

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 NOVEMBER

Bingo in the Community Room 3rd November

6:45pm

Astronomy Talk in Goatacre Village Hall on 4th November

Bonfire Night 7pm 5th November at the Duke

Phoenix Group in the Community Room 14th November at 7:30pm

Cameo Soup Lunch 15th November in the Church Hall at 12pm

Moviola in the Church Hall 18th November 7pm

Christmas Shopping 7pm 24th November in the School Hall

Gardening Club 28th November in the Church Hall 7:00pm

Contact a Councillor, read Parish Council minutes

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**Saturday 18th November
Hilmarton Parish Church Hall 7.00 for 7.30**

THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES 12A



Determined to gate-crash her ex-lover's funeral on the glamorous French hideaway of Île-de-Ré, former Hollywood siren Helen (**Joan Collins**) escapes her London retirement home with the help of Priscilla (**Pauline Collins**), a repressed English housewife stuck in a dwindling marriage. Pooling their limited resources, they hit the road in a race to get to Île-de-Ré, becoming entangled in a love triangle with a reclusive Italian millionaire (**Franco Nero**) along the way. On this unforgettable journey, they find true friendship in one another – and have the time of their lives.

(2017) 104 mins - Director: Roger Goldby - Writer: Roger Goldby -
Cinematography: James Aspinall - Production Design: Ana Viana - Music: Stephen Warbeck

SOUP LUNCH

12 noon to 2pm
Wednesday
15th November

Hilmarton
Church Hall

**Come
And
Meet
Each
Other**



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME

2017 HARVEST SUPPER

REGRETTABLY WE HAVE TAKEN THE
DECISION TO CANCEL THE SUPPER
WE ARE EXTREMELY SORRY FOR THOSE
WHO HAD BOOKED TICKETS
POSSIBLY TIME FOR A RE-THINK AND TO
TRY SOMETHING NEW
ANY IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE WILL BE VERY
WELCOME

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BINGO -

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

Friday 3rd November , 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 October Ten Score Club draw will also take place.



TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN SEPTEMBER

1st No.12 Cynthia Fry -2nd No.3 Sheila Beasley
3rd No.25 Cilla Moxey - 4th No.133 John Henly
5th No.51 Piers Maynard - 6th No. 70 Trish Joel
7th No.144 Piers Maynard - 8th No.33 Lindsay Alabaster
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

**PLEASE NOTE: SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR
THE 2017/18 YEAR - PLEASE PAY BY END OCTOBER
TO ENSURE YOU REMAIN IN THE MONTHLY DRAW**

HILMARTON GARDENING CLUB (HGC) 10th ANNIVERSARY

Our Speaker on Tuesday, 24th October will be the Head Gardener at Bath Priory Hotel, Jane Moore, talking about 'Late Autumn Colour'. On 28th November we will be holding our annual Christmas Party. Special this year because it is our 10th anniversary. However, make sure you are studying your gardening encyclopedias and other publications, ready to have sufficient knowledge for the ever popular Christmas Gardening Quiz! Hopefully, we might have bottles of HGC 10th Anniversary Apple Juice for sale at the meeting.

Congratulations to Tina Walker for winning the coveted Sharon Thomas Photography award. **Gardening Tips for November.** Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you cannot do this, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up. Some more tips: 1.Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds. 2.Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging. 3.Plant tulip bulbs for spring display next year. 4.Prune roses to prevent wind-rock. 5.Plant out winter bedding. 6.Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem. 7.Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubble wrap works well. 8.Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around trunks. 9.Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden. 10.Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting.

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.

Note: We are keen to ensure our records are up to date as, in particular, mobile phone numbers change quite frequently. Thank you to those members who have completed the 'update form' and a blank is attached to complete with all your current details. For more information, please call Geoff Procter on 01249 760312

Saturday morning 7th October turned out to be wet and miserable but that didn't deter friends, family, and passers by from popping in to Hilmarton's Macmillan Coffee Morning, in the Church Hall.

We raised approx. £465.00 for this very good cause. Many thanks to everyone involved.

ASTRONOMY TALK

Back by popular demand, Paul Hill is giving another talk on the Night Sky in Goatacre Village Hall **Saturday 4th November.** Weather permitting, there will also be an opportunity to look at the night sky through his telescope.

