

# Neighbourhood

## News

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**GOATACRE CRICKET  
CLUB PRESENTS  
"THE BIG QUIZ"  
FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**GOATACRE VILLAGE  
HALL  
QUIZ STARTS 8.00 p.m.  
Teams of 4 (max)  
£3.00 per person  
(Contact: Pete Jones on  
01249 760416 or 07850  
763488)**

### THE HILMARTON EASTER EGG TRAIL 2012



Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March –  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Come and have an egg-tastic time locating the eggs  
around the village and be in with a chance of win-  
ning a Cracking Easter Prize.

We will be selling forms in advance;  
These will be available from Kathy 760721  
or Natalie 760199.

During the event you can purchase entry forms from  
The Duke (opening hours apply)

All monies raised will go towards new toys/  
equipment for  
Hilmarton Pre-school/Toddler group.  
Great fun for ALL ages!

#### MONDAY CLUB

A very belated New Year greeting from all at the Monday Club.

We started 2012 with a trip to the Panto in Swindon, which was most enjoyable, so much so that we are already planning for the next one. We now enjoy regular songs with Alison & Sarah, our next session is on 27th February when we shall be belting out songs from the shows. An exercise class is also a regular monthly feature, with Emma, a trained instructor, putting us through our paces. Monday Club Spring Fayre is on Saturday 31st March at Goatacre Village Hall, 10am till 12noon, please try and come along and support us. Our first day trip of the year will be on Monday 14th May when we will be going to Cirencester to shop and visit the market, then on to Dobbies garden centre. If anyone is interested in going, or better still, joining us on a Monday, please contact Chris Newland on 760457.

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2012

*All are welcome at the Annual Parish Meeting*, and you will be eligible to vote for Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council if your name appears on the 2012 *Church Electoral Roll*.

**The Annual Parish Meeting this year is on Sunday 11th March, starting at 12 noon, after the 11am Family Service (as well as refreshments!)**

If your name is on the 2011 roll ( see church noticeboards) and you wish it to remain, you need do nothing. **If you would like to put your name on the roll for 2012** , if you live in Hilmarton parish and/or attend the church and you are aged 16\* or over, please use a form to enrol.

You will find a form in this newsletter, or forms are available in church or obtained from the PCC Electoral Roll Officer, Sally Fox: 01249 891442, or [sally\\_fox@btinternet.com](mailto:sally_fox@btinternet.com)

\*If you have your sixteenth birthday during the next 12 months, you may complete the form and will then be entered on the form on your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Please return all completed forms **by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012** to Church, by e-mail, or to Sally Fox, Thickthorn House, 44 Preston, Chippenham, Wilts, SN15 4DY Thank you

The kerbside Black Box recycling is now available in Clewancy & Corton. Fortnightly collections of cans, aluminium foil, newspapers, magazines, glass etc. Order your box/s from Wiltshire Council 03004560102

### Phoenix Group

We were delighted to welcome a number of visitors to our meeting in February. Clive Alabaster gave a very interesting talk on wood turning and we all learnt about British hardwoods. Clive had brought a number of items that he had made with him and it was lovely to be able to study the wood in detail. Refreshments were served by Elaine, with help from other members and visitors.

The next meeting is on March 13<sup>th</sup> when Rory MacQuisten will talk about dowsing and earthlines.

Everyone is welcome. The meeting is in the Community Room at the school hall and will begin at 7:30pm. All meetings are also open to non-members (including men!) for a fee of £2 and everyone contributes £1 towards refreshments and a raffle ticket.

More details from Ruth Allen (01249 760205) or Tina Walker (01249 822531)

## Quiz Night Thank You

Vicky Fry and Gemma Powell would like to thank everybody that came and supported them at the MSRC Quiz Night on Saturday 28 January and also to those people who donated auction items or raffle prizes, thank you.

The night was a complete success and we raised a grand total of £2200.00, this will go a long way to helping us reach our target.

We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did. Many thanks Vicky & Gemma

### Spiders Away!!

The Church needs a good Spring Clean, PLEASE come along with or without cleaning equipment from Saturday 10th March at 10:00am

### AGM

St Laurence Annual Parochial and Annual Parishioners meeting will be held after the 11:00am Family Service on Sunday 11th March. Please attend and hear what has been going on in Church during 2011. There is a vacancy for an ordinary PCC member, also a 2nd Church Warden. It would be good to have 'new blood' on the PCC. Speak to a PCC member or just attend the meeting if interested.

