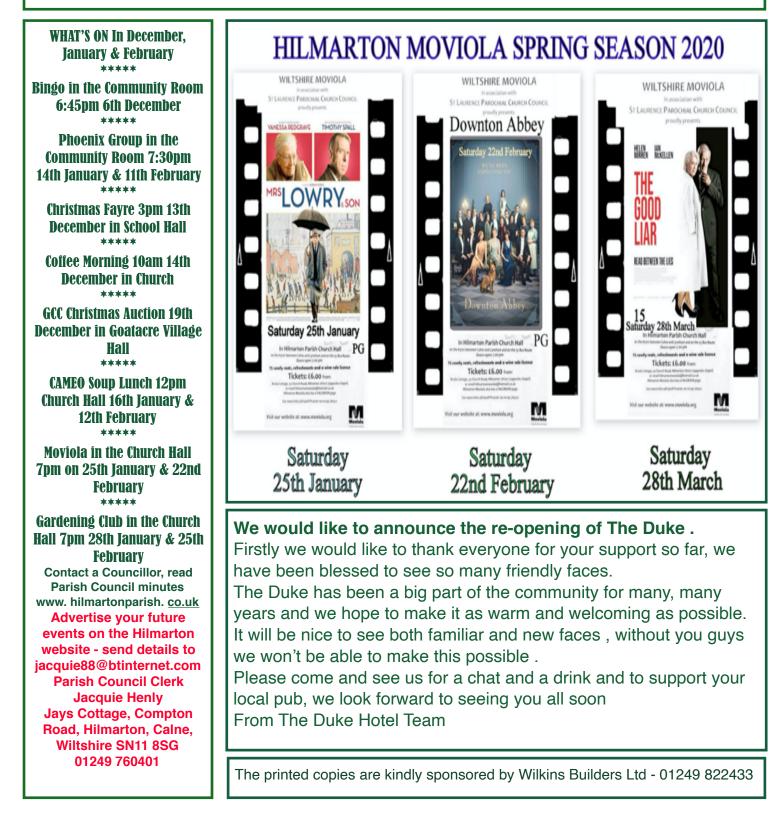
NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

BEVERSBROOK - CATCOMBE - CLEVANCY - CORTON GOATACRE - HIGHWAY - HILMARTON HOPPINGSTONES - UPPER & LOWER LITTLECOT NEW ZEALAND - RODWELL - WITCOMB WINTER 2019/20- NUMBER 5 - VOLUME 10



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



On Christmas Reconciliation December 2019

At this season we remember a family who had to travel to their home town, in order to be counted by the government of the day. Thinking of Joseph, travelling with a heavily pregnant Mary I become aware of part of the Christmas story that I don't often focus on.

Joseph wouldn't be the first man to discover that his partner is pregnant and to know or think that it can't be his child she's carrying. I wonder whether his first feeling was hurt or humiliation, betraval or anger. In a nativity story jam-packed full of angels and dreams, miracle babes, pilgrim kings I don't always notice the miracle in Joseph's relationship with Mary. He doesn't leave her, he doesn't throw her out, he takes on both Mary and her child and I'm sure in the raising of that little boy, Jesus became his child as well as God's.

Men and women who are able to see through hurt and betraval to repair and rebuild relationships; men and women who are able to love and raise children that are not in biological terms 'theirs' are very wonderful.

In the context of first century Palestine where society would have stoned Mary for adultery if Joseph had sought that this miracle of reconciliation between Mary and Joseph is perhaps even more amazing. Reconciliation after hurt and disagreement whether between couples or friends; in families and

communities is not often easy.

I wonder what kind of conversations Mary and Joseph had about all that had happened to them on the journey to Bethlehem. Even if I had an angel explain it all to me in a dream I know it would still have taken time and work to renew the relationship if I had been Joseph.

In a Christmas season when differences within the nation will have been discussed and pondered and voted on – I'm glad to be reminded by Joseph's part in the Christmas story that reconciliation across hurt and disagreement is not only possible, but often brings great joy.

May this Christmas season, and the new year that follows it, bring healing of hurts and the renewal of working well together for the benefit of all. The Reverend Rachma Abbott

Smile Group

Smile Group is an all age gathering which meets on alternate Thursdays from 10 -11.30 in the Church Hall or the Chapel in Church Road.

We are a jolly bunch and our aim is to have fun, enjoy a cuppa and company. We enjoy indoor K'urling, and various activities. Something for all tastes. We would be delighted to see you. Please ring Val on 01249760312 for more

information.



