



Hawkesbury Parish News

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Urgent Appeal for Pledges

Thank you so much to the households that returned our survey, and to all those that have pledged financial and other support for a community shop in Hawkesbury.

At the initial deadline of Sunday 10 April we had received pledges totalling around £80,000.

But we urgently need to raise at least an additional £100,000.

We're asking households that haven't yet pledged to please consider doing so.

If you have already made a pledge we're asking you to consider if you can afford to pledge any more.

If we cannot raise the shortfall, Hawkesbury Shop will close in a matter of weeks.

Q. How much money do we need to raise?

A. Following extensive research and cost-planning, we have been able to reduce the target. We need in the region of £180,000-£210,000 to buy the property and get a well-stocked and refurbished

community shop up and running.

Q. How much has been pledged so far?

A. Pledges returned by Sunday 10 April ranged from £50 to £10,000, and the total was almost £80,000. This leaves us with a shortfall of pledges of around £100,000.

Q. Why is it important to pledge?

A. To date, we have no mystery benefactor contributing a huge proportion of the costs. Creating a community shop in Hawkesbury will require a large number of households to come together and invest any amount they can afford, from £50 upwards.

Q. How can I make or increase a pledge?

A. To make a pledge, increase the amount you pledged in the survey, or to ask any questions to help inform your decision, please contact the Chair of the Working Group Alan Hemingway on 01454 238 271 or husosenquiries@outlook.com

Q. What about moving to the village hall site?

A. Some people are keen for the site of the shop to move to the village hall,

and – pending support from the Village Hall committee - this is an option we are open to looking at in the future. But planning and construction of such a site could take a year, during which either a) with no grocery store in the village our customer base diminishes as people get used to leaving the village for supplies or b) we use up our reserves (your pledges) on temporary premises.

Our assessment has concluded that the best option in the immediate term is to buy and set up a community shop in the current shop property.

Q. What did the survey tell us?

A. The surveys were overwhelmingly positive about having a community shop in the village. Please take a look at the insert in this issue, with the headline results. Your responses gave us lots of great information about what products and services a shop would need to provide for you. We believe we can create a superb focal point for the village in the current location, but we urgently need to raise the money to do so.

Please invest in the future of Hawkesbury, and make a pledge today to Save Our Shop.

Contact: Alan Hemingway on 01454 238 271 or husosenquiries@outlook.com

Wine Judge wanted for Hawkesbury Show

Our regular wine judge, and also our reserves, are all unable to judge the wine classes at the Show this year. Is there anyone who could help? Or recommend a friend/colleague/relative who would judge from 10.00 – 11.00am on Showday (Saturday 27th August) An experienced steward will be there to help the new Judge fill in the judging sheets and other minor admin. A wine judge should not be just

someone who enjoys and is knowledgeable about wine, but he/she should be a home wine maker, who would understand what it takes to produce a good wine. Previous experience of judging not necessary.

Please contact Show Secretary, Vicky Rispin on 232910 or vicky@coombeview.com

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Editorial

Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the May issue of Hawkesbury Parish News.

May brings a feeling that summer is approaching — warmer temperatures, sunshine and there's already a waft of barbecue pervading the air. Unfortunately, lovely weather usually indicates the start of exam time for GCSE and A Level students, just to rub salt into the wound, as they get down to their final revision. Still, they will soon be over and done with, and a long summer holiday will await.

It's lovely to see the allotments buzzing with activity once again, with several new faces taking over plots for the first

time. Hopefully, it is also a sign of new entrants for this year's Hawkesbury Show. From May, Hawkesbury Show is only seventeen weeks away, so get planning your entries and make sure you check out the section in this issue that outlines the changes to this year's schedule, as well as tips from one of our experienced exhibitors.

I'm not sure exactly what happened this month, but a truly unprecedented volume of copy has been submitted for inclusion in this month's issue. Hawkesbury is certainly coming to life after the winter months and, if the heavy thud of the May magazine hitting your doormat wasn't a clear enough indicator, the sheer variety of events,

meetings, fundraisers, sporting fixtures, services and news items should give you an idea of how busy the coming weeks are going to be. Thank goodness there are two more bank holidays this month — I feel like I need them already!

Appropriately, in a "packed" magazine this month, I'll end with a tribute to Ronnie Corbett, one of our comedy greats, who departed last month: "We've just heard that in the English Channel, a ship carrying red paint has collided with a ship carrying purple paint. It is believed that both crews have been marooned."

And it's good night from me, until the same time next month...

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Saturday - 8am-6pm

Sunday - 8am-12:30pm

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Sunday - 10am-4pm

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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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Next Parish Council Meeting
 The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 9th May 2016, 7.30pm** at the **Methodist Hall, Back Street.**

Hawkesbury Volunteer Transport Group
AGM
Tuesday 14th June
 at 2:00pm
 in the Village Hall Meeting Room
 All welcome



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Times & Dates
9th & 23th May 2016
 Hawkesbury Village Hall 2.35 - 3.00
 Hawkesbury War memorial 3.05 - 3.20
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SUNDAY 1st MAY 2016
 from 2-5pm.  
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Thanks to all those that came along to our family bingo event in March, and to Laura Chappell and Nicole Wilkins (and their army of volunteers) who made the event run so smoothly. We hope to run a second bingo event in the autumn, so watch this space for news on that in a few months.

Some of the proceeds from bingo have been used to buy some new family sets for our dolls house and imaginative play. These include characters of different races, and some with disabilities – supporting childrens' natural tendency to welcome diversity and difference.

The Play Leaders were very excited to use the Village Hall's brand new

kitchen after the Easter break. Well done to Kate Bashford for coordinating the brilliant redesign and thanks to the WI for letting us rearrange to have the Preschool food cupboard below the serving hatch. This means that staff can continue to oversee the childrens' activities while preparing snacks.

We've got lots of fun activities to look forward to during the summer term, including a repeat of our popular **Teddy Bears Picnic on Saturday 2 July**. We'll start the day with an open morning for any families with that are interested in their children starting Preschool in September (or beyond). Then (weather permitting) the afternoon will be packed with fun games and stalls on the rec, including a Hawkesbury Little Tough Mudder (toddler obstacle race). Save the date, and keep your fingers crossed

for a sunny day!
Finally, we're delighted to welcome new starters Maisy, Mia and Suzanna this term. We know you'll have lots of fun making new friends at Hawkesbury Preschool.



Lamb visit to the Preschool

Hawkesbury Preschool is based in the Village Hall. Sessions run from 8.45am-12.30pm Tuesday-Friday during term time. For more information call Louisa Tooker (Manager) on 07989 484774, email: enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk or visit: www.hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

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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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Hawkesbury Upton Rainbows Term News

I wanted to take the time to introduce myself, Ailsa; I am the new rainbow unit leader. My Rainbow name is Snowdrop and I have been a Rainbow leader since 2010.

We now meet on a Monday (during term time) at The Methodist Hall, from 5pm to 6pm. Our unit is currently 20 Rainbows and we are really lucky to have two helpers. We have Grace, her Rainbow name is Robin. Grace has been a rainbow, brownie and guide in Hawkesbury Upton. I am very grateful to Grace helping me settle into the unit and am thrilled that she has recently decided to become a Leader in Training. Also Cassie, a Senior Section Rainbow Helper, who very recently joined our unit, has also been a brownie and guide in the village. The Rainbows have just chosen Violet as Cassie rainbow name.

This past term we spent the first half term getting to know each other, playing games and singing songs as well as making presents for Foxy and Badger who ran the unit for so many years and made it what it is today. We had a promise party to celebrate four girls making their Rainbow Promise and welcomed them into the Girlguiding family. After half term we made Mother's day candles and Easter bunny bowls out of clay. We celebrated Thinking Day with the whole of our division in Yate where we renewed our promises altogether.

Next term we are completing the Rustle, Bustle and Squeak Challenge, a special challenge created by Girlguiding and the RSPB to create a nature resource designed to help children to learn new things about wildlife and plants whilst still having fun. We had 8 rainbows help at the Hawkesbury Upton Spring Clean and we raised about £200 for the RSPB. The next day we joined in the Palm Sunday Church service. We ended the term with a Pot of Gold Party for three of our Rainbows. We had two Rainbows move up to Hawkesbury Upton Brownies and we wished a rainbow luck with her house move and the arrival of a new baby.

At the end of the summer term we are losing Grace as she will be leaving for University. This means we are desperately looking for a new adult helper. This can be anyone over the age of 18 years that is willing to give up an hour and a half on a Monday to help, please contact me for more information.

Ailsa, Grace & Cassie ~ Snowdrop, Robin & Violet

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Grace - Robin (Leader in Training)
Cassie - Violet (Senior Section Rainbow Helper)

Girlguiding Hawkesbury Upton Rainbows is an operating name of The Guide Association Registered Charity No. 306016

Sliproad Scam

Wiltshire Police have seen an increase in the number of potential jewellery scams reported over the last few weeks to our control room.

