

Hawkesbury Parish News



EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

Welcome to the April 2012 issue of Hawkesbury Parish News.

Well Spring is finally here! Daffodils and tulips are bursting into life, birds are busy building nests and the lambs are leaping about the field down the lane. Now that the clocks have changed, evenings will be getting lighter each day! No more driving home from work in the dark. Yippee!

I have to keep reeling myself in, as far as the plans for this year's veg patch are concerned. I've cautiously planted a few trays of seeds already, but am trying not to get too carried away yet. It's still not warm enough for many varieties. In previous years, I have patted myself on the back for bringing on fantastic veg plants in the warmth of the sunny back bedroom, gleefully imagining how early I will be harvesting produce — only to pot them up in the greenhouse just in time for a plummeting temperatures and disaster! Hopefully, I'll avoid having to ask the more seasoned gardeners in the village naively where it all went wrong, before getting yet another severe ticking off!

Finally, congratulations to Louise Roberts on her latest madcap fundraising idea, spending the night in the bus shelter! The total raised by her for *The Julian Trust* and *Emmaus* is still growing at time of going to press and will be a great boost to both causes. I did think of her and wince in the early hours of the Saturday, when the rain hitting the back of the house sounded like someone pelting it with handfuls of gravel.

Have a very **Happy Easter** and I'll leave you to explore the April issue, which is even bigger than last month!



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Please send it in as early as you can!



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**Latest date for all items for the
May magazine is 15th April.**

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 2nd April 2012**, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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.



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Sunday 8th July

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Mandy 01454 261436



Mobile Library



Times & Dates

2nd, 16th & 30th April 2012

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



Coming Soon...



Open Day at Severn View Farm

Saturday 14th April
1.00- 4.30pm

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Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School April Newsletter 2012

The children have been really enjoying the fine weather, being able to use the outdoors for their learning.

The Bookery (new library)

The PTA have been working very hard transforming the old library area, which was rather plain and unattractive into 'The Bookery', a lovely modern, fresh library which all the children can use and enjoy. It could not have happened without the commitment and hard work of PTA working party who spent many hours day and night creating it—thank you!

World book day

This was a resounding success. Helen Hart, a local author, who has written a children's book about a female pirate, visited the school. The children and staff dressed up as pirates and during the morning worked with Helen. She helped the children to improve their writing, sharing the process of drafting and editing stories and having great fun making stories up with the children. She was truly inspirational and encouraged the children to produce some brilliant story writing. *"I loved World Book Day, it was great fun dressing up as a pirate and hearing what a real author actually does."* **Katie M.**

Big Tidy Up

On Thursday 15th March, the children joined with the village 'Big Tidy Up' and worked hard to clear rubbish from the school grounds, lane and cricket field. Thanks to Hazel Jones for organizing the sacks to be delivered to school.

Sports Relief

To raise money for Sports Relief on Friday March 23rd, the whole school will be walking a mile around the school field and cricket field. We would like all children to wear a silly hat or wig whilst they are walking. It would be great to see others from the village joining us. We will begin walking at 1.45pm from the school field.

A request for plant donations

We have used 100 donated tyres to section off a part of the playground for Robin class (the infants) to use during their lesson time. We now need to make these look attractive by filling them with hardy plants, herbs and bamboos. If you have any cuttings or seedlings that you could donate for us to plant then please bring them to the school office – anything willingly accepted.

School Council News

Our School Council are going to try to write a piece in each Parish Magazine, the children in the council are:

Esme – Reception

Hugo – Year 1

Hazel – Year 2

Louise – Year 3

Charlie W – Year 4

Charlie F – Year 5

Abi – Year 6

This month they interviewed children to see what they had really enjoyed doing at school this month.

"Maths has been really fun learning my times tables" – **Tommy,**

"I enjoyed creating branching databases on the computers" **Laura**

"Learning about right angles has been the best part of this week" **Josh W**

"I have enjoyed researching different types of adverts and writing my own" **Evie**

Louise Lewis — Headteacher

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With the arrival of spring the children at Hawkesbury Preschool have been turning their attention to choosing what they would like to grow in our preschool garden. When asked, the children made some quite ambitious suggestions including grapes, oranges and bananas; however we would be very grateful for any donations of bulbs or seeds to grow, fruit, vegetables or flowers in the coming months.

