

# Neighbourhood News

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**Beversbrook-Catcombe-Corton-Clevancy-Goatacre-Highway-Hilmarton-Littlecott-New Zealand-Rodwell-Witcomb**



In 1930s upstate New York, Polish immigrant teenager Jacob (**Robert Pattinson**) is sitting his final exam to qualify as a vet at the prestigious Cornell University, when tragedy strikes. He quits the exam, drops out of university and heads off to make a new life for himself. He catches a ride on a passing train which turns out to be carrying the Benzini Brothers circus. Our hero is taken under the wing of one of the back-stage workers, who helps him get a job – initially shovelling the manure left behind by his favourite act – the four horses that perform with the beautiful young Marlena (**Reese Witherspoon**). The scene is set from the moment Jacob discovers that Marlena is married to the ruthless ringmaster August (**Christoph Waltz**), who doesn't think twice about throwing dissenters off the moving train between shows. But his brutality to his animals, staff – and wife – is

based on fear of going out of business and jealousy; he's not so much evil as insecure. When August discovers that Jacob studied veterinary science, he promotes the newcomer, getting him to look after the animals, rather than dispose of their waste. And when the circus takes on a new star attraction – Rosie the middle-aged elephant – Jacob is asked to train her and work closely Marlena on her new act. The more Jacob and Marlena cooperate, the closer they grow – which rubs the increasingly desperate August up the wrong way in a love triangle that can only lead to more drama outside the ring than in it.

"A rich, layered story filled with emotional undercurrents, *Water for Elephants* is both a love story and a character drama, and satisfying on all counts. The three leads deliver wonderful characterisations and the screenplay (well adapted from the novel) adds depth and resonance to the love triangle in a way that rejuvenates the old device. Rodrigo Preto's camerawork is excellent throughout, tasteful and insightful but never too showy. Likewise, Francis Lawrence directs with a sure hand, always keen to bring the emotions of the story to the fore. The conclusion is also effective, both dramatically and emotionally, completing the film with a well judged sense of satisfactory story telling." *Urban Cinefile*

"A swoony, enjoyable, old-time romance whose best acts are a period-perfect Pattinson and a playful pachyderm." *Total Film* .

For more information, and to see a trailer and stills, visit the official site at [www.waterforelephants.com](http://www.waterforelephants.com)

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News, stories, what's on, in fact anything that is of interest to our Parishioners.

This is your Neighbourhood News so please send in items for inclusion

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

On the 9th & 10th December there will be a Nativity Festival in St Laurence Church, Hilmarton. In order to make this a really special event we need your Nativity Sets, any size, any material (including knitted!!) hand-made or bought, the more interesting the better and from all corners of the globe.

If you would be happy to allow your Nativity Set to be displayed at the Festival please give Elaine a call on 760537—email [elaine.f.leighton@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.f.leighton@btinternet.com) or Val on 760312—email [valandgeoff@talktalk.net](mailto:valandgeoff@talktalk.net).

Lingmara will be singing at the Festival on the Friday evening between 7:30 and 8:00pm. Those who attended the Hilmarton Music & Arts Festival will have heard them, they are fantastic.

We would be very grateful if you could kindly let us know by 30th November if you would like to have your Nativity Set included, in order to allow us to plan the display arrangements. Please rest assured that your Sets will be well looked after.

Look out for posters which will be displayed around the Parish in November, giving more details of the event.



## NEW EXERCISE CLASSES AT HILMARTON! – BODY BALANCE!!!

Margie Mantell, a fully qualified Body Balance Instructor is starting three new exercise classes at Hilmarton School Hall starting after half-term. Ideal for all ages and levels of fitness, Body Balance is a combination of Yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates that builds flexibility and strength and leaves you feeling calm and relaxed. It improves your range of movement, core strength, reduces stress and burns calories! It is also good fun!

The classes start 31st October and will run on Mondays at 7.30pm, Wednesdays at 9am and a third class now on Thursdays at 8.00pm. They last an hour and will cost £5 per class. Classes will be run on a half-term basis with classes payable in advance. During holidays classes will be run on a 'pay as you go' basis.

To book or for more information contact Margie on 07795 188496 or email [margsmantell@gmail.com](mailto:margsmantell@gmail.com)

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall Car Park on 7th & 21st November between 1.30 and 1.50pm.