Reports tend to suggest that a car is normally parked on a slip road to a major road such as the M4 or A303. The occupants are usually well dressed males in suits, shirt and ties. They will attempt to flag down passing motorists, putting themselves at risk by jumping into the road in attempts to stop passing vehicles. When stopping a vehicle one of the males will climb into the passenger's seat of the car and ask the motorist for money for fuel, they will offer an exchange which will be a worthless piece of jewellery. Normally they tell the motorist that it is of great value and a fair exchange. The suspects have even been willing to be taken to a nearby cash point for an exchange to take place.

PC Carl Jones said: "When joining a motorway, even on a slip road, it is an offence to stop unless it is an emergency; people risk putting their lives in danger if they chose to do so. "Wiltshire Police would like to warn all motorists of this type of incident; if you do stop to help, do not hand over any cash & do not accept any kind of jewellery or any exchange for cash. Do not take them anywhere, instead call 999 and ask for the police to assist in their emergency.

"We believe that these individuals are operating all over the south of the country & it is not specific to Wiltshire. "We would like to put a stop to these types of scams & protect people from being ripped off. Any information, that may help police to identify these males, can be logged via 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

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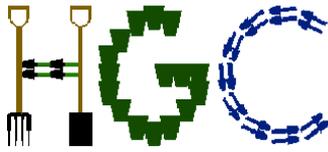
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HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

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

There has been another magazine trial to determine which brand of growbag is best. The ones recommended were both peat free varieties. But the chief nurseryman from a local garden centre told us that peat-free potting compost is usually not a lot of good. Who to believe?

Another survey recorded that the most hated garden noises included dogs barking, road traffic, crowing cockerels, lawn mowers, low-flying aircraft - particularly helicopters, garden parties (not including any at Buck House of course) and cannon-fire (with or without battlefield re-enactments?). Where do these people live? Our speaker for March was **Brian Bailey** who gave an entertaining talk about his time living for 8 years on the Scilly Isles with his wife and young daughter. There was not a lot to entertain them there – no pubs or clubs - and the highlight of a Saturday evening was to walk to the local telephone box to watch the light come on.

He made a precarious living working mostly on daffodil farms. To pick Daffodils one used the 'quasimodo' walk –

waddling along bent over with arms waving back and forth to collect and stack the spills. There was always a dripping nose at the end of the row which was swiftly dealt with by a snort and a deft nose-wipe with the shirt-cuff.

He noted that natives prefer to be called Scillonians not Scilly islanders. I wonder why.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 23rd May when **Tortworth Plant Centre** will give a talk on '**Herbaceous Borders**'.

Our annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday 7th May from 10am – 12 noon.

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 – entry £3.00.

For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364

Gardening thoughts for May



It should be safe now to plant bedding and veg. outside and everything should go ahead in terms of planting. If you are planting out a veg. garden, remember that eating does not stop at the end of September so leave a bit of space for Autumn and Winter veg. Something I do bang on about is that you should be planting for your needs rather than how pretty everything looks. For instance, if the family will eat a couple of cabbages per week and on maturity they will stand for 4 to 5 weeks there is little point in planting a row of 20 when 1/2 will just fill up the compost heap. It's perfectly acceptable to mix rows and bear in mind that the first pickings of a crop invariably taste

the best, so plant little and often for the best results. If space for veg. is a bit limited, don't forget that some varieties look well enough mixed in a flower border, such as a wigwam of runner or climbing french beans, and swiss chard or salad plants will possibly enhance some flower beds.

Hawkesbury Show

From the beginning of May there are 17 weeks to show and if you haven't entered something that grows in the past, have a go this year. The show is part of what makes the village tick and it needs horticultural entries to keep it alive, so the following information may be of use. All of the following can be planted now and will give an entry for

Show day. Being involved is much more fun than just viewing so grow something and see it on the show bench.

Flowers

Pansies, asters, marigolds, asters, sweet peas, zinnias

Vegetables

Short carrots, french beans, beetroot, Lettuce,
Whilst this is not a complete list, all of these are reasonably easy to grow and if you follow the instructions on the packet, you can compete on a level with the "old hands", and become part of the show.

Brian Noble

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- The Skittles League
- The Writers' Group
- Hawkesbury Parish News
- The Parish Council
- Waitrose, Chipping Sodbury (and its customers)

We are really grateful for your generous donations, which will help us, amongst other things, with the decorating and general revamping of the upstairs room in the hall.

The late OLIVE DILLON

Sue Hope and the family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind messages of support and condolence during their recent sad bereavement, and thank those who helped and supported us prior to and after the funeral in many different ways. Mum was a frequent visitor to Hawkesbury Upton, especially enjoying Hawkesbury Show and the Christmas celebrations. RIP

Thank you

A very BIG thank you to all my friends and family for making my 90th Birthday such a happy one.

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By Alan C. Porter



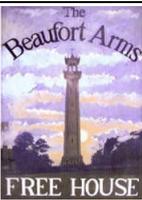
Are your daffodils drooping, Hyacinths hanging limply, primroses past their prime and crocuses crumbling then it's time to unleash the big one? It's time delve into the shed and release the lawn mower for the first time this year. You might wonder what droopy plants have to do with mowing? Well while they have been growing, flowering and fading the grass has been doing the same but without fading.

Creeping up past my ankles the task can no longer be put off. With large spiders fleeing in all directions at being so rudely disturbed, as the mower is hauled into the light of day, the gardening season is well and truly launched.

I expect many of you have conquered the first cut. I tend to be more laid back in my approach to gardening or is that just lazy?

Unfortunately this reveals a whole raft of garden based jobs to be done from seed sowing to shed painting whilst at the same time looking for a way to minimize backache, black fingernails and dirt engrained hands.

It's while engaged in the more pleasurable task of a cuppa between jobs that a pensive moment takes over the mind and I can't help wondering; what do spiders eat during the winter when there are no flies about?



Places are selling fast for the Cradock's theatrical visit to the Beaufort on May 20th and 21st.

The 1970's 3 course dinner, which is essential to the performance, has been decided - Traditional Prawn Cocktail (with a hint of Fanny), Coq Au Vin (with a hint of Johnnie) will be followed by Black Forest Gateaux. For vegetarians the starter is Baked Stuffed Tomatoes and Mushroom

Beaufort News

Stroganoff for the mains. Contact the Beaufort or www.showofstrength.org.uk for bookings (the cost for the 3 course dinner & professional show is £39.50p)." **Waiting staff required.**

Once again we're losing a crop of skilled decent young people about to embark on life's big adventure, mostly to college and university. We wish them well but in the

meantime, if you fancy a grounding in the hospitality industry, please give us a shout as we're recruiting once again.

A date for your diary later in the year; **Monday 25th July** will be Morris time again, those local legends, 'Winterbourne Down Border Morris' will be performing in the Beaufort's car park. They're good fun so come along for some traditional English Fayre.

Mark Steeds

The Monument Lodge 90th Birthday Celebrations

The Monument Lodge held their 90th Birthday celebrations in the Beaufort Arms on Easter Sunday 27th March. The Lodge was formed on the 26th March 1926 by 4 Brothers from the Sir Issac Pitman Lodge in Wotton-under-Edge Brothers J Clarke, S A Hughes, O W Shipway and G E May. We were joined at the lunch by sponsors of our various fund raising events and Brothers from The Cotswold Lodge in Chipping Sodbury, in all 40 guests. After a delicious 2 course lunch we were entertained by Garry Dorsey. The celebration cake was made by Hilary Rogers who is the daughter of our

departed Brother Terry Sessions. It was cut by the oldest Charles Taylor and youngest member of the Lodge Alex Powell.

We would like to thank our guests for joining us, Mark and Staff for the wonderful meal and hospitality. Hilary for the delicious cake, Carol and Debbie for the raffle and Garry Dorsey for the excellent entertainment. A very good day was had by all.

We also received a letter from Her Majesty The Queen congratulating us on our Birthday, as we share our 90th birthday year with her.

If we have wetted your appetite and you would be interested in joining The Buffaloes for "philanthropic charitable work and encourage fraternity amongst members" please contact any Brother. Each year between the 9 members we raised approximately £1000 to be donated to individuals, charities and good causes in our Village. We meet in the upstairs room in the Village Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm.

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Following last year's successful introduction of the Home Brewed Beer Class in the Summer Show, we have slightly changed the rules to encourage even more entries.

This year, responding to the concerns of several would-be exhibitors in the village, home brewed beer in 500ml clear plastic pressure bottles will also be allowed.

