

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

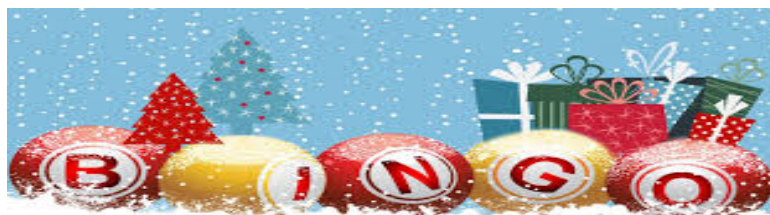
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WINTER 2022/23 NUMBER 4 - VOLUME 12



The Parish Council - St. Laurence Church - The School - Goatacre Sports & Social Club - The Chapel - Smile - Gardening Club - Pre-School - Bell Ringers - The Village Crafters - Goatacre Cricket Club

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRODUCTION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER
BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

FESTIVE FEAST BINGO FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR FAMILY BINGO

Date: Friday 9th December 2022

Time: 6.45pm for eyes down at 7.00pm

There will be a Christmas Raffle, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, and Hot Chocolate on offer as well as festive prizes for the Bingo Games.



We are looking forward to having some Festive Fun with you on the lead up to Christmas.

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

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
December 19th 10:15 - 10:45
January 16th 10:15 - 10:45
February 13th 10:15 - 10:45



Jingle All the Way!

Christmas Music & Good Cheer
with The Village Singers

Saturday 10th December. 7:30pm
Goatacre Village Hall, Calne

Saturday 17th December, 7:30pm
St. Andrews Church, Chippenham

Tickets £10 – U16s go free
www.villagesingers.co.uk
info@villagesingers.co.uk | 01249 720190

GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB

Goatacre Cricket Club members are invited to the AGM on 5th
December at 8pm

Everyone welcome to the Annual Cricket Club Auction on Wednesday
14th December, commencing at 8pm.



Trish Joel sends all her friends and neighbours Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Messages from Ian May – Clevancy

I will not be sending or giving Christmas cards this year 2022. I will instead make a donation to a local charity. I do wish all friends, neighbours, family and acquaintances A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope 2023 will be a better year for everyone.

Once again I would like to thank Mr & Mrs A Wilkins, who have the garden next to mine, for cutting my hedge all year.



In lieu of physical Christmas cards a donation will be made to St. Laurence Church



OPEN GARDENS 2023

On Saturday 3rd June 2023

We are planning an open gardens event in Hilmarton – Please keep the date in your diary.

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

Please contact Priscilla Moxey: 07754 308911

Many thanks to those who have already agreed to support us by opening your garden!



ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SPRING EDITION BY 16th FEBRUARY 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.

TEN SCORE DRAWS FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2022

August 22 - drawn on 05/09/22

1st PRIZE £25.00 #23 Sheron Wilkins
3rd PRIZE £15.00 #144 Piers Maynard

2nd PRIZE £20.00 #38 Jacquie Henly
4th PRIZE £10.00 #3 Mel Wilkins

September 22 - drawn on 08/10/22

1st PRIZE £25.00 #11 Piers Maynard
3rd PRIZE £15.00 #176 Marilyn & Andrew Henly

2nd PRIZE £20.00 #42 Andrea Slade
4th PRIZE £10.00 #66 Isla Snell

October 22 - drawn on 11/11/22

1st PRIZE £25.00 #13 Dave Tanner
3rd PRIZE £15.00 #27 Mair Morgan

2nd PRIZE £20.00 #143 Joyce Delamere
4th PRIZE £10.00 #83 Dee Procter

**WOULD YOU LIKE THE CHANCE OF WINNING UP TO £25 EVERY MONTH,
FOR ONLY £1 PER MONTH PER NUMBER - PLEASE CONTACT JACQUIE
HENLY FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SMILE GROUP



Smile Group meets on alternate Tuesday mornings in the Church Hall, Hilmarton from 10:00 until 11:30. We are a friendly bunch who enjoy a bit of fun, whether it be just a chat over coffee and biscuits or a morning of indoor Kurling. You do not have to be athletic to enjoy this great sport, anyone of any age and ability can

play, in fact our oldest participant is ninety-three.



Smile Group is a wonderful way to meet people.

Do come along and try it. We would all be delighted to welcome you.