## THE CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	6th/13th/20th/27th	6:00pm	Worship	CONTACT
TUESDAY	1st	7:00pm	Knitti Natters	Joan Sparrow
WEDNESDAY	2nd/16th/30th	2:00pm	Ladies Meeting	760227
WEDNESDAY	9th	10:00 - 11:30am	Coffee Morning	
THURSDAY	3rd/17th	10:00 - 11:30am	Smile Group	
FRIDAYS	4th/11th/18th/25th	2:30pm	at Audrey Pegler's	Dauntsey

## PHOENIX GROUP

The November meeting is Hands on Christmas decorations by Jasmine McFadzean.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm in Hilmarton Community Room on Tuesday 8th November 2011. A fee will be charged for any decorations you make.

Visitors are very welcome.

Refreshments will be provided by Jo and Juliet

Phoenix Group usually meet in the Community Room of Hilmarton School/Community Hall on the 2nd 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.

For more information call Ruth 760205

## A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Macmillan Coffee morning at the Duke on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Rob for donating the coffee. We raised a fantastic £402.00 which has been sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.  
Shirley & Brenda

Are you a keen gardener?  
Do you have a gardening qualification?



I have a large garden, 5 mins from Hilmarton, in need of a little TLC, but with also some exciting projects in store.

I am looking for a gardener 2 days/week.

Interested?

Phone 01249 760407 or 07718 884713

ART at CLEVANCY

# Christmas Trays

EXHIBITION, SALE & REFRESHMENTS

on Friday 18th November 6pm to 9pm  
Saturday 19th November 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 20th November 10am to 4pm

at Clewancy, Hilmarton, Nr Calne, Wiltshire  
[www.artatclewancy.co.uk](http://www.artatclewancy.co.uk)



## HILMARTON PARISH COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP

Since the last Neighbourhood News we have now increased our group by three newly trained members, thank you for your commitment.

I have just received the statistics, from Police HQ, for 6 months to the end of September and would you believe Hilmarton is now the top group in the County, with 88 monitoring sessions, a phenomenal vehicle count of over 61,000, recording 242 which exceeded the speed limit. Second is Kilmington with 76 sessions, Startley 57, Broad Town and Edington both 51, the next highest vehicle count is Wilton with 26,000.

So give yourselves a big pat-on –the-back Hilmarton Group, let's keep it going and stay on top. Preventing one accident is worth every minute monitoring vehicle speed. If you are interested in joining our group please email me on [melwilkins@btinternet.com](mailto:melwilkins@btinternet.com)

Kind regards Mel

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 DECEMBER EDITION BY 20th NOVEMBER PLEASE TO** : Mel Wilkins 760572 [melwilkins@btinternet.com](mailto:melwilkins@btinternet.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).  
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## Remembrance

In line with the British Legion campaign, can I commend to you falling silent for 2 minutes at 11:00am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to reflect on the sacrifice of our brave service men and women from conflicts past and present.

Then on Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November), as has been our custom for the last couple of years, we will be holding an act of Remembrance at each war memorial in each of the parishes in the benefice of Woodhill. This will be incorporated within our early Communion Service at 7:50am at Christchurch, Broad Town. After this we will have Remembrance Services at Tockenham War Memorial at 9:00am, in St Peter's Church, Clyffe Pypard at 10am and in St Lawrence Church, Hilmarton at 10:55am.

Also why not enrich your marking of Remembrance this year and come to a special evening of war poetry entitled 'The pity of war', which will be held in the upper room in Church House in Calne at 7:30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011. This will be expertly led by the Reverend Andrew Studdert-Kennedy, who is a descendant of the first world war poet and priest Woodbine Willie (Geoffrey Anketell Studdert-Kennedy)

On another matter entirely, many many thanks for your generous support and sponsorship for my recent half-marathon. At the time of writing, this has raised a staggering and stupendous £1,179 for Christian Aid, with a further £100 of sponsor money promised to come. This does not including the gift aid, which will also add significantly to this total.

With love in Christ, Alison Way, Rector of the Benefice of Woodhill.

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Date	HILMARTON	Date	Other Benefice Churches
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	2pm Worship in the Week (at 48 Poynder Place) Communion followed by tea & coffee	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:15am Family Communion, Tockenham 11:00am Sung Communion, Broad Town 6:00pm Evensong, Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:55am Service of Remembrance	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7:45am Communion and Act of Remembrance, Broad Town 9:00am Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, Tockenham Corner 10:00am Act of Remembrance, Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:30am Benefice Communion for Christ the King, Broad Town
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:30am Benefice Communion	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5:00pm Advent Evening Service, Clyffe Pypard

### CHURCH CLEANERS FOR NOVEMBER

31st Oct. & 7th Nov. Elaine Leighton & Rosemary Wiltshire - 14th & 21st Nov. Trish Joel & Mair Morgan  
 28th Nov. & 5th Dec. Cynthia Fry & Sally Fox

Thank you to all on the flower rota. **Altar flowers on 12th November Doug Thomas, 26th November Julia Gay.** 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

