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## Happy reading in 2017!

### Latest Scam — this time relating to BT

The latest scam to reach us is another phone scam, by persons claiming to be from BT, checking broadband speeds of customer in the area.

They claim to be able to see that your broadband speed is not what it should be and has been bad for some time. However, they now claim to be on the case and able to sort it and provide a refund because of the poor speeds for so long.

The amount specified to an attempted victim was £204.50 to be credited to their account, but they would need to do some remote tweaks to the PC to make it all work more efficiently. This is where the poor unsuspecting person gets caught as they are then asked to enter a few of the usual keystrokes that allow the scammer onto the PC.

In the meantime, they have asked for bank details to make the refund and the refund seems takes place but, hey ho, there is suddenly an issue that they have refunded too much, in the recent case it was something around £2204.50. The scammer then asked the customer to check their online back account and the

money appears to be in their account, with the 'BT' person also apparently able to see the online account.

The next step was to then pay 'BT' back by some sort of transfer but only £900 then another £900, with a claim that it is something to do with paying 'Corporate Accounts'.

In this recent instance the person got suspicious and hung up and called Lloyds bank, they confirmed that they had spotted this fraudulent activity and there was in fact no £2204.50 in his account.

The victim could no longer logon to their PC, which needed to be cleaned up and is now OK, but it is not a pleasant experience and nearly 2 hours were spent on the phone!

Thanks to Angelo for details of the scam, which have been passed onto Neighbourhood Watch & local police.

If you are a BT customer and you receive a call you are unsure of, you will not need to do any of this, as they will already have all your account and payment details. Just hang up.

### It's a Boy!

Ezra Fox Dunk was born 30th November 2016. Ezra arrived unexpectedly at home just after the paramedics! *Matt, Kristy and Ivy Dunk* Congratulations to all and a very warm welcome to Ezra from the Parish News team.



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**PLEASE NOTE!!** The deadline for the February issue is Sunday 15th January.

## Editorial



### Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the January 2017 issue of the Hawkesbury Parish News. I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and that you are now looking ahead to what 2017 has in store. After all the mad rush in the run up to Christmas and the preparations, the next job is dealing with the leftovers, which is never a problem in our house. Soup, turkey & ham pies, and bubble & squeak are some of the best loved post-Christmas staples in our house. However, anyone still struggling to get through the sprouts, should invite over a lady called Emma Dalton. Just before Christmas, she was in the news for

eating a record helping of sprouts - 325 sprouts to be precise (over 3kg) in just half an hour. Now, I love my veg, but even I cannot imagine attempting that! Apparently, covering them in mint sauce helped her to get through them. Perhaps I'll suggest that to local non-sprout fan Mr Truebody... Before Christmas, I always look out for the latest bizarre gift in the endless catalogues that pour through the letterbox. This year, the "Lawn Spiker Sandals", that very brave husbands might have purchased for their gardening enthusiast spouse in previous years, have now been eclipsed by the "Floormop Slippers". I kid you not!

These little "beauties" slip comfortably onto the feet and enable you to "clean floors while walking around the house". I imagine many A&E departments may have seen an increase in men with frying pan-related injuries in areas wherever these may have been purchased... 2017 sees the arrival of several anniversaries and events - the 20th anniversary of Dolly the Sheep being cloned, the 50th anniversary of Donald Campbell's death, and Stephen Hawking will celebrate his 75th birthday. Food for thought for the coming months. Wishing you all the best for 2017.

**A very Happy New Year to you All! From Fiona, Jill, Pauline, Suzanne & Vicky**

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High Street, Hawkesbury Upton. Tel: 01454 238217

### Flavours of Italy at The Fox Inn

High Street, Hawkesbury Upton. Tel: 01454 238558

**Did you know that we have Websites for the Village and also for the Village Hall?**  
**[www.hawkesburyupton.com](http://www.hawkesburyupton.com) and [www.village-hall.org](http://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.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 9th January 2017, 7.30pm** at the **Village Hall** (upstairs room).

## Burns night at the Beaufort

Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Celebrating the '2 Robbies'  
 Burns and Stevenson  
 3 course Haggis special  
 Long John Silver Trust fundraiser  
 Details on [www.beaufortarms.com](http://www.beaufortarms.com)

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Thursdays 10-11.30am

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**Yoga starts again**  
**Thursday 12 January**  
 Any profit is used to support  
 the work of World vision charity.

## Hillesley Ball

20 May 2017  
 hosted by The Friends of Hillesley School  
 Raising funds to improve  
 the outdoor area of the school  
 Black Tie. 7.30pm  
 Come along for fantastic evening in a beautiful marquee  
 on the Jubilee Playing Field. Live music provided by  
 Dukes of Havoc - one of the UK's top party bands, fun  
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 Reservations are now being taken. Tables of 10. You can  
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 Deposit together with contact details  
 due by 31 Jan 2017.

## Evergreens



Tuesday 10th January 2017  
 New Year Party and entertainment  
 At the Village Hall  
 2:30pm start



If you would like to come along and need a lift  
 please give me a ring. Mandy 01454 261436

## 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 Volunteer Transport

**Please Note:** There will be no  
 Hawkesbury Volunteer Transport service  
 between **December 23rd** and **January 3rd**.

## New Year Bin Collections — No Change

Mon 02/01/2017 —  
 Plastic bag, recycling box, paper, food bin

## Table Top Sale

Saturday 21st January  
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Village Hall  
 £10 a stall (further details in this issue)

## HAWKESBURY THEATRICAL GROUP CASTING MEETING THURSDAY

**26 January 2017**  
**Methodist School Room,**  
**Back Street at 8.15pm**

## BUILDER'S RUBBLE, DEBRIS, GARDEN WASTE...

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A big thank you to all the Preschool Play leaders for a fantastic Christmas Play. Super singing and acting skills were enjoyed by all. We also had an amazing trip to see Santa at Cattle Country on the 6th December and a delicious Xmas lunch cooked by Louisa and Mel (thank you ladies - it was truly delicious!).

Also here at preschool this term it was not without its Xmas festivities. Our Xmas Raffle was again a huge success and we look forward to letting you know if you have won something! The Xmas party hosted by Preschool and Hawkesbury Cricket Club was also a

memorable night with some very energetic dancing and great costumes! Thank you for all your support this year- Our Preschool is run in a non- profit manner and all we fundraise goes towards making the Preschool environment a better place for all the children who attend.

We are looking forward to a great start to the New Year with several new starters: Welcome Arthur, Jack and Wilfie also we will have Freddie starting in Jan. Please make them and their parents feel welcome.

**Toddlers Group**

well what a busy term we've had a great turnout to. This December term we have been preparing things for Christmas, doing cards, decorations and even our Christmas party on Monday the 12th

December which was lovely thank you to Lucy for all the craft, games and music also thank you to Bree for providing the snacks, also a thank you to Sophia and the others who helped with making the teas.

We will start again on January 9th at 9:45am so please do come and join us.

I would also like to add that Bree will be stepping down as one of our leaders she has done a wonderful job of providing us with the snacks since September thank you for all your help also.

We would also like to put a call to anyone who can help out at toddlers from January as our lovely Bree is stepping down as one of our leaders so we would be grateful to anyone who thinks they can help.



**Young Hawks After School Club**

We aim to provide quality childcare at an affordable price and to offer a place where children can play freely and interact socially in the care of trained staff

**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.**

**Tel: 07527 224741 email: [louisa.tooker@hawkesbury.org.uk](mailto:louisa.tooker@hawkesbury.org.uk)**

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**Attending parties over the New Year?**  
**Check out our comprehensive list of babysitters, which is regularly updated, including several new additions in recent months. See page 34.**  
**Book early to avoid disappointment!**  
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Would you like cash for something round the home that you no longer want/need/like?

**Well, why not let me sell it for you on ebay?**

I have been active on ebay since 2001 and my 100% positive feedback is as a result of over 1,000 deals For a percentage I will deal with everything including taking photos of the item, setting up the auction on the ebay website, dealing with any queries from buyers, receiving the sale proceeds and posting off the item for you.

Some items might attract a better price at a local auction house, and dealing with this is another service I can offer

You can set the starting price and if required, set a reserve price.

Any questions, call me on 238778, email me

at [mickbendeaux@hotmail.com](mailto:mickbendeaux@hotmail.com) or come and see me at 20 Birgagge Road.

**ANTHONY HARCOURT  
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*Please note change of address:*

111 Horse Street  
Chipping Sodbury BS37 6DF  
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## GIRLGUIDING FUNDRAISER ICELAND 2017



### BEETLE DRIVE!

04/03/2017

A fun-filled family afternoon event!

