



Hawkesbury Parish News

April 2015 Issue

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Your Newts Need You!

South Gloucestershire Council is looking for volunteers to help with pond surveys during spring/summer 2015, to monitor the great crested newt populations on Hawkesbury & Inglestone Commons. No experience is needed, as full training will be provided by experts from Avon Wildlife Trust.

Throughout Europe, great crested newts are very rare, but we are lucky enough to have all three native species of newt in the ponds on Hawkesbury & Inglestone Commons. It is important to monitor our newt populations to enable the habitat management on the Commons to be evaluated.

Newt surveys are undertaken after

sunset and then early the next morning. Six surveys are undertaken on each pond during spring and early summer. The surveys are great fun, and volunteers will have the opportunity to train for a great crested newt survey licence.

If you would like to take part in the surveys, please join us at our training session, led by Avon Wildlife Trust, on newt identification and survey techniques.

Saturday 18 April, 10 am - 1 pm at Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall. Please book in advance by contacting Ellie Phillips (tel: 01454 865 614; email: ellie.phillips@southglos.gov.uk).

Parish Councillors Required

With the General and Parish elections taking place on Thursday 7th May this could be your opportunity to take the next step forward of becoming a local councillor for Hawkesbury Parish.

There are over 80,000 local councillors in England, who are all volunteers and are held accountable by local people for the things that happen locally.

So why get involved?

Do you want to do something positive? Make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community

If you answered yes to the above and you would like to become one of the nine Parish Councillors for Hawkesbury Parish Council you need to contact South Gloucestershire Council to obtain an Election Nomination Pack on 01454 863030, (limited copies will be held by the Parish Clerk Mrs Jones on 01454 238074).

Please note to apply you will need to;

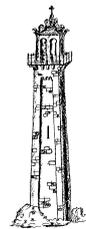
- Be a least 18 years old on the day of your nomination
- Be a British Citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizens or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- You have lived in the Parish/ community area or within 3 miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of the election

Receipt of Nominations
4pm Thursday 9th April 2015

‘A MONUMENT TO HAWKESBURY – THE WAY WE WERE’

Since its launch in December 2014 book sales for our latest ‘Monument’ book, which records village memories from 1950 to 2000, have exceeded all our expectations. Over two hundred books have already been sold which

means that we are once again in a position to give small grants to village organisations. The following donations have already been agreed.



Evergreens Senior Citizens Club	£100.00
Hawkesbury Village Hall	£100.00
Hawkesbury Literary Festival 23.4.15	£100.00
First Hawkesbury Guides	£75.00
Hawkesbury Brownies	£75.00
Senior Citizens Fund	£50.00
HU5K Fun Run	£50.00

We would like to thank the Village Shop and Post Office for their continuing support in selling the books.

If your organisation needs a helping hand, please get in touch.

Hawkesbury Writers 01454 238411/238417

Sam Allen, Bill Fairney, Jenny Harris, Liz Howard, Betty Salthouse, Anne Weaver, Debbie Young, Barry Yuill

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PLEASE NOTE!! Copy deadline for May issue: Wednesday 15th April

Editorial

Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the April issue.

Spring really has arrived at last! My attempts to get out and plan and plant this year's veg have been somewhat thwarted by back problems, but I am determined to get started as soon as possible. Watch this space...

Last month proved to be a very enlightening one in many ways. My sister traced our paternal family history some time ago, back through centuries of mostly Cornish records and events (including one hanging!) to as far back as the records go. More recently she has been looking into other lines of our ancestry, including that of my father's paternal grandmother, who we'd

always known had come from Wales. So, when I received a phone call to say that she'd traced further back and I'd never guess what she'd come up with, I genuinely couldn't imagine.

Well, she traced my great-great grandfather, Henry (aged 8) back to the census of 1861 and where was he living...? With his grandparents William & Mary Underwood in (wait for it...) Brooks Row, Hawkesbury Upton. Of all the places worldwide that we could possibly have been traced back to, it seemed quite bizarre that it was the same village where we decided to settle about fifteen years ago. Spooky isn't quite the word for it and I have a feeling of having truly settled in the right place.

This month we have a host of events, from the **Cricket Club Race Night** on **Sat 18th** to the **Hawkesbury Local History Society** excursion on "**THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF LOWER WOODS**" on **Saturday 11th** from 10.00am -1.00pm, as well as full details of all the Easter Services.

On behalf of the Parish News team,

Have a very Happy
and Healthy Easter!

Please note — the **deadline for the May issue** is the **15th April**.

All early copy is greatly appreciated.

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Opening Times

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Saturday - 8am-6pm

Sunday - 8am-12:30pm

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www.hawkesburyupton.com and www.village-hall.org

You can use these websites to:

- Check the Hall & Village calendars
- Book the Hall online
- View the Hall & Parish Council minutes
- View past editions of this magazine
- Link to many other village organisations
- and much more.

Quote of the Month

When you are courting a nice girl
an hour seems like a second.

When you sit on a red-hot cinder
a second seems like an hour.

That's relativity.

Albert Einstein



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 13th April 2015, 7.30pm** in the **Methodist Hall, Back Street.**

Evergreens

Tuesday 14th April
A Talk

At the Village Hall, starting at 2:30pm.
If you would like to come along and need a lift please give me a ring.
Mandy 01454 261436



Mobile Library

Times & Dates

13th & 27th April

Hawkesbury Village Hall	2.35 - 3.00
Hawkesbury War memorial	3.05 - 3.20
Hawkesbury Highfields	3.25 - 3.40



Date for your Diary

**1st Hawkesbury Guides presents...
Afternoon Tea and more!**

Sunday 10th May 2-5pm

in the Village Hall

Hawkesbury Upton
Guide fundraiser.



Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings take place on Mondays from 10am - 11.30am.

At Peggy Woffenden's house

Tea, Coffee and a biscuit or two for 50p.
All welcome.



HAWKESBURY CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL RACE NIGHT



SATURDAY 18th APRIL

7.30 P.M.

VILLAGE HALL



SAVE THE DATE for this very popular event!

Hall Play Facilities Sub-Committee

AGM

Wednesday 15th April

at 7.45pm

in the Beaufort (Back Bar)

Contact Dave Anderson on 238799
for more details

Spring Walk

Sunday April 26th 2015

Please meet at 10.00 am
at Hawkesbury Village Hall if you would like
directions or a lift
or 10.15 am at Lower Woods Lodge
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Lower Woods — April Events

11th and 12th April 10am - 5pm

Beanpole weekend.

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We have enjoyed a fabulous month at preschool; firstly with World Book Day, where all the children made a brilliant effort dressing up as their favourite characters from the books they brought in.

We have also been making and selling cakes to support Charlie Butchers dad, who is running the London marathon to raise £2000 for beating bowel cancer.

And lastly we joined in for Red Nose Day, with the children dressing in red

Hawkesbury Pre-School Update

and all donating a £1. We spent the morning making cakes, chocolate flap jacks and meringues, creating Red Nose day plates, playing with Red Goo and printing in red paint using Red Shapes!! A Huge thank you to Marina Pogose at Tiger lily face painting too for coming in to paint all the children's faces.

Coming up, we are looking forward to a visit from Yate Library who will be delivering 'treasure packs' for the children who are going to school this year and to read some stories with us.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parish council for donating funds to purchase a CD player with multiple headphones and story and

music CD's, which will be a great new facility for the children.

Lastly, we are thrilled to announce that the preschool and toddler committee are hosting a fantastic event in the show marquee on **Sunday August 30th** in aid of preschool. Please see the advert in the magazine for full details. Reserve your tickets quickly!

Hawkesbury preschool is based in the parish hall, sessions run from: 8.45-12.30: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri (term time). For more information please contact one of our play-leaders:

07989 484774 /

enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk / www.hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

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Young Hawks After School Club

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Welcome to Hawkesbury After School Club.

We are a charitable company, based within Hawkesbury CE VC Primary school and offer affordable childcare to the children of Hawkesbury and its surrounding area. We provide a safe, welcoming environment where children are able to interact socially and further their knowledge through play and their interests. We provide a wide range of resources and activities to support each child's individual interests and level of development. We offer planned activities, however children are encouraged to choose the direction of their play and are supported by staff in their choices.

HOURS: 2.30pm until 6pm. Monday to Thursday

For further details please contact Louisa Tooker (Manager/Senior Playleader) on the contacts below during after school club hours. Otherwise contact the school office (during school hours) who will be happy help.

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Hall Play Facilities Sub-Committee needs **you....**

For a village our size we are blessed with some great facilities for children and young adults to play and enjoy the outdoors. We want to make sure they are always available, safe and stimulating. The committee meets a couple

of times a year, undertakes a quarterly safety survey and occasional fundraising to help the hall pay for insurances. We need the input of young adults and parents to help ensure we continue to meet our objectives to support the Hall

Committee to maintain & provide appropriate skate park facilities, play area and associated opportunities for the children and young people of Hawkesbury Parish.

