

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

*BEVERSBROOK - CATCOMBE - CLEVANCY - CORTON*  
*GOATACRE - HIGHWAY - HILMARTON*  
*HOPPINGSTONES - UPPER & LOWER LITTLECOT*  
*NEW ZEALAND - RODWELL - WITCOMB*  
**SUMMER 2023 NUMBER 2 - VOLUME 13**



**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**

## GOATACRE VILLAGE HALL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER & DANCE

FRI 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY ~ CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 7PM  
THREE COURSE MEAL ~ LIVE MUSIC ~ MAGICIAN  
TICKETS ON SALE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL ~ £50 FROM THE BAR  
VERY SMART DRESS

**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

**June 15th 10:15 - 10:45**

**July 6th & 31st 10:15 - 10:45**

**August 28th 10:15 - 10:45**

# **THE HILMARTON TEDDY PARACHUTE DROP**



*Open to all brave teddies (or other cuddly friends).  
Teddies will be well looked after and will enjoy their ride.*



**Hilmarton Church Tower  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
11am to 4pm**



**A suggested donation of £2 per teddy**

**Each teddy gets a sticker for their bravery!**

**Refreshments in the church, book stall,  
plant stall and white elephant stall.**



**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.

## Planned Church Services for June, July and August

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.

	Main Church Services	Other services etc
4 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday	<b>Broad Town</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham (in Church Hall)</b> - All-Age Service - 10.30am	<b>Tockenham</b> Evening Service - 6pm
7 <sup>th</sup> June Weds	<b>Hilmarton (service in Chapel)</b> - Communion - 2pm	
11 <sup>th</sup> June St Barnabas	<b>Tockenham</b> - Communion - 9am <b>Bradenstoke</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 10.30am	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 6pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June Weds	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10am	
18 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 8am <b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
25 <sup>th</sup> June St Peter's Day	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 10.30am	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 6pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	ORDINATION OF DEACONS AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL This will include the ordination, as deacon, of Richard Holness, our new curate.	
5 <sup>th</sup> July Weds	<b>Hilmarton (service in Church)</b> - Communion - 2pm	
9 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am - Service to welcome the Reverend Richard Holness as Assistant Curate for the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill	
12 <sup>th</sup> July Weds	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10am	
16 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 8am <b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July Trinity 7	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton - All-Age Service</b> - 10.30am	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 6pm <b>Clyffe Pypard</b> Evening Service - 6pm
30 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8	<b>Broad Town</b> - Communion - 10.30am	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August Weds	<b>Hilmarton (service in Church)</b> - Communion - 2pm	
6 <sup>th</sup> August St Laurence's Day	<b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 10.30am	
13 <sup>th</sup> August Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Bradenstoke</b> - Communion - 10.30am	
16 <sup>th</sup> August Weds	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10am	
20 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
27 <sup>th</sup> August St Giles' Day	<b>Tockenham</b> - Communion - 10.30am	

### HILMARTON PARISH 200 (Ten Score) CLUB

February 2023 drawn 12/3/23 -

Ian Hubbard No.68 £25.00 Paula McQuade No.184 £20.00 Reuben Bissett No.157 £15.00 Molly Jacombe No.43 £10.00.

March 2023 drawn 15/4/23.-.

Mel Wilkins No.148 £25.00 John Henly No.145.£20.00 Ian Bissett No.177 £15.00 Piers Maynard No.180 £10.00.

April 2023 drawn 12/5/23 -

Mair Morgan No.125 £25.00 Marilyn & Andrew Henly No.176 £20.00 Pete & Meg Bundock No.109 £15.00 Sian Wiltshire No.89 £10.00.



# Goatacre Cricket Club Quiz Night

**BUFFET & RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS £10 PER HEAD**

*Available from the bar or Aly Cox 07850 347 548*

**SATURDAY, 1ST JULY**

**START AT 8 PM |**

**GOATACRE SOCIAL CLUB**

## **Scarecrow Festival - 2023**

Many thanks to everyone who supported us at this year's scarecrow trail. Despite the rain on Coronation Day, we still raised just over £4500 for local groups and our chosen charity Doorway.

The winner of the trail was awarded to Lauren & James.