An exciting game of chance!

Refreshments and a raffle!

Never played? Come and join us!

Fundraising for the girl-guiding trip to Iceland in August 2017, the beetle drive will be accompanied with hotdogs and drinks.

Tickets will be on sale soon!

More details to follow.

Hope to see you there, Carys Wareham!



### **CAT FOUND!**

Following my "Lost Cat" notice in last month's Parish News, I'm pleased to say my cat has been found alive and well...but in London!

He came to me from London as he needed a new home. After one month he appeared to have settled well and I thought he was taking to the country life.

Apparently not, the city called. Five weeks after he walked out on me he was handed in to a veterinary surgery in Barry Road, Dulwich, SE London (which happens to be the road where my father was born) a little thinner and a bit grubby but otherwise unscathed!

His chip meant his first owner was alerted so he was collected and taken

back to his original home just 3 miles away where he remains.

So far he's not giving anything away as to how he managed to travel so far alone!

Thank you to everyone who searched, looked out for him and asked whether he'd been found.

**Alison Barnett**

### **Spring Cleaning for 2017?**

At this time of year when it is "out with the old and in with the new", it's also time for some spring cleaning. If you are clearing out your wardrobe, remember that there is a clothing/textiles recycling bin at the front of the village hall car park.

Any clothing or textile items deposited will help to raise well-needed funds for the Great Western Air Ambulance.

Have a clear out to start off 2017 and you can help a great charity in the process.

Note that there are frequently vans dropping off charity bags in the area. Trading Standards are often reporting that many of these are not genuine charities, but companies cashing in on selling clothing by the tonne. If in doubt, use the recycling bin or take items to a charity shop.

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**Any donations can be dropped off at 14 Hunters Mead or tel Pam & Mike Bendry on 238773. Thank you.**

## HAWKESBURY VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT

Christmas came early this year for HVT. After a bit of a wait, the new Comcar has arrived and today completed its first trip taking Brian Noble to the BRI, with “yours truly” driving. I apologise to all those who believed me when I said it was pink, actually it is white or it was when we collected it.

The new vehicle, another Citroen is larger, has more leg room for the rear passengers, it has soundproofing, so is a lot quieter, and the seats are of a much better quality, also it has the HVT logo on the rear.

For the drivers, the split rear doors have been replaced by a hatch so rear vision is improved, there are reversing indicators, and central locking, plus one or two other extras.

It is thanks to all of the volunteers, past and present, who, have contributed their time, and in many cases the use of their own car, for transporting members of the local community to and from medical appointments, that HVT is considered, by South Gloucestershire Council, worthy of support, without which we could not provide the standard of service that we now achieve.

Now we need some help. Our communications between Coordinator and the drivers and passengers is a vital

necessity. Recently the very poor mobile telephone signal has deteriorated to the extent that all of the Coordinators are struggling to get even a one bar signal. HVT uses a mobile phone, which has been changed 3 times this year using different signal suppliers all to no avail. So is there anyone who can advise me about any system that is available that improves the signal, or allows the use of a landline?

Meanwhile, would passengers please be

patient if you don't get a reply, and as a temporary measure contact me on my home phone, 01454238788 if you don't get a reply after 24 hours. Also remember the shorter the notice that you give, the less chance there is that a driver can be found.

Finally I would like to wish all members of the HVT Team, our passengers, and our supporters “A Peaceful and Healthy New Year”

**Alan Shewry**



John and Alan receiving the vehicle from Roy Steele, the SGC Transport Operations Manager.

### A Thank you to the village

The shock of Vicki's death, so soon after being diagnosed, was frankly devastating. I want to thank the village wholeheartedly, for the terrific support I have received and am still receiving, at this dreadful time. I really feel the love and kindness coming through, that wouldn't necessarily be there, had I

lived in a large town or city.

Thanks again to a wonderful village, full of friends, and also for the many cards and letters which bring so much comfort to soften the pain at this time.

John Hopes

If you require transport for a medical related appointment

Call the

**HVT co-ordinator**

On

**0797 206 5665**

This is an **answerphone** so please leave a message giving the following details in full.

**Your name**

**Telephone number**

**Destination required**

**Day, Date and Time of your appointment**

**HAWKESBURY VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT GROUP**

Hawkesbury Youth Clubs

# **TABLE-TOP SALE**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
10am-1pm  
in the village hall**

**Find a good home  
for those unwanted Christmas gifts  
and make some extra cash.  
Or just come along to snap up some bargains.**

**£10 a table  
BOOK EARLY!!**

**Light refreshments will be served**

**To book your table contact :  
Caroline Mockford 238478 or  
Becki Spokes 238841**



**Hawkesbury  
Upton  
Post Office**

Thanks for your patience during the run up to Christmas. We seem to have many more people from outside the village now using the post office, which has led to even more mail sacks being filled every day during December.

Father Christmas's special post box was also extremely busy this year, with Santa's elves collecting letters daily to ensure that all the personal replies could be delivered before Christmas Eve, despite Father Christmas' normal workload. Hopefully, he's now enjoying a well-earned rest.

Now that the Christmas rush is over, don't forget that we have a great range of Thank You cards and notelets which are perfect for showing your appreciation to those who treated you over the festive season!

**Wishing a very  
Happy New Year 2017  
to all our customers!**

**Dick Blundell  
Subpostmaster**



## **HAWKESBURY THEATRICAL GROUP**

**CASTING MEETING THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017**

**Methodist School Room, Back Street at 8.15pm**

Following the success of our last show 'A Night to Remember' in November, we are already planning ahead for our next production which will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an evening in the same format as our May 2015 production of 'A Question of Drama' which involves a fun and interactive evening with questions on performances of songs and sketches. If you would like to be involved in any way, whether on stage or back stage, please come along to the meeting or call Fiona Webb on 238758 for more information.

*We are having a social get-together in The Fox on Thursday 19 January from 8.15pm to which old and new members are very welcome.*



# Hawkesbury Stores

A COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS

## OPENING TIMES

Mon - Sat: 7am-6pm

Sunday: 8am-12.30pm

## Happy New Year to everyone who has made the first six months of Hawkesbury Stores a grand success!

- **The shop volunteers** - who help customers with a smile, stack the shelves, make the filled rolls, cook the pies, put away the bread, milk and newspapers, price label the stock, clean the shelves, check fridge temperatures, check expiry dates on stock and much more.
- **The behind-the-scenes volunteers** - who have fundraised, decorated, delivered, cultivated, designed, risk assessed, fixed and fettled, lifted, donated, organised, coordinated and enthused!
- **Kath and Kate** – who keep the shop running smoothly, the volunteers supported and confident, and always know what to do or who to contact when things don't always go to plan. Their warm welcome and cheery chats with customers show real old-fashioned customer service at its best.
- And finally – a HUGE thank you to all our **Customers** - who have supported the shop in so many ways. You may call in every day, once a week or just when necessary – but every visit and every purchase, you are keeping the shop alive and well and in a strong position to continue to serve the community in 2017

### A taste of India at Hawkesbury Stores.

There's nothing like a tasty curry to warm your cockles on a winter's evening. Hawkesbury Stores stocks all the ingredients you need to make your favourite Indian curry at home.

- Curry pastes from mild to hot
- Award winning Holy Cow! curry sauces, each pouch serves 2
- Family-sized chilled curry sauces
- Mango chutney
- Rice, poppadoms and a variety of naan breads.



### HOMEMADE IN THE COTSWOLDS

Got lots of cheese left from Christmas? Perk it up with Auntie Caroline's chutneys and pickles, made in Cirencester. The chutney range includes amorous apple, precious plum, gorgeous gooseberry, ravishing red onion, perky port & cranberry and cheek burning chilli. And in the pickled range are pickled eggs, posh piccalilli, glorious gherkins and sassy silverskins.

### CHARFIELD HONEY

Now in stock, made by bees that forage between Charfield and Wotton. We have 1lb jars of delicious runny and soft set honey priced at £5.25.

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## Gardening thoughts for the New Year

While most planting and caring for seeds and growing is at a low ebb, maybe now is the time to thinking of putting a bit of effort into the great provider in the garden - the soil. Whilst most of garden maintenance is wrapped up by Autumn, a lot of good work can be done in terms of soil improvement at this time providing conditions are good and we aren't clomping about compacting wet soil. We should look at the 3 main types of garden soil we have (There are a huge variety)

1. Heavy soil which has a high clay content. This will normally have some water and nutrient content, but because of it's compact nature , it is high impenetrable to the tiny

roots of especially new plants in their search for sustenance.

