

# 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 MARCH

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**Bingo in the Community Room** 2nd March

6:45pm

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**Great British Spring Clean** 3rd March

9:30am

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**Coffee Morning at Thickthorn House** 10th March

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**Phoenix on 13th March in the Community Room** at 7pm

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

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

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

Contact a Councillor, read Parish Council minutes  
[www.hilmartonparish.co.uk](http://www.hilmartonparish.co.uk)

Parish Council Clerk  
Jacquie Henly  
Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton, Calne, Wiltshire SN11 8SG  
01249760401

WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA

In association with

ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrew Garfield

Hugh Bonneville

# BREATHE

12A



Claire Foy

Tom Hollander

Diana Rigg

DIRECTED BY ANDY SERKIS

Doors open 7.00 pm

75 comfy seats and a wine sale licence

Tickets: £6.00 from:

Breda Cottage, 34, Church Road, Hilmarton (opposite chapel) or E-mail

Hilmarton Moviola also has a FACEBOOK page

For more info call Geoff Protheroe on 01249 760311

Acclaimed film critic Mark Kermode said of this new British Movie: Joy is a complicated emotion to capture on screen – particularly when your narrative deals with paralysis, imprisonment and a desire for death. Yet Andy Serkis's directorial feature debut, about the life of pioneering polio survivor Robin Cavendish, is so full of laughter that one might easily forget its sombre subject matter. Part exuberant love story, part great escape adventure, this is an old-fashioned tale of triumph over adversity that refuses – like its protagonists – to succumb to confinement. I honestly can't remember the last time I laughed and cried so much at the same movie. Mark Kermode

Starring: Andrew Garfield - Hugh Bonneville - Tom Hollander - Claire Foy - Diana Rigg

### FISH & CHIP QUIZ NIGHT

What a fantastic night we all had in the Church Hall on Friday 16th February. The atmosphere was wonderful, the quiz was fun and the fish & chips couldn't be faulted. Priscilla Moxey and her helpers did us proud, as did our quizmaster Mike Lewis. The evening made a brilliant profit of £600 for the Church - Well done and thank you. I am sure we all look forward to the "Gintastic" gin tasting evening in May

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Training on Friday 16th February 6:30 - 8:30pm at Hardenhuish School for 6 Fridays.  
Junior training Sundays from 11th March 4pm - 6pm same venue.  
Sporting Dinner on 29th March  
Limited Tickets available from Pat Murphy on 07595 503 509.

#### TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS FOR THE JANUARY DRAW

1st No.91 Hazel Moxey-2nd No.55 Piers Maynard

3rd No.100 Brian Edwards - 4th No.51 Piers Maynard

5th No.131 Ann Burke - 6th No. 126 Ellie Bissett

7th No.43 Molly Jacomb - 8th No.76 Ann Blackman

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](mailto:melwilkins@live.com)

### Hilmarton Gardening Club (HGC) - March 2018

At our meeting on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March our speaker will be Andrew Alexander, nicknamed 'The Seed Detective' and he will be talking about 'Myanmar and Seed Saving made Simple'. Andrew will have seeds available for members to purchase via donation. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April our speaker will be Andrew Tolman talking on 'Glorious Gardens, a Gardener's Choice'.

**Gardening Tips for March (Spring Arrives!).** Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of garden tasks. It is time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

1. Protect new Spring shoots from slugs. 2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes. 3. Plant summer flowering bulbs. 4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials. 5. Top dress containers with fresh compost. 6. Mow the lawn on dry days (If needed) 7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (Willow) grown for colourful stems. 8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early. 9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters. 10. Prune bush and climbing roses.

**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 March meeting.

### MORE SCARECROWS WANTED!

The annual Hilmarton Scarecrow festival  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May

Please don't think because the theme is 'PAIRS' that you need to make TWO scarecrows.

You have until the end of March to get your entries to Natalie Doust, Peartree Cottage, Hilmarton.

#### Scarecrow ideas

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### 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 March 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 March

Hilmarton  
Church Hall

Come  
And  
Meet  
Each  
Other



Relax and chat

ALL WELCOME

Fairtrade Fortnight 26<sup>th</sup> February - 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Coffee Morning Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am**

**Thickthorn House, 44 Preston, SN15 4DY**

**Gifts, cards, Fairtrade food - ethical shopping  
and-beautiful things**

## News from the Bell Tower.

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 will begin again in March. Just one anniversary this month and we will aim to continue our pattern of ringing from 6.30pm to 7.15pm each time.

