Neighbourhood News from Hilmarton Parish

BEVERSBROOK - CATCOMBE - CLEVANCY - CORTON
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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 DECEMBER

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A Symphony of Carols in the Church at 7:00pm on 8th December

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Bingo in the Community Room 6:45pm 14th December

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CAMEO in the Church at 10:30am on 15th December

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Carol Service in the Church 5:00pm 16th December

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Goatacre Cricket Club Auction at the Club 7:30pm on 19th December

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

Advertise your future events on the Hilmarton website - send details to jacquie88@btinternet.com Parish Council Clerk Jacquie Henly Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton, Calne, Wiltshire SN11 8SG 01249 760401

THE VILLAGE SINGERS PRESENT

A SYMPHONY OF CAROLS

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

& EXCERPTS FROM

'SYMPHONIC ADIEMUS' BY SIR KARL JENKINS

WINE & SOFT DRINKS
Raffle
FREE MINCE PIES
Tickets available from
Marilyn Henly 760662
Sheron Wilkins 760572

Tickets £10
(under 16 free)
Via St Laurence Church
www.villagesingers.co.uk

Saturday 8th December
St Laurence Church,
Hilmarton
Doors open 7.00pm
Concert begins 7.30pm

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

The Harvest Supper on the 6th October made a profit of £1032.83
This money has been put towards the rebuilding of the Churchyard wall
Thank you to everyone who helped ,donated and the 75 people who bought tickets
At the retiring collection of the remembrance service held in St Lawrence church on 11/11/2018 , £368 was donated ..... £184 has been given to the British Legion poppy appeal Calne branch and £184 has been given to North Wilts branch of the SSAFA. Both charities have passed on grateful thanks
Please make a note in your 2019 diary's .....Quiz night in the church hall, Hilmarton on Friday Feb 8th

HILMARTON MOVIOLA

Dear movie fans, thank you for your support, and for the generosity of our 'Movie Angels' enabling us to have yet another season in 2019.

Here are our dates for 2019 **TO BE SCREENED IN HILMARTON PARISH CHURCH HALL**

7.00 P.M. FOR 7.30 P.M. SATURDAY (FOR 2019 THESE ARE ON THE 4TH SATURDAY IN THE MONTH)

26th January - 23rd February - 23rd March - 27th April
- 25th May - 22nd June - 27th July - August No Show
28th September - 26th October - 23rd November - December No Show
Last show for 2018 THE BOOKSHOP with Bill Nighy Saturday 24th November

Village Seating

In the New Year Hilmarton will have seating around the village in the form of wooden benches kindly bought and built by the National Citizen Scheme and funded by the Parish Council and Calne Area Board thanks to a proposal from our Parish Council. Huge thanks to them all.
Now young and not so young will be able to rest weary legs and enjoy the flower filled planters which will be built for us by the **Calne Men's Shed** sometime in the Spring.
Also on the cards is the preparation of a wild flower area, the wide verge adjacent to the entrance to Sandy Furlong Farm and the junction with Compton Bassett Road, this too is funded by Calne Area Board and our Parish Council

While on the subject of flowers please help our dwindling insect life by planting some wildflowers in your gardens, even if it is only a tub it all helps our insects, especially Bees and Butterflies. If you are interested in helping our 'Bugs' then do look at joining **Buglife** you will find them on the internet https://www.buglife.org.uk/ For those not online I would be only too delighted to tell you all about them. Val Procter.

The NEXT BINGO IS

CHRISTMAS BINGO

ON FRIDAY 14th December 2018

In the community Room
poynder place
6:45pm for eyes down at 7:00pm

all cash prizes – SPECIAL CHRISTMAS raffle – MINCE PIES
THE Snowball Prise IS £70.00
+ the full House - £80.00 WIN
draw for the ten-score club will also take place
ALL WELCOME

THE SNOWBALL will remain at £70.00 throughout 2018.
To play the snowball we have introduced an annual bingo membership fee of £5.00 for the year.
This can be paid at any time and has enabled us to keep the snowball at its maximum EVERY BINGO NIGHT

Thank You to all the Cameo members for the wonderful support you gave to the Village Crafters stall which raised £275.50.

Hilmarton Gardening Club
St Laurence Church Hall

Tuesday 22nd January
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Creating a Garden from Scratch

Lesley Hudson – Honorary Life President

Enjoy wine for £1.50 per glass 125 cl.
Free refreshments and raffle (tickets £1)
Entrance fee: Members £3 Visitors £6*
For more information please call: Gillian on 07954350589
* Entry fee refunded if you join HGC

New Members Very Welcome

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.

MOBILE LIBRARY
The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 17th December at 10:15am

Saturday 1st December St Peter's,Clyffe Pypard
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Village Hall 2-4pm
Meet friends over homemade refreshments, browse the stalls and just enjoy yourselves. Craft items - Cakes - Jams and preserves – Scented products - Gifts – Fudge – Local Farm produce – Charity Christmas Cards – Raffle – Guess the name of the Snowman – Tombola - Children's good as new toys, books and racing piggies game !Entrance £1 Children under 12 free.
Contact Barbara Davis
01793 739017

GOATACRE C.C.
CHRISTMAS AUCTION
Wednesday 19th December 7:30
GOATACRE VILLAGE HALL
Please come along and support a great annual event
Complimentary Mince Pies and Mulled Wine provided
Any donations for the auction will be gratefully received, thank you.

I would like to thank Mr & Mrs A Wilkins, who have the garden next to mine, for cutting my hedge all summer & autumn whilst I was unable to do it.
Ian May - Clevancy

HILMARTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!!!