This term, as well as our Spring theme, we are looking at 'mini-beasts'. Outside the children have been hunting for bugs high and low with their magnifying glasses, and inside they have been gluing and sticking to create colourful pictures of all the insects they have found.

At the end of term, Preschool will be hosting another parents' morning. This provides a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's key person, discuss their progress and share their learning diaries.

On the fundraising front, Haven is giving away sports equipment to Preschools and we need your help. In order to qualify we need parents, family, and friends etc to register their support. All you need to do is go to www.havenfunfitness.com, find our Preschool by entering postcode GL9 1AU and enter your details. You can 'untick' boxes if you prefer not to receive any emails from haven in the future. We need 70% of you to register and your children will receive an exciting bag of goodies!

Our next fundraising project will be our Hawkesbury Preschool 'Family Suppers' recipe book. Look out for more details next month. In the meantime if anyone has any family supper recipes they would like to contribute, please do send us an email or drop us a line.

Finally there are still some places available so if you are interested in enrolling your child at Hawkesbury Preschool please contact one of our play leaders on 07989 484774, or email us at: enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

For more information on our preschool please take a look at our website:

www.hawkesburypreschool.org.uk



Thank you!

Hawkesbury Pre-School Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to every one who helped, attended and supported our table top fundraiser on Sat 25th Feb. It was a great event and raised much needed funds for our village pre-school.

Would you like cash for something round the home that you no longer want/need/like?

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NEWS FROM HAWKESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

A **huge** THANK YOU to everyone who supported our **Annual Pledge Auction** in March. We are still doing the final sums but can tell you that the event raised approximately £2,600. This will make an enormous difference to the resources at our fabulous village school - and our support is more important than ever in these stringent economic times. We are really grateful to ALL those who helped make it such a success. Firstly, thanks to those who pledged things to be sold on the night, from home-spun services such as baking and car-washing (always popular bids!) to local businesses such as our two village pubs, the Duke of Beaufort who generously made a cash gift of £200, and to all the organisations further afield who provided lots for us to sell. But of course the ultimate success of the Pledge Auction depends on people coming to snap up those bargains on the night!

The lots were expertly auctioned by Dave Anderson, so a big thank you to him - and also to team who ran the bar to oil the wheels of the bidding process! It was especially pleasing to see some new faces bidding on the night, including some who have no immediate connection with the school.

The **Pledge Auction** came at the end of an exciting week, following in the wake of **World Book Day** when visiting children's writer Helen Hart, author of 'The Black Banner', came to declare the new **Bookery** officially open. The Bookery is the new name for the reference library which the PTA completely refurbished to give it a funky new look. Thank you to Jacky White of Hawkesbury's own Brilliant White decorators for doing such a fab painting job - we thoroughly recommend her services! The subcommittee worked long hours into the night to get the job done - thank you, Angela, Tamsin, Nuala and Debbie.

PLANTS AND CUTTINGS NEEDED!

We're also putting the finishing touches to the **new garden** by Robins class (Years 1 and 2). This has stacks of recycled tyres, filled with soil, just waiting to be planted out! The school would therefore welcome donations of any hardy, non-hazardous plants to go in them. While you're tidying your garden this spring, if you have any spare plants that need a good home, please bring them to the school office.

FUTURE EVENTS

Three further great fundraisers are coming up soon. Firstly, we'll be taking our huge stock of good quality secondhand books to **Severn View Farm's Spring Open Day** on **Saturday 14th April** - always a great afternoon out. Please do visit our stall - we've lots of new additions and something for every taste in books.

The next two events will take place on the same day - **Saturday 16th June**. Our first ever **5K Fun Run** is open to all comers, from far and wide - entry £6 for adults, £4 for children. Do please invite anyone you know who likes running to take part in what we hope will become an annual event, earmarked for raising funds to replace our ageing swimming pool. All entrants welcome from far and wide! Entry forms are available from the PTA website. Advance registration is essential so that we can manage the numbers.

