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 - Goatacre Cricket Club

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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Bingo in the Community Room 2nd February 6:45pm

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Phoenix on 13th February in the Community Room at 7pm

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Valentine Evening at the Duke on 14th February

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Fish,Chips & Quiz Church Hall 16th February at 7pm

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Cameo Soup Lunch Wednesday 21st February in the Church Hall 12-2pm

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Moviola in the Church Hall 7:00pm on Sat. 24th February

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Gardening Club on 27th February in the Church Hall at 7pm

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

Parish Council Clerk Jacquie Henly Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton, Calne, Wiltshire SN11 8SG

Victoria & Abdul With Judi Dench, Ali Fazal and Eddie Izzard

(2017) 110 mins

HILMARTON MOVIOLA, HILMARTON PARISH CHURCH HALL,
SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY
7.00 FOR 7.30, 75 comfy seats and a wine licence, tickets £6

The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's (**Judi Dench**) remarkable rule. When Abdul Karim (**Ali Fazal**), a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As the Queen questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle all attempt to destroy. As the friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes and joyfully reclaims her humanity.
With (**Eddie Izzard**) as Bertie, Prince of Wales.

Director: Stephen Frears
Writer: Lee Hall, from the book by Shrabani Basu**Cinematography:** Danny Cohen**Production Design:** Alan MacDonald
Music: Thomas Newman

www.moviola.org

Patron Julian Fellowes

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

Pre-season nets start on Friday 16th February 6:30 - 8:30pm at Hardenhuish School for 6 Fridays.
The Annual Sporting Dinner is on Easter Thursday, 29th March
Tickets available from Pat

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS FOR THE DECEMBER DRAW

1st No.10 Chloe Kew-2nd No.121 Brian Edwards
3rd No.106 Vicky Fry - 4th No.35 Piers Maynard
5th No.112 Mel Wilkins - 6th No. 27 Mair Morgan
7th No.105 Graham Moxey - 8th No.101 Sheila Murphy
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 email - melwilkins@live.com

Hilmarton Gardening Club (HGC) February 2018

At our meeting on Tuesday, 27th February the speaker will be Peter Biggs on the subject of 'Planting – Winter into Spring'. Peter and his father (plant carrier) have been to the Club on 2 previous occasions and will have a range of plants for sale. On Tuesday, 27th March we have another returning speaker – Andrew Alexander. This gentleman is 'The Seed Detective' and will be telling about his exciting journeys in foreign parts to retrieve and preserve rare seeds. Andrew will have seeds available for members to obtain against donation.

Gardening Tips for February. This month there are signs of the approaching Spring with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria as well as evergreen hedges.
1.Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover. **2**.Chit potato tubers. **3**.Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches. **4**.Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off . **5**.Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering. **6**.Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'. **7**.Prune Wisteria. **8**.Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges. **9**.Prune conservatory climber such as bougainvillea. **10**.Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter; remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.

Please note the HGC cannot accept responsibility for members use of chemicals. There is no attempt to influence you to become an organic or chemical using gardener. Tips are simply passed on from experts. The choice is yours.

We look forward to seeing both present and new members at the second meeting of 2018.

Wanted. If you have any cotton fabric (any amount) that you could kindly donate, Hilmarton Village Crafters would be delighted to receive it for a handicraft project. Please call Brenda Reeves on 01249760327 or Val Procter 01249760312. Thank you.

SPRING SALE.

With Spring around the corner if it is time for the sorting out the cupboards in your home could you please help us to raise some much needed monies for our Church Hall by donating good quality clothing/ household items, useful bric a brac, plants, and jewellery for a Spring Sale on the 7th April, 9 - 12pm in the Church Hall, Hilmarton.
There will also be a raffle, and a cake stall.
If you are able to make a cake for the cake stall we would be delighted.
There will also be a Re-Gifting stall for all those gifts which have never been opened!!
Refreshments will be available.
If you are able to donate please bring any items to the Church Hall between 2 - 4pm on Friday the 6th April or to Brenda Reeves, Hamlyn House, Lammas Close, Hilmarton (01249760327) or Val Procter, Breda Cottage, Hilmarton (01249760312). Thank you.