If you are interested in supporting the facilities please attend the Sub Committee meeting AGM on **Wednesday 15th April at 7.45pm in the Beaufort (Back Bar)**



Contact Dave Anderson on 238799 for more details

Hawkesbury Youth Club News

We're looking forward to lighter evenings after the clocks have gone back at the end of March, when, weather permitting, we'll be spending some of our meetings enjoying outdoor activities on the Rec, always supervised by a youth leader.

We're also reorganising the way we use the rooms upstairs, and we're hoping to acquire some new or good secondhand furniture to create a cafe area where members can sit and chat while enjoying their purchases

from the tuck shop and the drinks and snacks they've cooked during the course of the evening. (Cookery is one of our most popular activities.) If you have any suitable furniture that you're getting rid of, for example you're replacing patio furniture ready for the summer, please let us know - we may be able to make good use of it!

This Month's Meetings 14th, 21st and 28th April from 7pm until 8.15pm

Like to Join? All young people in the parish aged 11 are welcome from the beginning of the school term in which they turn 11 - so anyone turning 11 in the summer term is now eligible to join! Just come along on any club night to find out more about it.

Weekly subs: £2
Annual membership fee: £5

For More Information Contact Debbie Young – tel 238401/ text 07594 717891/
debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com

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THE SEASON OF MADNESS

By Alan C. Porter



Green bits have appeared on bare branches heralding the arrival of the Season of Madness. So called because the sap is rising and it is time to shrug off the shackles of winter and spring forth, bit of a pun there, and embrace the new age.

Time to release the desires, dreams and hopes the winter has held in check and get out and climb that mountain, take a balloon ride across the Alps, sky dive from twenty thousand feet or take up Morris dancing and do things with a hankie, stick and jingly trouser bottoms that you hadn't thought you could possibly enjoy doing.

Most people join the annual pilgrimage into the

garden, face glowing with the achievements they are about to unleash followed by a trip to Southmead with a strained back, severely aching joints and a face that looks as though it has been sucking lemons.

Me? I've learnt to control the rising sap with a cup of green tea in the full knowledge that I can put off doing today what I can do tomorrow and even better, put off doing tomorrow what I can do the day after.

Thus the karma is soothed, the madness quelled and I live to potter on another day, joints undamaged. Mind you, it does give one time to ponder the hidden merits of a hankie, stick and jingly trouser bottoms!

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1st Hawkesbury Upton Guides

Apologies for not having put anything in the Mag for a while, it's all been a bit hectic with my Dad, but hopefully things are getting back on track again now, so I'll be a bit more organised....but no guarantee!!

We said goodbye to our older Guides, some who have gone on to Senior Section in Wotton, others who have commitments and felt it was time to leave-it was strange to start in January without them there, but great to have been a part of their lives for a while-as one of them said in her card, she's been in Guiding with me for half of her life!!

So, we now have 13 enthusiastic young Guides and are just sorting out our camps and activities for the year ahead-Strategy in June, spread across the 3,000 acre site of Cirencester Park will be 20+ challenges that will test physical stamina, mental prowess and scouting skills. Each challenge earns a different amount of points. Teams plan which challenges to visit in the allotted time to score the most points, and decide who is going to undertake the challenge – each may require 1, 2 or more people. If not back by the cutoff point you start to lose some of those hard earned

points!
In July we are off to Cotswold Water Park to take part in a Dragon Boat weekend, culminating with a Dragon Boat race!!

We hosted the Division Long Service Awards on 22nd February, World Thinking Day which was a wonderful ceremony and the girls did us proud looking after our guests. Everyone went home with a small pack of wild flower seeds in memory of Yves, a Friend of Guiding who recently passed away and who loved her garden, as well as a small candle to put in the window and light, as we thought about Girl Guiding members all around the world-over 10 million of them!

We have just completed a workshop called 'free being me'-a global badge programme using fun and interactive activities to grow girls' self-esteem and body confidence. It encourages girls to celebrate their individuality, empowering them to challenge the myth of the "perfect-looking woman" created by society.-it was really interesting to sit back and watch the girls express their views. To earn the badge we must now think of how we can spread this message to a wider audience, so watch this space! We've done a few fundraisers towards our main trip of the

year...yes, we're going back to Brownsea in August for 5 nights-how could we not?! In December we held a Sing-along a Frozen afternoon, including a visit from Elsa!, There was also a Christmas Disco with shared profits with The Village Hall. We have also received a grant from the Parish Council for £100 and £75 from Hawkesbury Writers, which we are very appreciative of. The more we can raise, the lower the cost of our trip.

This year we have booked the Village Hall to do an Afternoon Tea, on Sunday 10th May, along with other treats for you....that's all I can say for now, so keep your eye out for our posters nearer the time! We've also applied to do bag packing at Morrisons-think we'll be doing a bit of practise beforehand though! We thank you for supporting us in the past and hope you will continue to do so-we really wouldn't be able to manage without you!

If anyone is of Guide age (10-14 years) and thinks they might like to join, please phone Louise 01454 238628 to arrange a visit. Sorry to write this from me, it's just the way it's come out-because I really wouldn't be able to run Guides without the support of Joan and Kath, the Unit Helpers!
Louise

The Evergreens Senior Citizens Club

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Hawkesbury Writers who so kindly gave a donation of £100 to the club.

This is greatly appreciated and will be used to subsidise one of the coach trips .

Back from Uni from May until September

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Easter Fun...

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A: Egg-xercise

Q. What do you call a bunny with a large brain?

A. An egghead.

Q: What do you call an Easter egg from outer space?

A: An "Egg-stra terrestrial".

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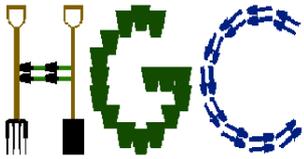
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TROWEL & ERROR

HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

Trip to Hestercombe Gardens

Saturday 30th May



Coach and entrance - £20 HGC members,
- £23 non members

Our coach trip this year is to Hestercombe Gardens, near Taunton, stopping at Cadbury Garden Centre on the way back.

There is space on the coach so we would be delighted to have you join us for another exciting day out. Non members are welcome.

If you have joined us before, you will already know that we have visited some lovely gardens and had great days out.

Hestercombe is set in 50 acres and is a unique combination of 300 years of garden design with much to see and do - from a stroll in the Georgian Landscaped Gardens, or the Victorian Terrace and Shrubbery to the stunning Edwardian Garden designed by Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. Not to mention the 17th century watermill with Dynamo House and Mill Room with historical machinery. Also not to be missed are the Terraced Walk, the Great Cascade and Ponds, the Dutch Garden, Orangery, Rotunda, Pergola and Sunken Parterre and even a charcoal burners camp. Not to mention a flower or two!

The house was restored and partially opened last year to house a tea room, book shop and gallery. There is also a plant centre and shop and the Stables Kitchen for light bites, lunches and refreshments.

The coach will leave The Plain, Hawkesbury Upton at 8.30am, returning at approximately 6pm. To book tickets, or for information, please contact: -

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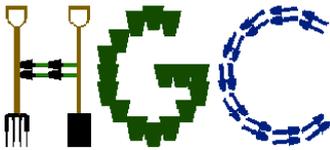
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HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

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TROWEL & ERROR

Meetings are held at 8pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Methodist Hall in Back Street.

There is a new vegetable on the block. It is called Brukale. It is a cross between sprouts and kale. I recommend that you try it. It is delicious.

This winter, John Weaver experienced 'strange-goings-on' in his vegetable patch. During the night something had been pulling his sprout plants down to the ground and stripping the stalks of produce whilst leaving no trace of tracks or spoor on the soft ground. After setting up a camera he discovered it to be a blooming large rabbit wearing snow shoes – no, I jest, the rabbit wasn't all that large.

Our speaker for February was Nathalie Mignotte

who gave a talk on 'Gardens of Versailles'.

A lover of and frequent visitor to Versailles, Nathalie gave an impassioned and informative presentation of the garden rooms and fountains at the palace and at Marie Antoinettes nearby Le Petit Trianon.

Our next meeting is on Monday 27th April 2015 when Adam Alexander will give a talk on 'Gardens of the Mekong'.

If you are not a member but would like to hear a speaker that takes your fancy then come along as a guest – fee £3.00. For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364



HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

Monday 27th April 8pm
in the Methodist Hall, Back Street

Adam Alexander

GARDENS OF THE MEKONG



Adam recounts his journey down the Mekong river through northern Laos with the remarkable vegetable and garden plots that are created every year on the banks as the flood waters subside during the dry season.

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all those who supported my Phoenix cards fundraising event.

Together we raised £38 for the Marie Curie daffodil appeal.

Sara Couzins-Short

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Hawkesbury & Horton WI

At our meeting in March we celebrated 85 years of the WI in

Hawkesbury with a lovely birthday cake made by Carol Blaken and iced and decorated with ration books and an identity card by Hilary Rogers, as the theme of the evening was the 1940's. And it was lovely to welcome for the evening, visitors from the Sodbury Vale Group and also Donna Butcher, our Federation Chairman.

With clothes rationing announced on the 1st June 1941, all utility clothing was marked with the Civilian Clothing Order – CC41, a label commonly known as the “two Cheeses” which soon became associated with product worthiness. A fashion show by Juliet Herbert and her team really brought the

period to life with items of clothing beautifully made from old blankets and cast off garments that had been given a new lease of life. Nothing was wasted in those hard times! However many of us felt that fashion had a lot to be said for it then, when men joined the fashion parade looking very dapper in neat suits and trilbys! However when it came to whalebone corsets for women, that was another matter!