Later that day will be our annual Ball, usually held in May but moved to June this year. The theme will be "**The Great British Ball**" - very appropriate for the year of the Royal Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics when we have so much to celebrate. Tickets priced £27.50 per head include a welcome drink, canapes, main course and dessert, followed by a disco. Everyone welcome!

Happy Easter, everyone!

For more information please visit our website: www.hawkesburyprimaryschoolpta.com

Debbie Young, PTA Secretary

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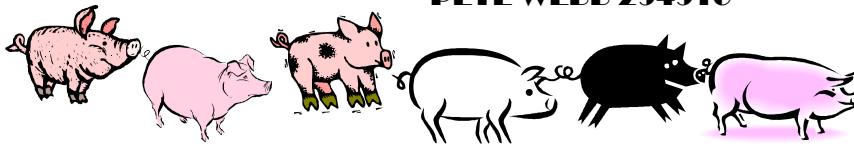
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All sessions can be booked by either dropping in to a session and having a chat with Louisa, our senior playworker, calling the ASC mobile on 07527 224741 during club hours, or call the school office during school hours.

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A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past few months with our fundraising for our Foxlease visit in May.

We had great fun putting on our Fashion Show and Jumble Sale, and from that raised an amazing £310.00.

This, together with a very generous donation of £500, and successful grant application from S.Glos Council of £500, we now only have £646.75 – this is between 4 Patrols, so we are well on target to reach our goal of £2,150 by May.

We have an exciting project planned for the Autumn of a 1st World War Exhibition that we will be putting on. We will be researching our own family history, learning more of the soldiers who gave their lives from the village and finding out if there are any war horse stories from around here.

We will be finding recipes to cook, songs to sing, and so much more. We will begin all this with a visit to the National Army Museum in July, to see The War Horse Exhibition and to find out more about the 1st World War.

We're looking forward to sharing our findings with you.

If anyone out there would like to be involved – maybe you have a memory you'd like to share with us, or photos to show – we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Louise 238628 or Jane 232933.



HAWKSNEST SKATE PARK APPEAL

This month the Committee would like to say a big thank you to two local groups who have kindly made generous donations to our appeal fund - the Hawksbury Summer Skittles League (£250) and the Parish Council (£100). We also raised £27 at the Pre-School Tabletop Sale.

Thank you very much to those who bought things from our

stall which was run by Chris Webb and Jacob Nicholls. This takes our total raised so far to an amazing £38,172.

Unfortunately we weren't successful with our latest grant application which means we still have quite a large chunk left to raise. All donations and any suggestions for further fundraising will be most gratefully received.

In the meantime, the Committee and some of our keen skaters met the suppliers to talk about the design of our planned village skate park. Let's hope we can soon make our plans a reality for all the young people in the village to share.



Find out about the Diamond Jubilee celebrations planned for Hawksbury – if you want to have a say, or to find out more, come along.



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Hawkesbury's World of Books

If there's one thing we don't have to worry about in Hawkesbury Upton, it's flooding. Even though we can see the Severn from "our" part of the Cotswold Way, it would take more than global warming to bring the seashore to our parish boundary.

So where did all those pirates come from who were seen making their way down the high street the other week? Where had they parked their ship?

If you hadn't already heard, the reason for this surreal apparition was the very real phenomenon that is World Book Day. This is an annual event celebrating children's books in over 100 countries around the world. Schools have great fun dressing up for the day on book-related themes. Hawkesbury School chose a pirate theme in honour of a visit by children's author Helen Hart, whose latest book "The Black Banner" is about a girl pirate).

What's more, courtesy of sponsors within the publishing industry, every school child is given a free book token worth £1. These publishers thoughtfully produce a selection of books priced just £1 especially for the occasion, so that no child need miss out on the opportunity to own a book, no matter how poor they are. (Who could fail to be horrified by recent reports that one in three children doesn't own a book?)

Fewer people have heard of the equivalent event for adults, which was launched just last year. To distinguish it from the children's celebration, it has been christened World Book Night and highlighting 25 top adults' books, chosen to appeal to all tastes.

The second World Book Night takes place this month on 23rd April - coinciding with the best-known literary date, Shakespeare's birthday. Hawkesbury will have suitable celebrations of its own that evening in the Village Hall. (Thanks to the tireless Louise Roberts for organising this!) There'll be a free book swap, book-related chat and lots of free "Quick Read" books to be given away. Unlike the school's World Book Day celebrations, pirate dress is not required - but don't let us stop you if you really want an excuse.