Favourite scarecrow voted by the public

1st prize – Sandringham House created by Annette and Anson Coop

2nd prize - Princess Peach created by The Ash Family

3rd prize - Queen Bee created by The Holmes Family

Answers are as follows:

- |                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Princess of Wales    | 16. Sandringham House     |
| 2. Princess and the Pea | 17. Queen Bee             |
| 3. The Queens Knickers  | 18. Henry V               |
| 4. Snow Queen           | 19. Royal Flush           |
| 5. Paddington           | 20. Old King Cole         |
| 6. King John            | 21. St. Edwards Crown     |
| 7. Princess Peach       | 22. Freddie Mercury       |
| 8. Royal Mail           | 23. Royal Ascot           |
| 9. The Queen of Hearts  | 24. Rapunzel              |
| 10. Royal Guard         | 25. Kings Cross Station   |
| 11. Snow White          | 26. Royal Mint            |
| 12. Lion King           | 27. King Alfred the Great |
| 13. Zara Phillips       | 28. Elvis                 |
| 14. Moana               | 29. Queen Victoria        |
| 15. Ariel               | 30. Mike Tindall          |
|                         | 31. Jersey Royal          |

**News from the Bell Tower** We had nine ringers available to “Ring for the King” on Sat 6th May. We rang some rounds and call changes and rang a new method that we have been learning this year, called Grandsire.

We have also all bought new shirts so we looked very smart for our Coronation ringing.

We are continuing to ring for Sunday Services and practise on Mondays when it is not a Bank Holiday. If you would like to find out more about ringing and watch us in action feel free to pop along on a Monday night during practice.

The next big event we are taking part in is the Teddy Bear Parachute jump on 3rd June. More information elsewhere in this newsletter.



#### **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.

On learning, f-learning and thriving In July this little group of six churches will have an occasion to celebrate. Lots of us are going to Salisbury cathedral to see Richard Holness ordained as deacon because he will be coming to serve with us as curate. Now if you are thinking of curates and vicars as seen on television, Richard is not going to be curate in the style of Father Ted or Fleabag. On the other hand, those of you who know me will know I'm not really like the Vicar of Dibley - physically there might be a slight resemblance but in terms of my sense of humour and my ability to tell a joke I'm much closer to Alice Tinker than Geraldine Granger. Richard has been part of these churches longer than I have - he lives in RWB with his wife Fiona and their daughter Ruth and Broad Town is the parish that has married them, christened Ruth and helped develop his sense of being called to serve in ministry. Richard has already been doing this as a Lay Worship Leader but now he's going to have the very strange experience of being dressed up in a collar and apprenticed to serve the whole group while still working full time and being husband, dad, friend, colleague, IT geeky person and himself.

My task is to help him continue to find out what that all means for him - Richard has already learned lots - he's been at college in Salisbury studying part time and now our task is to do lots (or at least as much as can be sensibly fitted in around full time work and life) of f-learning on the job. F-learning is not Rachma having a bad language moment but the skill she has begun learning from the local schools of seeing making mistakes, and failing as a route to greater learning. Failure-learning - abbreviated to f-learning A curacy is a time and place for experimentation trying and succeeding, and sometimes trying and failing so that one can learn and learn to fail better next time. Much of the trying and failing will be done by Rachma not by Richard! It's a compliment to all the churches in the groups that they thought we were willing to be experimented on and supportive of this apprenticeship element of Richard's preparation for life as an ordained minister seeking to serve God at home, at work, and sometimes here in our churches. As you get a chance to welcome him over the next few months and years at both church and community events please be kind, say hello and find out what our favourite f-learning has been!

# **HILMARTON PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2023**

## **Chairman**

I have pleasure once again in submitting a short report for the previous year which seems to have come and gone so quickly. I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their continued support, and to our Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr Ashley O'Neill who takes so much interest in what we do and what we try to achieve. This is all seamlessly supported with the work that our Clerk, Jacquie does which I often see first-hand and it is very much appreciated. There have been some very positive outcomes this year resulting from our combined efforts as well as the endless form filling that Jacquie has done to secure the funding for our Jubilee Play Park refurbishment. It is heartening to be stopped in my tracks around the parish from time to time and have Parishioners acknowledge this good work too.

Earlier in the year we were approached by the Chair of Governors for Hilmarton Primary School to see if any councillors would be willing to join their Board of Governors. Similar to us they hold only a few meetings a year with "minimum commitment" but the reality for them and us is to be effective can take considerable time and commitment to get the desirable results. On this occasion we were unable to oblige them but I know our Clerk offered some pointers which I believe helped them to find what they were looking for.

Our Councillors represent our Parish well, both in geographical spread and workload. Thank you for what you all do and time you freely give, especially when representing Hilmarton Parish Council at LHFIG and Area Board Meetings.

