

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 MAY

**Bingo in the Community
Room 4th May 6:45pm**

**Phoenix on 8th May in the
Community Room at 7pm**

**Scarecrow Festival 12th &
13th May**

**Cameo Soup Lunch Thursday
17th May in the Church Hall
12-2pm**

**Gintastic Eve in the Church
Hall 7:30pm 18th May**

**Moviola in the Church Hall
7:00pm on Sat. 19th May**

**Gardening Club on 29th May
in the Church Hall at 7pm**

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

**Advertise your future
events on the Hilmarton
website - send details to
jacque88@btinternet.com
Parish Council Clerk
Jacquie Henly
Jays Cottage, Compton
Road, Hilmarton, Calne,
Wiltshire SN11 8SG
01249 760401**

YOUR OWN VILLAGE CINEMA



WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA IN HILMARTON

EVENING ONLY 7.30 p.m.

→ **Saturday 19th May**
FINDING YOUR FEET 12A
with Timothy Spall, Imelda Staunton,
Celia Imrie and Joanna Lumley

MATINEE ONLY 3.00 p.m. ★

→ **Saturday 23rd June**
PADDINGTON 2 PG
Even funnier than Paddington 1

EVENING ONLY 7.30 P.M.

→ **Saturday 21st July**
DARKEST HOUR PG
2 oscars Best Actor Gary Oldman

The films are shown in the
Hilmarton Church Hall on the A3102
(Normally 7.00 for 7.30 unless otherwise advised)★

75 comfy seats, a wine licence
and tickets still only £6
for more information or if you would like to be
added to the e-mail list
hilmartonmoviola@hotmail.co.uk
or call Geoff on 01249 760312

Wiltshire Moviola in association with St Laurence Parochial Church Council

HILMARTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL

*Dont forget the Scarecrow Festival
9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday 12th May and
9:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday 13th May*



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THE PAIN OF SUCCESS

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS FOR THE FEBRUARY AND MARCH DRAWN AT THE APRIL BINGO

FEB - 1st No.199 Natalie Doust - 2nd No.33 Lindsay Alabaster
 3rd No.155 Elaine Leighton - 4th No.70 Trish Joel
 5th No.2 Andrea Moxey - 6th No.89 John Henly
 7th No.48 Elaine Leighton - 8th No.91 Hazel Moxey

MARCH - 1st No.56 John Henly - 2nd No.155 Elaine Leighton
 3rd No.129 Vee Cattaneo - 4th No.3 Sheila Murphy
 5th No.32 Paul Doust - 6th No.132 Piers Maynard
 7th No.151 Pat Edwards - 8th No.153 Peter Delamere

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



St Laurence Parish Church Hall

Every 4th Tuesday

Throughout the year except
December when there is no meeting
7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

Speakers

Social events

Demonstrations

Garden visits



Question time

Followed by refreshments and a raffle or plant sale

Entrance fee: Members £3
Visitors £6 Annual Membership £6
For more information call 01249 760312
hilmartongardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk
and on Facebook and Flickr

A very friendly club ideal for beginners or experts alike. Visitors welcome.

Hilmarton Gardening Club

A VERY FRIENDLY CLUB FOR BEGINNERS OR EXPERTS ALIKE

VISITORS VERY WELCOME

- 24th April: GLORIOUS GARDENS, A GARDENERS CHOICE -Andrew Tolman
- 22nd May: SUMMER CONTAINER GARDENING- Harriet Rycroft
- 26th June: TRICKS OF THE TRADE (EXPLODING THE MYTHS)-Kevin Franklin
- 24th July: EVENING OUT TO A LOCAL GARDEN (Self-drive and destination to be advised).
- Saturday 18th August DAY EXCURSION TO WEST DEAN GARDENS near Chichester www.westdean.org.uk
- 28th August: AUTUMN PROPAGATION - Aldetha Raymond,
- 25th Sept: APPLE BOUNTY- Nick Edwards
- 23rd Oct: HOW TO BE A 21st CENTURY GARDENER- Timothy Walker
- 27th Nov: CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND SHARE A PLATE SUPPER



"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Every 4th Tuesday except December

Information on local events will be added to the notice board and e-mailed regularly to members.