2. Sandy soil which is, as stated, of a high sand content and does not hold water or nutrients well ,hence the plant roots can penetrate it easily but there's little sustenance when they do
3. Loam, which is a balanced soil and achieves the support for plants and the food and water which they need.

The addition of organic material when forked into the garden such as manure or compost, will always help to achieve a balance in the former two for plant success.

1. In heavy soils organic material will open up pathways in the clay for small roots to pass.

2. In sandy soils organic material will provide body and help to retain food and water.

We get some nutrition normally from compost or manure but in the cases I mention, the main purpose is to condition the soil. to allow it to do the job we expect of it. We can always feed the plants we grow with nutrients specific to their needs.

Because plants and soil are so complex, their needs are all different and plants take different things from the soil. For this reason, they aren't grown in the same place all of the time so the soil does not lose a particular element. This can be achieved by crop rotation which will be discussed in the February magazine.

**Brian Noble**

### Ebay

Just a quick thankyou to those readers who have made use of my service over the years. My feedback now totals over 1,000. I will not be advertising anymore, however I am still offering the service BUT I'm afraid I cannot take on the sale of clothing anymore.

There are literally tens of thousands of items of various clothing listed and I am finding it hard to move the items I currently have unless I vastly reduce the price, which unfortunately then leads on to only a small reward for my efforts.

Anything else I will consider - over the years I have sold a camera lens to China, a thimble collection to Germany, a clock to Vietnam, bibles to the USA and many other sometimes obscure items all over the place. Unfortunately due to a misunderstanding I have been given 1 negative feedback this year thereby reducing my current rating to 99%, hopefully this will be reset in the New Year.

Thanks again.

Mick Bendeaux

### Sincere Condolences

News reached us at time of going to press that Fred Eamer had sadly passed away on 12th December, aged 88.

The Parish News team would like to extend our sincere condolences to Joyce, Lorraine and all of the Eamer family and friends

## Grants for Community Projects

**Calling all Village Groups and Organisations** – the South Gloucestershire Area Grants has now changed and is called the Member Awarded Funding Scheme. The local councillor – in this case, me –Sue Hope – has £3000 to allocate to local registered groups operating in the Cotswold Edge Ward.

If you are interested in applying for a grant - contact me to discuss in the first instance – I have application and guidance forms. Details can also be found on [www.southglos.gov/MAF](http://www.southglos.gov/MAF)

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## More from the Hawkesbury Parish News archives.....

### 10 years ago (January 2007)

- On January 14<sup>th</sup> the Village Hall held a Sunday breakfast, and invited people to take a look at the new toilet cubicles, including the accessible toilet/shower room, that had just been fitted.
- Residents were invited to a drop-in meeting at the Village Hall, as a pre-launch for the Hawkesbury Vision Project. Data gathered from the previously distributed questionnaire would be displayed and members of the Steering Group would be available to answer any questions.
- The Friends of St Mary's held a 'Guess the number of logs on the back of Michael Cox's pick-up' as a fundraiser. £300 was raised towards the organ restoration fund. Mr Fred Horne, from Inglestone Common guessed the exact number of logs as 328, and won the load of logs as his prize.
- Moira Fozard wrote that the WI Christmas Party meeting had been a great success. There was mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas carols. The hall was dressed for Christmas and Gladys's tree arrangement was just beautiful. Mrs Bell gave a talk on Harrods in Edwardian times. Photographs were shown of the first 'moving staircase' which was built in the store in 1898.
- Hawkesbury Playgroup and Toddlers wished a Happy Birthday to the following children, who had birthdays in January – Rachel Jennings, 2 years old on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harriet Hicks, 1 year old on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Pidsley, 1 year old on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Tammy Newman, 3 years old on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Adam Phillips, 4 years old on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A Blue Peter 'Bring & Buy sale' was to be held in the School Hall, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Organisers Angela Evers, Jeni Osborne, Gill Truebody and Christine Chancellor invited everyone to come to support this good cause
- The Wednesday Night Youth Club had arranged a skittles evening on January 17<sup>th</sup> at The Fox Inn. This was to raise some funds to take the youngsters for an evening out in town. Tickets were to be £1 each, to include a ploughman's supper. Organisers were Joan Yuill, Barry Philpott and Mark Weaver
- Sue Hope, as secretary of the Village Hall, thanked all those people and organisations that had given generously towards the Annual Christmas Whist Drive and Annual draw. The evening had made about £300 profit, which would go towards the building fund. The improvements and extensions to the existing hall were to be in three phases. Stage 1 – the creation of more bar space and storage, with a small dressing room for the stage; Stage 2 – an extension to the kitchen; Stage 3 – an extension to create a permanent stage and more storage. Sue reported that the acoustic ceiling had already been completed and this had not only aided the acoustics in the hall, but made the upstairs room much warmer in the winter months.

### 20 years ago (January 1997)

- Terry Truebody reported that 380 people had come to see the Hawkesbury Theatrical Group's Autumn production of 'The Pied Piper of Hawkesbury'. Profits from the show were donated to the Methodist Chapel in Back Street to help with their repair works.

### 30 years ago (January 1987)

- Hawkesbury Church choir had sung carols in Badminton House in December, by the invitation of the Duchess of Beaufort. A team of hand bell ringers from Bristol also played. Church people from Hawkesbury and Badminton came to join in and the Duchess had provided refreshments.

Researched by Vicky Rispin

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### New Editor for Hawkesbury Parish News

We have had some interest in the editorship role for the Parish News, however, no one has currently committed to taking it on.

It is such a rewarding task, that provides a great insight into what goes on in the village. It really needs someone with time to take it on (retired or part time worker, perhaps) to secure

its future for the forthcoming years. It could be a great role for a budding graphic designer or someone who just wants to get more involved in village life.

For further information, please get in touch,  
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## HELLO NEW YEAR By Alan C. Porter



There's a certain flatness that follows the merry passing of the old year and the spirited, very spirited greeting of the New Year; it's called January and you can throw in February as well! But there's no need to despair for I have found that by putting away large stocks of Mr Kipling's mince pies and a few Christmas pud's will help no end to brighten the dark days of winter ahead.

The decorations have been taken down and put away for another year and I've found a few more aches and pains to groan my way through that were not there last year, but a glass or two of single malt should put that right!

But all is not lost, there is light on the horizon to lift the shroud of melancholy that threatens to engulf the most woebegone amongst us. This light comes from the many pots that I crammed full of bulbs in the autumn that are now starting to show signs of activity to indicate that spring is on the way!

Now that sight, ably assisted with a mince pie and a cuppa, is enough to brighten the drabest of days and fill the heart with the happy promise of what's to come!

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



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## HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

[www.hawkesbury-gardening-club.org.uk](http://www.hawkesbury-gardening-club.org.uk)

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

Our speaker for November was **Jane Moore**, the head gardener at The Priory in Bath since 2003, who gave a very interesting talk entitled '**Colours in the Garden**'. The walled gardens at The Priory cover nearly 4 acres and Jane manages it all with just one helper - her friend Anna. The gardens have been described as 'four acres of horticultural paradise' and they were recently selected as the best out of 518 other Relais & Châteaux properties spread across 60 countries. Two of the special sights of the gardens are the magnificent Wisterias on the terrace and a 150 year old Lebanon cedar tree. And you can see them all when they open for the NGS in April and August.

To get you prepared for the coming growing season *Marshfield Gardening Club* are holding their annual

*Potato & Seed Sale* on Saturday 21st January from 10.30am until 1.30pm at Marshfield Community Centre. Entrance will be 50p which includes a raffle ticket.

Our next full meeting will be on Monday 27th February 2017 when **Roger Umpelby** will talk about **A Plant Lovers View of Fiji and Samoa**.

You do not need to be a gardener to attend our meetings and there are advantages to becoming a member, such as discounted seeds and coach trips. If you are not a member and would like to hear a speaker that takes your fancy then come along as a guest for just £3.00.

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## 2016 Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to all the poppy collectors and to all those in the village and commons who have given so generously. Thanks to Mary Davies, Jenny Harris and Sam Allen for helping to count the money in the tins.

