

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 SEPTEMBER

Bingo in the Community Room 1st September 6:45pm

Goafest 8th & 9th September Goatacre Cricket Club

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

Cameo at Shirley Yeatman's 14th September 2:00pm

Flower Festival in Church Teddy Drop & Mouse Hunt 15th, 16th & 17th September

ENTRIES FOR THE September NEWSLETTER BY 16th August PLEASE

Moviola in the Church Hall 16th September 7pm

Gardening Club 26th September in the Church Hall 7:00pm

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

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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.

YOUR OWN VILLAGE CINEMA

Autumn Season

Hilmarton Parish Church Hall
Saturday 16th September
Doors open 19:00pm, show starts
at 19:30pm Tickets: £6

Their Finest

Gemma Arterton plays Catrin, a diffident young Welsh woman who lands a job with a unit making short propaganda films for the Ministry of Information at the height of the Blitz. Hired to write 'the slop', as dialogue between women is dismissively termed by her jaded writer colleague Buckley (**Sam Claflin**), she ends up working on a morale-boosting feature film about the exploits of a couple of seafaring sisters during the Dunkirk evacuation. **Bill Nighy** as a vain and ageing ham and **Jeremy Irons** as the dictatorial but out-of-touch Secretary of War are on top comic form.
(2016) 117 mins

Director: Lone Scherfig

Writers: Gaby Chiappe, from the novel by Lissa Evans

Cinematography: Sebastian Blenkov

Production Design: Alice Normington

Music: Rachel Portman

Times:

Advance tickets: Breda Cottage (34 Church Road, Hilmarton,) or email hilmartonmoviola@hotmail.co.uk For more information and to reserve tickets call 01249 760312

75 upholstered seats and a licensed wine bar Also on HILMARTON MOVIOLA FACEBOOK and <http://www.moviola.org/hilmarton/>



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

Friday 1st September, 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 August Ten Score Club draw will also take place.

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN JUNE

1st No.27 Mair Morgan -2nd No.127 Caitlin Fry
3rd No.56 John Henly - 4th No.5 Hazel Moxey
5th No.149 John Henly- 6th No. 38 Ruth Allen
7th No.99 Ron Jacomb- 8th No.121 Brian Edwards
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

HILMARTON GARDENING CLUB (HGC) 10th ANNIVERSARY

Our Speaker on Tuesday, 22 August will be Alan Edmondson on the topical subject 'Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden'. Hopefully for HGC members you will already have seen some in your gardens and taken photos ready to hand your entries in on 22nd for the Sharon Thomas Photographic Competition. The speaker on 26 September is Richard Cripps talking about 'Pruning Trees and Shrubs, and Lawn Cultivation'.

Gardening Tips for September. There's been enough rain and low temperatures these to make one feel optimistic for an Indian Summer. 1. First and foremost keep dead-heading and cutting back your hardy herbaceous flowers. 2. It's time to attend to your lawn - aerate, apply sharp sand or compost, scarify to remove debris and apply an Autumn fertilizer. 3. Roses - scatter wood ash or sulphate of potash on rose beds and hoe in, prune climbers and ramblers which have only one flush of blooms, and also weeping standards, take cuttings of mature side shoots from climbers, ramblers and ramblers, and of this year's growth form floribundas and hybrid teas. 4. Hedges - clip new growth for the last time this season, remove remaining weeds and burn, compost or recycle them, prepare sites for new hedges and plant evergreen hedges from mid-Sep to mid-Oct. 5. Vegetables - protect lettuces and spring cabbages with cloches, and sow carrots under cloches. 6. Dahllias - check ties to avoid damage from strong winds (already had them!), feed once a fortnight with liquid fertilizer to produce good blooms and build up strong tubers. 7. Irises - cut off and burn/recycle leaves that have developed brown spots. 8. Sweet Peas - think about buying the seeds now. 9. Indoor Bulbs - also, it's time to start preparing pots with bulb fibre for those Christmas, forced hyacinths. 10. Bushton and Clyffe Pypard Flower and Produce Show - make sure you have a go on 9 Sep or even come along and look at the entries and enjoy a great tea with home made cake.

