

# Neighbourhood

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ngs gardens open  
for charity

## Gardens Open The Old Vicarage & Weavers

Swindon Road, Hilmarton, Calne

Church Road, Hilmarton, Calne

**Sun 5 & 12 June  
11.30am - 5pm**

Plants for Sale

Combined adm: £4.50

Children: free



The National Gardens Scheme: Registered Charity No. 1112661

www.ngs.org.uk

### Sunday 17th July Traditional Summer Fair and Food Festival 1pm onwards Hilmarton School Fields and Hall

Hilmarton School Association is bringing back the village's Summer Fair and combining it with a Food Festival to showcase the fantastic range and diversity of food and produce that can be sourced locally.

The Summer Fair will incorporate all traditional aspects of a country fair with activities specifically aimed at children.

We would love to hear from any children's entertainers, wandering minstrels or bands that could help out and entertain on the day. Call Chrissie on 760229.

Parish groups are very welcome to come along and set up a stall to help their own fundraising.

If you are interested in promoting your business and taking a stall at the food festival call Sharon on 760630.



### ERIC, OUR POSTMAN

May 2011 saw the retirement of 'Eric the Postman' who has served the community for many years and in all weathers. Eric is planning to hang up his post bag and don his walking boots to enjoy his passion for walking in the English countryside. A local collection raised £275 some of which was used to purchase a quality map case and a bottle of fine wine, the remainder in cash to enable Eric to use toward his walking hobby.

The Parish wish Eric a long, happy and healthy retirement and I am sure we will make him very welcome if he 'pops' in for a cuppa and a chat.

Rob and Teresa at THE DUKE HOTEL, sponsors the printing of Neighbourhood News throughout 2011

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## Littlecote Harvest Charity Ball

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Upper Littlecote Farm, Hilmarton

**Black Tie**  
**Dinner with Wine on the table**

**Live Band and Disco**  
**8pm to 2am**

**Raffle**  
**Tickets will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Price £60 per person**

Please call Emma Pinniger for tickets  
Tel:- 01249 760567

## Grand Auction In aid of St Laurence Parish Church Funds to support the Church and a variety of projects. At Hilmarton Church Hall **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011**

Viewing at 7.00pm Auction at 8.00pm

*We are aiming to secure 100 items and promises to  
auction on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011*

*Please ask friends, family and contacts for offers of a  
promise/s or quality item/s for auction and pass the*

*details to: Geoff Procter before Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
2011 Breda Cottage 34 Church Road Hilmarton*

*SN11 8SE 01249760312 or E-mail*

*[valandgeoff@talktalk.net](mailto:valandgeoff@talktalk.net)*



### Gnomeo and Juliet (U)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Hilmarton Parish Church Hall, show starts at 7.30 pm, with doors opening at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £5.00. They are available from the Post Office, Poynder Place, or Call the Box Office 01249 760312

Garden gnomes Gnomeo (voice of James McAvoy) and Juliet (voice of Emily Blunt) live in the Montague and Capulet gardens in Stratford-on-Avon - at 2B and Not 2 B Verona Drive, to be precise. The gnomes mirror their owners' hostilities. The Montague garden is blue, the Capulets' is red. When Gnomeo from the Blues meets Juliet from the Reds, they are instantly smitten, even though their love is forbidden. Meanwhile, there are other distractions, such as lawnmower races, a pink flamingo with one leg, a philosophical frog fountain and a mushroom sidekick. The voices are supplied by an incredible line-up of talent including Maggie Smith, Julie Walters, Michael Caine, Ozzy Osbourne, and Patrick Stewart as the voice of the Bard himself.

For more information, and to see a trailer and stills, visit [www.gnomeoandjuliet.com](http://www.gnomeoandjuliet.com)

### PHOENIX GROUP

The June Phoenix Group Meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Room Hilmarton. The speaker will be from the Swindon food bank discussing how and where your contributions are distributed. If any one in the village would like to donate we would be very pleased to receive items from you. Donations of the following will be welcome fruit juices, tinned tomatoes, beans, spaghetti, fish etc. Chocolate bars (e.g. multipacks of Kat Kit, Penguins)

Phoenix Group usually meet in the Community Room of Hilmarton School/Community Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (no meeting in August) only £15.00 for annual membership or £2.00 on the door for visitors. All are welcome. Under 18's pay half fee. Contact Ruth on 760205 for further information.