Happy reading!

Debbie Young

Debbie's blog is at www.youngbyname.wordpress.com

Military Conflict

Listening and reading so much at the moment about the current unrest in The Middle East, I have been drawn to watch old film footage and to read as much as I can about the history of the 1st & 2nd World Wars. From 1940 - 1945 I was too young to understand the complexities of War, and now in 2012, I feel I am too old in years, to understand!

I was given the book "Birdsong" last year and found this passage from the book so poignant, I had to read it several times.

A young soldier from the 1st World War writes...

I do not know what I have done to live in this existence. I do not know what any of us did to tilt the world into this unnatural orbit.

We came here only for a few months. No child or future generation will ever know what this was like. They will never understand.

When it is over we will go quietly among the living and we will not tell them.

We will talk and sleep and go about our business like human beings.

We will seal what we have seen in the silence of our hearts and no words will reach us.

I am sure the above passage rings true in sentiment and feelings for many of the young men and women who are in military conflict today.

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‘The Story of Pub Signs’ by **Angela Panrucker**

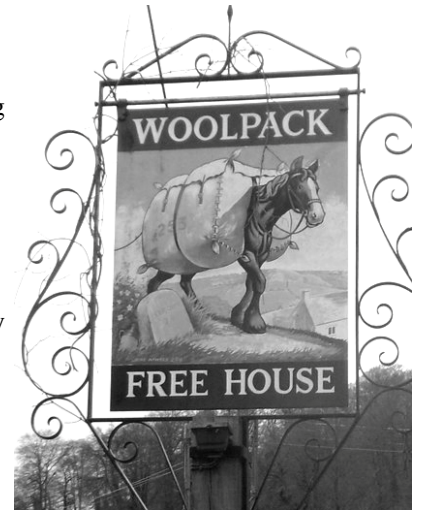
At the end of a long hike, whose spirits have not been gladdened by the sight of that colourful creaking sign outside a pub door heralding the warmth, good food and real ale to be found within?

As iconic a symbol of rural Britain as the church spire (or of urban areas as the queuing traffic), pub signs have been a part of the British landscape from time immemorial.

Signs originated as far back as Roman times and the naming of inns had become commonplace by the 12th century. In 1393 a Royal Act was passed by King Richard II making it compulsory for signs to be hung out wherever beer and ale were sold, in order for the official ale taster, and his mainly illiterate neighbours, to identify such places. The ale taster’s role was to ensure that good and proper standards in quality, quantity and price were being upheld. Anyone contravening such standards would have been fined by the manor court.

Much of British life is reflected in the enormous variety of names given to its inns and pubs and depicted by their exuberant signs and symbols. From battles to inventions, monarchs to sporting heroes, inn signs provide a record of British history and create a compendium of folklore, heraldry and social customs.

Angela Panrucker’s popular talk will give a general introduction to the history of pub signs from Roman times to the present day with examples from all over the country. It cannot fail to be richly illustrated!



Friday 20th April 8.0pm
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Hawkesbury & Horton W I

At our Birthday Party we were joined by visitors from the Sodbury Vale Group also by our WI Advisor Maureen Crew.

Pete Milsom, accompanied by wife Sue, kept us well entertained with a lively history of Punch & Judy. Apparently it all started in Italy with slapstick when actors were hit on the back of their legs with a stick. This year there will be major celebrations as it is 350 years

since Punch first came to England and was recorded by the diarist Samuel Pepys who saw it performed in Covent Garden.

Professor Pete demonstrated the use of the swazzle, a small reed like instrument which gives Punch his distinct voice when placed strategically in the puppeteer's mouth. Pete makes his puppets and when he handed round Punch we discovered just how heavy he really was with his large carved wooden head, stuck on nose and pointed chin. Pete keeps his shows fairly traditional with a few highlights, although today he said there are many versions to keep Joe public happy.

The puppet competition was won by Kim Anderson with a beautifully made queenly one in pink.

Carol Blaken won flower of the month with a tulip.

