

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS** **FROM HILMARTON PARISH**

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*HOPPINGSTONES - UPPER & LOWER LITTLECOT*  
*NEW ZEALAND - RODWELL - WITCOMB*

**SUMMER 2020- NUMBER 7 - 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

## **Community Spirit Alive and Well in Hilmarton.**

This village has always been a special place to live. Over the years each generation has done their bit to foster that most special of things, community spirit.

We have been on the receiving end of this many times for which we have been enormously grateful. During this strange time for us all we have once more seen that spirit at work, this time, in the main from a new generation of villagers, some we know and some who are relatively new to us. It comes hard to us who are now considered 'elderly' and 'vulnerable' folk to put ourselves into the hands of others!

We want to thank you Hilmarton Villagers for your kindness in shopping for us, queuing in the supermarkets and in the pharmacies, supplying us with items from your own supplies, and for all the little acts of kindness you have shown during this pandemic.

Kindest regards, Stay Safe

From Val & Geoff and all those others who have benefited from these selfless acts of kindness

**THANK YOU**  
**NHS STAFF**  
**RETAIL STAFF**  
**REFUSE STAFF**  
**KEY WORKERS**  
**DELIVERY**  
**DRIVERS**  
**+ ALL**   
**OTHERS**  
**YOU ALL MATTER**

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  
**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

## GRAND SUMMER AUCTION POSTPONEMENT NOTICE



We would like to give notice that the Summer Auction will be postponed until this coming Autumn or Winter when we will all hopefully feel a little safer socialising

**Please still help us with donations of quality items or promises and also please ask family, friends and business contacts if they can support us too.**  
*(Business donations will be referenced in the auction catalogue)*

**Thank you to all who have already donated some lovely items but we do need more!!**  
Some of the Lots we have so far: Bottle of Hennessy Cognac, Use of indoor riding school for up to 6 hours, Silver coffee spoons, reflector telescope, Full English breakfast for up to 8 people, 2 x Goatfest tickets, Ferrari merchandise, Dog grooming, Gel manicure, 5 night stay for up to 6 people in Angus, Scotland, Gutter clean for up to a 4 bed home, Golf day for 4, 2 deserts for a dinner party, 2 course meal for 2, Hire of hall for child's party – other miscellaneous household items and books and jigsaw puzzles

**Suggestions for promises:** vouchers, promise of a cake, pudding or meal for a group (date to be agreed). MOT voucher, horse-riding, a few hours gardening, grass cutting or DIY, taxi for an evening, babysitting, dog walking, use of holiday home, dog grooming, hamper for family picnic

**Suggestions for items:** new or good quality items you no longer use, wine, spirits, homemade preserves, unwanted gifts, hampers, an item of art work

Please contact us with details of any promises or items you may have as soon as possible so that we can start putting together the auction catalogue ready for publication in the later edition of the Neighbourhood News.

Contact: [Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com)

John or Jacquie 01249 760401



Thank you on behalf of Hilmarton Parochial Church Council

## TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS - Drawn March/April/May

FEBRUARY Rob Fry - Peter Delamere - Joy Jackson-Haines - Jackie Gillam - Sheila Beasley - Ellie Bisset  
Katlyn Wilkins - Doug Miller.

MARCH Doug Miller - Cee Cataneo - Jan Tanner - Brian Edwards - Hazel Moxey - Pat Rhodes - Mair Morgan  
Elaine Leighton

APRIL Vee Cataneo - Molly Jacomb - Jack Fry - Dave Tanner - Sally Fox - Joyce Delamere - Val Procter  
Joy Jackson-Haines

## News from the Bell Tower

Following the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers advice we have not been ringing the church bells during the period of lockdown and will continue not to ring until advised otherwise. Although it is now possible to ring, or chime, one bell it is unlikely that we will be doing that in the near future.

Doug and John have continued to keep the clock wound (following social distancing regulations). All the ringers may have been learning new methods, or revising old ones during this time!!

Elaine

## Church services and times.

It is still very uncertain as to when we will be able to return to services in Church and what these services will look like. The Church of England is suggesting no singing and no handing out of service books, hymn books etc for some considerable length of time.

During this time we will continue to record a worship service each week and you can watch these on our Facebook page or via Vimeo. We are trying to do a variety of services and these will typically include some Communion services, a reflective evening prayer type service and the occasional All-Age service.

If you would like to be kept informed of what we are doing and, in the future, when we will be returning to our church building please use the following methods:

Like and follow our Facebook page: Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill

Find us on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and search for Hilmarton church

Email [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added to the email list – I promise you will typically only get 2 emails a week and you can change your mind at any point. These emails will include the link to the recorded service each week.

## On Solitude and Community

These beautiful spring days have brought both trials and joys. The vicarage garden is getting more time and attention than ever before since I came to serve in these parishes. Parks and gardens have always been places where if I sit and am still amidst the buzz of bees and the birdsong I become aware of God's goodness holding those I love and pray for. That sense of God's holding isn't always easy: I've often been most aware of it in times of deep sadness and loss, when my prayers and thoughts have been bitter and angry. Yet it has been in solitude that I had learned to expect to encounter the divine.

Now, alongside those moments of solitary awareness and meditation as the weeks of social distancing have turned into months I've as often found God in the faces and conversations with others. The smile of the postperson as they bring the delight of letters with news of friends and family; the small headshot of a friend through the medium of technology, the additional thoughts and greetings in work emails. It has been especially visible in the commitment and kindness of health professionals visiting my father in law to find ways of continuing to bring us small moments of respite and support and in all the ways that village groups and individuals are looking after each other and bringing food and prescriptions and a smile or conversation.

