

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM HILMARTON PARISH

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The Parish Council - St.Laurence Church - The School - Goatacre Sports & Social Club - The Chapel - Moviola - Phoenix Group - Smile - Gardening Club - Pre-School & Toddlers - Bell Ringers - The Village Crafters - Breakfast Club - Goatacre Cricket Club

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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**Bingo in the Community  
Room 3rd February.**

**6:45pm**

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**Crafters 7th February in  
the Chapel 7:00pm**

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**Lunch Club at The Duke  
12th Jan.. 12:00pm**

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**Phoenix 14th February  
in the Community Room**

**7:30pm**

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**Moviola in the Church Hall  
18th February. 7:00pm**

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**Cameo in the Church Hall  
22nd February. 12:00pm**

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Contact a Councillor, read  
Parish Council minutes  
[www.hilmartonparish.](http://www.hilmartonparish.co.uk)

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Parish Council  
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The donation can go to  
your chosen ParishGroup.  
Copy and donation please  
to Jacquie Henly 760401,  
Jays Cottage, Compton  
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WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA  
in association with  
ST LAURENCE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
and CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP proudly presents

# Bridget Jones's Baby

(15)

Bridget's single life is disrupted when she finds herself pregnant,  
and unsure of the identity of her baby's father.

COLIN FIRTH RENE ZELLWEGER PATRICK DEMPSEY

In Hilmarton Parish Church Hall  
Saturday 18 February at 7.30pm  
Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £6.00 from:

- 27 Poynder Place, Hilmarton 26025
- Breda Cottage, 34, Church Road, Hilmarton 26032 (opposite chapel)
- The Duke Hotel 76034 where you may also order a pre-cinema meal at a special price or E-mail [MarkSickaby2@gmail.com](mailto:MarkSickaby2@gmail.com)

For more info call Geoff Procter on: 01249 760312

Visit our website at: [www.moviola.org](http://www.moviola.org)



## FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE DUKE

[www.dukehilmarton.co.uk](http://www.dukehilmarton.co.uk)

01249 760634

FEBRUARY 2017

Not only is the duke an elegant building in a marvellous spot - right opposite Hilmarton's delightful old church - but it is a thriving pub which caters for all the demands of modern customers.

[www.facebook.com/thedukehilmarton](https://www.facebook.com/thedukehilmarton)

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PLEASE NOTE: 'VILLAGE LUNCHES' ARE NOW ON THE  
**SECOND** WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH SO OUR NEXT VILLAGE  
LUNCH OF 2017 WILL BE

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Remember whether working from home or retired or waiting to pick up the children from school. Young or old, all are welcome. Make new friends or chat with old friends and neighbours.

WHY NOT HAVE A PRE-CINEMA MEAL WITH YOUR PALS AND THEN GO AND  
SEE BRIDGET JONES'S BABY 15 AT YOUR VILLAGE CINEMA OPPOSITE

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Phone 01249 760634 to make your booking/s.

**DAILY LUNCH MENU TWO COURSES £8.95**

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**BINGO Come along to our friendly Bingo game & Raffle**

All cash prizes.

**Friday 3rd February**, 6:45 for 'eyes down' at 7:00pm in the Community Room - Poynder Place.

**From January we are planning to charge an Annual Bingo Membership Fee of £5.00 - this will give you the right to play for the monthly £70.00 Snowball.**

The January Ten Score Club draw will also take place.

**TEN SCORE CLUB WINNERS IN DECEMBER**

1st No.126 Ellie Bissett -2nd No.77 Sharon Bissett  
3rd No.151 Pat Edwards - 4th No.116 Phil Davis  
5th No.5 Hazel Moxey 6th No.61 Angela Rumming  
7th No.133 John Henly - 8th No.87 Graham Moxey

You too can have a chance to win every month - buy a number or numbers for £1 per month per number - £12 enters your number in 12 monthly draws.

For more information please contact Mel Wilkins on 760572, 07443940367 or email [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com)

**February 2017 Garden Tips**

It is all too easy to turn a blind eye to the garden in late winter but for those who can't wait

for spring to arrive there is always a job to be done. Time spent outdoors in the winter will keep the garden tidy and ensure it looks its best when the first bulbs come to life in those first sunny days of spring. Even when the ground is frozen or covered with snow there are several indoor jobs such as tidying sheds, clearing out the greenhouse, washing the glass, cleaning and sharpening tools and having motor mowers and other power tools serviced so they are ready when needed. Get ready to give your garden a flying start in 2017