### House to House collections

Gill Truebody	High Street (Shop end )	£75.63
Sally MacFadyen	High Street (Pool end)	£114.49
Sam Allen	Back St, Park St,	£253.27
Liz Howard	Inglestone Common, The Pike, Petty France	£178.23
Sybil & Gilb Tizzard	Sandpits Lane	£74.62
Dave Hives	France Lane, Hawkesbury Grange, 6 Cottages, Britton Bottom	£167.27
Eric Mortiboys	Birgage Road & Hunters Mead	£102.23
Pat Sherry	Highfields	£44.89
Mary Davies	Hawkesbury Common	£125.11

### Static Collections

Beaufort Arms	£32.49
Fox Inn	£11.84
Hawkesbury School	£27.43
Bodkin House Hotel	£31.64
Hawkesbury Shop	£172.36
Out of the Blue shop	£110.45

In addition to the above collections, the donations for wreaths and collections at Bethesda and on the Plain totalled £402.19

The Remembrance Service at St Mary's raised £266 and the Guides WW1 Exhibition raised £119.92. Many thanks!

With other donations, this makes, to date, an excellent total of **£2,323.23**

**Liz Howard, Poppy Appeal Organiser**



## A NEW POPPY APPEAL CO-ORDINATOR WANTED!

This is the last year I will be co-ordinating the Poppy Appeal in Hawkesbury, and we are looking for someone else to take over the role of Poppy Appeal Organiser.

If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved, and perhaps taking on the role, do contact me.

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### Sincere Condolences

On behalf of the Parish News and our readers, our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Brian Fletcher who passed away last month.

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## Affordable/Social Housing in Hawkesbury Upton

I have been asked to provide some information regarding the bungalows in Hawkesbury Upton, the following is meant to be a helpful note, so I have included all the affordable/social housing in the parish. If it is confusing, or you need further help, please get in touch.

There are three housing associations with properties in Hawkesbury Upton – they are the landlords for all the social housing in the village.

**Merlin Housing Association** took over all the Council House stock in 2006. This includes some of the original housing stock built after WWII and in the 60s and 70s as well as the bungalows in Highfields. These houses are available for anyone with a local connection to South Gloucestershire as defined under the rehousing policy - they are not limited to those with a local connection to Hawkesbury Upton. The bungalows are available for those with disabilities or aged over 60.

The **English Rural Housing Association** manages the 10 houses built at the end of Birgage Road in 1996. This housing was developed on an Exception Site, (ie. land not normally considered for development) and conditioned by a legal restriction to those with a local connection to Hawkesbury Upton. There are 7 houses for rent and 3 houses for shared ownership, and the local connection restriction applies to across both these tenures. The site was developed after a housing survey was carried out by the parish council. It took some time to find the land and acquire the necessary planning permission. It has been more difficult to sell the shared ownership house in recent years, however the turnover in these properties is very low.

**Knightstone Housing Association** developed the Highfields site in 2003/4. This development was supported by a local housing needs survey and produced 9 homes (8 houses and 1 bungalow). These homes are all for rent and limited to those with a

local connection to Hawkesbury Upton. The land was owned by South Gloucestershire Council.

To be considered for any of the homes, people do need to have a live application on the Housing Register. Applicants are then assessed for their priority and placed in one of three bands –

**Band A** –for people who need to be rehoused urgently, for example, where there is a serious risk to their safety, health or wellbeing if they remain in their current home.

**Band B** – for people who have a housing need, such as overcrowding or who are sharing a kitchen or bathroom, but who are not at serious risk.

**Registered Applicant** – for everyone else who is looking for housing in South Gloucestershire although they are considered to be suitably housed. The Council operates a Choice Based Lettings system to advertise all available homes and applicants 'bid' for the property they are interested in. Adverts run every week. 'Bidding' means registering an interest- nothing to do with money. People are not able to bid for properties which are too big for them. It is the Housing Association who assesses the local connection to Hawkesbury Upton and makes the final decision on the tenancy using advertised criteria. If no-one with a local connection to the village is considered, the Housing Association can 'cascade' the property to other applicants rather than have the home remain vacant.

People must re-register their interest every year if they wish to stay on the Housing Register.

### Local connection criteria

"Local Connection" shall mean a connection demonstrated by a person or member of their household who at the date of an Affordable Dwelling in the relevant Parish being advertised:

- (i) has been resident within the Parish of Hawkesbury for a continuous period of three years within the preceding five years or six months in the preceding twelve months other than not of his own choice (not including serving with

regular armed forces of the Crown) or

(ii) is permanently employed within the Parish of Hawkesbury or is moving to the Parish to take up an offer of permanent employment or

(iii) has a close family member (e.g. parent or adult child or sibling) who is living and has lived in the Parish of Hawkesbury for a continuous period of five years immediately preceding the date of advertising the Affordable Dwelling

(iv) because of special circumstances.

It is the responsibility of the housing association landlord of the advertised property to assess the local connection of the applicant. This assessment may require the applicant to provide evidence such as listed below, although this is not exhaustive.

### Residency – sufficient evidence to cover the relevant local connection period for prospective purchaser/tenant/close family member as appropriate

- Utility bills (water, gas, electricity, phone etc)
- Council tax bills
- Bank/Building Society account/ credit card statements
- State benefit books
- Receipts showing rent paid
- Payslips showing home address
- Written certification from either a Solicitor / Social Worker / Probation Officer / Inland Revenue Officer / Police Officer / Teacher or Doctor

### Employment – sufficient evidence to cover the relevant local connection period

- Payslips showing employer's address
- Employer's letter confirming length and terms of employment (including hours worked if applicable)

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At time of going to press, the total so far raised by the village Christmas Card was over £500.

This year's charities were **McMillan Cancer Support** and **Syria Crisis** via Save the Children.

Once signatures were scanned in for inclusion in the Parish News, in time to be printed within the January issue, the cards were returned to the Shop, Post Office and Beaufort Arms, to enable anyone else to continue to sign and donate.

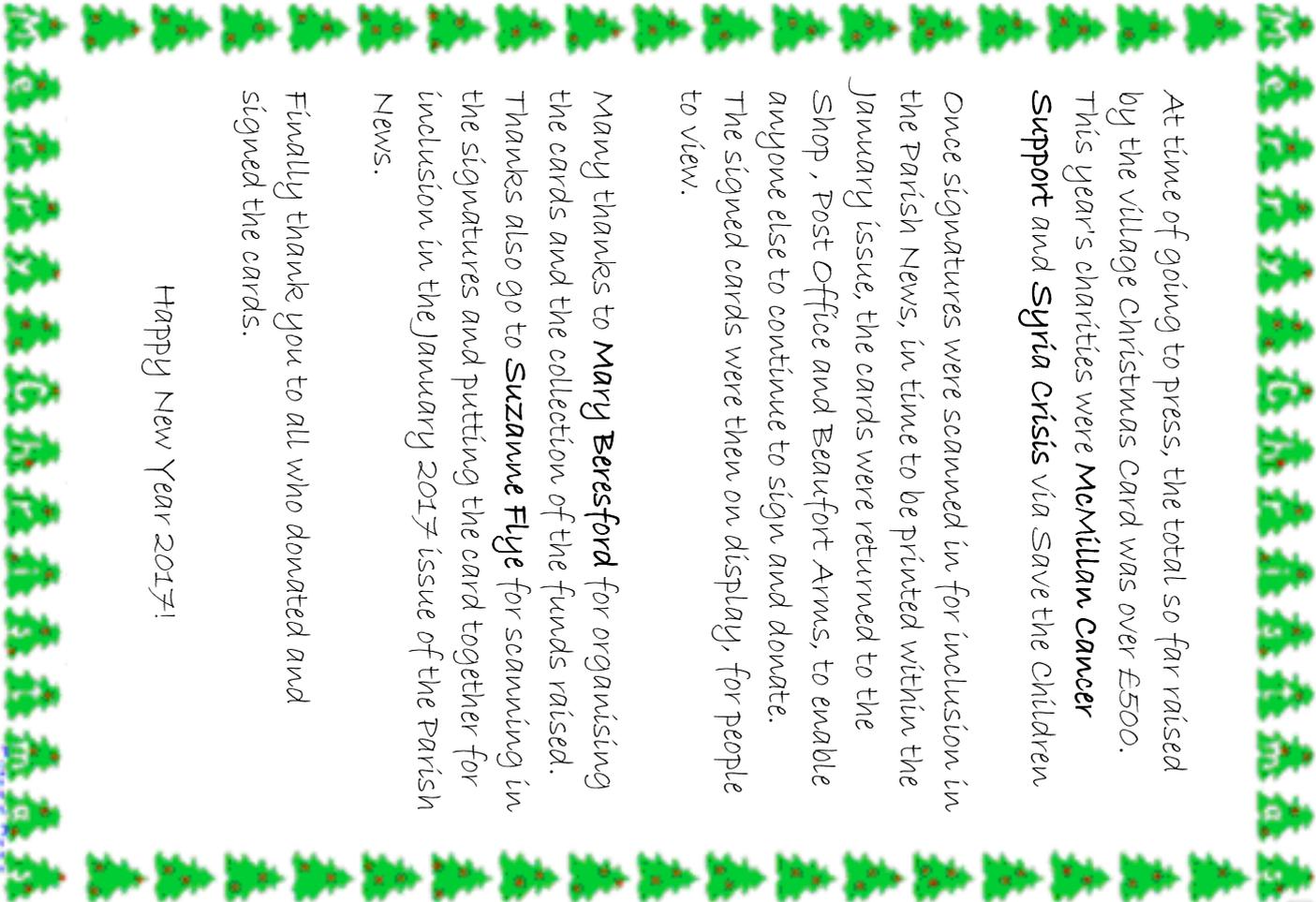
The signed cards were then on display, for people to view.

