



# Hilmarton Parish

*Winter 2025 Edition*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

*The Parish Council ~ St Laurence Church ~ The Primary School  
Goatacre Sports and Social Club ~ The Chapel ~ Smile ~ Gardening Club  
Pre-School ~ Bell Ringers ~ Goatacre Cricket Club*



The *Neighbourhood News* is produced on behalf of [Hilmarton Parish Council](#) for the villages and hamlets that make up our busy community, as well as additional information that might be useful to you. We hope you will enjoy the Winter Edition, which covers January and February.

We also welcome contributions of Parish news and events from any of our readers that might be of interest to the community. Please get in touch with the

Editor if you would like to include this in the Spring issue. Business or private notices are also welcome for a small donation. Please see **Page 10** for further information and contact details.

***Wishing everyone in our community, new or old, a healthy and happy New Year!***

If you have new neighbours who are not already on our mailing list and would like to be added, please ask them to email Jacquie Henly at [Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com). To unsubscribe from the *Neighbourhood News*, please also email Jacquie as above.

### THE WILTSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

Date	Time
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	10.15am - 10.45am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	10.15am - 10.45am

The Mobile Library Bus has scheduled visits to the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place, Hilmarton.

For the most up-to-date information and further details about the Mobile Library service, please visit the Wiltshire Council website ([click here](#)).

## HILMARTON PARISH 200 CLUB

NOVEMBER 2024 - Drawn on 01/11/24			
1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE	£25.00	#84	Tracy Ockley
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE	£20.00	#164	Rosey Addington
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE	£15.00	#191	Lynne Hayes
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE	£10.00	#146	Hazel Moxey

*We have now sold all 200 numbers, which makes a huge difference to Church finances, and we really appreciate the support our community shows.*

### 200 Club



For current members, it is not too late to set up a Standing Order, which saves the administrators a lot of time checking transfers. You can still contact the bank and ask for one to be set up to start in September 2025. It can be set up as a monthly payment of £1 per number or as an annual payment of £12 per number - Please use the reference 200 Club. If you are kind enough to set up a Standing Order, please let us know once it is done, as we can then change your method of payment on our register.

For any further information, please contact Jacquie Henly on Tel: 07850 567068  
E-mail: [Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com)

## FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

# SOUP LUNCH

**Come  
And  
Meet  
Each  
Other**



Hilmarton Community Room  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Hilmarton Community Room  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Both 12 noon to 2pm

Relax and chat  
**ALL WELCOME**

Homemade soup, bread roll, pudding and hot drink  
Payment by donation - **Pay what you can afford.**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

See Jacqui at the Duchess Lounge to Book your Table., Cash Payments only..



# Quiz Night

Wednesday 12th February  
6pm-10pm

*At The Duke Hotel  
Hilmarton,  
SN18SD*

£15 Includes Chef Dish of the Day.

## VALENTINE'S DAY

### AT THE DUKE HOTEL

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 6pm - 10pm

Enjoy a 3-course meal with a free glass of Prosecco and a red rose on the table!

[Click here](#) to see the Valentine's Day Menu

For bookings call: 01249 760634 or visit their website

(NB - The Duke Hotel & Duchess Bar will be closed 6<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January)



### Hilmarton Gardening Club & Local Area

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

7.30pm at Hilmarton School Hall, Poynder Place, Hilmarton SN11 8SQ

All Welcome! For more information or membership details, please email:

[hgcwilts@gmail.com](mailto:hgcwilts@gmail.com)



### WINTER 2025 PROGRAMME



**7.30PM, TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**FRED SWIFT - THE WILTSHIRE BEEKEEPER**

***World of Bees***

Fred spends his days caring for hundreds of hives across the Wiltshire countryside, collecting swarms and selling a range of honey-based products. He will talk to us about the vital role bees play in pollination and food production, and the importance of their conservation.



**7.30PM, TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**KATE HOLTOM - FERN & IVY**

***Indoor Plants - How to choose the right plant and their care***

Kate founded Fern & Ivy to help everyone keep their house plants thriving and will teach us during our session! Besides selling a wide range of plants and accessories, she hosts a variety of workshops, and offers both home and business consultations, including living wall installations and maintenance packages.



# charity Coffee Morning



**IN AID OF MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES** [msf.org.uk/](http://msf.org.uk/)

**From 10.30am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Thickthorn House, 44 Preston SN15 4DY**

**Bring and buy, coffee, tea, cake, etc!**

**For more details, ring 07568 311823**

**From the MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES website:**

Right now, more countries are engaged in conflict than at any other time since World War II. Healthcare systems are struggling to treat traumatic injuries, meaning people affected by war and instability make up the largest proportion of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) patients. Our projects need funding for staff and supplies to save more lives.