Family or friends or visiting you? English Country Cottage

Your friends or family could stay in a charming 17th century brick and timber thatched cottage in the centre of the village of Hilmarton.

Available for 1, 2 or 3 weeks Friday to Friday, or 4 days Monday to Friday or 3 days Friday to Monday.

The cottage is small but cosy and well-appointed and the owners are very happy for you to bring your dog too.

One twin and one double room sleep four.

'Small Cottage' is adjudged 'four stars' by English Country Cottages. Although over 300 years old it has 'mod-cons' including Wi-Fi.



For availability and booking, contact: www.cottages.com (includes English Country Cottages and Cottages for You).and look for:

Property Reference P74 SMALL COTTAGE
Hilmarton SN11 8SE
or phone 0345 2680785

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Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesdays 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

Compton Bassett Village Hall SN11 8RQ
Goatacre Village Hall SN11 9JA

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Vacancy for Parish Councillors

Hilmarton Parish Council currently have four vacancies to fill.

The Parish Council meet approximately 4 times per year for Full Parish Council Meetings, normally on the 1st Wednesday of the month, in the Community Room at Hilmarton.

If you feel that you can positively contribute to making a difference in your Parish and would like to be considered for the position then please contact the Parish Clerk: Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage Compton Road Hilmarton. Tel: 760401 E-mail Jacquie88@btinternet.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 14th May 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.

HILMARTON

We are a small group who meet on the second Tuesday of the month (except August or December) at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Hilmarton (attached to the school hall).
We usually try to have a variety of speakers interspersed with craft evenings. Phoenix Group is open to all. There is an annual subscription of £15, or as a guest £2 per evening.

The May meeting will be on the subject of :

The History of Powder Compacts.



We would be delighted to see you.

Contact Ann Blackman - Chair 01249 760631 for details.

**SOUP
LUNCH**

12 noon to 2pm
Thursday
17th May

Hilmarton
Church Hall

**Come
And
Meet
Each
Other**



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME

18/05/2018
**GINTASTIC
EVE**

WITH DAVID HITCHENS ...LOCAL
AUTHOR OF THE GIN SAT NAV...

£18.00 PER PERSON

- Try 6 gins
- Learn about the history of gin
- Gin quiz in the middle
- Nibbles on table
- Take home your Gin glass
- Bottles of Gin for sale afterwards

**Tickets from:
Priscilla 07754 308 911**

Andrea 07727 162 554

HILMARTON
CHURCH HALL

FRIDAY 18TH MAY

1930 hrs Start

GIN TASTING

TICKET
ENTRANCE ONLY

TICKETS FROM
PRISCILLA 07754308911
ANDREA 07727162554

DOG FOULING & DOGS ON LEADS

An increasing number of complaints have been received by the Parish Council of disgusting instances of dog fouling on footpaths, kerbs and even on private driveways.

Wiltshire Council have “The Dogs on Leads by Direction Order” 2012, which states : All dogs must be on a lead when on any highway, footway, footpaths within Wiltshire Council where the public have a right of way on foot, together with any adjoining verges, all pedestrian areas and all open spaces, owned occupied or maintained by or on behalf of Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council and any other open space held by any other body on behalf of the community within the area of Wiltshire. Any cemetery, burial ground or Churchyard.

There are fixed penalty fines up to £100 for either of the above offences. Witness!!! call the Dog Warden on 0300 4560 100.

THE CHAPEL IN MAY

Sunday 6th	Family Service	4:00pm
Wednesday 2nd	Worship in the week with the Church	2:00pm
Tuesday 10th & 24th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 16th & 30th	Ladies Meeting	2:00pm
Friday 4th/11th/18th/25th	Prayer Meeting	2:15pm

On Walls and Fences

A poem by Robert Frost called Mending Wall has been much on my mind recently (this will probably be less surprising to readers in Hilmarton). It opens this way:

*Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;*

*That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it.
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.*

And I can certainly bear witness to the fact that frozen ground and snow seemed to contribute to the overnight slumping down of the churchyard wall at St Laurence's. A churchyard is a place where grief and love coalesce taking physical form in the memorial stones, grassy hummocks and flowers, reminding me that bruised hearts and feelings can be easily wounded by the changed appearance and the placing of old bricks and capstones. And yet there is also delight in seeing the beauty of the bricks afresh now that they are stacks of single bricks rather than a whole wall. It seems that they were mostly made in locally in the days when the village had its own brickyard. There is also gratitude for the kind thoughtfulness of neighbours and the skills and effort of those making it safe and beginning the work that will make it possible for the wall to be rebuilt.