Many thanks to **Mary Beresford** for organising the cards and the collection of the funds raised.

Thanks also go to **Suzanne Flye** for scanning in the signatures and putting the card together for inclusion in the January 2017 issue of the Parish News.

Finally thank you to all who donated and signed the cards.

Happy New Year 2017!



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## Hawkesbury Upton

# Neighbourhood Watch

## *Reducing the opportunity for crime*

A scam highlighted by the national fraud and cyber-crime reporting centre Action Fraud in May 2016 is affecting people in Hawkesbury Upton.

In November, police were made aware of a number of calls to residents of the village from people claiming to be from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) in which householders were told they could go to prison if they did not immediately pay an outstanding tax debt.

Action Fraud issued a warning about the scam, in which people are sometimes told to pay their tax with iTunes vouchers, in May 2016.

Neighbourhood PC Daniel Jones said: *"HMRC will never ask for payment in vouchers. If you get this sort of unexpected call end it immediately. If you are concerned about your tax status, contact HMRC directly using details from <http://www.gov.uk>, the phone book, or HMRC correspondence you know to be genuine.*

*"Never phone an unexpected caller back on the number displayed when they call, or any number they give you. Always check the correct number for the organisation they claim to be from through an accredited source like the phone book."*

If you believe you have been contacted by a fraudster, report it and receive a police crime reference number by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or using their online fraud reporting tool.

There's more information on the Action Fraud website or on our website.

Police are treating these incidents seriously and I am keeping in contact with PC Jones for any progress.

POLICE are appealing to the public to be vigilant and to look out for vulnerable neighbours, relatives and

friends after several incidents whereby elderly people have been conned. In North Somerset some people have been approached by a stranger who has then managed to con them out of cash. One victim was approached and a man claimed to be Swiss, asked for directions. He handed the victim several cheap watches in exchange for cash for petrol, stating he only had Euros. The victim handed over £50 before realising it was a con.

Similarly, a second happened when the victim was approached by a man claiming to be Italian and asking for directions. He tried unsuccessfully to sell the victim some watches, then asked for money. The victim offered to give him a small amount and went to the cash point to make a withdrawal, at which point the suspect leaned over him and withdrew £250 and then left. The Constabulary has launched a new community safety campaign:

**"Everything starts with hello"** aimed at helping to reduce isolation, vulnerability and crime. Half of people over 75 live alone, and isolation and loneliness can increase vulnerability to crime. Older people particularly can be vulnerable to cons, fraud, distraction burglary and online/telephone scams. However, everyone can make a difference by just saying hello and keeping an eye on people in their local community.

### **More locally, Burglaries**

There has been a rise in burglaries through the South Gloucester area lately, and it is possible that the offenders have been gathering information on their targets. The Police want to ask residents to report any suspect vehicles they feel are paying attention to homes in their area, by calling 101.

We would also like residents to send in any leaflets they have received that advertise garden and home

maintenance repairs and services. These may be used by rogue traders, who often charge exorbitant rates for poor quality and often unnecessary work. If you are able to provide the date and time these were posted, any descriptions of people and their vehicles, including registration numbers, this would also be useful. Please send these to the Neighbourhood Watch Administrator at Concorde House.

**Burglars love this time of year.** It's their busiest period. They love to go on tour spotting premises they can visit and help the residents 'de-clutter'. How can they spot likely targets? Perhaps it's those half-drawn curtains, the dimly lit room(s) after dark or the totally unlit home of the more frugal? I think they have a sixth sense! Whatever it is do not make it easy for them. NEW YEARS EVE!, Deep joy. Any police on duty will be concentrating on Operation Topic, Drink/Drug Drivers, and lots of empty properties full of pressies. Second-hand they may well be, but it's all profit. They care nothing for the resulting trauma of the householder.

Leaving packaging from those special (expensive) presents out for collection is an open invitation. The kid's new bikes left 'for just a short while'.

This is where the 'Good Neighbour' practice really has effect. There's nothing wrong with the odd twitch of the curtain. If something doesn't look right it probably isn't. Do something, if only noting the description of a suspect, vehicle number, or making yourself noticed. Prevention is better than nothing.

We have a good community NHW scheme, and it works by looking out for each other!

Wishing you a happy and peaceful New Year,

**Graham Chamberlain**  
**NHW Coordinator.**

## Cllr Sue Hope – report from South Gloucestershire Council

### More Governance changes next year.

I have previously reported on the Combined Mayoral Authority – devolution - as well as the changes to the Electoral Boundaries – the ones represented by our MPs.

A review is also to be carried out by the Boundary Commission on the number of South Gloucestershire Councillors as well as the areas which they cover – i.e. the wards. There is also to be a change from the current Committee Structure to the Cabinet/Executive style of local government where all decisions are made by very few councillors.

I have attended a meeting regarding the Access to Health Services for those living in rural areas. The consultants looking at this, have now agreed to look at the rural aspect, rather than urban isolation! They are interested in the voluntary car schemes which operate in Badminton and Acton Turville and Hawkesbury, as well as greater use of Community Transport. A report will be published in order to bid for monies for an approved schemes.

You may have also heard of the STPs –

### Sustainable Transformation Plans for our Health Services.

The one for our area – which covers South Gloucestershire/Bristol and North Somerset – has been published and has the theme of Prevention, Early Intervention and Self Care, as well as indicating closer working Health and Social Services, however the plans have to show efficiency savings and to date it is not clear how this will happen. People living in rural areas sometimes find it difficult to get the support from social care services and this together with working across boundaries (ie. Wiltshire/Gloucestershire/South Gloucestershire) can cause further problems, and is something I have raised during the earlier consultation period, however please do get in touch with me if you are having problems accessing health and social care.

### Planning - Policies, Sites and Places DPD.

The Inspector has been appointed to examine this part of the Planning Policy Document. Full details can be found on

[www.southglos.gov.uk/PSPsubmission](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/PSPsubmission).

Locally those places covered by the Local Green Space designation are:

- The Somerset Trust Monument Area
- The Recreation Field
- The Hawkesbury Upton Cricket and Tennis Club
- The Pound
- The Drovers Pool

Those areas put forward by the Parish Council but not agreed for Local Green Space Designation because of objections raised were:

- The Commons – objection received – and the area is over the 19 hectares recommended
- The Plain – this appears to be registered Highways
- The Allotments – objection received
- The Area opposite the Monument -

May I take the opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year,.

**Cllr Sue Hope**

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## Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer

### Season's Greetings from a soggy Common.

The Fresh Water Habitats Trust are holding a 'fairy shrimp' survey morning on 9<sup>th</sup> January meeting at Lower Woods carpark 10 – 12.30. This fascinating little creature is a real rarity and a gem of the commons, the morning will be spent surveying ponds and finding out how and where to find it. Spaces are limited and booking is essential via [PCase@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk](mailto:PCase@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk) 07703 808520 for more information.

Short wet days and paper work seem to go together, we have to complete but a fraction of the paperwork farmers cope with ... but there is still plenty. In the last month this included renewing our

Environment Agency Waste exemption licences for 'disposing of waste' which regulates bonfires, registering our Felling Licence exemption with the Forestry Commission, obtaining consent from Natural England for works on Inglestone Common as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and submitting claims to Natural England for grants. Of more interest has been research into timings to control the large tussock forming tufted-hair grass, a natural part of the commons. It is unpalatable to stock, outcompetes wildflowers and gives parts of the commons their distinctive rough grassland appearance. A search on Royal Botanic Garden, Kew's website gives ecological

information and says it was once used to roof one of the oldest thatched cottages in England. Reading on, the cottage is in Horton and dates back to 1460! It was saved from demolition in the 1960s by a member of Gloucestershire Council and it was during renovation that samples of the old thatch were sent to Kew for identification. The sample of grass is still stored at Kew in their Herbarium along with a cutting from a local paper showing a picture of the cottage being renovated. Tufted-hair grass seems to have been a very long term resident of the commons!