After a splendid buffet provided by members, Emma Sainsbury sang “A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square”, and everyone joined in with the singing of “We’ll Meet Again” and many more popular songs of the time.

Draw for the WI Buckingham Palace Garden Party was won by Angie Chilcott.

Competition for the best 40's outfit was won by Melanie Gibbs against some very stiff competition, all providing an evening to remember.

Flower of the month was won by Judy Chancellor with a Lace Primula.

Diary Dates

7th April HORTON HALL – Upcycling with Chris Taylor

5th May Resolutions Evening and Beetle Drive
COMPETITION – Sample of Upcycling
FIRE DRILL

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please note, Horton Hall in April only.

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Hawkesbury Upton Neighbourhood Watch

Reducing the opportunity for crime



A message from the Police

Please be aware that we have an increase in shed break-ins specifically at the moment in the Old Down Hill, Tockington area, example:-

Between Tuesday 01.45 and Wednesday 07.00 hours "unknown suspect/s have forced lock on external shed, once inside have stolen mountain bike and lawn mower."

Please be extra vigilant, review your security with regard to outbuildings, if keeping items of value within ensure that they are marked (house number and postcode) and registered on www.immobilise.com and if observing any suspicious activity please contact the Police on the 101 number.

Contact List

The role of the Neighbourhood Watch in Hawkesbury Upton is mainly to pass on information to alert everyone to potential threats and to give a few reminders of security measures.

With this thought in mind I would like to develop a dedicated circulation list for such information. The Parish News is a good medium for monthly news but sometimes we need to get the message out a bit sooner.

Therefore I intend to create a circulation list for the Village. I already include various village clubs and Alan's band of drivers, but if anyone else would like to be included then would you please email me on chris@coombeview.com

Time for a Change

I have now been the co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch for 15 years and I think it's time that someone else had a go so any volunteers please contact me 232910 or email as above.

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111.

For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.ourwatch.org.uk website.



Lower Woods

April Events

11th and 12th April 10am - 5pm Beanpole weekend.

At Lower Woods Nature Reserve.

'An opportunity for gardeners and allotment keepers to purchase beanpoles, pea sticks, plant supports and bio char from your local nature reserve'. (Free delivery to Hawkesbury Parish)

11th April 10am - 1.00pm The History and Archaeology of Lower Woods'. £1.50 per person.

Come and discover history on the ground some of those hidden archaeological and historical features of Lower Woods that give us clues as to the past use and management of these ancient woodlands dating from the Neolithic, through Roman times to WW1 and the present day. Led by Dr Mike Martin.

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A few aides memoires for April

Potatoes

Early and maincrop potatoes can now be planted but the late frost must always be anticipated, and protection such as fleece kept handy. One of the greatest enemies of the crop apart from blight, is the keel slug which can be difficult to contain as it lives underground. A few slug pellets put into the row at planting time may help to discourage this pest.



Salad crops

If a frame or greenhouse is available, salad crops can be planted out indoors but care must be taken with cucumbers as these are very vulnerable to a cold spell and are best left until the end of this month. Peppers aubergines and chillies should also be safe now as long as long as the possibility of frosts is kept in mind.

Root crops

All seeds planted directly into the

ground will be safe enough now. Parsnips will benefit from being pre-chitted before planting, as they are notoriously unreliable in germinating. This is done by laying a sheet of wet kitchen roll in the bottom of a plastic box, scattering seed on top of this and covering with another layer of wet kitchen roll. The box lid is replaced and the box is moved to a warm spot such as the airing cupboard. It needs checking on a regular basis after about a week and when the tiny roots appear on the seeds they can be planted out every 2 inches in a shallow row and thinned later to about 4 inches. The process reduces the need to plant seed out, some of which will not germinate.

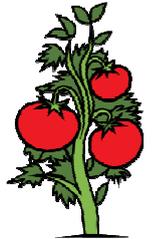
Bedding plants

The garden centres really love April for trade, as they are stocked with a colourful array of all kinds of plants, and the customers roll in. They love

it even more when they can sell the same stuff twice, because the first lot has been frosted off due to being planted out before the cold weather has definitely finished, Mid-May is quite early enough for tender plants to be planted out after hardening off.

Tips for this month;

If seedlings have been in a pot of compost for a month or longer, bear in mind that the nutrients in the compost, only last 4-6 weeks and a general purpose feed will be useful.



When potting on tomatoes from 4 inch pot to large pot or grow-bag, wait until the first flower shows. This will become the first tomato and if this is at a fairly low point on the plant stem, it saves having a great length of empty stem on the eventual plant.

Brian Noble

Severn View Farm Shop

..... Is shutting up shop! We're not quite sure EXACTLY when but it will be within the next few months.

As many of you know, we are retiring from farming and hanging up our wellies. We've enjoyed terrific support from customers during the last 18 years (yes it really is that long) but the time has come to focus on getting the most out of life. The majority of our animals have already gone and supplies in the shop are dwindling. We do still have plenty of lamb, bacon, pork salamis, and preserves plus a

selection of other things. We also have a limited number of lambs that can be prepared to order as whole or half lamb boxes. These are excellent value and the smaller joints produced by our pedigree Shetlands are perfect for many families.

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Pauline Dixon

Red Nose Day

Donations of £70.00 were received at our Mothering Day Sunday Service at St Mary's Church specifically for Red Nose Day - remembering Mothers in so many countries who are suffering such heartbreak from the loss of Children, the lack of ability to care for their children, and the heartache of leaving homes walking miles in order to escape violence.

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Donald Watts

1936 - 2015

Don was a founder member of Hawkesbury Local History Society when it was formed in 1998, bringing a wealth of local knowledge from his early years at Church Farm, until latterly at Didmarton. He had an intimate knowledge of the landscape and woodlands of the parish and had an the uncanny ability to find pre-historic and Roman sites such as the Badminton villa settlement and its elaborate mosaic floor.

Years of field-walking and a keen eye led to wide-ranging discoveries of flint tools, pottery and various artefacts that added to his large collection of historical books and other material. Always ready with a fund of anecdotes and reminiscences, Don was an invaluable contributor to the publication of Hawkesbury Chronicles in 2008, and will be sadly missed both as an enthusiastic supporter of the local history society and as a good friend.



Donald Watts

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of our dear friend Donald Watts.

Donald Watts, whom everyone in Hawkesbury must have known, was a staunch supporter of St Mary's Church and worked tirelessly to help its upkeep.

Don was born in an upper room of Church Farm House opposite St Mary's and his childhood inscription of his name can still be seen inside the door to the Malthouse.

Don was a long-time Sidesman and Churchwarden and was always present at any church function, ready and willing to help with preparations and clearing down.

He worked tirelessly in the churchyard and in helping to maintain and clip the box yews each autumn. As Forrester to the Badminton estate he had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the countryside and the surrounding villages and developed a great interest in the local history, contributing considerably to the Chronicles, published a few years ago. It was his eagle eyes that spotted fragments of mosaic in a ploughed field which led to his discovery of the Badminton Roman villa.

The whole valley of Hawkesbury was in his heart and soul. His cheeky smile and irrepressible humour will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Linda Fairney, Churchwarden

Donald Watts

On behalf of the Parish News, our sincere condolences go to Louise and Robin and all the family, following the sad passing of Donald Watts.

Donald was such a genuine local character with a real wealth of local knowledge about the countryside and

history of the area.

He was also a regular distributor of the Parish News. He will be sadly missed.

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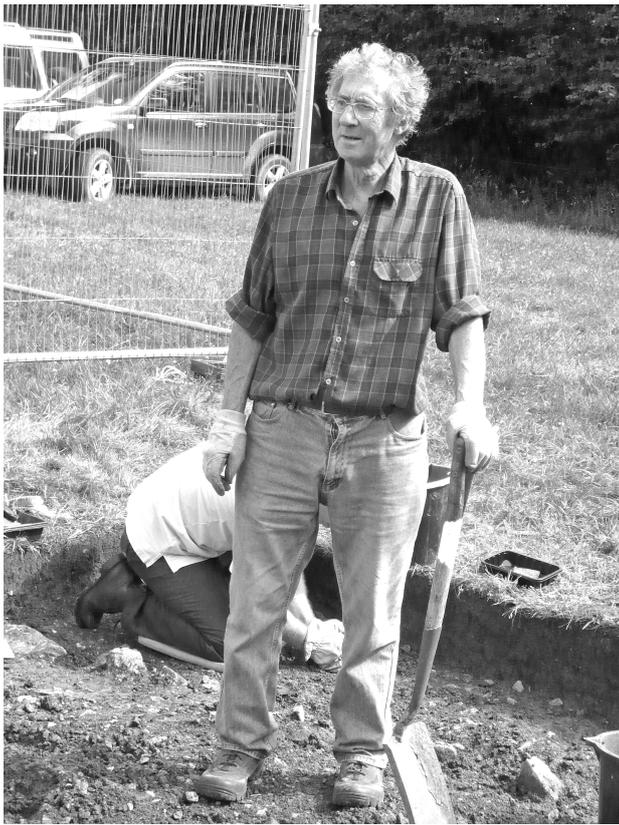


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Don

Archaeology with Don was FUN. If he said there was a Roman Villa there, we'd find a Roman Villa there!