One person's work and scheme we should acknowledge is that of the Parish Steward. If you see him around do go and say hello. He does an excellent job for us and does it with pride, often supported with before and after photographs showing us what he has done on his visits. As I was going back through my notes to make sure I hadn't missed anything I was reminded of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth, which then reminded me of others from our community that have left us, including a long serving Parish Councillor, Richard Keevil. My thoughts are with them all as they played such an important part in our small community.

Some progress has been made with our ongoing commitment to traffic management through Goatacre and Hilmarton. Speed Indicator Devices, (SID's) have been budgeted for and it is hoped to have them ordered and deployed this coming year. Updates have been given throughout the year and more will follow.

The process we have for commenting on Planning Applications on the whole works well and where we do have concerns these are always carefully considered and commented on. Parish Councils do not make planning decisions, a misconception that we do will probably not change anytime soon. However, our input is invaluable given our local knowledge and is an important part of the process regardless of the final decisions. Please continue to contribute in the manner we always do respecting both the applicant and the wider community. I look forward to the coming year with your full support and enthusiasm to ensure we have a vibrant forward looking Parish Council.

John Henly - May 2023.

## **Finance**

Every year internal and external auditors audit the Parish Council accounts. Many thanks to Chris Chapman for fulfilling the Internal Auditor role again this year. Our External Auditors are PKF Littlejohn LLP from London, following our Annual Parish Council Meeting our accounts are forwarded to them for approval.

The precept for 2023/2024 is set at £13500.00 This request has been raised from last year due to ever increasing costs and we have also budgeted to purchase two speed indicator devices in Goatacre and Hilmarton.

## **Planning**

Over the last 12 months there have been 21 planning applications within the Parish.

12 were permitted, 2 were refused, 2 were withdrawn and 5 are pending a decision by Wiltshire Council (WC). Of the above applications one of the decisions made by WC differed from the recommendation of Hilmarton Parish Council.

## **Play Park**

This has been an exciting year for the play park it has received a new climbing tower with fireman's pole, climbing net, a double tower with bridge, A swing net seat, a roundabout, a zip wire, a toddler train with slide and interactive ticket station and new safety surfaces. We have received great feedback from children and parents and it has been lovely seeing and hearing the fun and laughter coming from that area in the Parish.



## Parish Newsletter/Website

The Editorial Team would like to thank all the groups and individuals who contribute regular items for the Newsletter. More than two thirds of the newsletters are circulated by e-mail, we would really like to increase this number, if you have not yet supplied your e-mail address to the team, please contact the Parish Clerk: Likewise, if someone new moves to the parish contact the Clerk for them to be added to the distribution list.

Thank you to Wilkins Builders for continuing to photocopy the monthly issues and last but not least the volunteers who deliver the paper copies in all winds and weathers.

Don't forget to send us any news, dates of events or updates for your groups to go on the Parish web site. It is also nice to have photos and reports of events that have taken place, as these are a way of recording all the exciting things that happen throughout the year. Contact: jacquie88@btinternet.com

## Open Spaces

Thank you to the volunteers who look after the flower tubs by the Well House and on the Green in Goatacre. We know there are volunteer litter pickers that go quietly about during the year collecting rubbish from ditches and verges. Your effort into keeping the Parish looking so good is really appreciated.

**Reminders to dog owners**, please do not to take dogs into the School Playing fields or Children's Play Park and please pick up your dog mess whilst out walking, taking the bags home or popping them in the WC bins. Please also make sure your dog is not allowed to roam around outside your property unaccompanied.

## Highways

Our contacts at Wiltshire Council (WC) continue to support us on community days to help keep the Parish looking smart and tidy our fantastic Parish Steward Michael goes above and beyond to help keep the Parish looking smart. If you notice any highway issues that need attention (hedges overgrowing the highways or pavements, grit bins that need refilling or repairs to pot holes etc) then these can be reported on My Wiltshire:

- <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting>
- or by phoning 0300 456 0105
- by post Customer Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8
- by email [northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**You can also help by making sure your hedges and shrubs are kept well trimmed and do not obstruct pavements and obscure vision for drivers.**

We remind residents each year to please be considerate when parking vehicles. Remember it is an offence to park on pavements as this causes an obstruction. Similarly, parking on corners is dangerous and can also be an offence that could attract a parking fine.

## Parish Councillors Contact Detail

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Chairman: Mr John Henly.