The basic rules remain the same:-

- There will be 4 sub-classes, based on colour:-
 - **Lager / Blonde Ale** (straw coloured)
 - **Pale Ale / Golden** (pale to dark gold)
 - **Bitter** (dark gold to chestnut)
 - **Porter/ Stout /Mild** (dark red to black)
- Beers must be home-brewed, (kit, partial or full mash) and presented in 500ml clear glass bottles, or clear plastic pressure bottles, (crown-capped, spring-capped or screw-capped), and labelled with a tied-on label around the neck indicating the

sub-class.

- **Judging** will be by our **National Prize-winning** local experts **Mark Frankcom** of **Cotswold Spring Brewery** and **Steve McDonald** of **Severn Vale Brewery**, who together form the **Combined Brewers**.
- The judges will take into consideration the following **key aspects of a good ale**:
 - **appearance in bottle**
 - **pour and condition (i.e. gas),**
 - **smell,**
 - **taste, &**
 - **finish.**

If you are going to use plastic pressure bottles, you can recycle suitable fizzy drinks bottles like Coke, or buy clear PET bottles from one of the many online home-brew shops. You will need to ensure that primary fermentation has finished before bottling, and be very careful with the amount of priming sugar for the secondary fermentation, or the plastic bottle will distort, or, (worse) burst!

Don't use plastic squash or water bottles as they simply won't withstand the secondary fermentation pressure that builds up in the bottle.

With all beers in clear bottles it is advisable to store them in the dark during maturation as light will cause the beer colour to deteriorate.

However you brew or bottle, home brewed beer is reputedly at its best after 3 or 4 months of maturation, ...which means you should be brewing your exhibition ales **this month or next (May or early June)** if you haven't already done so.

Let's have the tables groaning with the weight of our wonderful Lagers, Ales, Bitters, Milds, Porters and Stouts!

If you are new to brewing or want any more information about the Summer Show Home Brewed Beer Classes please get in touch:- chris@chubbs.co.uk, Mobile 07554 995671.

Happy brewing!..
..and happier drinking!!

Chris Chubb



Beware the Ide(a)s of March !! (apologies to the great Bard !)

BT – an explanation and an exploration of corporate incompetence.

On March 9th, BT Residential were supposed to replace the existing residential line at the Post Office with a new number. By mistake, they cut off the Business Line and installed a residential line on it. This disabled the Post Office computers immediately. I informed BT of their calamitous mistake on March 10th. After 12 days (yes, 12 !!!) they finally corrected their mistake, re-installed 01454 238341 on its designated Business ISDN line and installed the residential line on its proper socket. Still nothing would work, to the consternation of everyone involved, except BT who continued to deny responsibility, as they have done since day one !! Another full 10 days later, March 31st, BT admitted that whilst they had re-installed the

Business line on 21st March, they had forgotten to actually switch it on and activate it !!

So 3 weeks and 2 days after disabling my Post Office through their own error and incompetence, they finally put it right. I suffered 3 weeks and 2 days of being ignored, lied to, hung up on and fobbed off with promises which (surprise, surprise) never actually materialised. BT have offered no refund on either line and have invoiced for the full amount payable for both lines during this time. BT have NOT offered any compensation to me for the loss of business or for the inconvenience and worry and stress they caused, never mind the inconvenience to the village and those who rely on the Post Office.

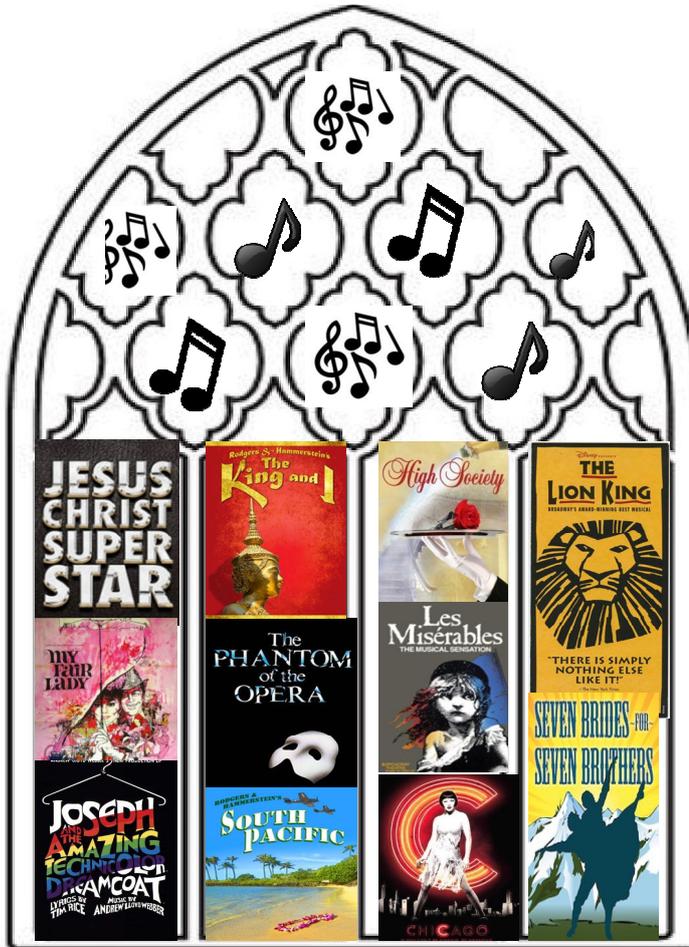
The incompetence within BT is not restricted to one department nor one

specific level of management. It covers every single department and goes right up to director and board level in every single department. They even lied to the office of our MP Luke Hall who tried to intervene on my behalf. They are allowed to get away with this. They answer to no-one.

Any resident of Hawkesbury Upton or customer of the Post Office might like to express their thanks to BT for a 3 week 2 day show of corporate incompetence and may find the following e mail addresses useful :

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Saturday 11th June 2016



Our coach trip this year is to “the other” Hampton Court Castle and Gardens in Herefordshire.

Cost for Coach and Gardens: -

HGC members over age 60	£18.50
Non members over age 60	£23.50
HGC members under age 60	£19.50
Non members under age 60	£24.50

The castle, which should be open, is £4 extra (group rate) payable on the day.

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.

The medieval castle is set in 1,000 acres of award winning gardens, parkland and riverside walks. There is much to see and do; such as the Victorian walled kitchen garden, flower gardens divided by canals with island pavilions and pleached avenues, herbaceous borders and the Gothic yew maze with a tower in the middle. The orangery café, designed by Joseph Paxton serves delicious food and drink and there is of course a gift shop.

The coach will leave The Plain, Hawkesbury Upton at 9am, returning at approximately 6pm.

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Wonderful summer sunshine just calls for a walk in our beautiful parish. We're walking on Saturday 30th July and would be delighted to welcome you along. Our route will take us down through the woods St Mary's church, then along to Pound Farm before going across the fields to King Lane and Horton Farm. From here we cross the fields again to emerge opposite Horton Court and St James the Elder church. Then along Horton Lane to Upper Chalkley Farm before climbing Broad Hill to return to Hawkesbury Upton via Bath Lane and the village cricket ground.

We anticipate it will be dry so good walking shoes should be fine. The walk is hilly with a few styles but fine for people with relatively good mobility. If you want to bring along a flask of coffee, we always include a short stop to top up the batteries. Dogs are welcome.

Please meet in the Village Hall Car Park at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start.

At the end of the walk we'll be returning to the village where we would be delighted to welcome you to join us for a quick BBQ at The Beaufort. It's a really nice way to finish off and says thank you to our local Landlord who is always so supportive to other organisations in the village.

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Amazingly, I was able to take another entire carrier bag full down to our friends in Cornwall again last month, so that they can be sorted and sold in aid of the *Hearing Dogs* charity, to fund assistance dogs for the deaf.

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South Gloucestershire Councillor's Report

There has been little further news on the budget announcement that there would be greater devolution for the West of England (South Gloucestershire, Bristol City, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset) on the condition of the election of a metro mayor. There appears to be little appetite for a new Mayor, with enhanced powers over the area. Council leaders have written to the minister asking for a local referendum on this subject. A reply is awaited. The £30m promised for growth each year for 30 years, doesn't cover the savings which individual councils are having to make to local services.

May 5th Election

The only election in South

Gloucestershire on May 5th is the Election of the Police & Crime Commissioner. Remember you don't have to have an Electoral Card to vote but you do have to be registered to vote – check you are on the electoral role www.southglos.gov.uk

Mobile Library

The consultation on the closure of libraries runs to the 12th May – remember this includes the possible closure of the mobile library. There may be other options – please let me know your views and do respond to this important consultation.

SORT IT CENTRES

Don't forget to register your vehicle with South Gloucestershire Council

if you wish to use the Sort It Centres. You need to do this once and register 24 hours before using the site. Check out www.southglos.gov.uk

POTHoles & STREETLIGHTS

The poor repair of the potholes in the villages has been raised with Streetcare – please remember that you can report potholes, streetlights and dumped rubbish (on Council land) on the Council's website: www.southglos.gov.uk Please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can help at all.