1.On fine days in winter complete cutting back any perennials to ground level, dig up weeds and apply a layer of compost to the soil surface without digging it in so as not to disturb any bulbs or plants that have already died back. The compost will gradually break-down to enrich the soil with moisture retaining humus and suppress weed growth. 2.In February tidy up lavender with the shears to remove any old flower heads but wait until later in the month for a complete prune, taking care not to cut the stems back beyond the leaves. Climbing roses can also be lightly pruned, cutting back old flowering stems just far enough to leave a couple of dormant buds from the main stems. Lightly prune bush roses, then complete pruning in the spring. 3.As seed potatoes become available start off early varieties by placing the seed tubers in a tray in a cool, light, frost-free place in order to encourage the production of shoots. Once they have produced shoots about 1-2 cm they can be planted. For an early crop try growing them in large pots filled with compost under glass or in a sheltered position where they can be protected from frost. 4.For an early crop of carrots try sowing early varieties, such as Nantes, under glass directly in the soil in cold frames or in pots or containers, at least 8"20cm deep, in an unheated greenhouse. They will be less likely affected by carrot root fly.

**We are actively seeking new members** The annual membership fee of £6.00 per person is payable on joining plus £3.00 per meeting. This is a very friendly club and all are welcome.

**Why join? What do you get for your money?** Well, you get free refreshments at all meetings, where we have some very interesting topics and speakers. There are outings, visits to gardens & garden shows, various social activities ,a free Christmas Party,perhaps the most important part is that you become part of a growing social organisation where you get to make friends who all have similar interests to you.

For more information call Lesley Hudson on 07802 741293 or Geoff

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Library Bus will be at the School Hall carpark in Poynder Place on Monday 20th February 10:15am

**Trish Joel has marmalade for sale again this year, in aid of St.Laurence Church funds. Please phone 01249 760638 or ask when you see me**

HAIR IN YOUR OWN HOME

LOUISE BROWN

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## SOUP LUNCH

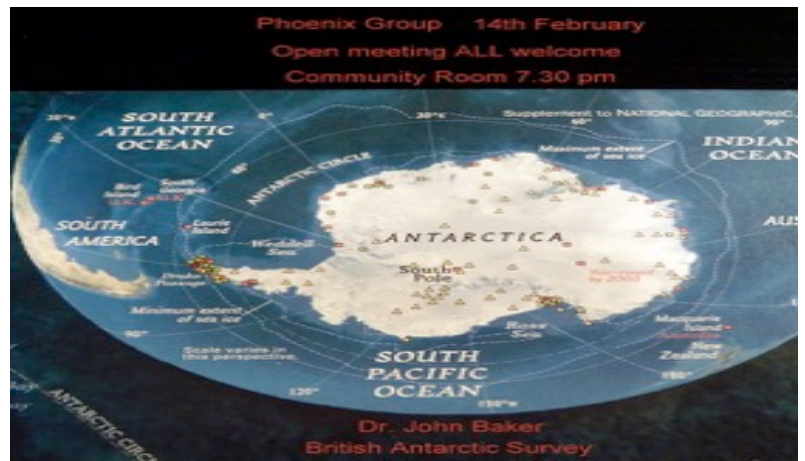
12 noon to 2pm  
Wednesday  
22nd February

Hilmarton  
Church Hall

Come  
And  
Meet  
Each  
Other



Relax and chat ALL WELCOME



### Goatacre Cricket Club (The Goats)

Please can someone help with accommodation from early May until early September for our 2017 overseas player  
£200pcm is available please contact John Wilkins on 07798680724

Goatacre CC indoor nets have been booked at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre Royal Wootton Bassett from 11.00 to 13.00 on the following dates. New members are extremely welcome, please feel free to just turn up or speak to a club member beforehand if you prefer. It would also be great to see as many existing members as possible there  
Sunday February 12th & 26th - March 12th/19th/26th

April 2nd

**24th Sporting Dinner Thursday 13th April**  
**£45 per ticket from Pat Murphy on 07595 503509**

### Cheque it out – what's in a name?

#### PCC of Hilmarton Your help is appreciated

From time to time the church receives cheques in the collection or as other generous donations to help support our next two major projects; essential work to The Pipe Organ and eventually the installation of an effective Heating System in the church. If you find yourself writing a cheque for St Laurence Church could you please make the cheque payable to PCC of Hilmarton The banks will no longer accept cheques made payable to St Laurence Church as this doesn't match the actual account name.

