

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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HILMARTON SCARECROW FESTIVAL will be held on 6/7 May 2023. This year's theme will be 'All Things Royal' as it's on the King's Coronation weekend!

If you would like to make a scarecrow, entry forms can be obtained from Hilmarton Primary School or Matthew/Noreen Ash at 43 Poynder Place.

If anyone is able to sponsor a scarecrow, bake a cake or help us over the weekend we would very much appreciate it! Please get in touch with Mary on 07765 244494 or [maryspooner@sky.com](mailto:maryspooner@sky.com)

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**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, SN11 8SG.

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place

**March 13th 10:15 - 10:45**

**April 10th 10:15 - 10:45**

**May 8th 13th 10:15 - 10:45**

## EASTER BINGO FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR FAMILY BINGO**

**Venue: Hilmarton Community Room**

**Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Time: 6.45pm for eyes down at 7.00pm**

**There will be an Easter Raffle, Mulled Cider, Easter Biscuits, and Hot Chocolate on offer as well as Easter prizes for the Bingo Games.**



**We are looking forward to having some fun with you on the lead up to Easter.**

Proceeds will go towards the Church Fabric Funds for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful St Laurence Church.

For more information contact:  
Jacquie 07850 567068 or Priscilla 07754 308911

# HILMARTON OPEN GARDENS 2023



**On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

**11.00am to 4.00pm**

**Refreshments and tickets will be available from 10.30am at St Laurence Church Hilmarton**

**Please keep the date in your diary.**

**Ticket Price for entry to gardens will be £5.00**

If you are interested in opening your garden then we would love to hear from you.

For more information about the event  
please contact Priscilla Moxey: 07754 308911



## **Other Attractions on the Day**

### **TEDDY PARACHUTE JUMP**



**Come along and have fun watching your teddy taking a daring parachute jump off the St Laurence Church Tower in Hilmarton**

### **STALLS: Plants, Books**



### **“CHRISTMAS” AUCTION**

Our delayed Christmas auction is sure to be a fun night on 11th March at 8pm - do come along and witness the ‘Art of Auctioneering’ by our own Pat Murphy.

### **PRACTICE NETS**

Adults at St. Mary’s 8pm to 9:30pm Fridays 3rd and 17th March.

U13 & U15 8pm to 9:30pm Fridays 24th February, 10th & 24th March



**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SUMMER EDITION BY 16th MAY PLEASE** To [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - 760572  
 Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton. 760401 - [jacque88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacque88@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.

### **Champing 2023**

Champing (camping in the church) new season starts

on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. We had a very successful first season in 2022

welcoming many happy champers who all enjoyed staying in our grade one listed church and

Soaking up the history, architecture, and beauty. Hopefully with all the recent publicity in many

National newspapers we will again be able to welcome champers. Like last year if you see people

Going into the church with sleeping bags, pillows ,food ,wine and dogs do not worry just champers staying a night or two and adding to the history and fabric of the building and at the same time helping us with the maintenance so that the future community will still have a beautiful building to enjoy and use.

Any questions do ask any of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) of Hilmarton

For more info on champing go to the web site [Champing.co.uk](http://Champing.co.uk) or look under The Churches Conservation Trust

### **HILMARTON PARISH 200 (TEN SCORE) CLUB**

NOVEMBER 22 - Drawn on 09/12/22			
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	£25.00	#127	Katlin Fry
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	£20.00	#177	Ian Bissett
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	£15.00	#3	Isla Snell
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	£10.00	#48	Elaine Leighton

DECEMBER 22 - Drawn on 22/01/23			
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	£25.00	#44	Sally Fox
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	£20.00	#107	Joan Hubbard
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	£15.00	#188	Val Callaway
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	£10.00	#56	John Henly

JANUARY 23 - Drawn on 14/02/23			
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	£25.00	#133	John Henly
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	£20.00	#110	Kev & Helen Ockwell
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	£15.00	#47	Jenny Stoddart
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	£10.00	#54	Duncan & Louisa Young

We still have a few numbers if you are intested, it's only £1 per month for each number you have – Contact [jacque88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacque88@btinternet.com) for further details

## Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Wiltshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/wiltshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Wiltshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

## On Politics and Religion

It is sometimes said that politics and religion shouldn't mix. Over the years in my role as a local religious representative I've sometimes been advised to stay out of local politics. In recent weeks I have felt challenged by watching people with no religious commitment suggest political interventions in the life of my faith community.

Yet I have always believed that politics and religion can't be separated. A moral choice or action may be private within your own home but it becomes political as soon as you act based on your own moral code out in society.

For example your food choices are private, but if (like me) you can't drink milk and live in a community with several dairy farms, you become very aware that this private choice may have a social impact and outcome.

I'm part of a church which enjoys enormous privileges because of its historic establishment as the national church. This privilege continues into the present with Bishops in the House of Lords and a very entangled legal system between church and state.

There is a danger that I may like political "interference" when it aligns with my views and dislike it when it doesn't. And, of course, for any group of "insiders" there can be frustrations when "outsiders" don't 'get' the realities of my church (or club or class or interest group).