Cllr Sue Hope
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07860239600

Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer

April has been living up to its 'sunshine and showers' billing. I have been investigating a suitable location for an additional water trough at Hareley Common with the Hareley Commons committee. A new trough will mean that cattle can graze for longer at Hareley and Assley, without making the trek back to the Inglestone trough for water.

Our visit coincided with heavy rain and a right soaking. Fortuitously as it turned out, clearly showing which areas of the common are wet and 'splashy' and which stay drier. Possible locations need to avoid sensitive areas (wet, wildflowers, archaeology, near houses, roads or footpaths) as well as being within striking distance of the mains. The next step is to meet with Bristol Water for connection quotes

and advice.

A day of sunshine followed the rain with bright yellow Brimstone butterflies bobbing along the sheltered scrub edge – one of our earliest butterflies, the caterpillars feed only on buckthorn which is found on the common. I was looking at bluebells, not our native bluebell which carpets the woods in a real highlight of spring, but Spanish bluebells forming a clump on the woodland edge. Disappointingly, garden waste still turns up on the commons and is a likely method of spread for non-native plants. Spanish bluebells are more vigorous than our native bluebell with broader strappy leaves, more open flowers and little scent. Left unchecked they spread, outcompeting and hybridising with our native

bluebell and shifting the balance of our ancient woodlands.

As Inglestone Common is a designated site of special scientific interest (SSSI), consent for removal of any plant needs to be sought from Natural England with detailed paperwork explaining what, when, how and where it will be done. Paperwork now completed and armed with written consent, our thanks to Neil Lodge the Lower Woods reserve warden for Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, who has kindly volunteered to dig up and remove the Spanish invaders.

Ann Harris Commons Officer.

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Hawkesbury & Horton WI

At our April meeting held in Horton Hall, speaker Steve Mould told us all about the

work of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity. The service covers 6 counties: Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Bristol, North Somerset, Bath and N.E. Somerset and Wiltshire and is essentially a flying accident and emergency department which on average deals with about 4 accidents a day.

At present they have one helicopter but shortly will have two. They also have 4 ambulances. A helicopter costs about £2.3 million per year to run and all the money is raised from donations.

Accidents are assessed on their need and can be in isolated places hard to reach quickly in any other way. They deal with a range of accidents: some on farms, sporting injuries, motor accidents and serious falls. Their aim is to reach the accident scene within 20mins, and,

with a critical care doctor on board can perform procedures only possible otherwise in a hospital, therefore saving the lives of approximately 350 people a year. Patients can also be fast-tracked when they reach the appropriate hospital as they have been assessed and primary care already administered.

Afterwards WI members were able to contribute to this very worthwhile charity with a bucket collection.

Horton member, Lyn Edwards, gave a vote of thanks.

During the evening Ann Greenhalgh from the Cromhall based charity CLink brought along a king-sized patchwork quilt she had made for a Grand Quilt Draw to support the work with two community schools in townships around Lusaka, Gambia. This draw will take place in May.

Several members attended the Spring Meeting at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall and the speaker from Westonbirt Arboretum gave an informative

illustrated talk about the work done there and it was lovely to know that by the time you read this the 300 meter Boardwalk with tree-top views will be open.

Flower of the Month competition was won by Judy Chancellor with a double-headed daffodil

Marshfield Quiz – Our team: Jenny Harris, Pat Seabrook, Pat Sherry and Barbara Harvey were delighted to win as the questions were particularly difficult; and with about 35 teams competing, this was a brilliant result!

Diary Dates

3rd May “Hats With Tales” – Margaret Giess

Resolutions

Competition Make a Fascinator

7th June Garden Meeting at Collyns Mead courtesy of Lady Sally Macfadyen

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The Green Hills of Home

It's always good to come back to Hawkesbury after any holiday, no matter how enjoyable. This Easter was no exception.

We'd just spent two weeks in our camper van, touring the flatter parts of northern Europe.

It was unnerving to know we were often driving below sea level, but the flip side was it made cycling a joy. Taking our bikes off the back of the van to go for a family cycle, we didn't so much pedal as glide. The level roadways provided the perfect surface for lazy, unmuscled cyclists like me.

While we loved the candy-coloured stripes of the flat Dutch bulb fields, we missed the gentle undulations of home. My reasons were not solely aesthetic or sentimental. I had a practical reason to yearn for them. I'd acquired temporary deafness in both ears. What I needed to effect a cure was a good Hawkesbury hill.

Townie friends complain that all the roads leading to Hawkesbury are single track. What they don't mind so much, as they always come by car, is that they are also uphill.

Ideal for guarding against floods, I always think. But there's a further benefit of all these ups and downs which, unlike flood prevention, never hits news headlines. As our camper van chugged up the homeward hill, the long-awaited miracle happened. My ears popped, and, at last, I could hear. Hurrah for our Hawkesbury home!

Debbie Young

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Hawkesbury Horticultural Show Schedule 2016

This year's Show Schedule is currently being updated and revised. Each year, the horticultural, domestic and children's classes are reviewed. The number of entries for each class is recorded each year and occasionally, it is felt that a class could be removed and a new class added. Any changes to classes are on the advice of experts in that field, and are always made to encourage more people to feel like they could 'have a go!' The wording of the class descriptions is also carefully considered to try to make it unambiguous and easily to understand, with a few guidelines included as well. So if your favourite class has been changed, or removed – do look out for the new classes that have been added in this year to make the display in the marquee on showday even more of a spectacle.

In the Show Schedule, which should be available to buy in June, all classes that have been altered in some way, or are new classes, are marked with a * The alterations are listed below, to advise those of you who start thinking about entries early, to be aware of the changes...

SECTION 1 VEGETABLES (Cottagers and Open)

Class Description

- 113 Pickling shallots, to pass through 30mm ring
114 Culinary shallots

*The vegetable classes shown above will now be required to provide **8** specimens, rather than 10 as in previous years*

SECTION 2 FRUIT (Cottagers and Open)

Class Description

- 201 Cooking apples
202 Dessert apples
203 Plums, not greengages
204 Dessert pears
206 Any other fruit, of one variety

*The fruit classes shown above will now be required to provide **5** specimens, rather than 6 as in previous years*

SECTION 3 FLOWERS (Cottagers and Open)

Class Description

- 325 Sweet peas, 1 or more varieties

*The flower class shown above will now be required to provide **6** stems, rather than 9 as in previous years*

SECTION 4 DOMESTIC (Open)

FOLIAGE & FLOWERS

Class Description

- 401 Miniature exhibit entitled "**Red, White and Blue**" maximum 10cm in any direction

This class is renamed every year, and this year the colour theme is a reflection of Her Majesty's 90th birthday

- 408 Cactus or cacti, in flower, all growing, pot up to 25cm
This replaces a previous ambiguous description and any type or size or number of flowering cacti can be presented in the one pot

FOOD

Class Description

- 419 Decorated cake, theme: '**Sport**' (only decorations judged)

This class is renamed every year, and this year the theme is a celebration of the Olympic Games in Rio. The sport does not have to be one featuring in the Olympics, any sport or sports, flat or 3D decoration

- 425 Open fruit flan, short crust pastry bottom, any fruit,
Please note that this class replaces the previous 'Fruit tart, short crust pastry top and bottom, cooked on a plate'

New adult classes this year – there are a number of new classes introduced this year, in a variety of sections, which may be just what you have been waiting for....

New class Description

- 331 **Dahlia collection** – 3 vases, each containing 3 stems of dahlias as described in classes 305 (decorative), 306 (cactus or semi-cactus) and 309 (ball). *One class per vase.*
- 400 **Orchids**, in flower
- 423 **Lemon curd**, in a clear jar
- 447 **Model sculpted or created from vegetables and/or fruit**
- 448 **Oddest shaped fruit or vegetable**
(The fruit and vegetables used in classes 447 and 448 do not have to have been grown by the entrants)

New children's classes this year –

New class Description

- 545 Cheese straws, 6, *any recipe but must be 'straws'*
- 546 Flap jacks, 4, *any recipe, cut into squares*
- 547 Decorated cupcakes, 3, *this class is for under 3s only*

Finally, a new perpetual trophy will be awarded this year for '**Best handicraft in Show**' in memory of Hazel Bleaken, who was a great supporter of Hawkesbury Show and very valued and sadly missed member of the Show planning committee. The trophy is to be presented to the Show by Hazel's children.

The Hawkesbury Show Committee

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 We're associated with Saint Wulfstan from the 11th Century, patron saint of peasants and vegetarians, the first to ban the slave trade in Bristol.

Britain's longest serving Prime Minister, Robert Banks Jenkinson from the early 19th Century, is buried in the churchyard, at St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury.

And if Hawkesbury's village idiot dies, we go down to Hillesley and get another...