Those bright eagle eyes could spot a piece of flint yards away and, whilst the rest of us were debating the questionable origin of a handful of pieces of 'grit', he'd be filling his pockets with genuine worked prehistoric arrowheads.

Never one to doubt his convictions, it was with such pride and pleasure that the few strange coloured lumps he was finding in the plough soil at Badminton turned out to be pieces of painted wall plaster from the underlying Roman villa. We were with him on that memorable day in August 2003 when, by beginner's luck, we just happened to position our first trial trench straight on top of mosaic paving. It was hot that day and dear old Rose found the cool surface of tesserae in a shady hole the ideal spot for her Siesta. Don's convictions were well founded, as we went on carefully, day after day, to uncover the large, quirky, geometric 'Badminton Mosaic'. What a treat for him to be able to tell the Duke "I told you so"!

Favourite amongst Don's excavating tools was his father's trenching tool, an ideal size and shape, especially for loosening the sticky clay soils covering the Lower Woods villa; it seemed such an appropriate use for this remnant of First World War History.

In later years it was Sadie who accompanied Don to 'digs'. Her special trick was to nudge lumps of soil, with her nose, back into the trench they'd just come from, and "Sadie, no!" would be a constant cry when his digging was interrupted to stop her eating stones.

No archaeological dig would be complete without food and whereas most of us brought a picnic, Don would retire home, but always, without exception, he would return after lunch bearing ice creams or cakes and, of course, the inevitable very large bottle of cider! Yes, he'd used his lunch break to treat the crew.

Archaeology isn't always about excavation, and it was thanks to Don's good relationships with local landowners, that we got permission to carry out geophysical surveys in fields far off the beaten track. He joined us and was a dab hand at laying out and winding up the survey tapes, no simple task in gusty winds.

During our days 'on site' or in the field, male members of the group were often captivated by tales of his youthful escapades, leaving the recipients in stitches.

Yes, young Donald Watts was a rascal, but without his nose for history of 'the old days' Hawkesbury and district would never have been able to contribute as much to the rich archaeological history of the Southern Cotswolds as it has done. We owe him a lot and are proud to have had him as a dear friend.

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Hawkesbury CC is a friendly village cricket club that welcomes players of all ages and abilities.

This year, we plan to run two Saturday teams. Our first team currently plays in division 3 of the Gloucestershire County Cricket League. Our second team is looking to play friendly cricket in the lower reaches of the Stroud league.

In addition, we also have a very active youth section, usually running up to four teams at U9s, U11s, U13s, and U15s/U17s. They play in the Stroud & District Cricket Association Youth Leagues and compete in regional cups.

Nets training will be available before start of season.

We are also looking to see if there is interest in bringing back our women's team, who would play friendly cricket against local sides.

Our club is very much at the heart of village life and is a great way to get to know Hawkesbury people. We hold a number of social events throughout the year, including our annual Rounders Tournament, Race Night and Presentation Evening.

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch:

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Spring Walk Sunday April 26th 2015

Enjoy a delightful 4 mile Spring Flower walk through Lower Woods. We will use little known tracks and trails to weave in and out of the various woodland 'compartments'. Lower Woods can be muddy in places and there will be some rough ground and some easy stream crossings. Like most woods we'll encounter undulating ground and have just one short steep climb up on our route. Last year's Spring walk in Lower Woods was a floral delight – don't miss this one!

WELLINGTONS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED and maybe a walking pole. Please meet at 10.00 am at Hawkesbury Village Hall if you would like directions or a lift or 10.15 am at Lower Woods Lodge for a 10.30 am start. Feel free to bring a drink as there should be time for a refreshment stop at a viewpoint. After the walk we will provide drinks at Lower Woods Lodge so bring a picnic and enjoy looking at the woodland products.

If you would like to receive email notification of future walks, please contact Jane Jones on rightsofwaygroup@hawkesburyupton.com or telephone 01454 238633.

Last Post, Park Street

Jan and I moved into our new house on the corner of Park Street and Back Street in September 2004. The construction of the house on this former vegetable plot had been the subject of much debate and controversy between builder, Ian Jones, and local planning authorities.

However, we were now in possession and we had to meet the planning and conservation officers' strict instructions to rebuild the stone wall, and plant specific hedges and shrubs. The reasons for these directives were:

- 1) To protect the character and appearance of the area.
- 2) To ensure a satisfactory standard of external appearance.

We dutifully carried out those instructions and over the next year or two were satisfied with the end product.

Moving on to the present day, Jan and I were aware of plans to improve

the BT broadband service, and ground works had begun. However, returning from a long walk on Monday 22nd February I was horrified to find a large green metal box had been installed close to the dry stone wall fronting Back Street. (BT call it a cabinet - I call it a box!).

This cannot be possible in a conservation area can it? By the way, we had no advance warning of these works!

After an initial telephone call to Councillor Sue Hope, who I believe, shares our bewilderment of the situation, there has been much discussion between ourselves, Sue and the planning/conservation officers.

Traditionally, planning offices require 56 days notice of any works, and in conservation areas can insist upon the relocation of inappropriate development or indeed require it to be placed underground.

However, the 'powers that be', presumably the Department of the Environment, decided in 2013 that BT should have complete freedom to place these green boxes wherever they want, without reference to anyone!

The conservation people would appear to agree with our concerns but of course their hands are now tied!

During my professional life I had many dealings with planning authorities and I reflect upon the fact that they could be pretty ruthless with defenceless individuals but largely impotent when dealing with large corporate organisations! It seems that some things don't change.

Jan and I are aware of the need for improved broadband service within the village. It's just a shame that we feel let down by those who should protect us!

John Treasure FRICS
Chartered Surveyor



Have you submitted your entry for hu5K yet? Miss it. Miss out!

Entries for the 4th annual Hawkesbury 5K Run opened on 1st March 2015 . We have had a great response and places are limited to 300 so make sure you secure your place by visiting our website www.hu5k.org to enter and pay online or download an entry form.

Please note that we will not be accepting entries on the day this year.

Have you decided who you want to raise money for? You can download a sponsorship for and run to raise money for local village causes or for larger national charities that have a particular significance for you.

So book your place for **Saturday 20th June 2015** and come and join in the fun.

For more information, visit our website: www.hu5k.org, call Vicki Parker on 07824 640540, or email vicki.parker@ezek.com. HU5K is organised by Hawkesbury Primary School PTA, so all funds raised go to our village school.

CRICKET SEASON KICK OFF (or should we say Bowl Off!)

Hawkesbury CC is holding a registration evening at the cricket pavilion at
6.30pm on Monday 13th April

If you would like to play senior cricket in our first or second team
or you have a budding junior at U9s, U11s, U13s, and U15s/U17s
please come along to hear more about us and to register to play for the coming season.

We'll spend a short time introducing ourselves, telling you our plans for this year for the senior and junior teams and sharing details and dates for leagues and competitions for the summer. We'll then get the juniors onto the pitch to do some training.

There will be drinks and nibbles provided whilst you register and an opportunity to chat to the committee and ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to become part of our vibrant club which is very much
at the heart of village life then please come along .

To find out more or if you would like a registration form then, please contact either:

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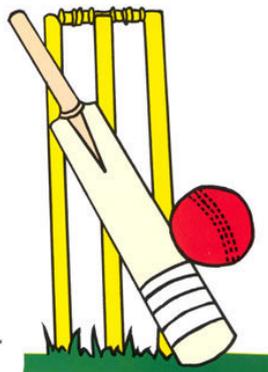


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HAWKESBURY UPTON TENNIS CLUB



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JUST COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!!

You'll be pleased to hear that the fee structure remains the same for the new season. Full details overleaf and remember **Hawkesbury School pupils have FREE membership** so do encourage your children and their friends to come along.

The aim of the club is to come along and enjoy the exercise in a social environment. No need to feel inhibited; we just play for fun.

OPEN EVENING - 15 APRIL

Why not come along to our **OPEN EVENING** on **WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL - from 6pm till dark**. There will be a BBQ and refreshments and all equipment provided. All ages, from minis to grandparents, will be welcome to enjoy fun and games and some gentle coaching if you wish.

DON'T BE SHY - JUST GIVE IT A TRY

Our Professional LTA Coach, Elaine Weightman, will be on hand at the Open Evening to answer questions and give a few gentle tips.

Should the weather let us down we will re-arrange the date. Please invite your friends from other local villages to come along.

**AGM - MON 13 APRIL - 8.30pm
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How to join HUTC

You will have the opportunity to join HUTC at the Open Evening. So please ask a Committee Member for a Membership Form. If you wish to join sooner or can't make it on 15 April, please contact any Committee Member [see details overleaf] who will be able to help you.

NB - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE SO PLEASE SEND YOUR FEES AND FORM TO ROB OWEN - see page 2 for contact details to obtain a form, use the one printed in the Parish Magazine or print one off the HUTC website.