Tickets are £6.00, which includes a ploughmans supper, from Goatacre Club or from Trish on 760638

'Rowley. On Friday, 6 October my beloved dog Rowley passed away in my arms. He had succumbed to prostate cancer. As you might imagine his passing has left me devastated. The pain of losing Row would be even harder to bear if it were not for the support and sympathy given me by so many friends in and outside the village. It seems Rowley was a well known and well loved dog. Both Rowley and I would like to pass on our very grateful thanks to everyone who helped the two of us in such difficult and emotional circumstances. Robin Cowell'



*The Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival Christmas
Shopping Evening*

*Come along and do some Christmas shopping on
Friday 24th November 2017*

Hilmarton school hall & Community room

7.00pm - 9.30pm

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 30th October at 10:15am

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FEED THE GOAT

Well, safe to say its been an amazing few weeks at GCC with the obvious highlight being the 1sts dramatic title win thanks to a thrilling last day win over rivals Cheltenham in incredible circumstances at Goatacre Lane. We'll come back to that later but in other news the 4ths also sealed a well deserved league title while our 3rd annual Goatfest proved a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped make such a special season unfold whether you are a player, supporter or volunteer. We are lucky to have such great supporters and sponsors and only recently Mel Wilkins replaced a broken window unit in the bottom pavilion and would not accept payment while thanks must also go to John O'Dea and Goatacre Manor Care Centre for replacing the fence between the cricket ground and the Care home which looks great. These, as well as the achievements on the pitch this year, are just examples of what makes this the club that it is. Here's to next season when we will play at the top level of club cricket for the first time...



I'm not sure words can really do justice to what unfolded at GCC on the last day of the season. In what was essentially a winner takes all clash with title rivals Cheltenham we looked to be struggling at 109-5 chasing their total of 225 with Jif Wilkins seemingly unable to bat (or walk) due to a bad knee injury sustained while fielding earlier. However, a fine partnership of 85 between our Gloucestershire star Benny Howell and Kevin Iles, who for the umpteenth time in his career proved to be the man for the big occasion, put us in the driving seat. Howell went on to complete his hundred but a collapse at the other end left us needing 6 to win with only Wilkins left to bat. In dramatic scenes Wilkins was carried to the wicket where he proceeded to hit his first ball for 4 and then the next for a single which sealed the tie that guaranteed the title. He then hit his next ball for another 4 to seal the win which sparked a pitch invasion and celebrations that went on until the next morning! It really was a fantastic occasion with a large crowd creating a superb atmosphere on a glorious day at Goatacre Lane. Well done to Ed and the whole team on a superb achievement in winning the league and only losing 1 game in the process. Its just starting to sink in that next season we will be playing against the likes of Bath and Bristol which really is remarkable for a club of our size

Steve Williams' 4th XI also deserve congratulations for winning Wiltshire League Division 9 a year after pulling out of the league due to lack of numbers. The side have regularly fielded a large number of youth players (some as young as 12) as well as a few father and son combinations which is great to see.

The 2nds finished 3rd in Divison 3 and generally had another good season but were left to rue defeats to the bottom 2 sides that eventually cost them a chance of a promotion slot while the 3rds were competitive in Division 5 and finished comfortably in mid table in 6th position
In the National Village Cup we lost in the Area Final to Burbage but we did reach the final of the Wiltshire Wallop where we eventually lost by 2 runs to Corsham.

The Duke Hotel

Gary & Carol would like to thank those who continue to support us. We have seen a slow but steady growth in use and hope it will continue.

Bonfire Night We will be having a small family/community firework display on Sunday the 5th of November, it will not be a grand affair but a chance to bring the whole family together. There will be a small charge of £2 per person which will be donated to a local charity (ideas please). Hot snacks and drinks will be available. As it is a school night we will be starting the short display around 7pm.

We have some great staff in Emma and Chris, but we are still looking for more staff to enable us to continue to grow so if you are interested in work please contact Carol or Gary direct to discuss how we can help each other.