Diary Dates

3rd April - Willow Workshop with Ellen Musgrove

Please bring along your rural photos, 6 x 4, unmounted, to this meeting. One will be chosen to go forward to the group meeting.

1st May - Resolutions Meeting.

Running a farm shop (with samples) Karen Cole & Drew Morgan

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

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410

thank you

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Used postage stamps update

After Christmas, I handed over a carrier bag full of stamps to our friends in Cornwall for the **Hearing Dogs** charity. They were absolutely thrilled that so many people from the village had taken the time to save them. I've already received numerous freezer bags and envelopes ready for my next trip, so thank you to everyone who has bagged up their stamps and popped them through our door.

Stamps of all shapes & sizes, UK and foreign are very much appreciated and are welcome all year round. They are sold to raise funds for specially-trained hearing dogs for the deaf.

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HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

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TROWEL & ERROR

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

Our speaker for the evening was **Fiona Warin** who gripped us all with a very amusing talk about herself and the history of allotments which she entitled '**Losing the Plot**'.

Her first allotment had long been untended and was a bit more than she reckoned she could manage on her own so she advertised for help in the local newspaper – '*Slim (she's not) blonde lady (she is) seeks a tall dark handsome man who likes a challenge (the allotment, not her) and comes equipped with the right equipment (e.g. a rotavator)*'. Roger applied and got the job and, later, the girl. She is now Allotments Officer for Cheltenham Borough Council and is in charge of over 700 allotments.

Her historical talk, during which she used a variety of fun props, took us from William the Conqueror until today via the plague, famine, the poor laws, the riot act, wars and several attempts by government to provide ordinary folk with a bit of land on which to grow a few vegetables. Allotments seem to go through phases of popularity which follow the economy of the age. But where once they were the domain of men and used simply to feed a hungry family they are, in urban areas certainly, today mostly worked by women and are often used as social recreational spaces where they discover their neighbours whom they would otherwise never know or see.

Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd April 2012 when **Roger Turner** will tell us how to **Amaze the Neighbours**.

We will be opening our Plant Sale venue to include cakes and other food produce. You do not need to be a member to take part. See the panel below.

If you are not a member but would like to hear a speaker that takes your fancy then come along as a guest – fee £2.50. For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364.

Plant Sale

in **Hawkesbury Parish Hall, Hawkesbury Upton** on **Saturday 12th May 2011**

from **10 until 12 noon**

Do you have plants, cakes or other food produce to sell?

Tables will cost £10 each if you live within the parish of Hawkesbury
and £15 each if you are from outside the parish of Hawkesbury.

The tables measure approx 6ft x 2ft.

Please contact **Liz Howard** on **01454 238417**

Hawkesbury Parish News – Local Project Funding

Just a brief update on the Hawkesbury Parish News' potential offer to fund projects within the village.

We are currently considering several ideas which will benefit the village in various ways. We hope to be able to provide you with details of the projects we have decided to fund in the May issue of the Parish News.

So, watch this space...!

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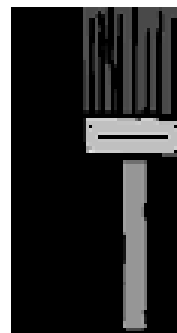
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Garden Club Trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show Sunday 13th May

Cost – £25 per person (this includes £15 entrance and £10 coach)

The coach will leave the Plain HU at 9am returning to Hawkesbury Upton at 6pm

Never been, but always wondered what it was like? Well why not come and join us, you don't have to be a club member to come along. We have a great time on our trips and it's good to relax and let someone else drive.

The Malvern Spring Show has something for everyone: - with 500 trade stands you are sure to find that elusive plant, garden implement or gadget you never knew you needed, not to mention plenty of other items of interest, garden or otherwise. Beautiful floral displays from 100 nurseries, show gardens to see, landscaping displays and allotment info and a whole barn of food stands. Or just take a seat and relax with a drink and soak up the atmosphere.

To book your ticket(s) please contact: -

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WINTER IS OFFICIALLY OVER

By Alan C. Porter



It was the sound that caused the reluctant opening of one eye. Not an unusual sound but one I had not heard for some considerable time and heralded the end of winter in no uncertain terms.