Christmas Greetings and a very Happy New Year to all our friends in and around Hilmarton Parish Geoff and Val Procter

Wiltshire Online Reporting

The 'My Wiltshire' web site: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting can be used to report incidents of fly tipping, pot holes etc. It is very easy for residents to register and then report incidents of fly tipping, pot holes etc. 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 23rd December, 20th January and 17th February at 10:15am

GOATACRE



TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS - Drawn 4th October and 1st November

August Piers Maynard - Cynthia Fry - Jamie Wilkins - Reuben Bisset - Vee Cattaneo - Jack Fry - Prescilla Moxey.

September Kaitlin Wilkins - Ann Blackman - John Henly - Hazel Moxey - Reuben Bisset - Pat Edwards Ann Blackman - Piers Maynard.

October Cynthia Fry - Shirley Gilliard - Linda Miller - Geoff Procter - Mair Morgan - Ann Blackman Vee Cattaneo - Jackie Gillam.

NEWS FROM GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB

A few statistics from the 2019 season:

1st XI Batting Jack Haines 558 Runs - Bowling Joe King 41 Wickets - Players and Supporters Player of the Year - Joe King.

2nd XI Batting Pete Turner 422 Runs - Bowling Dan Wiseman 28 Wickets - Captains Award Dan Wiseman.

3rd XI Batting Adam Iles 374 Runs - Bowling Adam Iles 22 Wickets - Captains Award Eric Pyke

4th XI Batting Andrew Lewis 356 Runs - Bowling Ben Callaghan - Captains Award Kieron Gingell.

Our AGM is on 9th December

Please come along to our Annual Cricket Auction on 19th Dec. and make a date in your New Year diaries for our Quiz on 22nd February.

Thanks for all your support throughout the year - have a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

HILMARTON GARDENING CLUB

December 2019 is our Christmas Party which is for current members only 28th January 2020 - Sue Wright speaking about Hosta's 25th February - Gill Hazel speaking about Sweet Peas Venue is Hilmarton Church Hall 7:00pm for 7:30pm - All very welcome



DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Sunday 1st December		10:30am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:30am All-Age Service, Lyneham 6:00pm Advent Hymns/Songs, Bradenstoke
Wednesday 4th December	2.00pm Communion in the Chapel	
Sunday 8th December	10:30am Communion	9:00am Communion - Bradenstoke 10:30am Sung Eucharist - Lyneham 5:00pm Christinge, Tockenham
Sunday 15th December		9.00am Communion - Bradenstoke 10:30am Communion, Tockenham 4:00pm Carol service, Clyffe Pypard 6:00pm Carol Service- Lyneham
Sunday 22nd December	5:00pm Carol Service	10:30am Communion - Broad Town 10:30 Sung Eucharist - Lyneham
Tuesday 24th December	11:00pm Midnight Mass	4:00pm Crib Service, Lyneham 6:00pm Carol Service, Tockenham 11:30pm Midnight Mass, Lyneham 11:30pm Midnight Mass, Bradenstoke
Weds 25th December		9:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:30am Communion, Broad Town
Sunday 29th December		10:30am Benefice Communion and Patronal Festival - Tockenham
Sunday 5th January	6:00pm Evening Worship	9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham 10:30am Communion - Clyffe Pypard 10:30am All Age Service- Lyneham 6:00pm Ev' Worship with Harmony Singers - Bradenstoke
Sunday 12th January	10:30am Communion	9:00am Communion - Bradenstoke 10:30am Communion, Tockenham 10:30am Sung Eucharist, Lyneham 5:00pm Evening Service, Broad Town
Sunday 19th January	10:30am Communion	9:00am Communion - Bradenstoke 10:30am Sung Eucharist - Lyneham 10:30am All-Age Service, Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Service - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 26th January		8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:30am Sung Eucharist, Lyneham 10:30am Sung Communion. Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Service, Bradenstoke
Sunday 2nd February	5:00pm Evening Service	9:00am Family Communion, Tockenham 10:30am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:30am All-Age Service, Lyneham 6:00pm Evening Service, Bradenstoke
Weds 5th February	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel	
Sunday 9th February	10:30am All-Age Service	8:00am Communion, Broad Town 9:00am Communion - Bradenstoke 10:30am Communion, Tockenham 10:30am Sung Eucharist, Lyneham
Sunday 16th February	10:30am Communion	9:00am Communion - Bradenstoke 10:30am Sung Eucharist - Lyneham 10:30am All-Age Service, Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Service - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 23rd February		8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:30am Sung Eucharist, Lyneham 10:30am Sung Communion. Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Service, Tockenham
Weds 26th February		7:30pm Communion (with optional imposition of ashes) for Ash Wednesday, Lyneham

Enquiries about **Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals** or other special services to Reverend Abbott (01793 731134), The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY, our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter (01249 760312) or the Churchwarden John Henly (01249 760401)

POSADA 2019



Try something new in Hilmarton for Advent this year.