### THE CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN JUNE

SUNDAY	5th/12th/19th/26th	6:00pm	Worship	CONTACT
TUESDAY	7th	7:00pm	Knitti Natters	Joan Sparrow
WEDNESDAY	1st/15th/29th	2:00pm	Ladies Meeting	
THURSDAY	2nd/16th/30th	10:00am	Smile Group	
FRIDAYS	3rd/10th/17th/24th	7:00pm	Prayer (in Chapel)	Everyone Welcome

#### MARKET STALL

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June Hilmarton Church will be running a fund-raising stall at Wootton Bassett market. If you would like to donate items for sale, **we need** homemade cakes, biscuits, bread, pies, pastries, jam, marmalade, jellies, chutney, pickles, cordials - in fact anything homemade and edible! Oh, and delicious! You can leave goods with, or phone Elaine Leighton 760537, Trish Joel 760638 or Sally Fox 891442 **THANK YOU**

**Can you help at a Churchyard tidy-up? Do come with useful tools, anytime from 10am Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June give us a hand with keeping the village well-cared for. Refreshments provided**

**Monday Club Update.** - Thank you to everyone who came to our Spring Fayre, we raised just under £300, which will go towards one of our trips. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April we enjoyed an early St. Georges day celebration, with a special Easter raffle, English quizzes and who am I.

Members looked lovely dressed in red and white, and enjoyed a traditional dinner of roast beef, Yorkshire puddings and all the trimmings followed by treacle tart and custard. By the time of going to press we will have enjoyed our first trip of the year to Trowbridge and then on to Whitehall garden centre for lunch.

We are looking forward to a return New Age Curling match against Calne Monday Club on 20<sup>th</sup> June, this time on our home turf. Regards Chris Newland.

#### **POYNDER ALMSHOUSES - ALLOTMENTS**

The Trustees of the Poynder Almshouses in Hilmarton are considering having five allotments re-instated in grounds for local residents to use. The finer details such as an Allotment Users Handbook and a small annual rent for each of the allotments still have to be finalised.

If you would be interested in finding out more with the possibility of using one of the Allotments in the near future please contact the Clerk to Trustees: [Jacquiehenly@aol.com](mailto:Jacquiehenly@aol.com) 01249 760401. If there is enough interest then we hope to proceed with the idea in the Autumn, the Allotments will then be ready for early Spring planting. If the idea does go ahead we will contact all those who have expressed an interest to discuss the conditions of use and rent.

#### **Hilmarton Gardening Club**

Here we are in June. The weather is always a good talking point for gardeners, and it certainly has been this year. Where has all the rain gone? We'll probably get floods again soon, but we could do with a modicum for the gardens at present – never satisfied are we?

We are fortunate in our gardening club to have members willing and skilled enough to open their gardens under the NGS (Yellow Book). The Old Vicarage, Hilmarton (Lesley and George Hudson), Weavers, 30& 31 Church Road (Sheron and Mel Wilkins) will be opening their gardens on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12 June from 11 am until 5pm. A charge of £4.50 covers both the venues in Hilmarton. Teas and plant sales available. Sue Wright. 33 Calne Road Lyneham will be opening her garden on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm on both days. Teas will be available as will plant sales.

To follow on from this our speakers on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June will be Sean and Kena Magee, NGS organisers who will be talking to us about the National Gardens Scheme. There will be a plant swap and/or sale raffle and refreshments for all after the speaker. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm, and doors will be open at 7pm. Entrance to members is £2 and to non-members £3.

The trip to Wisley was enjoyed by all who went. It wasn't quite as warm as we would have liked, but it didn't rain as it was forecast to do. Our next coach trip, on Saturday 23 July, will be a full day visit to the Bishops' Palace Gardens in Wells, followed by lunch and then a visit to Sally Gregson's Mill House garden in Wookey. Please contact Sue Cowell 01249 760675 if you would further information about these visits.