**In more than 70 countries, Médecins Sans Frontières provides medical humanitarian assistance to save lives and ease the suffering of people in crisis situations.**

**Your gift will help bring lifesaving medical care to people in need.**

## THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The Women's Institute is 110 years old. Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI is 99 years old. Towards the end of 2025, we celebrate our centenary. Although not large, we are constant, with members from not only the closest villages, but also Royal Wootton Bassett, Devizes and beyond, so where you live is no bar to joining us, nor is age or background. All are welcome.

We enjoy a yearly programme of monthly meetings, many of which are talks or demonstrations by experts or enthusiasts on a wide range of subjects, including local charities, crafts, historical and interesting places and events, with refreshments to follow. We run the annual Produce Show. We arrange outings to local places of interest, this year the Cotswold Lavender Farm.



The County Federation of WIs organises many other activities: coach trips to London for instance, craft days, talks and, on the day I am writing, the annual Christmas Concert, this year held in Bromham. Our own December meeting is a social evening with Christmassy food and drink and often a member-led activity. In the New Year, a meal out; in the summer, supper in a member's garden. (The weather has always behaved well!)

We would welcome anyone interested in joining us. We meet on the third Thursday of most months, at 7.15pm in the Village Hall in Bushton. Our January meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> when we have a speaker on 'The Life of a Garden Designer', and on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 'A Short History of Ice Cream'!



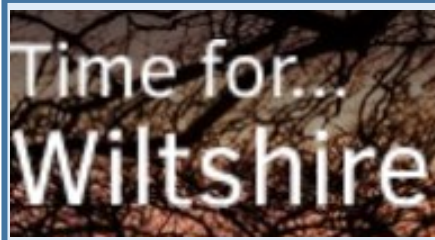
**Please do just turn up – you will be welcomed. Or get in touch with**

Madelaine Flight, [madelaine\\_flight@outlook.com](mailto:madelaine_flight@outlook.com) or 01380 738493,  
or Sally Fox, [sally\\_fox@btinternet.com](mailto:sally_fox@btinternet.com) or 07568 311823.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

## WILTSHIRE EVENTS

There is a wide ranging programme of events taking place in and around Wiltshire this winter; the following examples show just a small selection of activities for the whole family, as well as further information and details on how to book.



Visit Wiltshire's 'What's on in Wiltshire', is a great resource for upcoming events in around Wiltshire. There is something for everyone including walks; music events; theatre; film; exhibitions; food and drink. [Click here](#), to see what January and February 2025 have to offer.



A one-day, indoor Winter festival celebrating community spirit and joyful music on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Banish your January blues with our one-day, indoor Winter get-together celebrating community spirit and joyful music. Packed with music, activities food, dancing and more, this is the ultimate feel-good festival that you just can't miss. For further details and how to book, please [click here](#).



The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is holding a 'Winter Survival Family Event' in Trowbridge, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, between 10am and 12noon. You will have an opportunity to explore the theme of survival through Winter, for humans and animals, on one of their beautiful nature reserves.

For more information and to book places, please [click here](#).



REME (Lyneham) is holding a number of STEM workshops over the February half term break:

'Build a Tank' Junk Modelling (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February)

Come and create your own special REME-inspired vehicle to take away with you! Get creative and see what you can make from recycled materials. The only limit is your imagination!

LEGO® Engineering Workshops (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February)

Unleash your inner engineer and build a vehicle from LEGO® that will actually drive! Led by our Education Officer, Andrew, these sessions are limited in capacity to allow for suitable supervision, please book your space in advance to avoid disappointment. Recommended for ages 7 and above.

To book either of the above workshops, please [click here](#).

## HILMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Councillors Contact Details

Jeff Files 01249 760336	John Henly ( <b>Chairman</b> ) 07901 750564	Jasmine McFadzean 01249 760611
Rob Fry 07900 52636	Wendy Leaning 01249 760112	Shawn Warren-Willcox 07545 322101
Lynne Hays 01249 760535	Piers Maynard 01249 760621	Mel Wilkins 07443 940367

Clerk to the Parish Council: Jacquie Henly  
Tel: 07850 567068 E-mail: [Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com)

Hilmarton Parish Council would like to say a very big 'Thank You' to Marion Jeary for her dedicated service to Hilmarton Parish Council over many years. Marion was first elected to the Council in 1983 and then again in 1991 until this year.

Marion feels that the time has come for her to resign her position on the Parish Council for personal reasons. Marion has said she will remain an enthusiastic resident of the wonderful village of Hilmarton, we know she will keep a keen interest in what is going on.

We wish you all the best for the future Marion and thank you again for your loyal service over the years.