I had so far refused to accept the arrival of spring, the armchair and I still in winter mode, but the single opened eye ended all that as it observed the perpetrator of the sound setting alarm bells ringing and adrenaline pumping. . .the first wasp of the season had arrived!

Galvanised into action, I swung into attack mode. I tried the humane method of getting rid of the unwanted visitor by opening the window and attempting to usher it out but a second one took unfair advantage of the situation and flew in causing plan B to be put into action; a rolled up Radio Times in one hand, newspaper in the other and the start of a totally uncoordinated, arm swinging dance meant to strike fear into the heart of the most fearless wasp.

Needless to say the only thing struck was the walls with knuckles before the final, messy demise of the unwanted guests. You can now take it as read that winter is officially over. Happy whacking!



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The new season kicks off on Monday 2nd April with registration for the new season from 6pm on the courts.

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Adults £45

Family (adults plus children under 18 living at home) £75

Juniors (11-18yr) £16

Full time students £16

Veterans (over 60yr) £16

All pupils, living in Hawkesbury and attending Hawkesbury school are free members.



Fees are due by April 30th.

Non members:

Court fees £6 per hr per court (Evenings and weekends)

£3 per hour per court at other times.

Non members must collect the key from 2 Sandpits Lane or 20 Back St

Non members £2 adults, £1 juniors/ students/ veterans per hour.

If you have a key and are no longer a member of the tennis club please return the key so we can return your deposit.

RBS Six Nations Competition



As the parish magazine headed for the printing press, the final placings had not yet been confirmed.

Details will be published in the May issue, however, a total of £75 has been raised for the Senior Citizens Christmas Fund.

Mick Bendeaux

Many thanks, once again to Mick for organising another much discussed contest and great fundraiser!
- Ed

Hawkesbury Cricket Club — 300 Club

Prize winners for February

WIN	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	335	Andrew Webb
£50	133	Chris Harding
£20	179	Caroline Newham
£10	242	Alison Sauro
£5	96	Jos Beeley
£5	25	Mick Bendeaux
£5	286	Vicky Rispin
£5	159	Joyce Eamer

To join the 300 club, please contact any member of the committee. The cost is just £1 per month. Each month two £50, one £20, one £10 and four £5 winners are drawn.

Dean Simmonds 01454 238 327

Hawkesbury Cricket Club 1st XI

At time of going to press, the 1st XI's first match of the season has been confirmed.

Look out for further fixture details in the May issue.

Date	Opposition	Venue
Sun 9/04/2012	Stroud	Away

Hawkesbury Cricket Club

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Spring Walk Sunday 6 May 2012

Come and see the Bluebells with us. The spring walk is taking place on Sunday 6 May 2012, meeting at the village hall car park at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start. This walk is going to be hilly, but rewarding so come long, enjoy the fresh spring air and of course the beautiful Bluebells in Church Wood.

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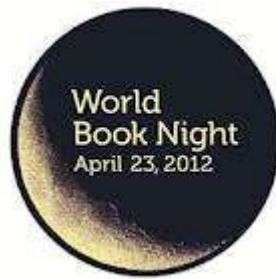
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CONTACT LOUISE FOR MORE INFO - 238628

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Unfortunately, the sign does not appear to be working very well. By law, anyone is allowed to park in the street, whether it is out the front of the Post Office or a house. I would like to explain why I do request that this area is kept free.

We send and receive several secure and valuable items at various times during the week. For safety, it is of the utmost importance that the Royal Mail vans are able to park right out the front of the Post Office. Unfortunately, all too often they end up having to park a long way away. This creates a very real security risk, and places the Royal Mail employees at a greater risk of robbery and/or physical assault.

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So please, before you park outside of the Post Office to go home, visit someone or to go to a class in the church, consider whether you can park a bit further away, and help to keep the Post Office and Royal Mail employees safe.

Thank you
Kerri Lawrence
Subpostmaster

My Night in the Bus Shelter Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everyone who supported me with this event, both with donations and kindness. I am truly overwhelmed.

The total raised is **£688.24p!** Fantastic!

Thought I'd just share with you some of the gifts I received/had loan of to make my night more 'bearable'...