I have relearned that if the glory of God is a human being fully alive that human being needs both solitude and company; both quiet and conversation. I have never felt more grateful for the kindness of strangers as well as friends.

I hope that whether you are alone and yearn for company or accompanied and yearn for a little more privacy and space that you will find the balance of both sustains you physically, emotionally and spiritually to become more fully alive.

Rachma

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE AUTUMN EDITION BY 16th AUGUST 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.



# Goatacre Cricket Club



Founded 1928

National Village Champions 1988 & 1990

WEPL Premier League

Wiltshire County Cricket League

Wiltshire Youth Cricket League

**President: Mr Graham Iles**

**Chairman: John Wilkins**

**Treasurer: Chris Chapman**

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April 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

## **To all Players, Members, Vice Presidents, Parents & Supporters**

As we move deeper into lockdown and uncertainty increases, the likelihood of cricket starting in the next few months is looking increasingly unlikely. ECB's latest position is that the Professional 2020 Cricket Season will not start before 1<sup>st</sup> July and Recreational Cricket is on indefinite hold.

Like most clubs our annual income starts coming in with the start of the season in mid-April and our finances start improving through subscriptions, match fees, sponsors and supporters donations along with our annual fund raising events.

With our April Sporting Dinner already cancelled, Goatfest in September under threat, and match fees having been completely wiped out, our income streams are being heavily impacted. Some cricket related savings are being made, but there are still regular outgoings on such items as essential ground & buildings maintenance, water rates and insurance. One example is the new safety net at the bottom of our main ground which is being installed now at a cost of £24,000, thankfully much of which is being grant funded.

We recognise that it is vitally important that we manage Club finances in such a way that we come out the other side of this in as healthy state as possible, and ready to offer cricket and social activities equal to the excellent standard achieved in the last few years.

Today we are making an appeal to you to help in one of two ways, but only if financially possible. This is proving an extremely difficult time for many and it is understandable that not everyone will be in a position to help.

Firstly, to Players, whilst not expecting full subscriptions to be paid, a part payment would be very much appreciated. Please pay into the club account; 30-91-99 A/C 01803691 Goatacre CC.

Secondly, a general appeal to visit our page at [www.gofundme.com/supporting-goatacre-cc](http://www.gofundme.com/supporting-goatacre-cc) and please consider making a donation which is vitally important for the Club's future at this challenging time.

Many thanks for your continued support which we really do appreciate and please stay safe.

John Wilkins  
**Chairman**  
**Goatacre CC**



## The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

During the current lockdown we would like to notify you of the services still available through The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust to those over 60 or 18+ with a registered disability.

Our team of Home Security Operators are still securing the homes of victims of house crime and domestic abuse. Our office team are on hand to give telephone support and advice on a range of home security issues. Please call 01380 861155 and leave a message, your call will be returned within a few hours during working hours. Our operators are also delivering Personal Protective Equipment for Wiltshire Police across the County.

Our team of Stay Safe Online volunteers are available to offer telephone advice on a range of issues from improving cyber security awareness, to cyber and scam prevention advice and signposting to future advice and resources. Please call and leave a message on 01380 861191 and someone will get back you shortly.



Commemorative rose planting by Hilmarton School pupils in honour of King George V. Coronation - 1910. Handing a plaque to the boy is Sir John Poynder Dickson, (Baron Islington and Governor of New Zealand)

## SHOP AROUND - Questions

Name the shops from the clues. Some of these may have ceased trading, but you'll remember the names.

1. Footwear for a cat (5)
2. Father neglect? Just the opposite! (10)
3. Space traveller (5)
4. Tries to get favours with copper on this planet? (6, 2, 5)
5. Motor? Call the store (8, 9)
6. Pebbles in the stream (11)
7. Hang around with a flower (8)
8. High moral standards. Or scientific rules (10)
9. Fail to hit target? Me? On the Long Mynd? (4, 9)
10. Something to mind when getting off the train (3)
11. William and Henry's horse-shoing business (1, 1, 5)
12. Underground in America (6)
13. Beatle meets Alice's creator (4, 5)
14. Bill and Hillary's Kings and Queens (7, 5)
15. Good street shopping in France (3, 6)
16. Strange method of storage (7)
17. Chiswick Eyot (5, 6)
18. Sterling getting good exchange rate (14)
19. Celestial dollars (9)
20. Keeps papers together (7)
21. You should find the CEO here (4)
22. Where Dutchman lives with firearm manufacturer (7, 3, 7)
23. Dial wrongly (4)
24. Budgie seeds (7)
25. Princess Royal seasons (4, 7)
26. Hey hombre. How mucha is thatta drink? (5, 6)
27. English dance boys (9)
28. French Cotes transposed 5)
29. Henry crosses stream (8)
30. Check your camera setting or the picture will be blurred (5)
31. Values of sheeps' fleeces (10)
32. Middle of candles, with energy (6)
33. Automobile and domestic animal on the starboard side (11)
34. Dill or something different (4)
35. Communist and philosopher. Nearly (5, 3, 7)
36. Young lady comes out with headless chicken and pork joints (9)
37. House at military site (8)
38. Europe's most sparsely populated country (7)
39. Rugby, cricket, hockey, football. No deviation (6, 6)
40. Wood on the property (10)
41. Podgy visage (7)
42. Torrential downpour (7)
43. Fresh appearance (3.4)
44. Fantastic pill (9)
45. Queen doesn't reveal anything (9, 6)
46. Miss Phillips here when she's not out riding (4)
47. Not many bottoms on sale here (7)
48. A box of tricks? (7)
49. Seashore hill (4)
50. A place to buy a cadaver (4, 4)

Quiz kindly provided by Sally Fox

FOR A LIST OF THE ANSWERS, Please email  
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