Long John Steedsy

Ronnie Corbett Jokes

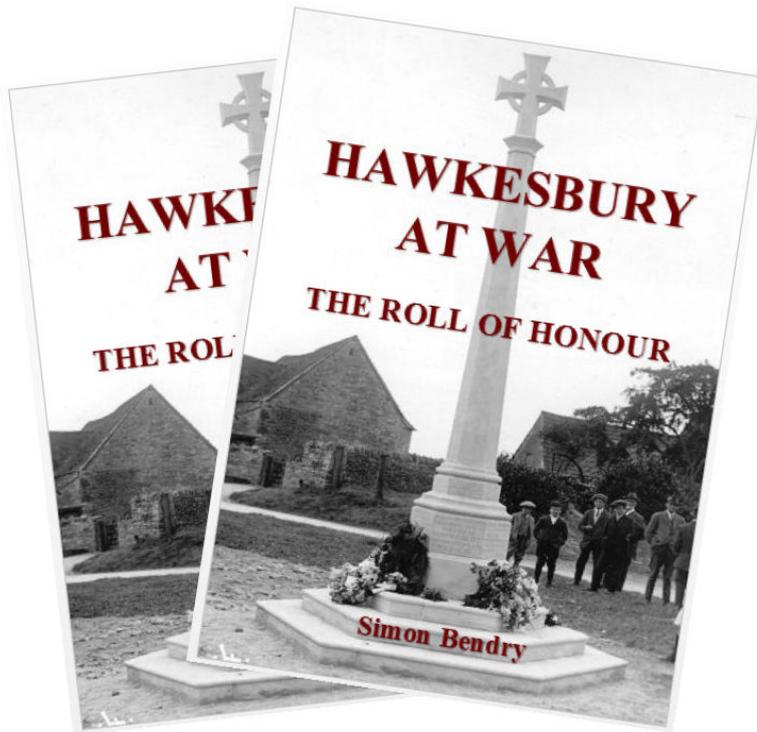
We will be talking to an out of work contortionist who says he can no longer make ends meet.

There was a fire at the main Inland Revenue office in London today, but it was put out before any serious good was done.

French wine growers fear that this year's vintage may be entirely spoiled due to the grape treaders' sit-in.

It was revealed in a government survey published today that the prime minister is doing the work of two men, Laurel and Hardy.





100 years on, this new book tells the story of the parish of Hawkesbury at War. As well looking at the impact of the war, The Roll of Honour includes the stories of all of the individuals who served from Hawkesbury, but also the wider parish including the Commons, Tresham, Kilcote, Little Badminton, Petty France and Leighterton.

The book also includes:

The history of the Hawkesbury Hospital

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The story of the village war memorials

Copies are available from:
www.Hawkesburyatwar.wordpress.com
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Charity Lunches

Many thanks to all who helped with the charity lunches before Easter, either by making delicious soup, providing bread or fruit, or by helping on the day

Our collection for Christian Aid raised over £400 – congratulations!



HAWKESBURY SHOW 2016

Keep up-to-date with the latest news on Hawkesbury Show 2016, by checking out our website:

www.hawkesburyshow.org

And remember to "like" our Facebook page:

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Both are updated regularly over the coming months in the run up to this year's show, making sure you are up-to-date on the latest Show news..

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SAME DIRECTION, VERY DIFFERENT COURSE

In his third year as course designer at the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials, Giuseppe Della Chiesa has bucked tradition and sends riders the same way out of the Main Arena as last year. First over the ASX Starter then left to the angled hedges may be familiar, but the HorseQuest Quarry now has a completely new look. Entering the pit down a grassy slope the first obstacle is Mike Weaver's Hay Cart, seen in many locations in the Park. It is then a left loop out of the dip and back in over an uncompromising dry stone wall, up a steep slope and another wall. This certainly has the feeling of Quarries of old.

To break a very long gallop, riders have to steer off the straight and jump an inviting parallel before the serious question of subtly altered distances at the brush corners in the Irish Horse Gateway Huntsmans Close.

Then it is the first fence where horses get their feet wet, a big log on the flat at the lower end of the Lake, which jumped very well on its introduction in 2015. Giuseppe then reroutes from last year, going to the white spreads at the Jack Wills Garden, his only decorative concession to long distance show jumping.

Past the front of the House it is a right turn to a revamped Swindon Designer Outlet Mound, a gnarled log on the flat, followed by another in the dip, up a steep slope to an airy suspended log and down to a very narrow log on a left handed turn. There is then a let up spread before a new look Mirage Pond. The first element is a narrow kennel with an immediate drop into the pond. There are two choices of kennel exit, with little to choose, but it is the gap between which will keep the horses guessing which one their pilot will opt for.

In keeping with letting the horses have a bit of a mental break after a serious question, the next is another let up, the PHEV Oxer alongside the Vicarage Ditch then up one of the few inclines in Badminton Park to Giuseppe's 'discovered' location,

the Gatehouse New Pond. Again very different to last time, the direct route involves a birch drop into the water, a spread in the pond and out on a sweeping left curve to a very open birch corner.

A portable 'chase fence comes before the classic KBIS Vicarage Vee. The difference this time is that though the obstacle has to be jumped going left, the course track hangs right thereafter, doubling back to the rebuilt Outlander Bank, an upright frontage with a bounce to a narrow roll top feeder.

Then it is a right turn to re-enter the Deer Park over the Shogun Hollow, an angled double of hedges, with a dip between them. Another long gallop ensues before a return to the World Horse Welfare Garden, where riders will need to really steady up before a double of upright white gates.

Down to the crowd favourite, the Lake complex. It is much later on in the course this year, which changes its significance. The first element, which miraculously finds itself as fence 25, celebrates the silver anniversary of Mitsubishi Motors sponsorship, with the back to back silver L200 Pick Ups. It is then a left loop to a quite inviting brush into the Lake, followed by a choice of exit over another brush followed by brush cubes.

There are now only two rather than three birch fences at the Alexanders Silver Birch, then the same large tree trunk, looking down the Avenue towards Worcester Lodge.

Last year Savills Escalator proved perhaps on the kind side, so more of a slalom effect is required this time. The Devoucoux Keepers Brush is the same as ever, but there's always the penultimate question at the Rolex Crossing. Different logs, different distance this time, then finally back into the arena over the Mitsubishi Finale.

33 fences with 45 jumping efforts over a distance of about 6,500 metres (just over 4 miles), which will give an optimum time to be achieved to avoid time penalties of around 11 minutes 30 seconds

VERY STRONG BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES

The Badminton Horse Trials 2016 is marked by one of the strongest ever fields of competitors.

The highlight is undoubtedly the return to top flight competition after serious injury last autumn of both William Fox-Pitt (*Parklane Hawk*) and Andrew Nicholson (*Nereo* and multiple Burghley winner *Avebury*); the German presence is headed by Olympic Champion Michael Jung with *La Biosthetique Sam*, accompanied by Ingrid Klimke, twice 2nd at Badminton, Andreas Dibowski, Bettina Hoy and Andreas Ostholt. Michael Jung also plans to take one horse to Rolex Kentucky, which after his Burghley win in 2015 gives him a shot at the Rolex Grand Slam of Eventing, should he win in Kentucky.

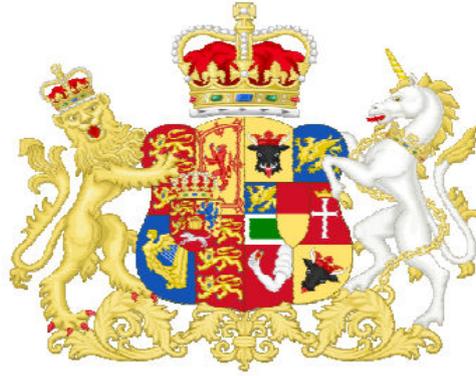
Competition for the 4 places in the New Zealand Olympic team looks to be especially hot; Mark Todd has two rides, Blyth Tait returns after a 13 year absence, previous winner Jonathan Paget brings *Clifton Promise* and *Clifton Lush*, while husband and wife Tim and Jonelle Price will challenge these and Andrew Nicholson for places in Rio.

Notable British entries include former world champion Zara Tindall with her London Olympic and World Equestrian Games ride *High Kingdom*; previous winners Pippa Funnell and Oliver Townend; regular team members Tina Cook and Nicola Wilson; and several riders with a real chance of earning a ticket to the Games such as Gemma Tattersall, Izzy Taylor and Laura Collett.

2016 also sees a strong American contingent headed by multiple medallist Phillip Dutton, Boyd Martin with a choice of 4 rides, Buck Davidson and Lynn Symansky. As always, the Irish will be out in force, with another husband and wife combination in Michael and Patricia Ryan, Aoife Clark, Joe Murphy and Camilla Spiers. The Australians have always rated Badminton highly as a prelude to Olympic Games – they have two previous Mitsubishi Motors Trophy winners in Paul Tapner and Sam Griffiths, together with Christopher Burton and Bill Levett.