Hawkesbury Upton Tennis Club Newsletter Page 2

Elaine's Coaching Sessions

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We have introduced Junior Club Nights and would encourage all young players to come along and have a go. It was felt that joining in with the Adult Club Nights might be a bit intimidating for younger players but they are still welcome to join the Adult Club Sessions too if they wish. Contact our Junior Representative, Ross Lawrence, if you'd like to attend a Junior session on Mondays 5-6.30pm or just turn up.

Ross Lawrence - 07923 936179

09rlawrence@klbschool.org.uk

Club Sessions

MEMBERS WELCOME

TUESDAY 1.15-3.00pm - ALL

MONDAY 5-6.30pm - JUNIORS ONLY

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY - 6.30pm onwards - ALL

Tuesday afternoon is for mixed abilities just for fun. Monday & Wednesday evenings are for mixed doubles of all abilities and a very sociable session. Monday Junior Club Nights are for school age players.

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HAWKESBURY UPTON TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP FORM 1ST APRIL 2015 – 31ST MARCH 2016

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 Peak = all day Saturday and Sunday + 6:00pm to dark on all week days.

CLUB SESSIONS: Commence Monday 30 March 2015 ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

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MIXED DOUBLES: Monday and Wednesday Evening 6:30pm till dark – ALL ABILITIES WELCOME with lots of mixing around and socialising
JUNIOR SESSIONS: Monday 5:00-6.30pm – school age players only

Declaration

I agree to abide by the rules of the Tennis Club and the aims of its constitution and to pay all subscriptions, fees etc when due.

SIGNED: **Date:**

Please return this form to the Membership Secretary (cheques payable to Hawkesbury Upton Tennis Club)

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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The Friends of St Mary's in association with the Royal British Legion invite you to

The 200th Anniversary Ball



Friday 19th June 2015 at 7.15pm
Westonbirt School

Champagne reception & string quartet

Four course dinner including cheese and port

Beating the retreat - Waterloo Band of the Rifles (TA) tbc

Dancing til midnight

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Tables of 10 - £600

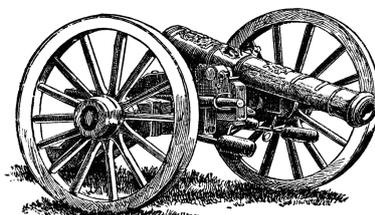


Please contact:

Peter Setterfield 01454 238307

or Bill Fairney 01454 238553

fosmhawkesbury.co.uk



Friends of St Mary's

It was with great sadness that we received news of the death of Donald Watts. Don was a founder member of the Friends of St Mary's. He cared deeply for the church and the valley and his knowledge of the area and its history have proved invaluable not only to us but to people all over the country. His legacy will be the trees around Church Farm House where he grew up, so many of them inscribed DW, and the many thousands he planted on the Badminton Estate. We have lost a good friend indeed. God bless, Don.



This is the last call for tickets for the **Waterloo Ball at Westonbirt School**, so if you wish to reserve a place, please do contact us as soon as possible. There are some splendid lots in the silent auction to suit all pockets and tastes.

We will be listing these in the magazine nearer the time for those of you who are not attending the ball to have a chance to bid. (See poster for Waterloo Ball details)

Forthcoming events:-

March 28th – Church yard clean up 10am at St Mary's

April 23rd – Hawkesbury Lit Fest – includes announcement of new book to raise funds for FOSM

May 6th - FOSM Committee Meeting at Collyns Mead, 6.00pm

June 19th – Waterloo Ball at Westonbirt, 7pm.

July 12th – Jazz in the Afternoon 12 noon at Church Farm House

July 19th - AGM

August 29th – Pimms Tent at Hawkesbury Show

November - Another FOSM Tasting evening! Date tba

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of St Mary's and support the upkeep of the fabric of our beautiful church, then please contact **Pauline Setterfield on 01454-238307.**

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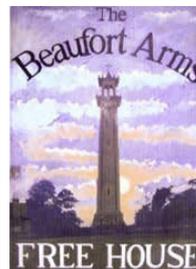
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time.

As well as the GBG we've been in the Good Food Guide, Good Pub Guide and Britain's Most Boring Landlord Guide.

To celebrate we're having our first ever Beer Festival (May 1st to 3rd) – we've not done one before for fear of failing – and would like to invite all of our pub regulars, past and present, along for a drink with the two CAMRA districts that helped us fulfil this achievement. You too can enjoy the occasion with a 50p a pint discount.

On a few of the sessions we're hoping to put on some entertainment so please keep an eye open for posters and announcements on our website.

May I please also thank all of the staff at the Beaufort (again, past and present) who made this possible, without you there would be nothing.

Mark Steeds

Live A Thousand Lives

"The reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one." - George R R Martin

While we may not be able to dictate the course of our own lives, we can control the other thousand simply by selecting the best books.

I tend to choose the kind with happy endings: light-hearted novels featuring characters I'd like to spend time with, in settings that I'd like to visit. But I also like a bit of variety, to avoid Groundhog Day syndrome. After all, what's the point of living a thousand lives if all of them are pretty much the same?

So I often step outside my comfort zone. This year, between pleasant novels, I've enjoyed a history of anaesthesia, the biography of a famous author, an anthology of poems about the sea, and the collected letters of a British comedian. By the time I reached the end of each book, I saw the world in a slightly different way. We are all forever changed, at least a little, by every book we ever read. Even in the age of the internet, the humble book still has almost magical powers.

Surely that's got to be worth celebrating? If you agree, come and help me do just that, in the company of a dozen authors, poets, and illustrators, on World Book Night, 23rd April, at the new free Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival. (See separate page for details) But, in the meantime, I'm off to read a good book...

Debbie Young
www.authordebbieyoung.com



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READINGS by authors of fiction, poetry and non-fiction
(from 7pm until late in the restaurant and garden)

TALKS with a different panel of writers for every topic
(8pm-10pm in the Function Room):

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the chance to chat to them in person

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Please arrive any time after 6pm.

The readings will start at 7pm and the talks at 8pm

With huge thanks to Katie Fforde and all participating authors and other guest speakers, to our sponsors, Hawkesbury Writers, for covering our set-up costs, to Aggie and Giuseppe at The Fox Inn for their hospitality, and to the team of local volunteers who are helping to run the event.

Let's hope it's the start of a new annual Hawkesbury tradition!

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Seasonal thoughts

by Ann Harris

Walk along a country lane,
Feel the air so clean and clear.
See crocuses appearing,
And you'll know Spring is here.

Take a walk through the meadow,
Smell the fresh mown hay.
Picnic by a river bank,
And you'll know Summer's here to stay.

Take a walk through the orchards,
With trees laden with apples and pears.
See the leaves gently falling,
You'll know that Autumn's here.

Take a walk through the woodlands,
See the trees leafless and bare.
Feel the snowflakes gently falling,
And you'll know that winter's here.



HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

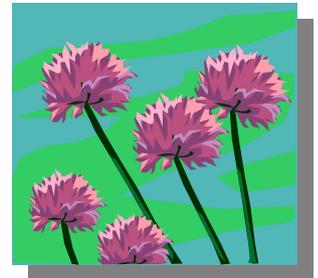
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HAWKESBURY SENIOR CITIZENS FUND

Pie & Pea Supper Fundraising Evening

We raised over £600! Many thanks to all who came along to enjoy the wonderful food provided by the WI (especial thanks to Gill Truebody) and to have our knowledge tested with a variety of quizzes devised by Tony Harris and Barrie Hope.

Senior Citizens Committee

Church Services in April 2015
For St. Mary's Church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
03rd April	Noon - 3 pm	GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL + service on the Knowle			
05th April	0945 am	Easter morning Praise + Communion	M Bendry M Beresford	1 Cor 16 1 - 11 John 20 1 - 18	H Rogers
	6 pm	Evensong - + AGM	J Oldershaw L Overton	1 John 1 1-2.2 John 20 19 - end	D Musty
19th April	0945 am	Morning Praise	J O'Brien P Setterfield	1 John 3 1 - 7 Luke 24 36b - 48	P Broad
	6 pm	B.C.P. Holy Communion	M Gardener G Morgan	1 John 3 16 - end John 10 11 - 18	L Fairney
3rd May	0945 am	Morning Praise - Communion	E Riddington P Bendry		H Rogers

If you are unable to attend please telephone Linda Fairney: 01454 238553

Should you wish to speak to Rev Richard Thomson call 01454 219236 or Revd. Alveen call: 01666 890 548

Church Cleaners:

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Please note all the different service times

Hawkesbury Local History Society

“The Architecture, Sculpture and Symbolism of a Victorian Garden Cemetery”



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Alan Bambury will tell us more about the collection: the architecture of its buildings, the monumental inscriptions that depict the lives of the people they commemorate, and the sculptured images which are symbolic or have a particular personal meaning. Come and find out why Arnos Vale is such a special place.