Please note HGC can accept no responsibility for members use of chemicals, there is no attempt to influence you to be an organic or a chemical gardener. Tips are simply passed on from experts. The choice is yours, please read manufacturers' instructions carefully.

For more information, please call Geoff Procter on 01249 760675

The Great Knicker Collection.

As you know we have made several collections of good quality used clothing for the past couple of years for the refugees in Syria and Iraq via the charity Samaras Aid. These collections have seen tonnes of clothing distributed. At present due to changes in customs regulations in Iraq we have been asked to postpone collecting until Samara and her team have had a rethink on how to proceed. Rest assured the clothing already collected is still going to Syria.

One of the most needed items, which has, of course to be new rather than second hand is underwear. These are items which, for some reason do not automatically spring to mind when collecting. Funny when you know just how important these items are to our everyday lives, perhaps the reason they don't spring to mind is that we take it for granted that they are there every day!

Can we help?

I am proposing a big new Knicker collection over the coming couple of months. They can be for women, children or men and all different sizes and colours. In packs of two, three, six, twelve or even singly it doesn't matter, every pair will help and will I can assure you be very much appreciated by the recipient.

Should you feel able to help please either contact me on 001249760312 or deliver them to me at Breda Cottage, Church Road, Himarton.

These small items will make a big difference to those whose basic dignity has been taken away. Thank you. Val Procter

FLOWER FEST REFRESHMENTS

Would you be prepared to supply a cake/cakes or something savoury for the Festival (savoury for Friday evening - Cakes for Sat/Sun afternoons).

Your donations will be extremely appreciated.

Please contact Sheron on 760572 saying what you might be providing.

Many thanks

Silence is Golden.

Why not take a few moments from the business of life to gather your thoughts, pray or just be peaceful in this ancient and beautiful building as so many have done over the ages.

Each month, for one evening St. Laurence, Hilmarton will be open from 7 - 8.30 pm. You are very welcome to come in for as long as you wish. In September, the Quiet Evening will be on the 19th. Please refer to the newsletter or Church lych gate for further dates.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 4th September 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.Javs Cottage.Compton Road.

**SPONSORED
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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.

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GREAT CHURCH MOUSE HUNT??

During the Church Flower Festival we shall be running a Grand Church Mouse Hunt for the younger members of our community, the aim being to locate a number of knitted mice placed around the interior of the Church.

There will be prizes for the children finding the most mice so do please bring your children for a fun afternoon.

Entries are only £1 per child



**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.

Eddie Peckham

Congratulations are in order to Eddie (retired Hilmarton Parish Councillor) who has been awarded an BA Honours Degree in English Literature. Obviously he is pleased and he says it kept the grey matter working at 76 years of age. It also proves "you are never too old to learn". Well done Eddie.



LONG LOST FRIEND - PATRICIA BAIN

I am looking for an old friend of Hilmarton and wondered if there is a chance I could find her. Her name was Patricia Bain born in 1957/8 and I understand she lived in Hilmarton all her life until she married at about 19/20 years old to a fairly local man with two children. This would have been in about 1978/79ish. She was an only child and unfortunately I have forgotten her parents names. They had Pat quite late, as I recall her Father was retired from the RAF at Lyneham. Pat went to Wootton Bassett School. We were really good friends and we lost touch when she married as I was single and moved away to university life. It will be my 60th birthday next year and I would love to get together with Pat as she lost touch with everyone. Understandable of course. Although I have moved away I do have a friend living in Brinkworth who would also like to make contact if possible. Sorry I haven't much to go on but I grew up in Broad Town so know village life can be small and I'm hoping someone you might know may remember her. Many thanks for your time, If you can help please contact me Jayne Carter nee Filer jayne.carter37@gmail.com

AFTERNOON

2pm to 4pm
Thursday
14th Sept

Manor Farm,
Hilmarton
(The home of Shirley
Yeatman, just opposite
the church gate)