**Ann Harris, SGC Commons Officer.**

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## FUNDING FOR RURAL BUSINESSES

The West of England's LEADER programme is now open again after a Government review of European funding programmes following the Referendum in June 2016. Applications can be made for grants from rural businesses and communities across North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset. Eligible businesses and communities can apply for grants for capital projects to help support their growth and sustainability. Applications for investments from £10,000 up to £100,000 can now be made. In most cases match funding of 60% of the project value will be required although you are

advised to speak to the programme team for details. The LEADER programme is primarily designed to promote business growth and stimulate job creation. The programme is focused on rural areas and its priorities are supporting micro and small rural businesses, farm diversification projects, forestry projects, tourism projects, rural services and cultural and heritage projects. If you are a rural business or community organisation and think this might help you then go to our website [www.westofenglandrdp.org.uk](http://www.westofenglandrdp.org.uk) or contact us to make an initial enquiry

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Weekly events		
Monday	Toddlers	Sarah Choyce 07980 735 152
Monday	Hawkesbury School of Dance 4:15	Eve Brewer
Monday	Karate 6 – 8:30*	Maria Marfleet <a href="mailto:maria.sensei@btinternet.com">maria.sensei@btinternet.com</a>
Tuesday - Friday	Hawkesbury Preschool 8.45-12.30*	Louisa Tooker 07989 484774 <a href="http://www.hawkesburypreschool.org">www.hawkesburypreschool.org</a> <a href="mailto:enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk">enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk</a>
Tuesday	Youth Club 7 - 8:15*	Mark Frankcom 01454 238720
Wednesday	Private Badminton 8 - 9:30pm	Dave Hives 01454 238567 <a href="mailto:davidhives@yahoo.co.uk">davidhives@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Thursday	Karate 6:15 – 7:30*	Maria Marfleet <a href="mailto:maria.sensei@btinternet.com">maria.sensei@btinternet.com</a>
Thursday	Badminton Club 8 – 10	Roy Townsend
Thursday	Bufs 8 – 10	Peter Webb <a href="mailto:susan.peter@uwclub.net">susan.peter@uwclub.net</a>
Friday	History Club 8 – 10	Barrie Hope 01454 238673
Sunday	Karate 11 -12:30*	Maria Marfleet <a href="mailto:maria.sensei@btinternet.com">maria.sensei@btinternet.com</a>
<b>*School term time</b>		
Dates for your Diary		
21/01/17	Hawkesbury Youth Club Table Top	Mark Frankcom 01454 238720
<b>Latest News</b>		
Happy New year to everyone, especially all the Hall users. Lots planned for this year, but we do need more help. Our AGM is Monday February 13th at 7.30 in the Village Hall upstairs meeting room, so please make a note in your diary and come along.		
Visit our website - <a href="http://www.village-hall.org/">http://www.village-hall.org/</a>		

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### 3rd HAWKESBURY UPTON LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

As last year, we will be holding an all-day Literature Festival in the Spring to celebrate books and reading. Our lively programme of talks, readings, workshops, displays and hands-on activities for adults and children will once again be **FREE** to attend, so please mark it in your new 2017 diaries as a not-to-be-missed event, and invite your friends and relations! Everyone welcome.

**Keep up to date via our mailing list**

We'll be making lots of announcements between now and then, and here's an easy way to keep informed of our latest news: join our free emailing list and we'll send you an email whenever we've got some new and interesting to share. To sign up, just visit our website at [www.hulitfest.com](http://www.hulitfest.com) and follow the instructions.

**Be A LitFestMaker!**

To help us keep the day running smoothly, we're seeking a team of volunteers to help direct visitors between

venues and to look after the authors, poets, illustrators and other guest speakers at each event. If you could spare an hour or two to volunteer, please phone me on 01454 238401, text me on 07594 717891 or email [debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com](mailto:debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com).

**The Wonderland Café Returns!**

Many thanks to Vicky Rispin and Jill Bendeaux for kindly offering to run our popular book-themed tearoom again in the Methodist Hall. Volunteers to help them will also be welcome.

**Thank You**

Many thanks for your continuing support and enthusiasm for the Festival. With your help, I'm looking forward to making this year's event the biggest and best yet, for everyone in the village to enjoy and to bring new visitors from beyond the parish to our wonderful community.

**Debbie Young**

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JANUARY 2017

On behalf of the Friends, a very happy new year to all! Now, it's the time for resolutions!

Along with all the usual, impossible ones, how about an easy one? Joining the Friends of St. Mary's is a wonderful way to support our beautiful church, which is at the heart of our community here in Hawkesbury and Hawkesbury Upton, and links us to

many neighbours through the united benefice. We have important work to do this year, repairing stonework and planning the conservation of the tower (think tall scaffolding!). So why not join yourself, or give membership to a friend, to start the year on a good note?

Membership costs £10 single, £15 joint for a year. Forms are available in the church or from me at Church Farm House, Hawkesbury, GL9 1BN

And don't forget the long walks, in preparation for Wulftsan's Walk in May!

Lisa Overton, Secretary, Friends of St. Mary's

[lisawhite1851@gmail.com](mailto:lisawhite1851@gmail.com)

**JUST REWARDS**

Given that change has become the new normal in the last twelve months, at least in terms of politics, I wonder whether New Year's Resolutions will prove easier to keep this month? Research shows that it takes twenty-one days to establish a new habit, so if you're struggling with your resolutions by the time you read this, don't give up. I have a new invention that might help you: the Resolution Calendar.

A slightly smaller cousin of the Advent Calendar, it should contain twenty-one little doors, one for each day until your new habit has taken hold. Behind each door would be a suitable small reward such as the traditional chocolate, to be redeemed only if you get through the day with your resolution intact. (Unless of course your resolution is to eat less chocolate.)

Alternatively you might take my husband's unusual approach to what was his first ever Advent calendar last month. Rather than opening a door each day, he saved them all up for Christmas, announcing throughout December as my daughter and I ate our daily chocolates just how many he'd had left on Christmas Day when all ours were long gone.

Whatever your New Year Resolutions, I wish you a happy and healthy 2017.

*Debbie Young*

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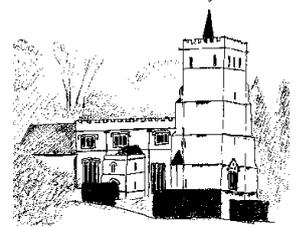
## St Mary's Church News

Churchwardens Mrs Linda Fairney 238553 & Mrs Mary Davies 238657  
Keys for cleaners/flowers/church sitters please contact Mary Davies 238657  
if possible the day before to arrange for collection.

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16

We have to start this month by saying farewell to the Revd Alveen Thoresen, who is retiring, and going to live in Dorset. We shall miss her tremendously, for her thoughtful and challenging sermons, for her wit and warmth, and for her quiet authority. We wish her well in her new home, with good friends nearby. She is not being replaced, so we shall miss her even more, though no-one could replace her! Her last service takes place on Sunday 8 January at 5.0 pm, and will be followed by refreshments, so please come and join us to give her a splendid send-off

As we continue to hold our evening services at 5.0 pm until the clocks change in March, there will be a celebration of Wulfstan, Prior at Hawkesbury, then Bishop of Worcester at the time of the Norman Conquest, one of only two Saxon bishops to remain



under the Normans. At the end of the month, on Sunday 29 January, there will be a Christingle service, celebrating Christ the Light of the World, a lovely opportunity for the whole family to come to church and share the joy

We wish you all peace, joy and love for 2017

### Dates for your diary

**8 January 2017 – 5.0 pm** - St Mary's – farewell to Revd Alveen

**22 January 2017 – 5.0 pm** – St Mary's – evensong – St Wulfstan

**29 January 2017 – 5.0 pm** – St Mary's – Christingle

*Jennifer Oldershaw*

## St Mary's Church----Flower and Cleaning Rota 2017

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
JANUARY	Mrs B Salthouse	B Salthouse L Roberts
FEBRUARY	Sally Macfadyen	Nicola Round
MARCH	Mrs M Davies	Sara Couzens-Short
APRIL	Lisa Overton	Pam Bendry Pauline Setterfield
MAY	L Fairney	Julie Gardener Vicki Rispin
JUNE	J Oldershaw G Dix	Viv Mortiboys Maira Coates
JULY	Mrs M Beresford	Gray family
AUGUST	Help Needed	Linda Fairney Hilary Rogers
SEPTEMBER	Mrs B Rutley	Sally Roberts & Family
OCTOBER	Mrs M Davies	Sue Webb
NOVEMBER	Help Needed	Mrs Deacon Mrs A. Barnett
DECEMBER	Mrs L Fairney Mrs M Beresford & Helpers	

\*\*\* We are so very grateful to everyone who gives of their time to maintain the fabric of St. Mary's, whether cleaning inside and polishing the brass, or tending the gutters, paths and churchyard.