### Useful Information (Please refer to December's issue for more details)

**Wiltshire Council:** Customer Service: 0300 4560100 Highways emergency faults: 03004 560100

**Calne Town Council:** Telephone: 01249 814000 Website: <https://www.calne.gov.uk/>

### Parish Defibrillators:



- Hilmarton - on the wall by the car park at the School/Community Room, SN11 8SQ
- Goatacre - on the wall by the Cricket Club/Village Hall, SN11 9JA

### Wiltshire Police Officers have been out and about, and have published the following:

'Whilst responding to calls and on mobile patrols, officers have noticed an increase of inconsiderate and on occasion unsafe parking within the area.

On several instances, there have been vehicles parked on both sides of a road, making the road very narrow. In these cases, there would not have been enough room for a larger emergency vehicle to get through should there have been a need.

When deciding where to park, please take the time to remember:

- × do not park opposite or within 10m (32ft) of a junction
- × do not park opposite another parked vehicle
- × do not park next to a dropped kerb
- × do not park anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services
-  Emergency vehicles need to be able to get through 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
-  **THINK** - can the police, an ambulance or a fire engine get through easily?

For more information, have a look at rules 239 - 247 of The Highway Code (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>)

This is particularly important by the telephone box on The Green in Goatacre.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

### GOATACRE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB AND GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB

- Open evenings from 8pm to 11pm (not Mondays) and Sunday lunchtime
- Fully licensed bar at club prices
- Well-appointed hall to hire for functions
- Fully equipped kitchen to hire
- Skittle alley and pool table
- Large car park

e-mail: [goatacrevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:goatacrevillagehall@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.goatacrevillagehall.co.uk>

Tel: 07999 291905

### GOATACRE SKITTLES LEAGUE

Contact Adam Iles: 07786 225313

### CRICKET

4 Saturday League sides. Friendly nets on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. Midweek 20 over league. Under 11s, 13s and 15s.

Qualified coaches - new members always welcome.

For details contact: [allatt.tom721@gmail.com](mailto:allatt.tom721@gmail.com)

For newsletter email [mattoswilkins@googlemail.com](mailto:mattoswilkins@googlemail.com)

### ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Services are held every Sunday in rotation with the other Churches in the Benefice. The pattern varies and can be found in the monthly Neighbourhood News - Newsletter or [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

Rev Rachma Abbott: 01793 731134

Church Warden: John Henly: 07901 750564

To visit the beautiful Church of St Laurence contact:

John 07901 750564 or Elaine Leighton 07570 799477

Church Hall Hire: Elaine 07570 799477

### CHAMPING IN THE CHURCH

Do you fancy a night or two champing in the Church?

Read more about champing, [click here](#).

Champing Bookings - Priscilla 07754 308911

### HILMARTON CHAPEL

The chapel holds Sunday worship at 11.00am. Other regular events include: Praise and Prayer - 7.00pm every Thursday.

For more details, contact Alan Tarling:

[tarling714@btinternet.com](mailto:tarling714@btinternet.com)

### CHURCH BELLRINGERS

PRACTICE NIGHTS ARE MONDAYS FROM 7.30PM TO 9PM AND THE BELLS ARE RUNG FOR MOST SERVICES. NEW RINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AS ARE INTERESTED VISITORS.

CONTACT, TOWER CAPTAIN: STEVE STOTT  
07746 695500 FOR MORE DETAILS.

### 'SMILE GROUP'

Smile Group is an all age gathering which meets on alternate Tuesdays from 10am - 11.30am in the Church Hall. We are a jolly bunch and our aim is to have fun, enjoy a cuppa and company. We enjoy indoor Kurling, and various activities. Something for all tastes! We would be delighted to see you.

For more information, please ring  
Val Procter on 01249 760312

### HILMARTON COMMUNITY ROOM

DDA compliant, function room. Situated next to the School Hall by a large open playing field and close to well-equipped play park. Perfect to hire for parties, meetings and fundraising.

Contact Jacquie Henly on 07850 567068  
for more details.

### HILMARTON PRE-SCHOOL

Hilmarton Pre-school was established in 1972. Meets every weekday term time, 8.45am until 2.45pm in Hilmarton Community Room

Contact: Steph 07798 643028

### HILMARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

There is a thriving village school, which offers a secure and friendly atmosphere that allows all children to fulfil their potential both academically and socially. There is an active parent led School Association.

For further details, contact the school office  
01249 760602.

School Hall Hire - contact the school office.