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**The Library Bus will be at the School Hall Car Park on between 1.30 and 1.50pm on 12th & 26th March**

## THE CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

SUNDAY	4th.-11th.-18th.-25th.	6:00pm	Worship	CONTACT
TUESDAY	6th.	7:00pm	Knitti Natters	Joan Sparrow
WEDNESDAY	7th.-21st	2:00pm	Ladies Meeting	760227
WEDNESDAY	14th.	10:00 - 11:30am	Coffee Morning	
THURSDAY	1st.-15th.-29th.	10:00am	Smile Group	
FRIDAYS	2nd-9th-16th-23rd-30th	2:30pm	at Audrey Pegler's	Dauntsey

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

The Parish Council are supporting The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Celebrations with a Parish Street Party on Saturday 2nd June 2012.

This will again be held in Church Road and those who attended last year will know how successful it was.

All Parish Groups are encouraged to come along and set up a stall to boost their own funds.

We require volunteers to help with road closure, setting up the skittle alley, putting the straw bales out for seating, collecting tables, etc, etc, plus a dedicated team to clear up and re-open the road on Sunday morning. Last year we had the road reopened and everything cleared by 10am.

This promises to be a truly memorable and fun event so please make an entry in your diaries.

To offer assistance or want to set up a stall please email me on [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) Thank you

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Many of you will be aware of the Governments recent approval of The Localism Bill. This means the devolution of more decisions at local Parish and Town Council level.

All Parish and Town Councils are strongly encouraged to prepare and publish a Neighbourhood Plan. This plan is similar to our Parish Plan produced a few years ago, but goes much farther in actually stating where new development should or shouldn't go.

To this end the Parish Council are setting up a small sub-committee to produce this document.

If you are interested in having input into the long term development of the whole Parish, with no vested interest, please contact the Clerk, Jacquie Henly on 760401 or email her on [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com)

Huge thanks to all who contributed in any way to the Red Cross coffee morning held on 28th January at Thickthorn House. A total of £285 has gone to the Red Cross East Africa Food Crisis Appeal.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13th April - Skittles & Ploughman's at Goatacre Village Hall - Proceeds to Church Funds

21st April - Church Yard Clean Up commencing at 10:00am

26th April - Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy at 45 Poynder Place, Hilmarton - Proceeds to Church Funds

### **Hilmarton Gardening Club**

It's now February and I still haven't got my dahlias started – where did January go? I was full of good intentions, but now it's getting urgent. **TOMORROW** I am going to plant my sweet peas, peppers and aubergines – I can't do it today as I have to bake cakes that should have been done on Friday, get this newsletter written (by yesterday), write a report for WI (by today) and prepare for the HGC Committee meeting on Tuesday. Crisis management has struck again!! Please could I have an extra couple of days each month?

After that little moan let's get down to business. Our March meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> will be about Roses. We have Henry Robinson from Cirencester coming to talk to us. He holds the National Collection of Rambler Roses, and also opens his gardens at times in June – I should think it looks glorious. The meeting starts at 7.30pm – doors open 7pm. Membership of £5 is due and the entry cost is £2 for members and £3 for guests. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. Everyone is welcome – we're a very friendly club!

The year's programme is on both notice boards, and individual programme cards will be distributed this evening, with the names of the committee members so you will know who we all are. A trip to Mottisfont Abbey and the Hillier Gardens is being arranged for 16 June 2012. The coach fare is £15 pp approx and entrance to Mottisfont and the Hillier Gardens will be payable separately. Mottisfont costs £8.50 (free to National Trust members) and the Hillier Gardens costs £8.50 – costs will be less depending on how many people wish to attend. A board to sign showing interest will be available at this month's meeting and deposits can be paid now or next month. Full payment must be received a month before the visit.

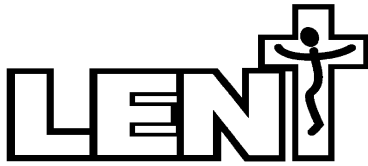
A visit to Hidcote and Snowhill is being arranged for September and if there is enough interest we can visit Wisley in early September to see their flower show (free entry as we are Associate Members.)

