up to a practice night on a Monday between 7:30pm and 9pm or contact Steve Stott, John Henly 760401 or me (01249 760537) Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SEPTEMBER EDITION BY 16th AUGUST PLEASE To [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - 760572** Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton. 760401 - [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com) or Geoff Procter Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 - [geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk). ALL ENTRIES IN 'WORD' Format please.



## Goatacre Cricket Club

Founded 1928

National Village Champions 1988 & 1990

WEPL Premier League Division 2

Wiltshire County Cricket League

Wiltshire Youth Cricket League



**President: Mr F T Jennings**

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**Treasurer: Clive Chivers**

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### GCC Press Release July 2017

**GoatFest is back by popular demand at Goatacre Cricket Club on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September courtesy of main sponsors Chemring Plc. Following successful festivals of Music, Food, Beer & Cider in the past 2 years, Goatacre CC have organised their 3<sup>rd</sup> event with even more to enjoy over the 2 days.**

**With a fabulous line up of bands, amazing ales, some fantastic home made food, sideshows and stalls, this is an unmissable event to entertain everyone. Limited tickets are available so please buy early from [www.goatfest.co.uk](http://www.goatfest.co.uk) Goatacre Village Hall, Calne Visitor and Community Information Centre.**

**Saturday is sure to be a sell out, but with terrific new acts booked for Friday, a great night is also guaranteed, so a weekend ticket at £20 including drinks tokens is an absolute bargain.**

**The Band line up includes, Sloe Train, Splat The Rat, The Shambles, Mick O'Toole, The Ukey Dukes, Angel Up Front and many more.**

**For those wishing to enjoy the full festival experience a campsite with full facilities is available online.**

**As well as raising funds for Goatacre CC, the event will be supporting The Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Julia's House Childrens Hospice.**