If you are new to Hawkesbury, please consider the possibility of helping, even if you can only spare an hour once a year. All are welcome, whether regular churchgoers or not, to preserve St Mary's in year as you can see our rota has a lot of gaps which have to be covered by somebody. All are welcome whether regular churchgoer or not.

Please call Linda Fairney if you are unable to carry on cleaning or flower arranging.

## January 2017 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

May I begin by wishing you a very Happy Epiphany and New Year. January 6th is the day on which many churches in the East celebrate the birth of Christ, with presents and celebration. It is the Epiphany, the day when the arrival of the three wise men at the stable is celebrated.

In modern culture, we have a tendency to truncate the story of the birth of Christ and put the Annunciation, the story of the birth in the stable, the arrival of the wise men and the flight into Egypt all into one event. Not unlike our jam packing the meal and the presents into one day, unlike our European neighbours who open presents one day and eat the next!

The church has separated out these elements in its traditional form. March 25th is the Annunciation, 28th Dec the flight into Egypt, and Jan 6th (the Epiphany) the arrival of the wise men. And those who have used a Rosary traditionally might remember that meditation on the five joyful mysteries includes: The annunciation, the visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, the birth of Our Lord, the Presentation of the child in the temple and the child at the age of 12 in the Temple.

All these elements of the Nativity story are rich with spiritual insights, and worth thinking about and pondering on. I encourage you to drink deeply of the rich tradition we have inherited.

With my very best wishes for a very happy New Year,  
Richard Thomson, Vicar.

Please Contact me for arranging Christenings, Weddings, Blessings of marriage or Confirmation.

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### Church Services in January 2017 For St. Mary's Church, Hawkesbury

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
08th Jan 2017	5pm	Farewell service for Alveen	T.B.A.		Wardens
15th Jan	0945 am	Morning praise	N Gray		P Bendry
22nd Jan	5pm	BCP Holy Communion / Wulfstan	J O Brien Clergy		H Rogers
29th Jan	5pm	Cristingle	T.B.A.		L Fairney
05th Feb	0945 am	Morning Praise/Holy Communion	A Gray Clergy		P Broad
12th Feb	5 pm	Evensong	M Bendry S. Webb		B Salthouse
19th Feb	0945am	Morning praise			

If you are unable to attend please telephone Linda Fairney: 01454 238553  
Should you wish to speak to Rev Richard Thomson call 01454 219236

**Church Cleaners:**

Mrs B Salthouse  
Mrs L Roberts

**Church Flowers:**

Mrs B Salthouse

Please note all the different service times

## St Mary's Church----Sidesman and Readers 2017

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>		<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<b>SIDESMEN</b>			<b>READERS</b>		
Mrs M Beresford	*	*	Mrs M Beresford	*	*
Mrs L Fairney	*	*	Mrs P Setterfield	*	*
Peter Setterfield	*	*	Mr M Bendry	*	*
Mr M Bendry	*	*	Mrs P Bendry	*	*
Mrs P Bendry	*	*	Mr W Fairney	*	*
Miss J Oldershaw	*	*	Mrs L Fairney	*	*
Mrs H Rogers	*	*	Mrs L Overton	*	*
Ian Macfadyen	*	*	Mr Peter Setterfield	*	*
Mr P Broad	*	*	Miss J Oldershaw	*	*
Mrs B Salthouse	*	*	Mr J O'Brien	*	*
Mrs B Stephens	*	*	Mr E Riddington	*	<b>S</b>
Mrs M Davies		*	Mr M Wareham	*	<b>S</b>
			Miss N Couzen-Short	*	<b>S</b>
			Mr C Couzen-Short	*	<b>S</b>
			Mrs S Couzen-Short	*	<b>S</b>
			Mr M Gardener		*
			Mrs J Gardener		*
			Mrs S Webb		*
			A Gray	*	*
			N Gray	*	*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who either serves as a Sidesman or reads at Services.

If you are unable to attend a rostered service please telephone L Fairney 238553

### *Methodist Church News - January 2017*

#### Services for January 2017

Sunday 1st January	9.45am	at St Mary's
Sunday 8th January	10.00am	Rev. J Lee Covenant Service
Sunday 15th January	9.45am	at St Mary's
Sunday 22nd January	10.00am	Rev. J Lee
Sunday 29th January	10.00am.	K Thomas



# BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

## Services for the month of January 2017

Sunday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes [C]
Sunday January 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mr Alan Tarling
Sunday January 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mr Robert Simpkins
Sunday January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Mrs Pam Dix
Sunday January 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes – Family Service



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Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm: **A time of worship/prayer**

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

Thursdays at 2.00pm: **Prayer for revival**

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Hello from Bethesda, we trust you will have a most blessed ‘New Year’

Well, here we go again, how time flies, a brand new year ahead so far pure, clean, spotless, untrodden by humanity, wonder what we’ll find there? Memories of the old year? They pop up occasionally, bringing a smile as we remember the times we laughed, yes, and cried, as we visit those places within where those painful times we even hide from our nearest and dearest, are treasured. Painful, yes but precious. It’s all a part of being blessed with having those precious relationships either family or friends, a part of God’s great human design, relationships, and the ability to remember. Facing the future can be inspiring, challenging and exciting. It can also be fearful and frightening. Tomorrow is a blank page to be filled in by the passing of time and events – tomorrow means hope and opportunity. It’s a journey we’ve yet to make. I trust you will ask Jesus to journey with you, be your shepherd, your guide, your support and if we at Bethesda can help in any way, please don’t hesitate to come and visit. As always, a warm welcome awaits you. May God bless you.

Rev Philip Hopes  
Pastor at Bethesda

<b>JANUARY 2017 SERVICES IN BADMINTON BENEFICE</b>					
	<b>Naming of Jesus</b>	<b>The Epiphany</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.1-21	Isaiah 60.1-6 Matthew 2.1-12	Isaiah 49.1-7 John 1.29-42	Isaiah 9.1-4 Matthew 4.12-23	Malachi 3.1-5 Luke 22.1-40
<b>Gt Badminton St Michael</b>					
<b>Little Badminton St Michael</b>	9.30am BCP HC Christopher Mulholland	1115 Matins with HC Richard Thomson		1115 Matins Richard Thomson	
<b>Sopworth St Mary</b>			1115 Mattins Richard Thomson		1115 Matins Richard Thomson
<b>Didmarton St Lawrence</b>			8.30 BCP HC Richard Thomson		
<b>Acton Turville St Mary</b>			9.30am Matins Chris Andrew	8.30am BCP HC Christopher Mulholland	
<b>Boxwell St Mary</b>					
<b>Leighterton St Andrew</b>			11 CV HC all age Celia carter	6pm Sat eve service Richard Thomson	
<b>Hawkesbury St Mary's</b>		<b>5pm Alveen's Farewell Choral Evensong with drinks</b>	9.45am Family service Hawk lay leaders	5pm BCP HC Celia Carter	
<b>Lasborough St Mary</b>			9.30am Matins Mary Beresford	9.30 CW HC Richard Thomson	9.30am BCP HC Richard Thomson

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### January Events:

#### Sunday 8th January, 10-12 noon - VOLUNTEERS' COFFEE

##### MORNING:

Drop in for coffee and pastries between 10am -12 noon and meet Ali, our volunteer coordinator. Find out how you can help us and get involved in our events. It's a great way to meet new people, and if you volunteer at an event you get to watch for free!