For members and guests only there will be our Summer Party and BBQ on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm-7 pm in the garden of the Old Vicarage. Cost £7.50 per person.

We're a very friendly club and welcome visitors and prospective new members at all times. For further information phone Geoff Procter (Chairman) on 01249 760312.

#### **Parish Welcome Leaflet**

Please find attached an updated Parish Welcome Leaflet – If someone new moves into the area and you are able to print a copy and give to them it would be appreciated – If you would like printed copies then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council [Jacquiehenly@aol.com](mailto:Jacquiehenly@aol.com) - 01249 760401

**If you would like a personal message or advert included in the Neighbourhood News (space permitting), we ask you to please make a donation to one of the Parish Groups named on the front page. Please submit your request to the editors together with your donation, stating the group you support. For more information contact the editing team as below**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS-EDITING TEAM NOTES - ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JULY EDITION BY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**PLEASE TO :** Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 [jacquiehenly@aol.com](mailto:jacquiehenly@aol.com) - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 [valandgeoff@talktalk.net](mailto:valandgeoff@talktalk.net)—Mel Wilkins [melwilkins@btinternet.com](mailto:melwilkins@btinternet.com). **FOR MORE NEWS & INFORMATION VISIT THE HILMARTON PARISH WEBSITE [www.hilmarton.org](http://www.hilmarton.org)**

As I write I have just heard a long-term weather forecast predicting a scorching June. After our unusually dry and warm spring (thus far), this may well not be the best thing for the crops or our gardens. And yet part of me wants it to be warm and dry for the some significant social events coming in June – not least the art show in Christchurch Broad Town along side the school fete and fun run on 11<sup>th</sup> June (and also 12<sup>th</sup> June), the benefice outing to the Salisbury Cathedral flower festival on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, and Tockenham fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

In church we will also be thinking about a slightly different sun in June, as we celebrate God's son going back to heaven on Ascension Day, followed by marking the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Do join us for this or any of our worship this month (details below)

This month's picture is me literally wearing our crowd watching Jesus on the first Palm Sunday, as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. This artwork was done by the children at our work shop back in April (and we had lots of fun making donkeys with moving legs, and icing donkey and Jesus biscuits too). Further work shops are in the planning, hopefully one a little before our celebration of harvest in the autumn, and one to coincide with the Christingle closer to Christmas. I will keep you posted on the dates for these, which are particularly for primary school aged youngsters. Thanks to Jackie Gillam who took the photo too!



With love in Christ, our risen Lord. Alison Way

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Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
<b>Wednesday 1st June</b>	<b>2pm Worship in the Week (in the Church) Communion followed by tea &amp; coffee</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Sung Communion, Broad Town
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Benefice Communion for Ascension Day Tockenham at 7:30pm</b>		
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11:00am Family Service</b>	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am Family Communion, Clyffe Pypard 6:00pm Evensong, Tockenham
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6:00pm Evensong</b>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am Family Communion, Broad Town 11:00am Communion, Tockenham
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9:15am Communion</b>	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00am Family Communion, Clyffe Pypard 6:00pm Evensong, Broad Town

*In the 400th Anniversary year of the publication of the King James Bible it was a surprise to discover that the old chained bible in St Laurence Church was a 1611 original. News travels fast and donations have already been received from around the world to go toward producing a high security display cabinet so the Bible may be returned to the Church. This will ensure, for many years to come, people may share in the wonder of this most important document not only in the world of the Church but also English literature in general.*

Hilmarton Church bells will be ringing from 3.30 until 5pm & about 6.30 until about 8.30pm on Saturday 11th June when bell ringers from the Calne area meet. A service will be held at 5pm - all are welcome at the service. Best wishes. Ken Webb 01249 760682.

**Library Bus** times. It will be at the School Hall Car Park on 6th and 20th June between 1.30 and 1.50pm.

Thank you to all on the flower rota. **Altar flowers on 12th June - Mrs Angela White and 26th June - Mrs Natalie Doust.** If anyone is interested in joining the Church flower team on a regular basis or just occasionally please contact Jasmine McFadzean on 760611.

**Enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other special services to Rev'd Way, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter 760312 or Church Warden John Henly 760401**