16/3/18 Charles William Gingell

We are very grateful to Pauline Webb for helping us out with our temporary shortage of ringers.

Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

## It's a Bug's Life! Or it used to be!!!!....

'If we and the rest of the back-boned animals were to disappear overnight, the rest of the world would get on pretty well. But if the invertebrates were to disappear, the world's ecosystems would collapse.' Sir David Attenborough.

The question then is, can we the people of this parish help to save our insects? Yes we can, but it needs a plan. If you would like to help to turn our parish into a haven for our endangered insects by the planting of wildflowers please would you help?

We need to identify areas that could be used for planting, hedgerows, verges, green spaces, churchyards in fact any area however small that could be planted with a few flowers. We have helped our native wild bird population enormously by garden feeding now we need to save our bugs! If you would like to help in anyway with this very important project please give Val 760312 a call to find out more.

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[www.riddlersend.co.uk](http://www.riddlersend.co.uk)

## The Duke Hotel

We are delighted to announce that we have the great team we had been looking for and can now re-open

### Tuesday – Sunday from Thursday March the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tuesday – Thursday 12:00 – 14:30 (food served) - Friday & Saturday 12:00 – 23:00 (Food served 12:00 - 14:30 & 18:00 – 20:30) Sunday 12:00 – 16:00 (Sunday Roast served 12:00 – 14:30)

### Supper Club, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Its all about Wales,

**The Duke Hotel - Golf Day** Due to popular demand, and the fact I want to play, I have arranged a golf day for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of March. I am still working on the details, however the likely format is meet around 13:00 coffee & Roll 18 holes at Cumberwell Park Golf Club and then back to the Duke for prizes and supper, the cost is likely to be around £30 (Handicaps taken on trust at least this time!) If you are interested and available please call Gary on 07519970770.

**Function Room** The old coach-house is a characteristic building on two floors, which has its own bar on the ground floor and an open fire on the upper floor. It can be hired for meetings, get togethers, work do's small formal events or private dinning. Please call Gary or Carol for further details. 01249 760634

**Accommodation** Don't forget that we have letting rooms, for those times when the house is just not big enough for visiting families. In addition we have spaces for caravans, with electric hook-ups.

## THE CHAPEL IN MARCH

|                          |                                     |         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 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  |

## On Giving Up

I write this for March, month of mad hares, lions, and lambs\*, aware that the Lent season of 'giving up' will be thoroughly underway. Giving up stuff for a month seems to be how the calendar is now advertised. There was Dry January, although some were doing Vegan January, Sugar-free February (with an encouragement to raise money for Cancer Research) and later in the year there will be Stoptober.

Giving Up, it seems is good for us. The promise of being thinner, fitter, less prone to disease, seems to be linked on what we take in to our mouths. In addition, it gives those who market consumable goods something to encourage us to spend more on, even when we're choosing less. Raw, clean, organic, pure, diet there are so many words which get attached to what we eat as if somehow our goodness might be nourished by eating the right brand in the right way. It used to be said that 'cleanliness was next to godliness'; if I was rewriting that proverb for a more secular era I'd suggest that we act as if 'thinness was next to divinity'.

The ways our food is grown or slaughtered, traded or wasted may say something about the morality and ethics by which we live. But it may also say something about our desire to fit in with our communities of friends and colleagues, with fashions and trends – even if we think we are too old and wise to fall into that.

Yet I'm reminded of older words that say it isn't what goes into our mouths that makes us clean or good, but what is inside us that comes out of our mouths that matters.

In the worlds of social media which we (or our children or grandchildren, our friends and neighbours inhabit the challenge of a label attached to a month or a day can seem hard to escape. Words can be used to persuade or to encourage, to cajole or bully, to hurt or offend, and this may not be different from the gossip or letter-writing of a pre-digital age apart from the difficulty of escaping from people's views and opinions of you in a world in which the smartphone, the ipad, and the tablet mean we can always feel on trend whether or not we know fully or speak the truth.

I can't yet know as I write this if March will come in with spring warmth or fiercer weather or tell if it will go out with a soft breeze or wild winds. But for my Lenten fast I want to try and see if I can give up words that are too hasty or hurtful, the gossip disguised as knowledge sharing and the words that come out of my mouth with malice rather than mercy.

\*If March comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion, if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb.

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

## THE ANNUAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING

this year is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the church after the 10.30 service (so about 11.30)

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

Form for joining the electoral roll is at the end of the emailed version of this newsletter, unless your name is already on it.