Dave Kee, who kindly looks after our seed order has agreed to place another order for plants, sundries and seeds with Dobies – this will attract a 15% discount for plants and sundries and a 10% discount for seeds. Orders **MUST** be with Sue Cowell by the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March, extra order forms available from Sue and at the meeting

That's all for this month – happy gardening!!

**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 APRIL EDITION BY 20th MARCH PLEASE TO : Mel Wilkins 760572 [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - Jacquie Henly, Jays Cottage, Compton Road, Hilmarton 760401 [jacquie88@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquie88@btinternet.com) - Geoff Procter, Breda Cottage, Church Road, Hilmarton 760312 [valandgeoff@talktalk.net](mailto:valandgeoff@talktalk.net). **FOR MORE NEWS & INFORMATION VISIT THE HILMARTON PARISH WEBSITE [www.hilmarton.org](http://www.hilmarton.org)****



During March we are having three Lent Groups, one in the afternoons split between Clyffe Pypard and Tockenham, one at lunch time (bring a packed lunch) around Broad Town and one in the evenings in Hilmarton. The first meetings of these groups are on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Rectory in Clyffe Pypard, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon at 61 Marlborough Road, Royal Wootton Bassett and 7:30pm at 48 Poynder Place Hilmarton. Details of the rest of the group meetings, the book to

read or the Bible readings to follow, and the bring and share supper in holy week are available in the churches or from me.

This month also sees our next children's work shop open for key stage 1 and 2 children on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30 to 4:00pm at Hilmarton Church Hall. We will be thinking about the traditions of Mothering Sunday and how that came about and it will be lots of fun. Please let me know if your children are coming so we have sufficient resources. Our special services for Mothering Sunday will also reflect this theme, and are also shown in the service information below As well this month we have our Annual parochial church meetings in each of the parishes. Do come along and learn more about the life and work of the Church in your parish and across the benefice. The meetings are:

- Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> in Christchurch Broad Town at 11:50am approx.
- Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> in St Lawrence Hilmarton at 11:50am approx.
- Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> in St Peter's Clyffe Pypard at 11:50am approx.

Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> in the village hall for St Giles Tockenham at 7:30pm. Finally, Swindon Food bank is currently experiencing unprecedented demand on their supplies, to help them we are going to be collecting non-perishable food items regularly in each of the churches. If you would like to help in this simple way, right now they particularly need long-life fruit juice, long-life milk and tinned tomatoes. You will find a box in each church for your food donations or leave them on the back door step of the Rectory! For full details of their shopping list, please go to food bank website <http://www.swindonfoodbank.co.uk> or get in touch with me!

With love in Christ, Alison Way

Rector, Benefice of Woodhill, The Rectory, Wood Street, Clyffe Pypard, Wilts, SN4 7PY

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Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2pm Worship in the Week (at 48 Poynder Place) Communion followed by tea &amp; coffee</b>	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am BCP Communion, Tockenham 11:00am BCP Communion, B. Town 5:00pm Evensong, Clyffe Pypard <i>BCP – Book of Common Prayer</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>11:00am Family Service with Baptism</b>	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am BCP Communion, C. Pypard 5:00pm Evensong, Tockenham, 5:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday 11:00am Family Service</b>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Family Communion, B.Town
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:15am Communion</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00am Communion, Broad Town 11am Family Communion, C.Pypard

**It is with great sadness I write to let you know that my brave wife Julie lost her long battle with cancer at home, on Wednesday 15th February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during her illness, and the very kind messages of condolences I have received since her passing. Steve Slade.**

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MARCH - 5th.March Elaine Leighton & Rosemary Wiltshire - 12th. & 19th. March Trish Joel & Mair Morgan - 26th.March Cynthia Fry & Sally Fox.**

Thank you to all on the flower rota. 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**

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF .....



Full name .....

Full Address .....

..... Postcode .....

I declare that

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16\* on .....

2. \*\*\*

**A** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

OR

**B** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

OR

**C** I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed ..... Date .....

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.

\*\*\* Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C.

## Notes

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because ....." and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.