FRIDAY 17th APRIL, 8.0pm

Members £1.50

HAWKESBURY UPTON VILLAGE HALL

Visitors £3

April Services including Easter Holy Week

SUNDAYS	April 5th	April 12th	April 19th	April 26th
Readings	Easter day 1 Cor 15.1-11 John 20.1-18	1st Sun after Easter 1 John 1.1-2.2 John 20.19-end	2nd Sun after Easter 1 John 3.1-7 luke 24.36b-48	3rd Sun after Easter 1 John 3.16-end John 10.11-18
Gt Badminton St Michael		1245 Holy Baptism Rev R Thomson		
Lt Badminton St Michael		1115 Matins Canon C Mulholland		1115 Matins Rev Thomson
Sopworth St Mary	6pm Evensong +HC Rev A Thoresen		1115 Matins RT 12 AGM	
Didmarton St Lawrence	1115 Matins+HC Rev R Thomson		8.30am BCP HC Rev A Thoresen	
Acton Turville St Mary		8.30 BCP HC Rev A Thoresen	9.45 Family Service Matthew Butler	8.30am BCP HC Rev Thomson
Boxwell St Mary				
Leighterton St Andrew	8.30am BCP HC Rev R Thomson	11.00 Mattins Rev A Thoresen	11am CW HC Rev A Thoresen	6pm Sat Service RT 3pm Anzac Serv AT
Hawkesbury St Mary's	9.45 CW HC Rev A Thoresen	6 Evensong RT 6.30 AGM	9.45 Family Serv Rev R Thomson	6pm BCP HC Rev A Thoresen
Lasborough St Mary	9.30am CW HC Rev R Thomson	9.30 BCP HC RT 10 AGM	9.30am Matins Mary Beresford	9.30 CW HC Rev A Thoresen
Oldbury St Arild				
Holy Week Services				Daily services Please check first 077 177 91858
	Maundy Thurs	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	
Gt Badminton				Fri 5pm Even. Pr.
Lt Badminton St Michael		12 noon Good Fri lit		Fr 9am Morn. pr.
Sopworth St Mary				Thurs 5pm Even. Pr.
Didmarton St Lawrence	11pm Midnight Rev Thomson			
Acton Turville St Mary				Wed 9am Morn. pr.
Leighterton St Andrew	7.30pm HC and Vigil Rev Richard Thomson			Thurs 9am Leight. Tues 4.45 Boxwell
Hawkesbury St Mary's		12-3pm 3 Hours Rev A Thoresen		Tues 9am Morn. pr.
Lasborough St Mary		9.30 Good Fri lit. Rev A Thoresen		Wed aft. Even. Pr. 3.30pm Radio 3

Letter from the Vicar — April 2015

Dear all,

We are told that ten per cent of all children in school today are Muslim. If we want this country to keep its Christian heritage, we need to be more active.

Most Muslims take the discipline of their religion seriously and bring their children up with a good understanding of the faith. On the whole this helps to build a life-long respect and love for Islam. What worries me is that Christians have taken the church for granted for so long, and are so relaxed about instilling their religion, that the future looks pretty bleak for the church.

All of us bear a responsibility for this. We all know it can be boring for children to sit in a pew for 45 minutes but it teaches a child that both parents and grandparents take their religion seriously. It also reinforces the religious teaching and ethos learnt at school!

Also in the home – a child can be taught to pray. Prayers said before a family meal and at bedtime are simple things to do and very effective. Our grandparents would have sat around the fire hearing the Bible read.

What can we do to help us retain the traditions we had handed down to us? I do hope you will come and celebrate Easter. **There will be Easter Egg hunts for little children, in the churchyard of most of the churches during the sermon.**

Richard

Please Contact me for arranging Christenings, weddings or Confirmation.

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Hawkesbury Local History Society

HISTORY UNDER THE TREES?



Do you enjoy walking in Lower Woods?

Do you wonder about all the lumps and hollows and the strange shapes of some of the trees?

Have you heard rumours that the Romans lived there - but where?

Do you know how Mill Gate, opening onto Chase Lane, got its name?

Mike and Jill invite you to join their Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust excursion to learn much more about:

“THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF LOWER WOODS”

on Saturday 11th April from 10.00am -1.00pm

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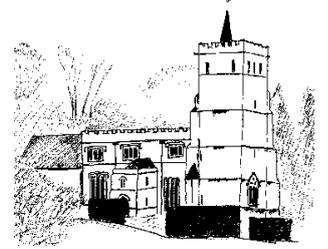
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St Mary's Church News

Churchwardens Mrs Linda Fairney 238553 & Mrs Mary Davies 238657
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if possible the day before to arrange for collection.

Jesus said "*We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.....*" Luke 7 : 31 – 35



All the main celebrations of Easter take place at the beginning of this month. Maundy Thursday is on 2 April, Good Friday on 3rd, and Easter Day on Sunday 5th, with services listed below for your diary. Maundy Thursday will be celebrated at Leighterton at 7.30 pm with Holy Communion, followed by a vigil, led by Revd Richard Thomson. On Good Friday we shall hold our usual reflections in St Mary's from 12 noon to 2.30 pm, followed by a short service at the foot of the cross up the hill opposite the church. You are free to come and go during the reflections, or stay to hear them all. The service on Easter Day is at 9.45 am, Common Worship communion led by Revd Alveen Thoresen. All are welcome, please come and join us

There is not a great deal to report again this month, but I would like to highlight a forthcoming event, which is still in the early planning stages. This is an art day in mid May, to take the form of practical sessions, with a speaker, and lunch and other refreshments in the Malt House, as on other occasions. Watch this space for further details!

Mothering Sunday was a joyful but at the same time thoughtful celebration of mothers everywhere, with candles, poems and flowers. We were pleased to welcome a good number of people to this service of thanksgiving

I must apologise for not completing my thoughts in last month's news ..."in the absence of events to report ...". My thoughts must have wandered, or been distracted in some way

Dates for your diary

2 April – Maundy Thursday – Leighterton – Holy Communion and Vigil – 7.30 pm

3 April – Good Friday – St Mary's – Reflections – noon-3.0 pm

5 April – Easter Day – St Mary's – Communion – 9.45 am

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BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of APRIL 2015

- Sunday March 1st 10.30am Mr Ray Hollister [C]
- Sunday April 5th 10.30am EASTER DAY
Rev Philip Hopes
- Sunday April 12th 10.30am Mr Robert Simpkins
- Sunday April 19th 10.30am Mr & Mrs Gillard
- Sunday April 26th 10.30am Mr Trevor Ranger



Tuesday 7th April at 7.30pm: **A time of worship/prayer**

Other Tuesdays at 7.30pm: **Bible study/prayer**

Thursdays at 2.00pm: **A time of prayer for revival**



At one stage, in India, the British were fighting a native monarch called Tippo Saib. In one battle, several English officers were taken prisoners. One of them was a man named Baird, he had been seriously wounded. One day an Indian officer brought fetters to put on each prisoner. Baird was very weak and in much pain but he was not exempt from this ordeal. A grey-haired English officer told the Indian man "You're NOT going to put fetters on him!" But he was told that there were a pair for each prisoner. The English officer said "Put two pairs on me. I'll wear his as well as my own!"

Baird lived to regain his freedom but the generous friend died in prison.

This Easter time, remember how Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, went to the cross and died to pay the price for our sins! As in the story, Jesus took our punishment on Himself. The Bible says, in Peter 2 v.24 "Jesus Himself bore our sins, in His own body, on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live for righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed"

M.C. Coates (Chapel Secretary)

THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



Services for April 2015

- Sunday 5th April 10.30am Joining with Bethesda
- Sunday 12th April 10.00 am Rev Debra Chidakwa
- Sunday 19th April h 9.45am Morning Praise at St. Mary's
- Sunday 26th April 10.00am Mr T Lansdown



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SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Sue Hope

The Council has agreed to a zero increase in Council Tax, this includes plans for savings to be made throughout the Council.

GRANTS

Community Grants are now open for application. The closing date is the 10th April, but all organisations must be registered before they can apply. Please do so now on www.southglos.gov.uk The Frome Vale Forum has £21,450 left; guidance is available on the website.

Grants are also still available from the New Homes Bonus Grant, again organisations must be registered to apply, and you must have the following to apply

- Governing document
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- The most recent set of accounts.

Grant amount currently available in the Frome Vale is £35,195.00

If you need further information or help, please get in touch.

PLANNING

The Policy, Sites and Places planning document is to be agreed by South Gloucestershire Council at their meeting in mid-March. There is still work to be done on the Designated Open Green Spaces; it is understood this will take place after the elections, with greater involvement of parish councils.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

I have met with one of the Wotton under Edge GP practices regarding the provision of cross border services. As many people know, living in South Gloucestershire, the care services are provided by South Gloucestershire Council and I understand this is not always as prompt and responsive as we would like. The Care Act comes into place on 1 April and there will be certain changes; further information is available on the website but if you would like any further information, or are having problems securing services, please get in touch.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Chair of South Gloucestershire Council held his Community Awards ceremony early in March. Liz Howard received her certificate of thanks in recognition of her work in the community. It was a privilege to attend and quite humbling to hear of how much is given by so many volunteers to our communities – I think they all deserve medals.

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Cllr Sue Hope

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If you would like any information/photos etc please contact Mike and Julie Gardener email juliegardener@yahoo.com or telephone 01454 238535.

Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning Applications received :

App. No.	Address	Description	Comments
PK15/0367/F	The Manor House Stroud Road Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and detached garage with shared access and associated works	Comments See Below
<p>The Parish Council objects for the following reasons;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new development would not be in keeping with the other property within the curtilage; the Parish Council believes it is a listed building and a local historic site • Previous developments have been barn conversions • Support the Ecological comments to refuse/withdraw the application <p>It is not vernacular</p>			
PK15/0387/TCA	Land Opposite The Somerset Monument High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Works to clear land to ground level, land situated within Hawkesbury Conservation Area	No Objection
PK15/0279/TCA	Church Farm House Church Lane Hawkesbury	To fell 1 no. Lomabardy Popular Tree situated within the Hawkesbury Conservation Area.	Support the application
PK15/0568/TCA	The Old Vicarage Church Lane Hawkesbury	Works to reduce and re shape 1 no. Yew tree approx 3m and raise lower canopy to approx 2m, reduce 1 no. Holly tree to approx 2m and reduce Box Hedge to 1.5m approx all situated within the Hawkesbury Conservation Area	No objection
PK15/0549/F	The Retreat France Lane Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling, garage/store with new access and associated works	Support the application

Planning Applications Withdrawn:

PK14/4832/CLE	Barnside Cottage Newhouse Farm Lane Hawkesbury	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as residential dwelling without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition 02 attached to planning permission P85/1542	Approve
PK14/4897/TCA	2 Hyde Park Row Hawkesbury Upton	Works to Crown reduce 1no. silver birch tree to leave a height of 8-9 metres and radial spread of 6 metres in Hawkesbury Conservation Area.	No objection
PK14/4823/F	Ivy Cottage Inglestone Common	Erection of first floor side extension to provide additional living accommodation.	Approve with conditions

Allotments — Birgage Road

Hawkesbury is very fortunate to have 23 allotments in its Parish, and over the recent years there have been in excess of 10 people waiting for a vacancy. At the time of going to print there are now only 2.

If you fancy growing produce to show at the “Annual Hawkesbury Horticultural Show” in August, or grow sufficient vegetables/fruit to sustain your family’s needs, this could be the time to apply for an allotment.

- The rent is low in comparison to other Parishes;

If you have any questions or would like the opportunity to join the short waiting list please contact the Parish Clerk by email or telephone with your details.

Hawkesbury Parish Council (continued)

Annual Big Spring Clean Event

Sunday 22nd March 2015



The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for all their help during this year's Annual Spring clean. Prior to the event Mr & Mrs Kantaris collected 83 alcoholic mini bottles from Starveal Lane and L Mead and friends filled 3 buckets of rubbish from Highfields Lane from the Village, stopping about 200 feet from Hall Lane. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say a "Big Thank you" to all the volunteers for giving up their time and energy supporting this event, it is very much appreciated and Hawkesbury is now looks a cleaner village.

Forth Coming Events

Annual Assembly

This year's Annual Assembly will be taking place on Monday 20th April 2015, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Back Street Hawkesbury Upton. We are very fortunate to have two great speakers Neil Lodge from Lower Woods and Chris Spearing from the Owl Trust in Avonmouth, he will be bringing one of his barn owls to the event.

We hope you will be able to come and listen to their presentations; they will be very informative and interesting.

There will be refreshments available.



Chinese Sky Lanterns

The Parish Council have been approached by the Avon Fire Authority to seek support for a campaign to discourage members of the public from using Chinese style sky lanterns in our area.

Extracts from the correspondence

Avon Fire Authority share the view of the Chief Fire Officers Association which does not support the use of sky lanterns due to the risks they pose. The floating lanterns contain a naked flame which represents a significant fire risk to life and property when they come down to earth.

In 2013 CCTV footage proved a sky lantern to be the cause of a fire at a recycling plant in the West Midlands. More than 200 fire-fighters and 39 fire engines were deployed over several days to tackle the fire involving plastics and paper.

In addition to the fire risk, lanterns are also a cause of concern to farmers who have previously called for them to be banned following cases of livestock being injured or killed from eating the metal parts accidentally chopped into animal feed during harvest, or getting caught in wire frames that have landed in fields. Lanterns have also been mistaken for distress flares at sea, placing a demand on the resources of HM Coastguard.

They are hopeful that the Parish Council would set an example by prohibiting the use of sky lanterns at any of our sites or green spaces. They have also asked that through our licensing powers we refuse approval for events where there is a planned release of sky lanterns.



Hawkesbury Parish Council (continued)

The Parish Council discussed the contents of the letter in full and it was agreed to support the request. It was felt this request should be placed in the Parish News; if you would like to express your views/comments please email the Clerk parishcouncil@hawkesburyupton.com; this will also be discussed with the Hall Committee at their next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting (Please note the change of venue)

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 13th April 2015 at the **Methodist Hall Back Street** Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

Hazel Jones
Parish Clerk
2 Fox Close
Hawkesbury Upton
GL9 1EQ
Tele: 01454 238074 parishcouncil@hawkesburyupton.com



Brampton Willows, based near Beccles, have been commissioned to make three more of their willow 'Waves' as Cross-country obstacles for this year's Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials.

The 'Waves' will be the show-piece

New Waves for Badminton Horse Trials

obstacles at the world famous Lake for this year's Cross-country event.

Brampton Willows designed and made the original ones back in 2006 but after nine years of pounding by the horses, the Event director, Hugh Thomas, thought it was time to replace them with new ones. The 'Waves' are designed as mobile obstacles which can be moved around and used for many years. The willow has been

woven around an integral steel armature for structural strength as the obstacles have to be able to withstand the impact of half a ton of horse landing on them.

The waves move on impact, only to spring back immediately afterwards. Although very solid, they have quite a bit of 'give' in them which is a good thing for both horses and riders!

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Theatre Trips to Bristol Hippodrome:

March:

		<u>ADULT</u>	<u>CHILD</u>
Sat 28th	Cardiff	£12.00	£ 8.00

April:

Weds 1st	Weston-Super-Mare	£11.00	£ 7.50
Tues 7th	Abergavenny Market	£12.00	£ 8.00
Thurs 9th	Bath	£ 9.00	£ 6.00
Thur 16th	The Full Monty	£35.50	
Sat 25th	Wellsbourne Market & Stratford Upon Avon	£17.00	£11.50

May:

Sat 9th	Exeter	£17.00	£11.50
Thur 14th	Lord of The Dance Dangerous Games	£43.50	£41.00
Sun 17th	Weston-Super-Mare	£11.00	£ 7.50
Mon 25th	Bournemouth	£17.00	£11.50
Tues 26th	Moreton-in-Marsh & Bourton-on-the-Water	£12.00	£ 8.00

June:

7th—11th	Carmarthen Tour	Full details on request	
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Book at Hawkesbury Post Office or Westward Travel office in Wotton.

Local families to benefit from a Big Lottery Grant. Volunteers needed!

Local charity Home-Start Bristol is celebrating as it has just been awarded £145,000 by the Big Lottery to support families with young children. This 5 year grant will fund a new project called 'Families on the Edge' focussing on the areas bordering Bristol and South Gloucestershire. The charity, which trains volunteers to provide this vital service, sees the new grant as a great endorsement of their existing work. A previous grant from Big Lottery already funds work in the City of Bristol.

Home-Start's work has been a lifeline for many. As many studies suggest, the early years of a child's life are crucially important which is why Home-Start Bristol's ethos is to focus on working with young children and their families in these

formative years. The charity's network of volunteer parents and grandparents give 2-3 hours a week to support and offer friendship to families so that children have a much better chance of reaching their potential in later life.

One of the fathers helped by a Home-Start Bristol volunteer said: 'Having our volunteer come into our home was very important. Although it was only for a short period of time, it was perfect timing. When I was physically strained, emotionally drained – you guys were there! When my wife is fully recovered I hope someday I can do the same and give something back. Thank you so much!'

Another parent said, 'The support came when I needed it most and it

did help a lot...our volunteer was an amazing person, very friendly and helpful. It was a cordial relationship. She was approachable and easy going, not a stranger.'

Home-Start Bristol is now recruiting new volunteers to enable them to begin the new project in 2015 and continue to help families in all parts of Bristol.

There are great rewards to be reaped from volunteering – training, the chance to meet new people and, above all, the satisfaction of knowing that you have made a difference. As one volunteer said, 'Volunteering makes me feel valued.'

For more information about becoming a volunteer please phone 01179 501170 or visit our web site: www.homestartbristol.org.uk

Under the Edge Arts

Under the Edge Arts (UTEA) is a volunteer-run community arts centre offering a wide range of arts classes, events and activities including regular live music performances. Tickets can be booked online, or by contacting us on 07791 323869.

Venue: The Chipping Hall, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7AD

The UTEA Spring 2015 programme is in full swing, it is crammed with performances and art, dance, music, craft and drama classes. email: info@utea.org.uk

April Events:

Saturday 11th April, 10am-12noon- Volunteers Morning

Drop in to the Chipping Hall for coffee and pastries and find out how you can help us and get involved in our events.