I should declare my interest here. I am a member of the Campaign for Equal Marriage\*. Yet I am aware that I am in a minority within the Church of England and that I have priestly friends and colleagues whom I respect and value who see things very differently.

I believe that those who disagree with me are also people who care deeply about our shared faith and I am aware that all of us will be seeking to serve and care for people in our congregations and communities who may be hurt by the expression of our different views. This awareness has been part of my ministry as an ordained woman who remains part of a church where there are bishops, clergy and church members who do not think that women can be ordained. Over the years I have learned so much from maintaining working relationships with people I will never agree with – and we have served our communities better by working together on shared goals.

A willingness to work together without seeking full agreement may be a way of navigating a world in which politics and religion often seem to bring conflict and in this way we may find we are practising a golden rule on which almost all faiths and those of no faith agree.

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

\*<https://cofe-equal-marriage.org.uk/>



## News from the Bell Tower

The good news is that we have increased our band of ringers with the addition of someone who could already ring and a new recruit who is learning to ring.

We have been very grateful recently for the help from ringers from Calne while their bells are out of action.

It is our turn to hold the monthly meeting of the Calne Branch of Ringers in March. The meeting will take a slightly different form this year with ringing from 2pm to 4pm and tea and cake being served. No service or ringing tea this time. Please listen to the ringing, it should be better than we usually manage as there will be a number of very experienced ringers there.

We will be ringing at some point over the first weekend in May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III but are waiting for guidance from the Central Guild so we can co-ordinate with the rest of the country.

## Planned Church Services for March and April

Please continue to check on the Facebook page (The Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill) and the website ([www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and search for Hilmarton) in case of last minute changes. If you wish to be kept informed of church services and events on a regular basis then email Elaine on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added to the benefice email list. Please note the services for May have not been finalised yet but will follow a very similar pattern to March.

	Main Church Services	Other services etc
1 <sup>st</sup> March Weds	<b>Hilmarton (service in Chapel) - Communion - 2pm</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Lent	<b>Broad Town</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham (in Church Hall)</b> - All-Age Service - 10.30am	<b>Tockenham</b> Evening Service - 5pm
12 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>Tockenham</b> - Communion - 9am <b>Bradenstoke</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 10.30am (APCM)	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 5pm
15 <sup>th</sup> March Weds	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10am	
19 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 8am <b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
26 <sup>th</sup> March Passion Sunday	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - All-Age Service - 10.30am	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> Evening Service - 6pm <b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday	<b>Tockenham</b> - Liturgy of the Palms - 9am <b>Broad Town</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham (in Church Hall)</b> - All-Age Service - 10.30am	<b>Bradenstoke</b> Evening Service - 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday	<b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 7.30pm	
7 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	<b>Lyneham</b> - am - Ecumenical Walk of Witness <b>Tockenham</b> - Meditation for Good Friday - 2.30pm	
8 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Eve	<b>Lyneham</b> Vigil, First Communion of Easter – 8pm	
9 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Day	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 8am <b>Tockenham</b> - Communion - 9am <b>Bradenstoke</b> - Communion - 9am <b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Broad Town</b> - Communion - 10.30am	
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Ash Weds	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10am <b>TBA</b> - Communion - 7.30pm	
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter St George's Day	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - All-Age Service - 10.30am	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 6pm
30 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Tockenham</b> - Communion - 10.30am	

## A LITTLE HELP TO CHANGE A LIFE

**‘Crafters’ have been making reusable sanitary pads for women and girls who have no access to sanitary protection.**

**Nearly a 1000 have been made and sent so far.**

**We want to keep up this vital campaign but need a little help if we are to do so. Cotton fabric, towels and fleece blankets would be much appreciated. They do not have to be new, just clean and in good condition. As the polar fleece for the outside needs to be new the cost of buying this has so far rested with the crafters themselves, so any donation however small would help spread the cost.**

**Crafters also enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Feel free to bring along your favourite craft and share with the group or get help with a craft you may like to try.**

***If you think you might be able to help there are several ways to do so. Please contact Pat on 760166 or Val on 760312 to find out more.***

***Or come along to our Crafters meetings the dates will be on the village WhatsApp.***



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

PARISH OF

### REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

#### Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council\*, beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, and ending on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

\* The revision must be completed at least 15 days, but no more than 28 days, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council in the Church Notice Board by the gate at the entrance of the Church for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is 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 and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

At least 14 days notice must be given.

Dated this 11th day of February 2023

Signed Jacquie Henly Address: Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton, SN11 8SG

*Church Electoral Roll Officer*

Email (optional) [Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS DISTRIBUTION

If you have new neighbours, then please ask them if they would like to be added to the distribution list, if so, to email [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com) with their email address.

If you no longer wish to receive this quarterly Newsletter, please contact any of the editors.

**SMILE GROUP** Smile is a friendly, open to all group which meets on alternate Tuesdays between 10.00 am and 11.30 am in the Church Hall and occasionally in the Chapel if the weather is very cold. At present we are enjoying indoor Kurling, a fun activity that can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities.

If you would like to join us we would be delighted to welcome you with a coffee/tea and biscuits. We just ask for a donation of £2 which goes towards the wonderful work of the Smile Train in repairing the cleft palates of children across the globe. For more information contact Val Procter on 01249760312



PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_