The clocks change near the end of March, the US Masters starts on 5<sup>th</sup> April and suddenly the golf season is well & truly under way. . . . and to make it as easy as possible for those interested in either returning to the game or simply giving it a try, Golf Clubs across the county are organising starter sessions and other events to help you do precisely this. This activity will start during the week of 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April (branded South West Golf Week) and will run into May and beyond for those who return to/take up the game. Families, young boys and girls are particularly welcome. If you are interested, the first starting point is your local Golf Club. Otherwise, available Wilts-wide information will be published at [www.wiltshiregolfpartnership.com](http://www.wiltshiregolfpartnership.com) for whom Joe Goulding at [wilt-scdo@live.co.uk](mailto:wilt-scdo@live.co.uk) or 07789 813268 will help you if requested.

After two days of full-blooded battle against Warwickshire and Lancashire over the glorious links of Ganton in North Yorkshire, our boys contemplated their very own High Noon on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Nursing a deficit in the morning session, a mountain called Surrey would have to be overwhelmed in the afternoon if they were to claim Wiltshire's first ever national golf title. Five hours later, the scoreboards read Surrey 1 Wiltshire 5, the boys had become men, our tractors (in the car park that is) suddenly looked more functional than their Bentleys, the last giant had been slayed, and Wiltshire were astride the pinnacle of England's golfing peak !

The "Pride of Wiltshire" above are: (back row) Jordan Smith (Bowood), Josh & Ben Loughrey (Wrag Barn), separated by Ali James (Cumberwell Park); (front row) Ben Stow (Rushmore), Kevin Phillips & Tom Burley (Broome Manor).

## The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 107 mins

Hilmarton Church Hall  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 for  
7.30pm



- **Director:** Stephen Spielberg
- **Writers:** Stephen Moffat/Edgar Wright/Joe Cornish
- **Cinematography:** Janusz Kaminski

Original cartoon created by *Hergé* Animation feature feast Directed by Stephen Spielberg, and starring the voices of **Daniel Craig, Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis, Mackenzie Crook** and **Cary Elwes**. Having bought a model ship, the Unicorn, for a pound off a market stall, Tintin is initially puzzled that the sinister Mr. Sakharine should be so eager to buy it from him, resorting to murder and kidnapping Tintin, and his dog Snowy, to join him and his gang as they sail to Morocco on an old cargo ship. Sakharine has bribed the crew to revolt against the ship's master, drunken Captain Haddock, but Tintin, Snowy and Haddock escape, arriving in Morocco at the court of a sheikh, who also has a model of the Unicorn. Haddock tells Tintin that over three hundred years earlier his ancestor, Sir Francis Haddock was forced to scuttle the original Unicorn when attacked by a pirate forebear of Sakharine, but he managed to save his treasure and provide clues to its location in three separate scrolls, all of which were secreted in models of the Unicorn. Tintin and Sakharine have one each and the villain intends to use the glass-shattering top Cs of operatic soprano the Milanese Nightingale to secure the third. With aid from bumbling Interpol agents the Thompson Twins our boy hero, his dog and the captain must prevent Sakharine from obtaining all three scrolls to fulfil the prophesy that only the last of the Haddocks can discover the treasure's whereabouts...



# Wiltshire



## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

**Wiltshire Good Neighbours- a service for the older residents of Hilmarton, Bremhill & Compton Bassett.**

My Name is Emma Dowie and I am your Good Neighbour Coordinator. I can provide information on many areas including transport, mobility, benefits, social clubs etc. If you feel you or somebody you know may benefit from this service please contact me.

**MAKE 2012 AN OLYMPIC YEAR FOR YOU!**

Do you suffer from mobility problems?

Is getting your shopping difficult?

Do you lack your own transport?

Is lifting and carrying getting hard work?

Are you no longer able to get up that front step?  
Are you worried that you might suffer a fall?

Is finance a worry?

Are you concerned that 2012 might not be an Olympic year for you? It is my job to help put you back in control and keep you living independently in your own home for as long as you wish to.

**DID YOU KNOW:**

There are aids to help with most everyday tasks!

Transport is available to those who need it!

There are many different options for shopping/cooking meals!

You may be entitled to grants to help with household modifications!

Ask me how to get an occupational therapy assessment!

Ask me how to get your free benefits check and get what you deserve!

I can provide information and put you in touch with the people who can really help.

Please do call to discuss any issue, no matter how small it may seem.

**Emma Dowie**

Good Neighbour Coordinator for Hilmarton, Compton Bassett & Bremhill **Tel: 07557 922029**