25 years after her mother Mary won the first Mitsubishi Motors Trophy, Emily King hopes to make her debut at Badminton with *Brookleigh*.

The full list of accepted entries and the waiting list can be seen at: www.badminton-horse.co.uk



THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY/BIG LUNCH CELEBRATION

Everyone welcome to 'Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch' to the Village Hall and Playing Fields and join in with fellow villagers for a fun afternoon.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE : STARTS 12pm – 4pm

Bring your Gazebo's, Picnic Blankets, Chairs and Tables and lots of food and drink!

Teas/Coffees biscuits being served, there will be games for all ages to join in with, Soft Ball Rounders, Welly Throwing, Splat The Rat, etc. And a Raffle.



May News

I hope that by the time you read this, Spring will have arrived, hedgerows will be green and our gardens blooming – just the right time of year for wonderful walks down

to, and around St. Mary's in its beautiful setting.

Here are some dates for your diaries, please come and support the Friends whenever you can.

Sunday 26th June, 5.30 pm Friends of St. Mary's AGM, followed by Choral Evensong.

Our preacher this year will be Dr. Patricia Broadfoot, CBE, who has had a distinguished academic career in education, management and social sciences, formerly Professor of Education at Bristol University, later Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire, and a Reader in our Diocese. Following the service there will

be light refreshments at Church Farm House.

Sunday 3rd July, 1pm onwards. Jazz on the Lawn!

This year our venue will be the lovely garden at Collyns Mead in Back Street, by kind permission of Sir Ian and Lady McFadyen. Bring picnics, tables, chairs, rugs and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of lively music. Pimms, beer and pork-filled baps will be among the many tempting treats available for sale, £10 per ticket, children free, available at the gate on the day.

Saturday August 27th, Hawkesbury Show!

Once again, the Friends' refreshment tent will be offering Pimms and a welcome chance to sit down to all those in need of a break from Dodgems, archery and the excitement of the Show tent.

November: we are planning a sequel to our recent very successful wine-tasting evenings, so watch the space!

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

lisawhite1851@gmail.com



HAWKESBURY UPTON TENNIS CLUB

May 2016

Our regular club sessions have now started:

Adult club nights for all abilities: Monday and Wednesday from 6:30pm onwards.

Junior club sessions (11-12yrs onwards): Mondays at 5:30pm. Ross Lawrence will be there to help you and give you the chance to see if you enjoy it before joining, should you wish to do so.

HUTC will be holding a **FUN DAY** on **SUNDAY 1st MAY 2016** from 2-5pm. This will be followed by the AGM. Entry to this event will be **FREE** and there will be a variety of activities for all ages including:

CRAZY TENNIS; ROSS' CHALLENGE; MEET THE COACH; BBQ & REFRESHMENTS

Membership for the new season is now open. The membership form is printed after this article and can be given to the Membership Secretary, Rob Owen, at Barley Mow, France Lane, Hawkesbury Upton, GL9 1AN - 01454 238623 - owen@barleym.freeserve.co.uk

Social tennis sessions, for those available during the day, are being held on Tuesdays from 2.30pm. We will also play on any other day when the weather permits and there are people available.

For non-members who wish to hire the courts please contact Barbara Stephens to borrow the key on 01454 238569.

We look forward to welcoming you to 'HUTC's Fun Day' on Sunday 1st May.

Tricia Perris - Publicity Officer

Please see the following details of Elaine's coaching sessions and contact info.

HAWKESBURY UPTON TENNIS CLUB 🏸

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Court Fees:

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

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CLUB SESSIONS: Commence Monday 4 April 2016 - ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

SOCIAL TENNIS: Tuesday from 2.00pm – plus other days as weather and availability permits - ALL WELCOME

MIXED ADULT DOUBLES: Monday and Wednesday Evening 6:30pm till dark – ALL ABILITIES WELCOME with lots of mixing around and socialising

JUNIOR SESSIONS: Monday 5:30-6.30pm – Senior school age players only

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN under the age of 11 must be accompanied at the courts by an adult [over 18].

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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Hawkesbury Cricket Club update

During the HCC committee meeting held on 6/4/16 we discussed the problem of dog fouling on the cricket field. We have taken advice from South Glos Council and John Otley who is an expert on these issues... It was decided that as we are a community club and we do not wish to punish the many local villagers who do use the field responsibly the field will remain open.

However, at the club's expense we will install dog bins at 3 entrances to the field and install a CCTV camera so that we

can continue to allow dogs off the public right of way line.

Hopefully, this will help the issue and we will review again at the next meeting.

The ultimate objective is Junior Training which starts on April 21st and we do not want any child falling into dog mess.

If anyone would like to discuss any of these issues, please contact me on 238387.

Please share.

Chris Gardener, Chairman HCC

Hawkesbury Cricket Club — May Fixtures

Team	Home/Away	Date	Competition	Versus	Where	Time
1st	Home	07/05/2016	GCCL	Kings Stanley	John Hawkins	13.30
2nd	Away	07/05/2016	SDCL	Chalford 2nd	Highfield Sport Ground	1
1st	Away	14/05/2016	GCCL	Ullenwood Bharat	Ullenwood Cricket Ground	1
2nd	Home	14/05/2016	SDCL	Stroud 4th	John Hawkins	1.30
1st	Home	15/05/2016	Cup	Great Rissington	John Hawkins	1



2016 6 Nations Rugby Competition

Congratulations to Dick Blundell who just pipped Paul Gardener by 1 point on the final weekend. He wins £100 with Paul taking the 2nd prize of £50.

A donation was made to the Senior Citizen Christmas Fund.

Thanks to all of those who entered (a record number of 47 this year) and thanks also to Rowland Evers for putting together the spreadsheet and producing the printouts after each weekend.

If you want to see the full results drop me an email and I'll provide them,

mickbendeaux@hotmail.com

Next competition will be Euro 2016 starting June 10th. There will be an entry form in the May Parish News, in The Beaufort or email me and I'll send you one.

Rugby Six Nations 2016

Final Positions (top 10)

Dick Blundell	125	Vicky Rispin	112
Paul Gardener 2	124	Michele & Marta	112
Keith Burgham	121	Mike Gardener	111
Lynelle Woods	119	Rowland	111
Barry Wright	117	Peter Hurst	106

Summer Skittles 2016 — May fixtures

Week commencing	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
May 2nd		2 v 7	5 v 3	8 v 1
May 9th	1 v 5	4 v 8	6 v 7	3 v 2
May 16th		2 v 1		7 v 3
May 23rd	1 v 7	4 v 2	6 v 5	8 v 3
May 30th				

Teams

1	Cream Teas	M
2	Beaufort Pingers	T
4	Old Foxes	T
5	Hornets	W
6	Brats	W
7	Spooners	Th
8	Winkers	Th
3	Rats Pack	Th

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HAWKESBURY YOUTH CRICKET REGISTRATION EVENINGS

Hawkesbury youth cricket coaching starts again on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd April.

Training days are as follows, please note the different coaching day for the U15 and U17 age groups:

U9 - Starts Friday 22nd April 6.30pm – 8pm

U11 - Starts Friday 22nd April 6.30pm - 8pm

U13 - Starts Friday 22nd April 6.30pm - 8pm

U15 - Starts Thursday 21st April 7pm – 8.30pm

U17 - Starts Thursday 21st April 7pm – 8.30pm

We have some exciting developments this year including 4 additional Level 2 qualified coaches to help the children develop. Everyone is welcome whether they have previous experience or not. We had a great season last year with the children in each age group making great progress and having lots of fun.

The Friday session will include coaching for the juniors as well as refreshments for parents and whenever possible a BBQ.

The U15's, U17's and U19's will be training alongside our first and second XI teams.

If any parents are interested in getting involved with the club and assisting with coaching on the above nights please let us know. Support is available for those interested in taking coaching qualifications.

For more information or to register your child's interest please contact Vicki Parker on 07824 640540 / vicki.parker@ezek.com.

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BBQ and Refreshments

T20 exhibition match.

We run junior teams at U9, U11, U13, U15/U17 and U19 plus two senior teams.

Come along to hear more about us and our plans for the coming season.

To find out more please contact:

Sean Hopson: 07930 989667 (seangasman@gmail.com)

Vicki Parker 07824 640540 (vicki.parker@ezek.com)

Marshalls needed!

If you don't want to run the HU5K but have an hour to spare on Saturday 18th June could you help marshal?

We need 30+ volunteers to line the route around the village and help keep our runners safe.

If you can help please contact Vicky Pember at: v.pember@gatewest.co.uk

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Any problems or for further information please give me a ring Sue Hope 01454 238673

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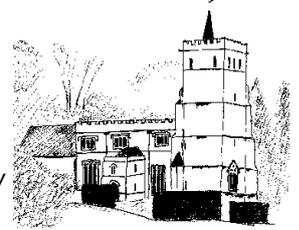


Every month we will publish regular and one-off events at the Village Hall so you are aware of what is going on and we will give contact details so you can join in.