**TEA
Come
And
Meet
Each
Other**



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME

THE CHAPEL IN SEPTEMBER

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| Sunday 3rd | Family Service | 4:00pm |
| Sunday 10th/17th & 24th | Service | 6:00pm |
| Tuesday 19th | Coffee Morning | 10:00am |
| Wednesday 13th & 27th | Ladies Meeting | 2:00pm |
| Thursday 14th & 28th | Smile | 10:00am |
| Friday 1st/8th/15th/22nd & 29th | Prayer Meeting | 2:30pm |

2017 September On letters to treasure

When I arrived in these villages just over 2 years ago I was told that I was expected to write a piece for some of the village newsletters. All I knew was that these newsletters were for everyone in those villages, whether they were members of churches, chapels, synagogues, mosques or simply people who lived in the villages. My main hope was that people might feel from reading them that the vicar was someone it might be ok to get to know, to meet with or to talk to if anyone ever felt they needed to do so. I was daunted by this task, because I don't find writing easy.

Words have enormous power to transform. They can be used to build people up or to 'cut them down to size'. Spoken or written they can harm or heal. Letters can be treasured long after the writer has died because they speak of love and comfort shared.

Some years back the gift of a book with blank pages was intended to act as a place to record words of encouragement: here I record the letters that have helped. The kindly card when I've been down or unsure; the little notes that have encouraged me, when things have gone wrong, to have another go. The invitation to a conversation face to face to work out why people might have different ideas about how to serve the same purpose.

This book is called a Barnabas book and it is so named after a friend and companion of Paul, for Barnabas means 'child of encouragement'*. However, as far as we know Barnabas didn't write letters, or at least none have come down to us, although his friend Paul was a great letter writer.

Paul wrote several letters to encourage the small communities of people who had begun to follow Jesus in the years following his life, death and resurrection, and today Christians still read and value his letters even though many of them are challenging in what they say. Christians also argue about how we should use and understand these letters, and that also reminds me that words can also be weapons. As another biblical letter writer says: "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*"

Letters can be treasured and they can also be hoarded and used to reignite the pain and upset caused by their words.

Although we have some of Paul's letters we do not have the replies. But many of his letters include the promise that he will come and meet with his correspondents in person so that difficulties can be cleared up and misunderstandings sorted in order that the whole community can be built up to serve God. Even when Paul is disappointed in these early Christian gatherings he gives thanks for them and reminds them that they are loved and valued, and sends farewell greetings written in his own hand.

These days my hope for these strange little newsletter snippets that I write is that even when people find them disappointing they will know that I give thanks for the people of these villages and hope to respect, value and learn to love them.

*The etymology of Barnabas is quite complex as it may also mean 'son of the prophet' and 'encouragement' here is a word that includes comfort and challenge and consolation.

*Hebrews 4:12

Rev'd. Rachma Abbott, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other special services Contact Rev'd Abbott(01793 731134), our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter (01249 760312), or the Churchwarden John Henly (01249 760401)

| DATE | ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON | OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES |
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| Sunday 3rd September | | 10:00am Benefice Communion, Tockenham |
| Wednesday 6th September | 2:00pm Communion in the Church followed by tea & coffee. | |
| Sunday 10th September | 11:00am Word & Worship - an informal service for all ages | 10:00am Communion, Tockenham 6:00pm Evensong, Broad Town |
| Sunday 17th September | 10:00am Communion | 11:00am Communion, Broad Town 6:00pm Evensong, Clyffe Pypard |
| Sunday 25th September | 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. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears (or other cuddly friends) to the **Hilmarton Teddy Bear Parachute Drop** on Saturday 16th Sept from 2pm to 5pm at the church tower. £2 per bear. Adult owners of Teddy Bears welcomed. We are pleased to announce a new and improved pulley system and new parachutes. Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)



ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE OCTOBER EDITION BY 16th SEPTEMBER PLEASE To
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geoffhilmarton@hotmail.co.uk. ALL ENTRIES IN 'WORD' Format please.



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GCC Press Release July 2017

GoatFest is back by popular demand at Goatacre Cricket Club on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th 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 3rd 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 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.