The Coach House is now ready for use. Therefore, we can offer private functions and start progressing with our plans, which will include:-

Supper Club November 15th this will consist of a 3-course meal and a glass of wine, £19.50 places are strictly limited so please call Carol or Gary for a booking

Christmas Parties for family, friends or work colleagues. We will be offering a 3 course Christmas meal with a welcome drink followed by coffee for £24.50, dates available from Mid-November until Friday 22nd of December. (This will require pre-booking)

Christmas Day Lunch (places are strictly limited) 4-course traditional Christmas lunch, with a pre-lunch drink, only £49.50, Lunch will be served at 12:45

New Year's Eve To bring in the New Year we will be having a party, numbers will be strictly limited and only open to adults I am afraid. The party will start at 8:30 until 01:00. Supper will be provided. In addition to some music (recorded) there will be a fun karaoke competition. Tickets will be available from mid-November. There will be a £10 charge (which is fully refundable for drinks on the night)

THE CHAPEL IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st	Worship in the week with St Laurence Church	2:00pm
Sunday 5th	Family Service	4:00pm
Tuesday 7th & 21st	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Sunday 12th/19th/26th	Service	4:00pm
Wednesday 15th & 29th	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Friday 3rd/10th/17th/24th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

Thinking of Christmas yet? Cards, presents, food, decorations

A great way to deal with all of it is with Traidcraft – everything you buy will be Fairtrade and benefit the producers directly. Catalogues are available in the church, or ask Sally Fox 01249 891442, sally_fox@btinternet.com
Better still, come to our November CAMEO soup lunch on Wednesday 15th November, when we will have a well-stocked stall, or you can order direct from the agent in plenty of time for Christmas.

On fireworks and friendliness November 2017

Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.... I remember when I was living in London in the 1980s you would still find, before the end of October a few children with an old pushchair and some stuffed clothes going: 'Penny for the guy'.

During my own son's childhood changes in the neighbourhood meant that while there were still lovely fireworks in the local parks the connection was more with Diwali, than with Guy Fawkes. I liked fireworks, as long as they weren't too close and preferred the friendlier connection with Hindu neighbours to the 'celebration' of division between Christians that the Gunpowder Plot fireworks had seemed to provide.

Recently I attended a lovely assembly at Broad Town School where the youngest children told us all the story of the Good Samaritan with a mixture of video and storytelling. In this story Jesus told, the priests are the bad guys, who claim to love God and their neighbour, but won't cross the road to help an injured stranger. The lesson Class 1 drew from the story was 'be kind to people, even if you don't like them'.

Fireworks as a celebration of friendliness, even to those you don't like – that's why I'll be remembering the 5th of November from now on. The Reverend Rachma Abbott

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DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Wednesday 1st November	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel followed by tea & coffee.	
Thursday 2nd November	7:00pm Service for the Commemoration of the departed	
Sunday 5th November	5:00pm Evensong	8:00am Said Communion - Broad Town 9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham 10:00am Communion - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 12th November	10:50am Remembrance Service	9:00am Said Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:50am Remembrance - Broad Town & Clyffe Pypard 10:55am Remembrance Tockenham
Sunday 19th November	10:00am Communion	11:00am Sung Communion - Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Worship - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 26th November		10:00am Benefice Communion for Christ the King - Broad Town

News from the Bell Tower.

There is no half-muffled ringing for WW1 commemorations until March 2018 but you will hear the bells ringing half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

We are still looking for new people to join us. Come along on a Monday to see what is involved or talk to any of the ringers. Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DECEMBER EDITION BY 16th NOVEMBER PLEASE To

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Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI invite you to join them at
an Open Meeting
on Thursday 16th November, starting at 8pm
in the village hall, Bushton
Our speaker will be Matthew Sproston, entertaining us with
"The Life of George Formby".



We ask for a small donation to help cover our costs
and this includes refreshments.
ALL WELCOME

The Big Breakfast

Sunday 19th November 2017

9:30 – 11:30

Village Hall, Bushton



Come and enjoy a "Full English" breakfast
prepared for you and served by Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI
including unlimited tea and coffee

Price: £6.50 (children 5-11 £3.50, under 5 £2)

Always very good value – and DELICIOUS!

No need to book – just come along.