We are going to have a Posada event in the Parish.

Would you like to host small figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey for one night between 1st December and our Carol Service on 22nd December. The family before you contact to arrange how you will get the figures and you contact the family after you to arrange that transfer.

As host, you may like to prepare a place for the figures and put a candle near by which can be lit when the travellers arrive. You may wish to use a prayer and a reading. You may wish to offer those bringing the figures hospitality. How many of the previous things you decide to do is up to you.

The figures will bring some colouring or craft activity with them and there will be opportunities to take and share photos.

This event will remind us of the journey that Mary and Joseph took to get to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to take part, please contact Elaine on 01249 760537 or email beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk.

THE CHAPEL IN December, January & February			
DECEMBER Sunday 1st	Family Carol Service	4:00pm	
Wednesday 4th	Worship in the Week in Chapel	2:00pm	
Friday 6th/13th/20th	Prayer at Mollie's	2:15pm	
Sunday 8th	Mark Trafford	4:00pm	
Sunday 15th	Carols & Readings	4:00pm	
Sunday 22nd	Carol Service in St Laurence Church	5:00pm	
Wednesday 18th	Worship in the Week + Communion	2:00pm	
JANUARY_Friday 3rd/10th/17th/24th/31st	Prayer at Mollie's	2:15pm	
Sunday 5th	Family Service	4:00pm	
Wednesday 8th	Fellowship Meeting with Irene Evans	2:00pm	
Sunday 12th	Bob Baker + Communion	4:00pm	
Sunday 19th	Peter Cooke	4:00pm	
Sunday 26th	Colin Sinclair	4:00pm	
FEBRUARY Sunday 2nd	Family Service	4:00pm	
Wednesday 5th	Worship in the Week + Communion	2:00pm	
Friday 7th/14th/21st/28th	Prayer at Mollie's	2:15pm	
Sunday 9th	ТВА	4:00pm	
Sunday 16th	Ricky Clarke	4:00pm	
Sunday 23rd	Steven & Jenny Colby	4:00pm	

St Peter's, Clyffe Pypard CHRISTMAS FAIR The Village Hall SN4 7PX

Friday 6th December 5-9pm

Meet friends over home made refreshments, browse the stalls and just enjoy yourselves.

Craft items, Candles, Flower pot men, Cakes, Jams and preserves, Sassy Gifts, Local Farm produce, Charity Christmas Cards, Raffle, Guess the name of the clown, Tombola, Guess the weight of the cake, Children's good as new toys, books and a racing piggies game !Entrance £1 Children under 12 free. I will not be sending or giving Christmas cards this year (2019). I will, instead, make a donation to a local charity, but I do wish all my friends, neighbours, family and acquaintances a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to thank Mr & Mrs A Wilkins, who have the garden next to mine in Clevancy, for cutting my hedge all summer and autumn when I was unable to do so.

Ian May - Clevancy

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY - Copy of an email received by the Parish Council from Wiltshire Council 24/10/19

You may be aware that Central Government has made funds available to local authorities to construct further housing, to assist the Countries affordable housing need.

Further to the recent completion of our Council House Build Programme, the Council has a further aspiration to develop more affordable housing across the County, as such we are currently assembling a new house building programme which currently proposes 1000 homes across a 10 year period on potential development sites throughout the County.

One site that we are currently considering is at Poynder Place, Hilmarton. With this in mind, I would welcome your thoughts on whether this proposal would be well received and supported by the Parish Council. We are hoping to progress a Rural Housing Needs Survey in the near future in order to better understand what needs we have in Hilmarton.

I look forward to hearing from you in the first instance and I would of course welcome a meeting in due course to discuss the possibility of working with you.

As this will be a part of the production of our proposed Neighbourhood Plan, where everyone will have a say in what they want in our Parish, the findings will be incorporated in our final plan. Questionnaires will be delivered to every address in the Parish around 20th January 2020 and must be returned by 24th February 2020.





"Full English" breakfast

prepared and served by Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI including orange juice, tea and coffee Price: £6.50 (children 5 to 11 - £3.50, under 5 - £2) Meet friends and family

No need to book – just come along - but it would be helpful if larger parties (6+) could let us know. Please ring Sally 01249 891442