The Parish Council are considering the merits of registering an intention to lead a steering group in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP).
If successful and approved, it would form a legally binding part of our local planning policy, which planners must consider when making decisions on planning applications.
The production of a NP must involve the whole community, including local businesses, the School, Church, Chapel and other community groups.
Formation of a steering group is essential, consisting of representatives from all the above bodies, including a small number of Parish Councillors.
Public consultations will need to be organised with the aim of encouraging maximum participation.
The average time scale for preparing a NP from start to finish is approximately two years.
If you are interested in your Parish and would like to be part of it's future, would you join a steering group?.
Contact Mel Wilkins on 07443 940 367 or email on melwilkins@live.com.
Further information can be obtained from the Wiltshire Council website "Neighbourhood Planning Process"

Trish Joel sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all her friends, giving a donation to the Church in lieu of cards.

I will not be sending or giving Christmas cards this year, however I will make a donation to a local charity, but I do wish all my friends, neighbours and acquaintances a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
From Ian May - Clevancy

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS FOR THE OCTOBER DRAW
- 1st No.89 John Henly- 2nd No.28 Doug Miller
3rd No.169 Ann Blackman- 4th No.2 Andrea Moxey
5th No.51 Piers Maynard - 6th No.49 Jackie Gillam
7th No.104 Shirley Gilleard - 8th No.70 Trish Joel
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

THE CHAPEL IN DECEMBER		
Sunday 2nd	Family Carol Service	4:00pm
Sunday 9th	Colonel John Lewis	6:00pm
Sunday 16th	Carol Service at St Laurence Church	5:00pm
Sunday 23rd	Carols and Readings	6:00pm
Tuesday 4th	Crafters	7:00pm
Tuesday 11th	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Wednesday 5th	Worship in the Week with St Laurence Church	2:00pm
Thursday 6th & 20th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 7th/14th/21st	Prayer Meeting	2:15pm
	No meeting on Sunday 30th December	

On the Threshold December 2018

I spend lots of my time in doorways, or waiting on the threshold. Doorways into life when I have the joy of meeting a family wanting their new baby to be christened – joyous time learning from them what becoming a family for the first time or adding another child to their family. The hospitality and kindness of the people I visit is something I treasure, but even with the privilege of walking alongside a child or an adult seeking baptism I'm aware of being on the threshold – this is their story I have the joy of walking with them; it is not my journey.

With couples wanting to be married whether in the joys of first love or taking the plunge and risk of commitment after past hurt being with people and discovering something about what love means to them and helping them take their courage and go through the doorway of commitment to each other is fun.

Alongside those who are dying and with those who love them is a more painful doorway and one where I am aware that much is hidden from sight. Here too there is privilege in being allowed to wait with other people as they cross this threshold.

Soon, I and the village communities I serve will be in the stable doorway: watching nativity plays; singing carols, preparing for the celebrations of Christmas. This threshold offers us the beginning of a journey with the God who became human in the baby at Bethlehem – I invite you, with me, to step anew through that doorway.

Reverend Rachma Abbott Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, SWINDON, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY

Christmas Crib

Festival

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December
in St. Laurence's Church, Hilmarton

CAMEO 10.30am Saturday 15th
with coffee, cake, stalls and RAFFLE

CAROL SERVICE 5pm Sunday
with mulled wine and mince pies

If you would like to lend your crib or nativity set to the display, please bring it to the church between 2 and 4pm on Friday 14th December

We shall look after it and you can pick it up after the Carol Service, 5pm on Sunday 16th December. If this is not convenient, please ring Sally Fox 891442 or Trish Joel 760638 and we can arrange an alternative. Also that same weekend, Cameo will be held in the Church at 10:30am on Saturday 15th December. There will be coffee, cake, stalls and a raffle so plenty of time to enjoy the Church decorations. And yes, the heating will be on!!

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)

News from the Bell Tower. There is no more half-muffled ringing to mark the 100th anniversary of people connected with Hilmarton Parish this year. There are two more service men to ring for, both died in 1919 of their wounds.
There will be visiting ringers on Sat 15th Dec from 5.15pm – listen out for what should be some good ringing.
Elaine Leighton (Tower correspondent)

DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Sunday 2nd December	**5:00pm Advent Songs of Praise**	10:30am Benefice Communion - Clyffe Pypard
Wednesday 5th December	**2:00pm Communion in the Chapel followed by tea and coffee**	
Sunday 9th December		10:30am Benefice Communion - Tockenham
Thursday 13th December		6:30pm Carol service - Broad Town
Sunday 16th December	**5:00pm Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies**	10:30am Benefice Communion -Broad Town
Sunday 23rd December	**10:30am Benefice Communion**	
Monday 24th December		6:00pm Carol Service - Tockenham 11:00pm Midnight Mass - Broad Town
Tuesday 25th December	**10:30am All-Age Communion**	9:00am Communion - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 30th December		10:30am Benefice Communion - Lyneham Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JANUARY EDITION BY 16th DECEMBER 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.

Older person's standard Wiltshire concessionary bus pass

Information about the renewal of bus passes

From 01 January 2019, not all bus passes will be renewed automatically. This is because there are approximately 20,000 passes in circulation that have not been scanned on a bus prior to renewal, indicating that the pass has not been used. In these cases, the passes will not be automatically renewed.

If your pass is not automatically renewed but you would still like to receive one to use in the future, please contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and we can arrange for your new pass to be issued.

Wiltshire Council regrets that any charges which may occur on bus journeys are non-refundable.