Val Procter 01249760312

Dear readers, this is something that was discussed at a recent Parish Council meeting. Please take a few minutes to read the information as you may be able to help. Thank you.

What do you know about Ash dieback?

Ash dieback will kill around 90% of ash trees across the UK. It will change the landscape forever and threaten many species which rely on ash.

There is an urgent need for all landowners to identify affected trees growing alongside the highway, public rights of way and in public spaces.

This is a serious public safety issue and landowners are responsible for dealing with it on their land.

Tress on private land away from public access can be left, the resulting dead wood, will continue to provide essential habitat for a range of wildlife including insects, nesting birds, roosting bats and a whole range of other small mammals.

What does ash dieback look like and can it be identified in the winter as well as in leaf?

Look out for sunken and dark lesions on the branches and trunk, and young shoots or twigs with a dark purplish tinge. There may also be dead twigs and branches in the upper crown of the tree.

Ash dieback can affect ash trees of all ages. Younger trees succumb to the disease quicker but in general, all affected trees will have these symptoms:

In the summer leaves develop dark patches. They then wilt and discolour to black. Leaves might shed early. Lesions develop where branches meet the trunk. These are often diamond-shaped and dark brown.

What should I do if my tree has ash dieback?

You can help stop the local spread of ash dieback by collecting the fallen ash leaves and burning, burying or deep composting them. This disrupts the fungus's lifecycle.

Should ash dieback be reported?

If you find a suspected case of ash dieback in your area which you believe has not previously been reported you should report your suspicions to the relevant plant health authority.

You can find more guidance from Wiltshire Council

https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s194042/12_Ash%20Dieback.pdf

Their ecologists and landscape officers can offer advice to landowners on tree management and replacement, including replacement funding opportunities. See also <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-ash-dieback> Here you will find links to The Forestry Commission and more detailed information

Planned Church Services for Dec, Jan and Feb

Please continue to check on the Facebook page (The Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill) and the website (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 and ask to be added to the benefice email list. Please note the services for Jan and Feb may change slightly.

	Main Church Services	Other services etc
4 th Dec Advent 2	Bradenstoke - Communion - 10.30am Tockenham - Morning Prayer - 10.30am Hilmarton - Communion - 10.30am	
7 th Dec Weds	Hilmarton (service in Chapel) - Communion - 2pm	
11 th Dec Advent 3	Lyneham - Communion - 10.30am Tockenham - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	Clyffe Pypard Carol Service - 5pm
15 th Dec (Thurs)	Broad Town - Carol Service - 6.30pm	
18 th Dec Advent 4	Broad Town - Communion - 10.30am	Hilmarton Carol Service - 4pm Lyneham Carol Service - 4pm
24 th Dec Christmas Eve	Lyneham - Crib Service with Communion - 10.30am Clyffe Pypard - Midnight Mass - 11pm Bradenstoke - Midnight Mass - 11.30pm	Tockenham Carol Service - 6pm
25 th December Christmas Day	Hilmarton - All-Age Communion - 10.30am Broad Town - All-Age Communion - 10.30am	
1 st Jan 2 nd Sun of Christmas	Tockenham - Communion - 10.30am	
4 th Jan Weds	Hilmarton (service in Chapel) - Communion - 2pm	
8 th Jan Epiphany	Lyneham - Communion - 10.30am	
15 th Jan Epiphany 2	Clyffe Pypard - Communion - 8am Lyneham - Communion - 10.30am Tockenham - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
22 nd Jan Epiphany 3	Lyneham - Communion - 10.30am Hilmarton - All-Age Service - 10.30am	Clyffe Pypard Evening Service - 5pm Broad Town Evening Service - 5pm
29 th Jan Candlemas	Bradenstoke - Communion - 10.30am Broad Town - Communion - 10.30am	
1 st Feb Weds	Hilmarton (service in Chapel) - Communion - 2pm	
5 th Feb 3 rd Sunday before Lent	Broad Town - Communion - 10.30am Lyneham (in Church Hall) - All-Age Service - 10.30am	
12 th Feb 2 nd Sunday before Lent	Bradenstoke - Communion - 9am/10.30am Tockenham - Communion - 9am/10.30am Hilmarton - Communion - 10.30am	
19 th Feb Sun before Lent	Clyffe Pypard - Communion - 8am Lyneham - Communion - 10.30am Tockenham - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
22 nd Feb Ash Weds	Lyneham - Communion - 10am TBA - Communion - 7.30pm	
29 th Feb 1 st Sunday of Lent	Clyffe Pypard - Communion - 10.30am Lyneham - Communion - 10.30am Hilmarton - All-Age Service - 10.30am	Broad Town Evening Service - 5pm