- a thermal jacket - was as warm as warm can be
- a slice of cake, chocolates and damson gin
- a mussel shell
- diet coke, breadsticks and fruit pastilles
- herbal tonic, 2 liquorice & blackcurrant sweets and a dark Kit Kat
- Thorntons champagne truffles
- Lindor egg
- a bag of peanuts
- a mug of coffee and the use of someone's toilet
- 1 child's mitten

In the morning...

- a cup of tea at 6:30 driven all the way from Horton
- tea and toast
- a mug of tea just before I finished
- an offer of a chocolate croissant, but unfortunately I had no room!

Things I did during the night...

- ate jelly beans (very good at 2am)
- counted woodlice - 132
- estimated speed of vehicles through the village - at least 50mph I reckon
- watched the shop deliveries from 4am
- visited Chrissie's house again for the toilet at 5am
- listened to the birds from 5:20am

Things I didn't see...

- The woman in black
- a vampire or werewolf
- the big cat of Woodchester...PHEW!!

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PLEASE WATCH THE BLACKBOARD FOR UPDATES!!

ps. I just wanted to apologise to the 6 members of the village that are no longer able to collect their papers between 7-7.30am in the morning, hopefully we have now resolved any issues this caused. We have had to juggle the hours slightly due to staffing issues. – Anne Weston

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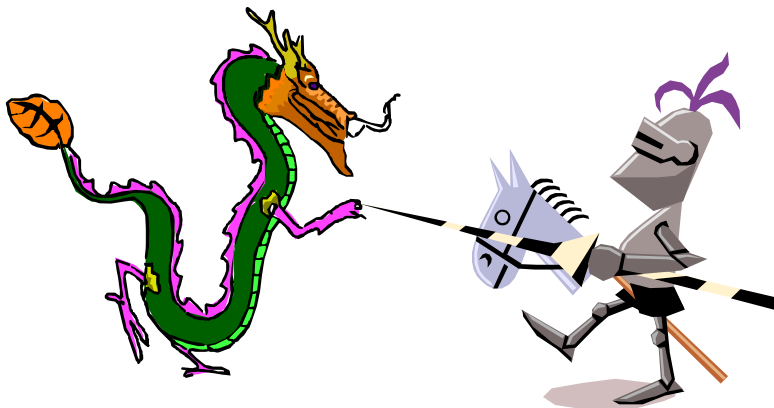
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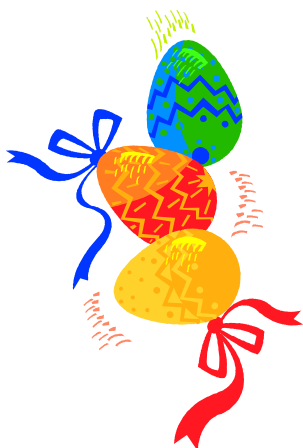
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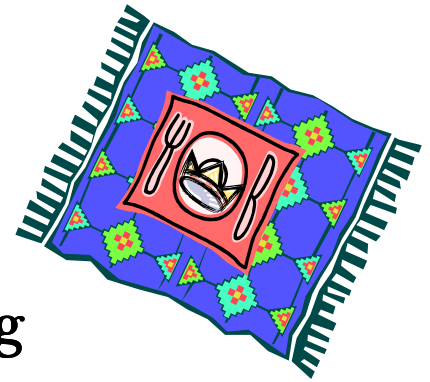
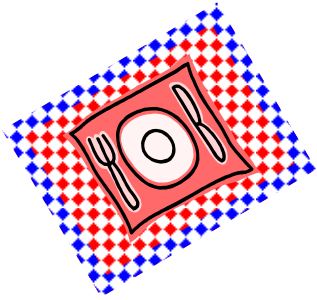
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Mary Beresford

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Yours sincerely,



Emma Roberts, Staff Nurse

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February 23rd 2012

Dear Mrs Beresford,

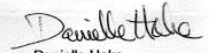
Thank you so very much for your generous donation of £335.20 which was raised in lieu of Christmas cards by church members and Brownies who went carol singing round the village.

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Danielle Hake
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Sodbury Calendar 2013

Sodbury Chamber of Commerce have announced the entry criteria for their **2013 Calendar photographic competition**.