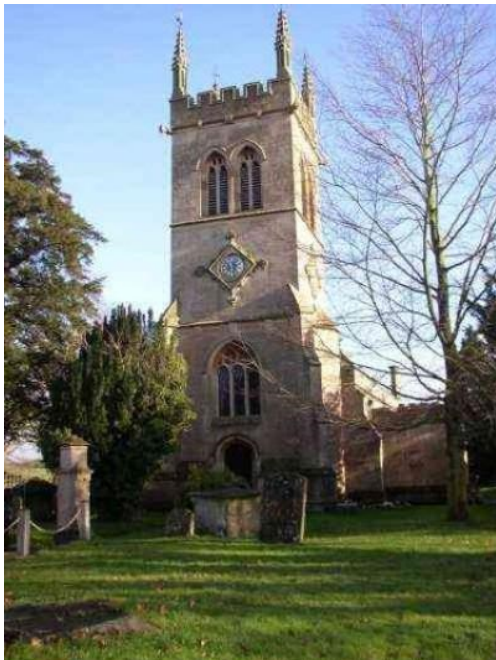
### HILMARTON SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Open from 7.30am to 8.30am - A session includes a healthy breakfast & supervised activities and lots of fun.

Contact: Lynn Wilcox 07768 518419.

## ST LAURENCE CHURCH, HILMARTON

### Thank yous and goodbyes



One of my favourite moments is always the Christmas Service for Hilmarton Preschool - it often marks the beginning of Christmas festivities and Norman the donkey is such a sweetheart, and always very well-behaved in church! This year, knowing each thing was a last one, made them more precious, although I am very excited about our move home to Derbyshire. There are so many people to thank when these endings approach - Chloe Iles for taking the photo and bringing and supporting Norman - Vicky Fry and the preschool for their generous donation to the church are just the two in mind today.



I am grateful to each and every person in the parish of Hilmarton who has allowed me the privilege of celebrating a wedding or a christening with them; or the sadder honour of sharing in a farewell.

I won't say goodbye but 'adieu' because I'm sure that I will pop back every now and then to see friends but also because all of you, whether people are staying or going, will remain thought of with love and affection and prayed for 'A Dieu' (before God).

I know although I sometimes fret about the unknown details of whatever is next that God will continue to be present with Steven and I (and even Mittens the cat, in spite of her murderous tendencies) as we move on and I will trust also, as Val Doonican used to say, that your God will go with you too.

Love and prayers, Rachma

The Reverend Canon Rachma Abbott

There will be a chance to say a proper goodbye to Rachma on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, at church at 11am for the usual service, which will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch starting at approximately **12.30pm** in the Community Room.

Anyone is welcome to attend just the service, just the lunch, or both, we will be delighted to see you. Any offerings of finger food will be gratefully received.



## Planned Church Services for January and February

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
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany	<b>Lyneham</b> Patronal Communion - 10.30am	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ	<b>Broad Town</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 10.30am	
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<b>Bradenstoke</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<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 - 5pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Candlemas	<b>Hilmarton</b> – Patronal Communion - 11am A service to say farewell to Rev'd Rachma, to be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Community Room at 12.30pm	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Hilmarton</b> (service at 48 Poynder Place) - Communion - 2pm	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent	<b>Bradenstoke</b> - Communion – 9am <b>Tockenham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - All-Age Service - 10.30am	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> - Morning Prayer - 10.30am	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	<b>Lyneham</b> - Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> - Communion - 10.30am	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Service - 5pm



### THE CHAPEL, HILMARTON



The Chapel holds Sunday worship at 11.00am.  
Other regular events include Praise and Prayer at 7.00pm, every Thursday.

Full details from Alan Tarling - [tarling714@btinternet.com](mailto:tarling714@btinternet.com)

# THE NOTICE BOARD

## The Duke Hotel, Hilmarton

Both The Duke and Duchess Lounge will be closed from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. The team is taking some time off after the busy period of Christmas.

- Gastro Pub - Excellent food and locally sourced produce
- Restaurant & Luxury Rooms
- Private Function Venue for Hire
- Attractive Gardens - families & dogs welcome
- Camping Site with facilities
- Farm Shop and Cafe
- A range of exclusive events including Quiz Nights & Crafting



For bookings or more information call: 01249 760634 or go onto their website at [www.dukehotelhilmarton.co.uk/](http://www.dukehotelhilmarton.co.uk/). Click on 'Upcoming Events' for the latest event news!

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE *NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS*

Subject to space, additional items from business and private contributors may also be included for a suggested donation of £10 and £5 respectively, which can go to a chosen Parish Group. Please contact Jacquie Henly for more details on 07850 567068, or by email [Jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacquie88@btinternet.com). Please note that if you would like to include any items in the Spring *Neighbourhood News*, final copy should be sent to Kate Mastin-Lee (Editor) at [k.mastinlee@gmail.com](mailto:k.mastinlee@gmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> February.



We hope you've enjoyed reading the Winter newsletter; if you have any suggestions for future editions, or photos from around the Parish that can be included in the Spring issue, please email Kate Mastin-Lee (Editor) at [k.mastinlee@gmail.com](mailto:k.mastinlee@gmail.com).



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