Advent Reflections



Wednesdays Nov 30, Dec 7,14,21
12.30 f2f Hilmarton Church Hall
19.00 via Zoom

Advent Reflective Journey: Escape with us for a reflective journey through advent. You can come to the "in person" lunch time sessions with soup and a roll, at Hilmarton Church Hall, 12.30pm to 2.00pm or Zoom sessions 7pm to 8pm. All sessions on Wednesdays - 30th November and 7th, 14th and 21st December.

Zoom

link: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82979501559?pwd=biswRmMvMnBQOVhOVkFBa29BUm5CUT09>>

Meeting ID: 829 7950 1559 Passcode: 000441

Please come and bring a friend.

For further information please contact
Revd Karen Rizzello [07882-055878] or
Mandy Cook [07798-801681].

A big thank you to David Wilkins of Wilkins Builders Ltd who has generously donated a lovely Christmas tree for the Church. The tree is of the rooted variety and it is hoped this can be planted in the Churchyard following the festivities. We may then have a tree which can be annually decorated in the Churchyard.

HILMARTON CHRISTMAS WINDOW EVENT and CAROLS

This year we are hoping to have Christmas windows for you to view. The windows will be revealed at sometime during the month of December and most will be on view for the Carol service. There is a theme of Christmas music or Christmas Carols.

Please walk around and look at the windows.

Maps, giving locations of windows, will be available from 11th Dec on the Neighbourhood News Facebook page, www.achurchnearyou.com (on the Hilmarton page), by emailing beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk and requesting one or by contacting Elaine Leighton (48 Poynder Place) in person.

There may be prizes for people who guess the most correct Carols/music.

Our Carol Service is on 18th December and this year will be starting outside 48 Poynder Place, with hot chocolate, at 4pm and the first few carols will be sung near some of the windows. We will finish in the Church with more carols, some readings and a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or similar festive refreshments.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENTER YOUR WINDOW PLEASE USE THE CONTACT DETAILS ABOVE.

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 jacqueie88@btinternet.com with their email address. If you no longer wish to receive this quarterly Newsletter, please contact any of the editors.

November 2022 Remembering the light of Christ – Revd. Karen Rizzello

Dear Reader,

I am writing this in my office looking at some dark clouds and possible rain ahead and I can't help but think that this seems to be a reflection of the worldly concerns around us.

Everywhere we look there seem to be storm clouds, and I worry about those around us who may feel loneliness or hopelessness. We know that this is going to be a hard winter for many who may struggle to make ends meet. We need to remember, in this time of remembrance, that even if there are dark clouds there is always light and hope in God's abundant love for each one of us. In the words written in the book of Isaiah, 'He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.' (Is.40v11).

There is much to give thanks for, we live in a beautiful world which reflects the glory of creation all around us, there is much kindness and generosity still present in this world. Looking forward, as we leave November behind, the Christ child will burst like a brilliant light into our world once again in the joy of Christmas. Take comfort, make plans, love each other and remember God is with you always.

God Bless, Revd. Karen

Hi everyone!

I am emailing from the Kinship and Fostering service from Wiltshire Council. I would like to reach out to ask for your support in helping us to recruit more foster carers in Wiltshire. There is a substantial shortage of foster carers in Wiltshire particularly in Trowbridge, Devizes, Chippenham, Amesbury, Calne, Westbury & Salisbury. This means that some Children in Care are not able to live in their local community and may even have to be home outside of County. Therefore we're asking people in Wiltshire to consider fostering. I would really appreciate it if you can include the poster attached in your resident newsletter and it would be great if you could post it on your social media page. Please do get in touch if you would like us to contribute an article on fostering.

We are also holding an online 'Find out about fostering – bring a cuppa & your questions session' on Tuesday 29/11, from 6pm to 7pm. The join link is <https://bit.ly/3DKezSw>. People will need to use Microsoft Teams to access the session.

Thank you so much for your support, if you would like more information about fostering, please get in touch.

Kind regards

Helen Lau

Publicity & Communications Officer

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