MOBILE LIBRARY
The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 19th February 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,

SOUP LUNCH

12 noon to 2pm
Wednesday
21st February

Hilmarton
Church Hall

Come
And
Meet
Each
Other

Relax and chat ALL WELCOME

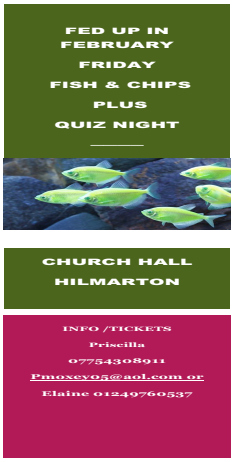
DATE --

FRIDAY 16/02/18..

Doors open 1900hrs ,quiz will start at 1930hrs.

£10 PER PERSON

LIMITED BAR AND TEA AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE



The Annual Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival 2018

It's that time of year again, preparations are well under way for our annual scarecrow festival. This year's theme is **'PAIRS'**.

Entry forms are now available on the last page of the emailed edition of this newsletter or from Hilmarton School, Pre-School and Natalie Doust.

THE DUKE HOTEL

From January, we are introducing our new opening hours that we will maintain until the spring, they are:

Thursday	18:00 – 22:30	Friday	12:00 – 23:00
Saturday	12:00 – 22:30	Sunday	12:00 – 16:00

Full menu will be available **Lunch** Friday, Saturday and a roast on Sunday 12:00 – 14:30

Dinner Thursday, Friday & Saturday 18:30 – 20:30

In addition, we offer **Private dining** and functions anytime by arrangement.

Each month we hold a **Supper club**, which is a three course set menu at a fixed price.

This month will be a traditional **Burns Night** supper, Thursday the 25th of January (19:30). The cost is £20pp including a wee dram. Booking is required, limited numbers.

We are now taking bookings for **Valentine's Day**, Wednesday 14th of February, again fixed price 3 course set menu.

Look out for upcoming events on our facebook page thedukehotelhilmarton

keep an eye for the launch of website in the next weeks www.thedukehotelhilmarton.co.uk email us on hello@thedukehotelhilmarton.co.uk

Call Gary or Carol 01249 760634

THE CHAPEL IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th	Family Service	4:00pm
Wednesday 7th	Worship in the week with the Church	2:00pm
Tuesday 13th & 27th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Sunday 11th/18th/25th	Service	4:00pm
Wednesday 21st	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Friday 2nd/9th/16th/23rd	Prayer Meeting	2:15pm

News from the Bell Tower.
There is no half-muffled ringing for WW1 commemorations until March 2018.

Try something new for 2018! 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 or contact Steve Stott (01249 760361). Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

Be heart-ready for Lent in 2018

This year there is a very special day on February 14th. It's special because it is Valentine's Day – and millions of cards and gifts will be shared. But it's special in the church because it is Ash Wednesday – and that marks the beginning of the 6 weeks called Lent.

Lent is the time when Christians take time to try and live God's way, the way that Jesus showed us. At the end of Lent comes Good Friday, when we remember the big love of God on the cross where Jesus died. Then comes Easter day, when we celebrate that love brings life and joy to the world.

Valentine's Day is about love – and so is Lent. There are three things that we can do with the big love that is at the heart of Lent and Valentine's Day:-

Big love says thank you: Valentine's Day helps us to tell people we love them. Sometimes that is people who know – and sometimes it is a surprise to people who don't know! It can be about romantic love between couples – but this Valentine's Day why not say thank you for other kinds of love as well? A special card for a grandparent or a child, a chocolate heart left on the desk of a teacher or colleague. All these remind us to say thank you for love.

Big love gives up: Lent is traditionally a time when Christians try to live carefully, and follow the example of Jesus more closely. This often means giving up things for a season; things like chocolate or crisps, social media or TV watching. Love often means giving up something for other people – being unselfish and generous, thoughtful and kind. As a family, you could decide to give up something for Lent and every time you go to do that thing, instead take a second to pray for God's love to be known in the world.