Weekly events		
Monday	Toddlers 9.45-11.45*	Sarah Choyce 07980 735 152 fihurst@outlook.com
Monday	Karate 6 – 8:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
Tuesday - Friday	Hawkesbury Preschool 8.45-12.30*	Louisa Tooker 07989 484774 www.hawkesburypreschool.org enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk
Tuesday	Youth Club 7 - 8:15* (except 1 st Tues in the month)	Mark Francom 01454 238720 markfrancom@gmail.com
Thursday	Karate 6:15 – 7:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
Thursday	Badminton Club 8 – 10	Roy Townsend roy.townsend3@btinternet.com
Thursday	Bufs 8 – 10	Peter Webb susan.peter@uwclub.net
Friday	Hawkesbury School of Dance 4:15 – 6:15*	Eve Brewer eve_brewer@yahoo.co.uk
Friday	History Club 8 – 10 (3 rd Friday in the month)	Barrie Hope 01454 238673 hope.poolfarm@btinternet.com
Saturday		
Sunday	Karate 11 -12:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
*School term time		
Dates for your Diary		
03/05/16	WI 19:30 – 21:00	Betty Salthouse 01454 238410 beesalt@btinternet.com
05/05/16	Polling Station for Police & Crime Commissioner Election	
07/05/16	Plant Sale 9:30 – 12:30	Terry Truebody terry@truebody.co.uk
14/05/16	Murder Mystery 7:00 – 11:30	Sam Allen howrdallen@aol.com
05/06/16	Guides Drama Production	Louise Roberts 238628/07817 226612 louise.roberts622@btinternet.com
18/06/16	HU5K	Jennie Young Jennieordhume@hotmail.com
23/06/16	Polling Station for EU Membership Referendum	
Latest News		
<p>Lots of exciting events this month so make sure you make contact to arrange your tickets and avoid disappointment.</p> <p>There are two opportunities to make your contribution to the Political scene this month as well. The Polling Station will be open from 7am to 10pm on the designated dates.</p> <p>Visit our website - http://www.village-hall.org/</p>		

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.



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead .. 1 Peter 1 : 3

Now that Easter has come and gone, we can look back on some good, thought provoking services. The Maundy Thursday service was good and well attended. The Good Friday reflection covering three hours of meditation on themes relating to the Crucifixion is always powerful and moving, ending with the reading of the story from John's gospel on the hill opposite the church. Good numbers attended on Easter Day, and everyone left with an Easter egg!

St Mary's will be playing a part at Badminton Horse Trials, helping to run the church marquee, where people can come to relax in a moment of quiet and have a cup of tea. A service of Matins will take place at Badminton church at 10 am on Sunday 8 May. Looking forward, we

have a Celebration of Baptism on 15 May, Pentecost, at 4.0 pm, followed by tea. Remember to come to the Flower Festival at the end of the month, 27-30 May, on the theme of musicals, with Songs of Praise on Sunday 29 May at 6.0 pm

Dates for your Diary

- 4-8 May - **Badminton Horse Trials**
- 8 May -10 am - **Horse Trials Matins** – Badminton Church
- 15 May – 4.0 pm – St Mary's – **Celebration of Baptism**
- 27-30 May – **Flower Festival** – St Mary's
- 29 May – 6.0 pm – St Mary's - **Songs of Praise**

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May 2016 Services in Badminton Benefice

Church Services May 2016					
Sundays	May 1st	May 8th	May 15th	May 22nd	May 29th
	Easter 6 CW 5th Sun after Easter BCP	Sunday after Ascension	Pentecost Sunday CW Whitsun BCP	Trinity Sunday	1st Sun after Trinity
Readings	Revelation 21.10 - 22.5 John 14.23-29	Ezekiel 34.24-28	Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17	Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15	Galatians 1.1-12 Luke 7.1-10
Great Badminton St Michael		10am Matins BENEFICE SERVICE			
Little Badminton St Michael				1115 Mattins with HC Richard Thomson	
Sopworth St Mary	6pm Evensong Celia Carter		1115 Mattins Richard Thomson		
Didmarton St Lawrence	11.15 Mattins Richard Thomson		8.30 BCP HC Richard Thomson		
Acton Turville St Mary			9.30am Matins Mary Beresford	8.30 BCP HC Richard Thomson	
Boxwell St Mary					9.30am BCP HC Richard Thomson
Leighterton St Andrew	8.30 BCP HC Alveen Thoresen		11 CV HC all age Alveen Thoresen	6pm SAT Richard Thomson	
Hawkesbury St Mary's	9.45 CW HC Richard Thomson		4pm Celebration Baptism celebrations serv	6pm BCP HC Richard Thomson	6pm Festal Evensong Alveen Thoresen
Lasborough St Mary	9.30 Matins Alveen Thoresen		9.30am HC CW Alveen Thoresen	9.30am Matins Mary Beresford	
Oldbury on the hill St Arild's					1115 Matins Richard Thomson

MIDWEEK	9am	4.30pm	Please check before coming to Mid week services
Tues	Acton T	Boxwell	
Wed	Hawkesb.	-	
Thurs	Leightert	-	
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Letter from the Vicar – May 2016

Dear Friends,

Over the last two weeks I have had the privilege of being called to say prayers with the dying. Whenever I am asked to the bedside of a dying person, I am always left with the conviction that it has been hugely significant, both for the person who is dying as well as for the family.

Using oil (which has been blessed by the Bishop) to anoint the sick and the dying is very much part of our tradition. St Paul encourages it and Our Lord himself was anointed by Mary with expensive ointment, in preparation for his death.

It is actually the oil of healing, not dying. So that even if the healing does not occur in this world it is part of our healing for the next. Having said which, I have anointed people who revive and live many years after!! One of them sits in my pews every week.

What happens is that there is a short confession, a statement of faith and a few prayers. It is all very simple, nothing complicated and usually a great comfort to the family. And I should add, that if the call comes in the middle of a party, then a car is sometimes needed to collect the Priest! But I will come, even if it is my Day off, or I am in the middle of having a dressing down by my wife (which sometimes happens to us husbands!) It is what I am here for - and it is no bother!

Finally I hope you may be able to come to the Horse trials service at 10 o'clock on 8th May in Badminton church. Best to park in the village and walk up.

Best wishes,

Richard Thomson.

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

Email: revrichardthomson@gmail.com or Tel. 01454 219236

Benefice website: www.badmintonchurch.org.uk/

Church Services in May 2016 For St. Mary's Church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
01st May	0945 am	Morning Praise Holy	N Gray	Rev C. 21 v. 10 - 22.5	H Rogers
08th May	No Service at Hawkesbury Benefice Service @ Badminton				
15 th May	4:00 PM	Celebration of Baptism			D Musty
22nd May	6pm	B.C.P. Holy Communion	G Morgan	Romans C. 5 v 1-5	H Rogers
29th May	6PM	Flower Festival Songs of Praise	T.B.A.		M Davies
05th June	0945 am	Morning Praise Holy Communion	A Gray		M Bendry
12th June	6 pm	Evensong	William Fairney P Bendry		Peter Setterfield

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 Rev. Alveen Thoresen call: 01666 890 548

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Linda Fairney

***** Please note all the different service times *****

A BIG THANK YOU

from the Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival

Writing this column a week before the 2016 Festival takes place, I obviously can't report on how it went, so instead I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who supported our 2nd Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival.

Firstly, if you attended the Festival, thank you for coming! I hope you enjoyed meeting the dozens of authors, poets and illustrators who gave their time freely to create a fantastic carnival of books and reading especially for our community. Special thanks also to:

- those who supported the Festival financially to enable us to offer all of our events free of charge: the Hawkesbury Writers, the Parish Council, the Parish News team, Chipping Sodbury Waitrose, and Lisa White
- the providers of our venues for their help, advice and enthusiasm: Aggie and Guiseppe at The Fox Inn and Moira Coates and Joan Boulton at the Methodist Chapel
- our team of volunteers, as important to the Lit Fest as the Gamesmakers were to the London Olympics - especially Heidi Perry, who has been helping behind the scenes and offering moral support all year round, as well as on the day of the Festival
- finally, to the authors, artists and poets who gave up their time for free, to appear at our festival, many of them travelling a long way and staying overnight, all at their own expense (the best way to thank an author is to buy their books - and it's not too late to do that, either by ordering online or at any good bookshop)

Without all of these people, the LitFest could not have happened.

FUTURE EVENTS

The HU Lit Fest will now be an annual event on the closest Saturday to Shakespeare's birthday and World Book Night. This means the 2017 Festival will take place on Saturday 22nd April.