#### Wednesday 11th January, 6-7pm - Contemporary Dance Taster Session

Come along and try a taster session in contemporary Dance led by Dance Artist Emma Dickson. The taster session will be influenced by Emma's training in 'Skinner Release Technique' and Social Choreography. Emma's work focuses on inclusive and accessible dance, and so all ages and abilities are welcome. Additional taster session dates can be offered depending on level of interest. £3 per a person, Carers go free. Booking essential: [ejd\\_dmp@hotmail.com](mailto:ejd_dmp@hotmail.com) Tel: 07808208389

#### Saturday 14th January, 8pm - South Cotswolds Jazz Club Presents ...

Club launch and performances by the South Cotswolds Jazz Collective: Katie Elliott, Terri Kinnison, John Cook and many more

#### Saturday 21st January, 7.30pm - Wotton Ceilidh in the Town Hall:

A 'Burns Night' flavour to this Ceilidh with the wonderful Mole Catchers and our very own Vicky Cooper calling. It's going to be popular so book early. Kilt-wearers get a free drink. Come join the fun and get dancing.

#### Saturday 28th January, 2-4pm - HARMONICA WORKSHOP:

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#### Saturday 28th January, 7.30pm - UTEA QUIZ:

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### February Events:

#### Saturday 4th February, 10am - 4pm - DESIGN YOUR OWN GARDEN 1 DAY WORKSHOP:

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experience in running a Garden Design Company. Come to the day armed with measurements photos and soil samples from your garden (step by step instructions on how to measure your garden will be emailed following your deposit) You can also bring pictures and ideas with you for inspiration if you wish. You will be provided with graph paper to work on and there will be scale rulers, compasses, pencils and rubbers to borrow, if you need them. Places are limited due to the complexity of the day so book early. Costs £130 with all drawing materials included

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#### Saturday 4th February, 8pm - TOM MCCONVILLE:

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## Hawkesbury Parish Council

### Planning Applications received from South Gloucestershire Council

PK16/6250/TCA	6 Hunters Mead Hawkesbury Upton	Works to fell 1no Silver Leaved Maple tree. Situated in the Hawkesbury Upton Conservation Area	No objection
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### Planning Decisions received from South Gloucestershire Council

PK16/5346/TCA	The Cottage Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Works to 1no liquid amber tree to crown lift by 2 metres and crown thin by 20%. situated in Hawkesbury Upton Conservation Area	No Objection
PK16/4588/F	Cold Change Cottage Chase Lane Inglestone Common Badminton	Erection of first floor side extension with balcony and 1no. rear dormer and 1no. front dormer to provide additional living accommodation	Approve with conditions
PK16/4836/LB	Stable Lower Woods Lodge Bucklesbury Farm Lane Inglestone Common Badminton	Internal and external alterations to facilitate restoration of the building and installation of electricity	Approve with conditions

### Congratulations to the Parish Council's New Chair Cllr Mike Cox

**The Parish Council would like to wish you all  
A Very Happy New Year**

### Pre-application Park Street

At the last Parish Council meet a pre-application presentation was given by a housing developer, who is planning to submit plans in the New Year for 34 dwellings in the field adjacent to Park St, outside the village development boundary. The Parish Council welcomes your thoughts and views prior to considering this in the New Year.

*Please visit the Parish Council website for more details.*

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## Hawkesbury Parish Council (continued)

### 2016 Christmas Light switch on

Despite the rain, once again, it was a successful event; the Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined us on such an awful evening; getting very wet whilst drinking mulled wine and eating mince pies and waiting for the switch on.

#### In addition a big Thank you to

- The Duke of Beaufort for donating a wonderful Christmas tree
- Volunteers who helped decorate the Christmas tree; Mrs Kantaris for the warm drinks
- The Fox , Beaufort, John Otley for the mulled wine
- Donation of mince pies
- Indie-Mae and Lottie for switching on the lights

**Parish Councils website <http://hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk>  
We look forward to hearing your comments**

### Hawkesbury Parish Council Housing Needs Survey

It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention the Housing Needs Survey findings has not been advertised. The results can be found on the following link

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/HawkesburyHNS/consultationHome>

#### Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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

[hazeljones@hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:hazeljones@hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk)

Tele: 01454 238074

Website <http://hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk>

## Hawkesbury Parish Council Meetings for 2017

Full Council meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month  
(Unless this date falls on a bank holiday)

If any planning applications are received and need reviewing prior to the full council meeting  
a planning meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month

Venue: Upstairs Meeting Room, Hawkesbury Parish Hall Time at 7.30pm

### 2017

9 <sup>th</sup> January	Full Council
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Planning Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Full Council
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Planning Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Council
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Planning Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Full Council
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual Assembly <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Annual General Meeting <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Planning Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Council

19 <sup>th</sup> June	Planning Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Full Council
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Planning Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Full Council
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Planning Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Full Council
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Planning Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Full Council
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Planning Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Council
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Planning Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Full Council
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Planning Meeting

# Hawkesbury Parish Council



## Parish Councillor Vacancy

Do you have the attributes to be a Parish Councillor for Hawkesbury Parish Council? Yes! Why not apply either by email or write to the Parish Clerk with your details and a brief explanation why Hawkesbury Parish Council should Co-opt you onto the Parish Council.

**Please note the closing date is the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017; all applicants will be contacted after this date.**

### Profile of a Parish Councillor.

- Effectively represents the interests of their community.
- Fulfils and enacts any statutory requirements of an elected member of the Council.
- Actively and constructively contributes to good governance.
- Encourages people to take up their roles of active and engaged citizenship.
- Actively encourages community participation and citizen involvement in the work of the Council.
- Knows and has contact with key and local stakeholders.
- Represents the Council to the community and the community to the Council using all appropriate means.
- Is a channel of communication for the Ward or Parish and ensures constituents are informed of services available; decisions that affect them and the reasons for those decisions.
- Develops and maintains a working knowledge of organisations (including principle councils) operating within the area which have an impact on the wellbeing of both the community and the council as a whole.
- Deals with constituent's enquiries and representations fairly and without prejudice.
- Carries out case work for constituents and represents their interests, or enable the constituents to take action to deal with the matter themselves.
- Identifies and works with local "hard to reach" and underrepresented groups to ensure their views can be identified.
- Contributes to the formation of the council's policies and plans by active involvement in council meetings, committees and working parties.
- Attend regular meetings in evenings and occasional daytime meetings
- Undertakes appropriate training and development to help fulfil the requirements of the councillor role.
- Acts as the council's representative on outside bodies, and reports back on their activities.
- Champions the causes which relates to the interests and sustainability of the council's area and campaigns for improvement in the quality of life of those living in, working in, or visiting the area.

Parish Clerk - Mrs Hazel Jones 2, Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton, Badminton, South Gloucestershire, GL9 1EQ

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	Coffee Morning Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 10:30-12:00 £3	Join us for a cuppa & cake, good company & charity raffle.
	Vinyl Night Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm Free	On the third Sunday of each month we hold our celebration of old-school vinyl. Dig out those old LPs, EPs etc. January theme = 'Emotions'.
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Ziggy Cole	01454 238896	I am 17 years old and fundraising for <i>KLB World Challenge 2017</i> to Mozambique. I am able to do babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting & feeding and any other jobs will be considered.
Rosie Houlbrook	01454 238844 07484244411	I am 19 yrs old living at home & studying animal behaviour & welfare at Hartpury. I am happy to child mind, dog walk, feed animals if you're on holiday etc.
Amber Langley	07473 357573	I'm 17 years old. I have experience with younger children as I have a 5 year old brother and also younger cousins as well. I've had previous experience with baby sitting. I also have experience with dogs; I have a husky.
Abbie Merritt	01454 326155 07531 377077	I am 17 years old and 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 Merritt	01454 326155 07875 098223	I am 15 years old and available to babysit most evenings and weekends. I can also look after pets, house sit or even do housework! I am reliable and trustworthy and come with my own transport (i.e. my dad) for late night pick-ups.
Jasna Nickells	01454 238 929 07572 599 688	I'm 18 years old and can work most weekends or weekday evenings. I have experience with looking after younger children because I have two younger sisters. I'm a responsible and kind teenager. I am studying A level English and fine art at the moment and am available for English tutoring or art lessons.
Ellie Parker	01454 238261 07496 078232	I am a reliable and responsible 17 year old who is available for babysitting or pet care / dog walking. I can also assist with horses including mucking out, turning out, bringing in etc. I am fundraising for the <i>KLB World Challenge 2017</i> expedition to Swaziland and Mozambique.
Jake Pember	01454 232997 07858 379823	Jake Pember (17) Available for babysitting, gardening, dog walking, feeding pets or any other jobs - just ask and I'll see if I can oblige.
Lauren White	01454 238 555	I am 17 yrs old, available for babysitting and dogwalking. I have a younger brother and sister, as well as dogs so am experienced with animals and children. I am available most evenings and weekends.
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# January Sudoku

Neil Fozard

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to solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

**EASY !!**

**NOT SO EASY !!**

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

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

Answers to the December quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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