I find myself thinking about boundaries between places and people – for as it also says in the poem: "Good fences make good neighbours"* for I'm doing a bit of tidying – boxing some things up for putting away in the loft and some to be given away – and that reminds me that I rather like pretending that there are clear boundaries and separation between things – it can make stuff - the big stuff of life and love as well as the clothes that I don't use or need - feel more manageable or controllable if the boundaries around 'mine' or 'yours' - the walls between things – stay where I want them and don't fall down but 'something there is that doesn't love a wall.'

As I look at bricks and admire the resilience of the apple tree that held it up as it tumbled down I'm wondering if in my own life there are walls that should come down or fences to put up to balance safety and openness; peace and neighbourliness. May you find the protection of good boundaries and the openness of a wide horizon this month.

*if you read the poem you may ponder what the poet thinks about the truth of this proverbial saying

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)

EVERY LITTLE HELPS



Look out for your hand delivered letter
and leaflet
explaining the Parish Giving Scheme
(PGS).

Thank you.

News from the Bell Tower.

The bell ringers held their AGM and tower spring clean in March. All members were re-elected to the same positions. The bell ringers would like to thank everyone who has helped with WW1 ringing during the past year and continue to be grateful to Pauline Webb for her help with Sunday ringing. The bell ringers would also like to thank John Smith for his donation of ringing books. Half-muffled ringing to mark the 100th anniversary of people connected with Hilmarton Parish who died as a result of the First World War continues in May. Just one anniversary this month and we will aim to continue our pattern of ringing from 6.30pm to 7.15pm. 13/5/18 Francis William Haddrell. Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Wednesday 2nd May	2:00pm Communion in Church, followed by tea & coffee	
Sunday 6th May	Afternoon service for Rogation	9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham Followed by a walk & picnic
Thursday 10th May		7:30am Communion followed by breakfast for Ascension Day
Sunday 13th May	10:30am All-Age Service	10:30am Communion - Tockenham 6:00pm Evensong - Broad Town
Sunday 20th May	10:30am Communion	8:00am Said Communion - Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Service- Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 27th May		8:00am Said Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:30am Communion - Broad Town 6:00pm Evening Service - Tockenham

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JUNE EDITION BY 16th MAY PLEASE To melwilkins@live.com - 760572 Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton. 760401 - jacque88@btinternet.com or Geoff Procter Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 - geoffphilmarton@hotmail.co.uk. ALL ENTRIES IN 'WORD' Format please.

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, through our Facebook page (Highway Hill), call our office on **01249 760 488** or email enquiries@highwayhill.co.uk.

Swanadvocacy - Changing Lives

---Press release---

Will you give a voice, to those who need it most?

Swan Advocacy is looking for volunteers to join their Dementia Advocacy Service.

The purpose of this role is to support people with dementia or memory loss to complete a Living Well Plan, which is a record of what's important to them – past present and future.

By offering just two hours a week, Dementia Advocacy volunteers give individuals the opportunity to have their voice heard.

There are over 7000 people living with dementia across Wiltshire and this number is set to increase by 27% before 2020.

Are you committed, passionate, empathetic and a good listener? Do you believe that everyone has an equal right to have their voice heard?

If so, we would love to hear from you.

For more information about volunteering opportunities within the Dementia Advocacy Service, please contact Naomi Pullin on 03333 447 928 or email livingwell@swanadvocacy.org.uk

Swan Advocacy provides a free and independent advocacy service to adults across Somerset, Wiltshire, Bath and North East Somerset so that their voices and opinions can be heard. Those helped include people with learning disabilities, mental health issues and older people, including those with dementia and their carers. Further information can be found on-line at www.swanadvocacy.org.uk

Address: Swan Advocacy, HiPoint, Thomas Street, Taunton, TA2 6HB Tel: 03333 447 928. Web: www.swanadvocacy.org.uk