In the meantime, we'll be keeping the momentum going with our Pop-up Lit Fest at the Hawkesbury Horticultural Show on Saturday 27th August. This year, as well as having our bookstall by the Pimms Tent, we'll be staging a series of readings in the Village Hall, which we hope will provide a welcome respite from the hubbub of our wonderful village show.

We're also planning to hold a series of occasional events throughout the year, in various local venues. These include a Jane Austen talk over afternoon tea at Bodkin House on Sunday 17th July (more details to follow shortly) and a special visit from Belinda Pollard, an Australian author who has fond memories of childhood camping trips to "the other Hawkesbury" down under. (This is subject to her obtaining a grant to travel here from Australia - we're waiting to hear with fingers crossed!)

HOW TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

The easiest way to keep up to date with our events is to join our email list, via the sign-up form on the Festival website at www.hulitfest.com. You can also follow us on Twitter at @HULitFest. As a small reward for joining our mailing list, you'll gain access to free ebooks of the Festival anthologies containing samples of the work of all the writers who have taken part in each festival. The 2015 one is already available, and the 2016 edition will be out soon. Paperback editions are also available to buy.

HOW TO JOIN OUR TEAM

If you would like to be part of the Festival team going forward, I'd love to hear from you. Equally if you know of any writers or artists who would like to take part in future events, please feel free to give them my email address:

debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com.

And now, back to my writing desk!

Debbie Young

Festival Founder, Director & Author

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Tickets can be obtained from Peter Whitbread on peter.whitbread@btinternet.com, 07833 491242 or message the Jubilee Field Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/hillesleyjfm/>





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Lower Woods in Springtime

Sun, 01/05/2016 - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Event details

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Minimum age 12

Cost: Free

Venue location

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Dawn Chorus

Sun, 08/05/2016 - 04:30am - 07:30am

Event details

This rewarding experience may have an early start but as we all know, the early bird catches the worm!

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Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning Applications withdrawn:

PK15/5538/TCA	Adjacent To The Carpenters Shop Church Lane Hawkesbury	Works to reduce crown to leave a height of 7.5 metres and radial spread of 3 metres of 1 no. Cherry tree and reduce crown to leave a height of 7.5 metres and radial spread of 3 metres of 1 no. Cherry tree and reduce crown to leave a height of 7 metres and radial spread of 3 metres of 1 no. Ash tree all situated within the Hawkesbury Conservation Area	Withdrawn
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Planning Decisions received from South Gloucestershire Council :

PK16/0475/TCA	Yarde 12 Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Works to remove 2no. Rowan situated within Hawkesbury Conservation Area	No Objection
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Annual Big Spring Clean Saturday 19th March 2016

It was a very cold crisp morning and the car park was beginning to fill up, all these little children in their Rainbow uniforms got out of their cars; even younger siblings joined the team ready to start clearing the rubbish in and around Hawkesbury Parish.

As you know in April's edition the Parish Council thanked a few people for their support, but on the day it was left to the youngsters. Ailsa Devon who runs Hawkesbury Rainbows came with her team including many parents. Here are some of the names of the children who took part Snowdrop, Cassie, Grace, Sophie E, Tensie, Lotty, Esme, Jessie, Flo and Nara. Ailsa said

"As a Unit Hawkesbury Upton Rainbows are working to complete Rustle, Bustle and Squeak. One of the sections of the challenge is to fundraise; Hawkesbury Upton Rainbows and the Rainbows are asking to be sponsored for helping for 2 hours at the spring clean".

Please contact Alisa if you wish to help, email: ailsa_devon@hotmail.com

In addition After School Club was supported by-Alex Clements and her son Oliver, Preschool-Celia Rowlands with daughter Isla and Sarah Maccombe with Bella and Mrs Musty who helps every year without fail. Thank you

Hawkesbury Parish Council would like to thank everyone for all their support with this event it is very much appreciated.

Annual Big Spring Clean Event

Saturday 19th March 2016



Hawkesbury Parish Council



Parish Council General Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 9th May 2016 at the Methodist Hall, Back Street, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

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Mon 30th – Fri 3rd June	Shropshire Tour	Full details on request	

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Summary of forthcoming local bus service changes

Serv.	Destination	Op	Ward	Summary of changes	Impact
47	Bristol Cntr – C. Sodbury via Downend	First	C. Sodbury, Yate Central, Dodington, Westerleigh, Emerson Green, Downend & Frenchay & Stoke Park	Timetable amended but frequencies remain the same across all days of operation. No change to route	Amended timetable. Frequency and route unchanged.
N47	Bristol Cntr – C.Sodbury	First	C. Sodbury, Yate, Coalpit Heath, Downend		
X47	Bristol Cntr – C.Sodbury	First	C. Sodbury, Yate Central, Dodington, Westerleigh,	Timetable revised, route unchanged. No of journeys to Bristol during am peak increased from 2 to 4. No of journeys from Bristol in pm peak increased from 3 to 4.	No. of journeys during peak hours increased.
81	Hanham - Kingswood – UWE - Winterbourne -Yate	First	Longwell Green, Woodstock, Kings Chase, Staple Hill, Downend, Frenchay & Stoke Park, Stoke Gifford, Yate Central, Dodington, Westerleigh,	Long term roadworks mean Stoke Ln, Frenchay closed from 24 April 2016 to early 2017 in 1 direction. Journeys to Yate operate via Frenchay Pk Rd, Bristol Rd, Ring Rd & Coldharbour Ln & do not serve Stoke Lane. Journeys to Hanham take normal route & are unaffected by roadworks.	1-way diversion of route (Bristol - UWE) avoiding long term roadworks on Stoke Ln. Bus stop on Stoke Ln not served during this time.



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	Fri 29th Apr F.I.G.S. - TBC The Fleece Inn Golf Society's next event of 2016, venue Henbury Golf Club.
	Sat 30th Apr Return of the FI Olympics! - 2-6pm tba Yes, the Fleece Inn pub sports Olympics is back! Mark your calendars now for May bank holiday weekend!
	Sun 1st May Quiz Night - 8pm £2 per head. On the first Sunday of each month our popular quiz for teams of up to four raises money for local charities.
	Sun 8th May Acoustic Evening - 8-9:30pm Free On the second Sunday of each month why not come along and sing, play, recite - or just enjoy the entertainment? Electric keyboard now available
	Wed 11th May Coffee Morning - 10:30-12:00 £3 tea/coffee + cake Join us for a cuppa & cake 2nd Weds each month. Good company & charity raffle.
	Sun 15th May Vinyl Night - 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. May theme = 'Saxophone'
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Friday, 29th April 19:30 Saturday, 30th April 19:30
 Sunday, 1st May 19:30 Monday, 2nd May 20:15
 Tuesday, 3rd May 19:30 Wednesday, 4th May 20:30
 Thursday, 5th May 14:00 19:30

Zootropolis 2D Running time: 108 mins Cert PG

Saturday, 30th April 14:00 Sunday, 1st May 15:00
 Monday, 2nd May 14:00

Our Little Sister Running time: 127 mins Cert PG

Sunday, 8th May 19:30

The Globe: Measure for Measure (Recorded)

Running time: 180 mins

Tuesday, 10th May 19:00

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Running time: 125 mins Cert 12A

Saturday, 14th May 14:00

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Sunday, 29th May 19:30

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10th – 19th June 2016

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This year's ticket outlets are Swagger and Chipping Sodbury Post Office.

The theme is "Kings and Queens". So expect some "Right Royal" antics and displays in the town.

A Jazz element is included with support from Sodbury Jazz and Blues.

By popular request Forever the ABBA returns, and the "Evening With" speaker will be Ann Widdecombe, with her highly entertaining talk Life After Westminster. Along with this there will be a Quiz Evening, Music in the Street, many children's events and, of course, Jim Elsworth's "Ever Changing Sodbury".

Last Night of the Proms returns with the award winning Flowers Band, which this year, will be under their highly respected resident conductor, Paul Holland.

A bigger and better Quarry Open Day is being arranged by Hansons and of course there will be many other activities for young and old alike. Not forgetting the Lions Club Street Fair and Carnival.

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Amber Langley	07473 357573	I'm 16 years old. I have experience with younger children as I have a 4 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 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 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 17 years old and can work most weekends or weekdays. I have two younger sisters so have had experience looking after younger children. I am a responsible and kind teenager and willing to help in anyway! I'm also an A grade GCSE student and I'm studying A level English Literature at the moment so I would be able to help with tutoring in English as well.
Ellie Parker	01454 238261 07496 078232	I am a reliable and responsible 16 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	I am fundraising for <i>KLB World Challenge 2015</i> expedition to Ecuador. I am available for babysitting, 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 16 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.
Sean White	01454 238 555	I am 14 years old. I'm available for babysitting, dog walking or pet minding and gardening tasks. If you have any questions about any menial jobs then phone me up and I'll see whether I'm able to meet your requirements.



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May Sudoku

Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated:-

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

EASY !!

NOT SO EASY !!

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

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

Answers to the April quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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