*Thank you from the Parochial Church Council of Hilmarton*

#### **BRADENSTOKE SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

A new Community Fund will be launched in early April. Hilmarton Parish has been invited, together with Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Bremhill and Christian Malford, with representatives from MOD Lyneham, to form a committee who will administer the allocation of approximately £50,000 annually to Community projects. Application forms will be available from April for projects which fall into the following categories:  
Alleviate fuel poverty - Develop community scale and micro renewable energy schemes - Reduce greenhouse gas - Protecting or enhancing the natural environment & biodiversity Promoting environmental sustainability and other purposes in the interest of the Community.  
For more information, please contact:  
Mel Wilkins 760572 - [melwilkins@live.com](mailto:melwilkins@live.com) - 07443 940 367



Our theme this year is  
The Best of British  
The annual Hilmarton Scarecrow Festival will be 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May

This year we will be limiting the number of scarecrow entries to 50. Entry forms will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> February from Natalie Doust, The Duke Hotel & Hilmarton Primary School & pre-school.  
Get your thinking caps on!

### FEBRUARY IN THE CHAPEL

Sunday 4th	Family Service	4:00pm
Sunday 12th/19th/26th	Service	6:00pm
Tuesday 7th & 21st	Coffee Morning	10:00am
Tuesday 7th	Crafters - Rag-rug making - <b>Please bring fabric and rug hook.</b>	7:00pm
Wednesday 1st & 15th	Worship in the Week	2:00pm
Thursday 2nd & 16th	Smile	10:00am
Friday 3rd/10th/17th/24th	Prayer Meeting	2:30pm

## On Romance and Prayer

February brings Valentine's day and in Spring (or even in the hope of spring) a middle-aged woman's heart turns to love. Love connects with prayer for me, because at its heart prayer, should I think, be a form of expressing and receiving love. Love, of course, takes many different forms and expressions and sometimes in church I'm aware that the expression of our prayer can seem as if it is the kind of love expressed by a list of wants: a happy church, a friendly community, the sick made well and world peace. This isn't very different from the way how some small children talk chatting in long lists of what they want – and can indeed *be* an expression of love, a love that knows you can ask for what you want because the parent or carer you are asking wants you to have what you need.

Hopefully as we grow we learn to understand that not getting everything we want is not a sign that we are not loved but may be a sign that not everything we want is good for us. Even the kind of prayer that is asking for what we want, which in church is commonly called the intercessions is very different if we really love and desire what we are praying for. Anyone who has sat with a seriously ill beloved person knows how different it is to desire the healing of *this* person than to want the general healing of others. Anyone who has sat and said farewell to someone ill because they have not been healed into life with us, knows how painful it is to have a deep desire for someone's wellbeing go unanswered. I want all my prayers to be made with the fervent passion of those who love.

If prayer is an expression of love to a beloved God here too our human experiences of love influence us – we may be people who express our love in silence or in touch or action more readily than in words. The expression of Romance in February can be frivolous and fun or deeply felt – I can laugh at the passions I felt as a child and teenager, but the truth is I also remember how powerful those loves were and how hard it could be to face rejection. Maturity in love is not always about age or wisdom, I have known enduring loves begun in childhood that have lasted until death and beyond and seen folly and a lack of commitment in the love of older people. Maturity in prayer is not always different – I have watched small children focus deeply on a leaf or a puddle and wished for that focus and attentiveness to be mine in prayer and struggled as a so-called grown up to pray with this amount of love and joy. My loves have taught me that it is always worth having another go at loving better and that prayer can grant me the gift of doing that. My prayers have taught me how to love better those I already love, those I like and those I find hard to have near. Woven together love and prayer seem to make for a lasting romance.

Reverend Rachma Abbott, The Vicarage, Clyffe Pypard, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 7PY Telephone 01793 731 134  
For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other special services, please contact Reverend Abbott, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Val Procter 01249 760 312 or Church Warden, John Henly on 01249 760 401.

DATE	ST.LAURENCE - HILMARTON	OTHER BENEFICE CHURCHES
Wednesday 1st February	2:00pm Communion in the Chapel Followed by tea & coffee	
Sunday 5th February	5:00pm Evening Worship	8:00am Said Communion, Broad Town 9:00am Family Communion - Tockenham 10:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 12th February	11:00am Word & Worship	10:00am Communion, Tockenham 5:00pm Evensong, Broad Town
Sunday 19th February	10:00am Communion	11:00am Sung Communion - Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Worship - Clyffe Pypard
Sunday 26th February	11:00am Sung Communion	8:00am Communion, Clyffe Pypard 10:00am Word & Worship, Broad Town 5:00pm Evening Worship, Tockenham

## **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MARCH EDITION BY 16th FEBRUARY PLEASE**

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