# SPACE FOR NATURE

## WILD



### SUNDAY NATURE SESSIONS

10-12 NOON, THE HUT, WEIR FARM, UFFCOTT.  
 £10 PER CHILD INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL.  
 CHILDREN UNDER 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED.

#### ENJOY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AS A FAMILY

JAN 29	THE ELEMENT OF WATER AND ICE ORBS
FEB 26	NATURE'S SKY CAFE
MAR 26	WELCOME SPRING
APR 30	EXPLORING THE SENSES AS A BEE
MAY 21	WORM WORTH AND POND POTTERING
JUN 25	PRINTING AND PIGMENTS IN NATURE
JUL 30	BUTTERFLY JULY
SEP 24	COMPOSTING FOR INSECT CONSERVATION
OCT 29	WELCOME AUTUMN



#### FAMILY FUN SESSIONS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FOREST SCHOOL

SESSIONS ARE AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED SIX PLUS AND LAST TWO HOURS  
 ALL CHILDREN UNDER 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
 PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS ARE FREE OF CHARGE BUT MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE WITH A SECOND ADULT

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
[WWW.SPACEFORNATURE.NET](http://WWW.SPACEFORNATURE.NET)



## SPACE FOR NATURE EVENT PLANNER 2023



	SUN 29 JAN	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: THE ELEMENT OF WATER
	TUES 14 FEB	ROCKLEY	FREE	MAKING WILLOW DREAM CATCHERS
	SUN 26 FEB	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: NATURE'S SKY CAFE
	SUN 12 MAR	RIDGEWAY	FREE	GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN
	SUN 26 MAR	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: WELCOME SPRING
	SAT 18 MAR	BROAD HINTON	£25	SPRING WREATH MAKING
	THU 6 APR	ROCKLEY	FREE	MAKING NESTS AND CLAY EGG HUNT
	THU 13 APR	BERWICK BASSETT	FREE	WILDLIFE FOOD CHAINS
	TUE 24 APR	W. MONKTON	£30	FORAGING WITH FRED
	SUN 30 APR	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: EXPLORING THE SENSES
	SUN 14 MAY	BERWICK BASSETT	FREE	INTERNATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY
	SUN 21 MAY	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: WORM WORTH
	SUN 11 JUN	ROCKLEY	£10*	OPEN FARM SUNDAY AT MAISEY FARM
	FRI 23 JUN	CHISELDON	FREE	SUMMER FARM WALK AND PICNIC
	SUN 25 JUN	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: PRINTING IN NATURE
	SAT 8 JUL	ROCKLEY	FREE	SKETCH BOOK NATURE WALK WITH ARTIST JO BEAL
	SUN 30 JUL	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: BUTTERFLY JULY
	TUE 8 AUG	BARBURY	FREE	DESIGN A NATURE TRAIL
	TUE 15 AUG	BROAD HINTON	FREE	POND DIPPING
	TUE 22 AUG	ROCKLEY	FREE	TRANSIENT ART
	TUE 29 AUG	HACKPEN WOODS	FREE	POETREE AND WELLNESS
	FRI 8 SEP	AVEBURY NT	FREE	BAT WALK
	SUN 24 SEP	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: COMPOSTING FOR CONSERVATION
	TUE 24 OCT	ROCKLEY	FREE	HIBERNATION & MIGRATION
	SUN 29 OCT	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: WELCOME AUTUMN
	SAT 18 NOV	BROAD HINTON	£20	WILLOW WREATH WORKSHOP
	SUN 26 NOV	UFFCOTT	£10	SPACE FOR NATURE WILD: WINTER WALK & JOURNEY STICKS
	SAT 16 DEC	W. MONKTON	FREE	SEASONAL WILLOW CRAFTS



ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED INCLUDING OUR POPULAR NIGHT SAFARI EXPEDITIONS  
 WITH MATT PRIOR. PLEASE CHECK BACK AFTER THE SUMMER!

THE SPACE FOR NATURE EVENTS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMME IS PARTLY FUNDED BY FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES,  
 A DEFRA GRANT SCHEME ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTH WESSEX DOWNS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY.

\*NB: OPEN FARM SUNDAY IS CHARGED AT £10 PER VEHICLE OF UP TO 5 PEOPLE

FAMILY EVENT SPACE FOR NATURE WILD ADULT EVENT

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL [WWW.SPACEFORNATURE.NET](http://WWW.SPACEFORNATURE.NET)





**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](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