Big love takes up: Lent is also a time when Christians decide to take up new ways of living, perhaps giving more away, praying more, reading the Bible more. Sometimes it means doing something that takes a bit of extra time or effort. Love goes the extra mile for other people, taking time to listen, to do new things together and to make a difference to the world. As a family, you could decide to take up something for Lent – doing something together that shares God's love with others. Check out live Lent for ideas on how to start doing something new.

A prayer for Valentine's/Lent:

Make a heart shape with your hands (or hold a simple heart shape)."Dear God – thank you for all the love in our lives and in the world. Help us to share that love with other people each and every day.

Hold both hands out, palms up "Dear God, give us courage to let go of things this Lent. Help us to discover more about following Jesus and sharing his love in the world."

Make a cross shape with your hands (or hold a simple cross). "Dear God, as we think about your big love for us this Lent, help us to take up new ways of living. Help us to live generously and make a difference to others. Amen."

Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, SWINDON, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY - 01793 731134

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
Sunday 4th February	**6:00pm Deanery Evening Service Bradenstoke**	9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham 10:30am Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:30am All Age Service - Broad Town
Wednesday 7th February	**2:00pm Communion in Chapel followed by tea & coffee**	
Sunday 11th February	**10:30am All Age Service - an informal service**	10:30am Communion - Tockenham 5:00pm Evening Service - Broad Town
Wednesday 14th February		2:00pm Ash Wednesday Communion with ashing - Broad Town
Sunday 18th February	**10:30am Communion**	8:00am Said Communion - Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Service - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 25th February		8:00am Said Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:30am Communion - Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Service - Tockenham

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MARCH EDITION BY 16th FEBRUARY 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' Format please.

THE HILMARTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2018

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th May 2018. 10.00am – 4.00pm both days.

Theme 'PAIRS'

E.g. Morecambe & Wise, Ant & Dec, Little & Large, Wallace & Gromit, Tom & Jerry, Fish & Chips, Salt & Pepper!

If you would like to enter a scarecrow, please complete the entry form attached and return **NO LATER** than Monday 2nd April 2018.

Please note to avoid disqualification - we ask that your entry **MUST** be a scarecrow, have one included or straw included – it is a scarecrow trail after all!

People taking part in the trail will vote for their favourite scarecrow. There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes – Good luck!

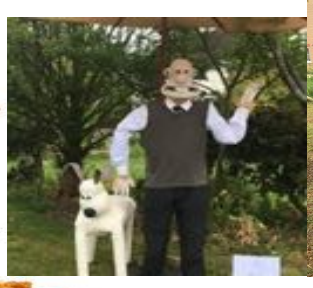
We ask for your Scarecrows to be positioned so that people do not have to enter your premises.
If you do not live in the village, but would like to enter a scarecrow, complete the form & we will give you a location to place your crow.
Scarecrows must be in position by 9.00am Saturday 12th May, (you may remove your scarecrow if you wish after 5.00pm, but it needs to be in position again by 9.00am Sunday 13th May 2018).
Please **DO NOT** remove scarecrows before 4.00pm on Sunday.
We do ask you to make sure they are removed within 48 hours after the event if not on your own premises.

Thank you for taking part – Happy Scarecrow Making!

SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Title of chosen scarecrow theme:	
Created by (name to go on scarecrow)	
Location of crow or if a location is required:	
Your name:	
Tel no. :	
Email address:	

Return completed entry form & £2.50 entry fee to: - Natalie Doust, 'Peartree Cottage', Compton Road, Hilmarton or via Hilmarton School office **No later** than Monday 2nd April 2018.



PAIRS!

Salt & Pepper, Wallace & Gromit, Little & Large, Ant & Dec, Fish & Chips, Jelly & Ice Cream, Mickey & Minnie, Morecambe & Wise, Posh & Becks.

What Scarecrow will you make?