

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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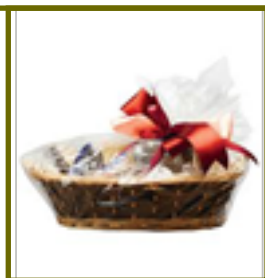
HOPPINGSTONES - UPPER & LOWER LITTLECOT

NEW ZEALAND - RODWELL - WITCOMB

SPRING 2021 NUMBER 1 - VOLUME 11



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



New Year Hamper Raffle]

Thank you so much to all that participated in the New Year Hamper Raffle.

We were overwhelmed with the support shown from those who donated the lovely Hampers and those who purchased and helped sell the tickets.

A massive £1740.00 was raised.

This has been paid into Church funds.

Although the Raffle couldn't take place in the Church Porch due to lockdown restrictions. The tickets were drawn by Jasmine Mcfadzean, numbers called by John Henly, filmed by Jacquie Henly and witnessed by Marcus Farci and Gordon Whistance. A video of the draw was also posted on the Facebook page - Neighbourhood News for Hilmarton Parish

Everyone is a winner as the money raised helps pay for Church running costs so it can be there when needed by each and everyone of us.

For those interested the annual running costs of the Church, including the Parish Share are in excess of £20,000

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

Hilmarton Parish Council News

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed two new members onto the Parish Council Marcus Farci and Shawn Warren-Willcox. Both are enthusiastic and have some great ideas for the future.

We are told that elections for Parish and County Councillors will still be going ahead in May of this year, so look out on the notice boards in Hilmarton and Goatacre for names of candidates once they register.

The Parish Council would like to recognise all the wonderful support that has been shown in the community during these difficult months:

- The Admin team who set up What's App Group that has proved to be a lifeline for many unable to get out to pick up shopping or collect prescriptions and all the other numerous acts of kindness and support.
- Users of the What's App Group who have put themselves forward for so many acts of kindness during these trying times.
- Members of the Chapel, who have kept the building open acting as a swap shop for jigsaws, books, games and all sorts of things to help keep residents occupied.
- The volunteer litter pickers that quietly go about their task, keeping our beautiful parish looking so good.
- The "Flourfairy" what would we have done without you when no flour could be found in the super markets. Come rain and shine you would be out delivering. Always with a smile on your face and once or twice even with wings!!
- Don't forget to look out for the spring bulbs and seeds and other plants so many of you have kindly helped to plant on the stretch of road between Sandy Furlong Farm and the turning to Compton Bassett. Part of the maintenance is to cut back the grass in early spring so don't be alarmed if you see this happening - apparently it helps let the wild flowers establish.
- Members of staff at Hilmarton Primary School and Pre-school have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic to keep the Children educated in a safe environment. The school have had to manage teaching those pupils at home as well as continuing the teaching in classrooms. Not an easy task.

All the above are reasons to celebrate what a wonderful community we live in. With many people now having received their vaccine hopefully we can look forward to a more positive future later in 2021.

CENSUS 2021

The 2021 Census will start on 21st March 2021. Any questions you might have can be found on the Parish Council web site hilmartonparish.co.uk you will find the document in the Parish Council Documents section.

The Late Ruth Allen

We would like to say a really big thank you for all the support and wonderful messages we received following our loss. Some made us laugh, some made us cry but they all made us remember and realise all the different ways she had made a real impact on so many peoples lives in this community.

Her passing has left a very large hole in our hearts but we have to be thankful that she is now at peace.

Ruth would have been truly humbled that so many of you came out to see her leave the village on the day of her cremation, it was also a great comfort to us.

If restrictions allow we hope to have a service in the Church later in the year to celebrate her life.

Thank you again from John & Jacquie and Lauren & James

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED TO USE THE DEFIBRILLATOR

- It can be found on the wall by the car park at the School/Community Room in Hilmarton.
- Call 999 and they will give you a code to access the defibrillator - they will talk you through the rest.

Garage/Yard Sale

Last Year we held a very successful Garage/Yard Sale

It raised some much needed funds for the Church and also helped villagers move some of the items they had sorted out during lockdown. The Question is (Restrictions allowing)

Who would be interested in another one this year? Probably around the same time in August.

If you would be interested please let us know by messaging Jacquie at

e-mail: jacquie88@btinternet.com Mobile: 07850 567068

If there is enough interest we will go ahead and start planning.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SUMMER 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.

TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS - Drawn December/January/February

November 20. Andrea Moxey, John Henly, Ann Blackman, John Henly, Sally Fox, Ellie Bissett, Jan Tanner, Julia Gay.

December 20. Joyce Delamere, Priscilla Moxey, Piers Maynard, Vee Cattaneo, Pat Rhodes, Elle Bissett, Joyce Delamere.