Saturday 11th April, 8pm - Fundraising talk: World to Ward

Chris Harland takes us on a roller-coaster ride of the purest form of aviation - paragliding. He describes the origin of his motivation to the grim reality of tumbling to earth over Cheltenham. A tale of dreams and nightmares and heartfelt appreciation for our emergency services! Entrance costs £7/£6

Saturday 18th April, 8pm- Sean Taylor

Sean Taylor is one of the hottest new names in the UK blues/acoustic scene. With songwriting of the highest calibre & a passion for performance, he has attracted comparisons with John Martyn & Tom Waits. www.seantaylorongs.com. Entrance £8/£6.

Sunday 19th April, 2.30 - 4.30pm - Tea Dance

Join Angela & Bryan for ballroom, Latin and social sequence dancing. Includes tea and cake. Entrance costs £5/£4.

Saturday 25th April, 8pm - Tangled up in Dylan

The Open Secrets return to UTEA with

their exciting new project. The band prides itself on performing original material in the Americana tradition, but over several months an idea took hold, to develop a project interpreting and performing the songs of Bob Dylan - and it's proven very popular! www.theopensecrets.co.uk. Tickets cost £7/£5.

Sunday 26th April, 10am - 4pm - Fun with Fusing with Caroline Lambert

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(announced so far...)

Paloma Faith

Friday 19 June:

Tickets cost £38.50
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Tom Odell (with special guest Rae Morris)

Saturday 20 June:

Tickets cost £34.50
(plus £3.45 per ticket booking fee)

The Vamps (plus guests)

Sunday 21 June
Tickets cost £32.50
(plus £3.25 per ticket booking fee)

Robert Plant

Friday 10 July
Tickets cost £48.50
(plus £4.85 per ticket booking fee).

Tickets available online from
the Forestry Commission Box Office
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Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	22-Mar	7:30pm	Vinyl Night – music appreciation on old-school vinyl. Dig out your tunes on the theme of “colours” and join us for a superb evening
Sun	29-Mar	8pm	Talk; "My Antarctic Sailing experience" by Nigel Vaughan, Chairman of Hillesley Community Pub Ltd, on his recent adventure
Fri	03-Apr	9:30am	The Fleece Golf Society meets for sausage sandwiches prior to a round of golf (using The Fleece Handicap system) at Woodlands Golf Club, returning for a meal at The Fleece. Contact John Knowles to register to play
Sat	04-Apr	2pm-7pm	Inaugural FIOlympics (Fleece Inn pub games Olympics), followed by buffet supper. Teams of 2 (minimum one adult), £10 per adult/£5 child (includes buffet, disco & contribution to charity)
Sat	04-Apr	8pm	Olympics Disco
Sun	05-Apr	Midday	Special Easter Sunday lunch – booking in advance recommended
Sun	05-Apr	8pm	Quiz. Teams of four, £2 per head, prizes and charity fund raising
Sun	12-Apr	7:30pm	Acoustic Evening. Sing, play or recite – or just enjoy the free live entertainment
Wed	15-Apr	10:30am	Coffee Morning. Come have some delicious Fleece coffee and cakes. Meet and gossip about village life and also support a worthy charity with the raffle
Sun	19-Apr	7:30pm	Board Games evening (for grown-ups). Come along and play some of those perennial favourites such as Balderdash, Articulate and Cluedo whilst enjoying a glass of beer or wine
Thu	23-Apr	7pm	Special St George's Day menu - great British food favourites (will it be roast beef, fish & chips, or CTM?) – advance booking recommended
Sun	26-Apr	8pm	Vinyl Night – music appreciation on the theme of “guitar solos”

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Cerys Bradley	01454 238761	19yr old, experienced babysitter available all day and/or evening for child minding or mathematics tutoring (up to and including GCSE level).
Caroline Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	16yrs old. Available for Baby sitting, Dog Walking and Pet Minding. .
Charlie Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	14yrs old. Available for dog walking and grass cutting.
Abi Cooper	01454 238836 / 07795 321337	I am an energetic 15 year old with experience in babysitting with a younger sister and many younger cousins, also available to pet sit & walk (whatever the animal may be)! Cake baking is also a hobby of mine so willing to make lots of cakes... Just ask!
Caitlin Houlbrook	01454 238844 07779396639	I am 15 years old, a reliable and experienced babysitter, dog walker (I own a dog so can handle them very well) and pet minder. Available most days after school and weekends, or anytime in the school holidays.
Abbie Merritt	01454 326155 07531 377077	I am raising funds for my World Challenge trip to Ecuador in 2015. I am available to babysit most evenings and weekends. I am also able to offer a pet minding service - specialising in exotic pets. I am used to handling reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, arachnids, and anything woolly, fluffy or hairy.
Katie Munro	01454 238 174	I am an 18 year old experienced babysitter (references can be supplied). I am reliable and trustworthy and love working with young children. I am available anytime - during the day, evenings or weekends.
Ellie Parker	01454 238261	I am reliable and responsible 15 year old who is available for babysitting at weekends or petcare / dog walking after school or weekends. I can also assist with horses including mucking out, turning out, bringing in etc.
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Still Alice Running time: 101 mins Cert 12A

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Friday, 27th March 19:30 Saturday, 28th March 19:30 Sunday, 29th March 19:30
 Monday, 30th March 20:15 Tuesday, 31st March 19:30 Wednesday, 1st April 20:30
 Thursday, 2nd April 19:30

Royal Exchange: Hamlet Running time: 200 mins Cert 12A

"From its sell-out run at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre comes this unique and critically acclaimed production of Shakespeare's tragic Hamlet. In this stripped-back, fresh and fast-paced version, BAFTA nominee Maxine Peake creates a Hamlet for now, giving a performance hailed as "delicately ferocious" by The Guardian and "a milestone Hamlet" by the Manchester Evening News.

Hamlet is Shakespeare's most iconic work. The play explodes with big ideas and is the ultimate story of loyalty, love, betrayal, murder and madness. Hamlet's father is dead and Denmark has crowned a new king. Consumed by grief, he struggles to exact revenge, with devastating consequences.

Sunday, 5th April 19:00

White God Running time: 119 mins Cert 15

Winner of the Prize Un Certain Regard Award at this year's Cannes Festival, Kornel Mundruczo's newest film is a story of the indignities visited upon animals by their supposed "human superiors", but it's also an brutal, beautiful metaphor for the political and cultural tensions sweeping contemporary Europe. When young Lili is forced to give up her beloved dog Hagen, because it's mixed-breed heritage is deemed 'unfit' by The State, she and the dog begin a dangerous journey back towards each other. At the same time, all the unwanted, unloved and so-called 'unfit' dogs rise up under a new leader, Hagen, the one-time housepet who has learned all too well from his 'Masters' in his journey through the streets and animal control centers how to bite the hands that beats him . . .

Sunday, 12th April 19:30

Shaun the Sheep Running time: 85 mins Cert U

When Shaun decides to take the day off and have some fun, he gets a little more action than he bargained for! Shaun's mischief inadvertently leads to The Farmer being taken away from the farm, to the Big City.

Join Shaun, Bitzer and The Flock on their hilarious, action-packed, big screen adventure as they make plans to rescue the missing Farmer. A story about how we sometimes forget to appreciate the things we have in life, and the people who love us. Shaun the Sheep The Movie introduces us to two new Aardman characters; Trumper the animal warden who rules the city's animal shelter with a rod of iron and Slip, an inner city orphan dog who helps Shaun save the day.

Friday, 27th March 14:00 Saturday, 28th March 14:00 Sunday, 29th March 14:00 Monday, 30th March 14:00
 Tuesday, 31st March 14:00 Wednesday, 1st April 14:00 Thursday, 2nd April 14:00

Mommy Running time: 140 mins Cert 15

A feisty widowed single mom finds herself burdened with the full-time custody of her unpredictable 15-year-old ADHD son. As they struggle to make ends meet, Kyla, the peculiar new neighbor across the street, offers her help. Together, they find a new sense of balance, and hope is regained . . .

Sunday, 26th April 19:30

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EASY !!

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		7		2	1			
	1		6			2	5	
		4		8				5
	3		5				4	
	9					8		1
		2			6		9	
		9		5		6	7	4
			3		7		2	

					8	1		
							6	
					7	8	5	9
				9		2		4
			5		2			
2	7		1				3	8
6		1	9					
	8	3			1		4	
		9	3		5			

Answers to the March quizzes:-

'Easy'

5	2	9	1	6	7	3	4	8
4	3	6	9	2	8	1	7	5
1	7	8	3	5	4	2	9	6
7	5	2	8	4	9	6	3	1
6	9	1	7	3	5	8	2	4
8	4	3	2	1	6	9	5	7
9	1	4	5	8	2	7	6	3
3	6	7	4	9	1	5	8	2
2	8	5	6	7	3	4	1	9

'Not so Easy'

9	1	5	7	2	8	4	6	3
3	2	8	4	6	5	1	7	9
4	7	6	9	1	3	2	5	8
1	8	3	6	7	2	9	4	5
5	6	2	8	9	4	3	1	7
7	9	4	3	5	1	8	2	6
2	5	9	1	8	7	6	3	4
6	4	7	2	3	9	5	8	1
8	3	1	5	4	6	7	9	2



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