Please return to Sally Fox [sally\\_fox@btinternet.com](mailto:sally_fox@btinternet.com) or 01249 891442

Thickthorn House, 44 Preston, Wilts SN15 4DY

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 March         | 5:00pm Evening Service                              | 9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham<br>10:30am Communion - Clyffe Pypard (APCM)<br>10:30am All Age Service - Broad Town                             |
| Wednesday 7th March      | 2:00pm Communion in Chapel followed by tea & coffee |   |
| Sunday 11th March        | 10:30am All Age Service - for Mothers Day           | 10:30am All Age Service - Broad Town<br>10:30am Family Service - Tockenham<br>5:00pm Said Communion - Clyffe Pypard                                 |
| Sunday 18th March        | 10:30am Communion followed by APCM                  | 8:00am Said Communion - Broad Town<br>5:00pm Evening Service - Clyffe Pypard  |
| Palm Sunday 25th March   |   | 8:00am Said Communion - Clyffe Pypard<br>10:30am Communion with palms & Passion Gospel B. Town<br>6:00pm Service of reflection for Lent - Tockenham |
| Maundy Thurs. 29th March |   | 7:30pm Communion with stripping the sanctuary Broad Town  |
| Good Friday 30th March   |   | 2:00pm Music & meditation - Broad Town  |

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE APRIL EDITION BY 16th MARCH 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.

## THE HILMARTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2018

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> May, (you may remove your scarecrow if you wish after 5.00pm, but it needs to be in position again by 9.00am Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

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### SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

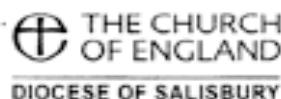
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| Title of chosen scarecrow theme:               |  |
| Created by (name to go on scarecrow)           |  |
| Location of crow or if a location is required: |  |
| Your name:                                     |  |
| Tel no. :                                      |  |
| 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.

### Scarecrow ideas

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# APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF



Full name .....

Full Address .....

\* ..... Postcode .....

I declare that

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16\* on .....

2. \*\*\*

A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

OR

B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

OR

C I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed ..... Date .....

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.

\*\*\* Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C.

## Notes

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because ...." and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.

## Highway Hill

Highway Hill is a new family-run business located in Highway, near Hilmarton, which seeks to familiarise the public with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that we are so lucky to have on our doorstep. We aim to provide a peaceful sanctuary away from the stresses of everyday life, and to share our beautiful surroundings with everyone, especially those who do not historically have the means or access to do so.

At Highway Hill we offer quirky accommodation that maintains the connection to the outdoors, including our shepherds huts and bell tents, each available for a short break away. Each shepherds hut sleeps two, and is equipped with everything you could possibly want for a cosy break, including a wood-burning stove, electricity, and running water. Our two bell tents are remarkably cosy, spacious and luxurious; great for a romantic couples getaway but also perfect for groups or small families, as each tent can sleep up to three.

What makes Highway Hill so unique is the associates that we are lucky enough to host with their various activities, workshops and projects. We host a yoga day retreat roughly once every two months for those interested in a deeply restful and nourishing practice that reflects the changing of the seasons. We also have a weekly yoga class on Wednesday mornings in our Hayloft space; a converted barn loft with beautiful exposed beams and plenty of natural light. We also host bush craft and archery camps for children and adults in our woodland space, Potters Wood, which have so far been enormously popular. As Highway Hill is based on a farm we are also lucky enough to have an abundance of curious and cuddly animals to meet, from pygmy goats to alpacas to donkeys, who make up our very own petting farm.

We have big plans for the future of our business and our work with our associates, with plans to extend into horticultural and animal therapy on the site. Potters Wood and the Hayloft are both available to those interested in hosting events or activities, such as parties, classes, exhibitions and group getaways. Both are easily accessible via Highway Common, though removed enough from any main road to encourage the feeling of escape and disconnection from the stressful realities of everyday life.

If you are interested in the sound of our business, have any queries, or may have ideas for things to do then please do contact us via our website, [www.highwayhill.co.uk](http://www.highwayhill.co.uk), through our Facebook page (Highway Hill), call our office on **01249 760 488** or email [enquiries@highwayhill.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@highwayhill.co.uk).

# The Great British Spring Clean



## Join your local litter picking event

**Date:** SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

**Time:** 9:30am till 1:00pm

**Location:** Outside Hilmarton Church or Goatacre Village Hall

**Contact number:**  
**07443 940 367 (Mel Wilkins)**

Thank you for your support

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