January 21. Joyce Delamere, Sheila Beasley, Natalie Doust, Graham Moxey, Graham Moxey, Andrea Moxey, Jamie Wilkins, John Henly.

Would you like to participate too?

Why '200' – because there are up to 200 numbers available, from 1 – 200, all of which are capable of winning a cash prize. Membership is £1 a month (or £12 annually) per number.

You can pay by cash, cheque or Standing Order Mandate.

The prize money is up to 50% of the membership fee taken that month.

The remainder goes towards church funds to help pay for things like buildings insurance, alarm monitoring and general day to day expenses.

It's a great way to support whilst having a bit of a flutter too!

Winners will be paid cash as soon as possible following the draw.

The draw will take place by the 20th of each month.

Names of the winners will be published in the Neighbourhood News and uploaded to the Facebook page of the Hilmarton Neighbourhood News.

The TEN SCORE (200) CLUB is run by Mel Wilkins

JOIN THE TEN SCORE CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE ONE OF NEXT MONTH'S WINNERS!

These are the participating numbers so far



Please help by filling in some of the blanks.

Just contact Mel on 760 572 or John on 760 401 and we will do the rest.

THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK

Additional numbers which have been sold since the last draw are: 37/80/81/92/108/170/185/195

HILMARTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Due to Covid 19 there has been little progress on developing our Hilmarton Parish Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Even though the Government are proposing major changes to planning policy, our steering group have decided to continue with the production of a NP once Covid restrictions allow.

This will probably mean we are unable to re-commence until the Summer, hopefully having a NP in place by early 2022.

ELECTORAL ROLL

St. Laurence's Church, Hilmarton

2021

Last year, the annual church meeting was the last time before being prevented by the pandemic that we met at church. But the work goes on.....

The **Church Electoral Roll** is due to be revised so that those named on it may have the opportunity to vote at the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on **28th April**. The ecclesiastical parish includes Goatacre, Corton, Clevancy, Highway, Beversbrook and most places in between.

If your name is already on the 2020 list (see list in church porch or ask Sally Fox) then you need do nothing.

If your name is not on the list and you would like to be included, please fill in the form included in this newsletter, and send it back to me **before Friday 26th March**.

With your name on the Church Electoral Roll, you can not only vote for PCC members, but also join the Parochial Church Council yourself if you would like to take part in your church's organization and support. We will always welcome those with time and expertise, but mostly - interest.

For more information, or to return your completed form, please send or give to

Sally Fox, Electoral Roll Officer, PCC of St Laurence's Church, Hilmarton.

Thickthorn House, 44 Preston, Chippenham, Wilts, SN15 4DY

sally_fox@btinternet.com, 01249 891442

This year, we expect to hold the meeting on Zoom and there will be more information about this later.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____

Postcode _____

Email Address (optional) _____

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)

1A ☐ I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over

1B ☐ I am baptised, am a lay person, and become 16* on _____

**Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.*

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

2A ☐ I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.

2B ☐ I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish, [but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____].

2C ☐ I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England [and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____].

**If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. see Note 3 for further information.*

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

On Ruminating

Like the cattle who have recently come out into a field I walk past I too have been chewing the cud, ruminating on various words, thoughts and possibilities.

Sometimes it is fruitful to dwell on things for a time: relishing the potential, sensing the full depth of flavour, making sure to extract every last bit of goodness. If you have ever chewed a piece of bread and noticed it becoming sweet in your mouth this experience of ruminating may feel familiar.

Sometimes it is fruitless to worry over things: wallowing in blame and hurt, nauseated by the bitterness of anger and shame, wakeful with the awareness of words that couldn't be found at the moment they were needed. If you have ever chewed a piece of gum and found it tasteless long before you could throw it away you may recognise this feeling too.

Sometimes ruminating on stuff can provoke sadness in one moment and joy in savouring the last drop of delight another. The experience of mourning and the experience of giving into the desire to do something I knew was foolish have, for me, been experiences where both occurred.

The continuation of Covid-19 constraints may be for some of us an experience of having to dwell in the same places with the same people and the same thoughts where repetition can be deadly dull or reassuringly familiar.

May we all be blessed with the wisdom to notice when we are ruminating in a way that leads to wisdom and kindness and otherwise to spit out that bit of mental chewing gum and put it in the bin! Rachma

The APCM for St Laurence Church will be Wednesday 28th April at 7:30pm probably by Zoom.

The Reverend Rachma Abbott, Rector of the Benefice of Lyneham & Woodhill serving the churches and Parishes of Bradenstoke, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Hilmarton, Lyneham and Tockenham.

The Rectory, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY - 01793 731134