The entry deadline is 31 July 2012 and winning entries selected by members of the Chamber will be featured in the 2013 Sodbury Calendar/.
Photographs must have been taken between 1 April 2011 and 30 June 2012

The Winning Photograph for the Calendar Front Cover will be chosen from competitors under 18 years of age

All photographs must be hi resolution. A minimum 5mil pixels and provided on CD or email

All entrants must be amateur photographers

Entries will be judged by members of the Chamber of Commerce

The Judges decision is final.

Subject matter: Sodbury People, Sodbury Buildings, Sodbury Events; Sodbury Landscapes

All photographs must be taken within the Sodbury District/Area.

All entrants must state when and where the photograph was taken

A limit of three photographs per person may be entered

Entries must be received **on or before 31 July 2012**.

All entries must be sent to RichMcD Photography on or before the 31 July deadline.

Please give full contact information including email, telephone and postal address

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From the Reverend Alveen Thoresen St Mary's Hawkesbury

Tel. 01666 890548

Ramblings from the Rectory

Wars, rumours of wars, rebellions and massacres; famines in various places; traffic accidents – the news is not good. When was it ever?

Everywhere tears.

Tears of parents who have lost children, children who have lost parents, through accidents, illness, war, violence the malice of others; tears of the dispossessed; tears of the refugee... So many tears!

Palm Sunday, 1 April, and Holy Week begins and continues in tears.

Jesus, weeping over Jerusalem. "If only you had recognized the things that make for peace... But you would not."

Jesus' heart wrenching cry at the beginning of his passion: "Now my soul is in torment!"

An unknown woman washing Jesus' feet with her tears.

Jesus' tears and bloody sweat in the garden of Gethsemane.

Judas weeping because he has betrayed his Lord and cannot undo what he has done.

Peter, so brash and bullish and confident a few hours ago, weeping bitterly because he, too, has denied and so betrayed his Lord.

The women of Jerusalem weeping for Jesus and for themselves along the road to Golgotha on Good Friday.

The anguished, forsaken cry from the cross, made of all the tears of the world: "My God, why...?"

Mary the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalen weeping at the foot of the cross.

Terrified, bereaved and bewildered friends and disciples mourning, huddled in an upper room.

Mary Magdalen weeping at the tomb in the garden on Sunday morning because she can't even find Jesus' body to care for it properly.

Then the shocked recognition - grief and bewilderment turning to hope and then joy in the realisation of the resurrection. And the tears are transformed - forever.

"Sing praises to the Lord... and give thanks to his name... Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

May the joy of Easter be yours!

*Rev'd Alveen Thoresen
St Mary's Hawkesbury*

WHY?

Why do I love you the way I do?

Why, when I'm with you, the sky is always blue.

Because to me you're everything,
the moon and stars above.

That's why you will always be my one and only love.



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Forthcoming events for 2012

May 27th – AGM and Choral Evensong

June 30th – Jazz at Church Farm House

August 25th – Show Day Pimms Tent

November 17th – The Gold Ball

Membership of the FOSM at the moment still costs only £5 per annum for single or £7.50 joint, but this is likely to increase at the AGM this year. Life membership is £100 (£150 joint). Contact treasurer Neil Fozard (238281) if you would like to join and help preserve our beautiful, historic church.

Pauline Setterfield

238307

Church Services in April 2012 For St. Mary's and the Methodist church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
01st April	0945 am	0930 am meet at the top of the hill walk to Church Palm Sunday Morning Praise - Communion	T.B.A.		M. Beresford
05th April	7 30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion @ Leighterton			
06th April	Noon - 3 pm	Experience Easter + walk to the Cross on the Knowle			
07th April	8 p.m.	Lighting of the Easter Fire			
08th April	4 p.m.	Easter Songs of Praise for all ages	Jackson Lawrence Lisa White		A Craig
15th April	6 p.m.	Evensong	Alex White D Musty		M Davies
22 April	0945 am	Morning Praise			
29th April	0945 am	Morning Praise - Communion	T.B.A.,		H Rogers
06th May	0945 am	Morning Praise - Communion	T.B.A		P Broad
13th May	6 p.m.	Evensong	M Bendry G Morgan		B. Stephens

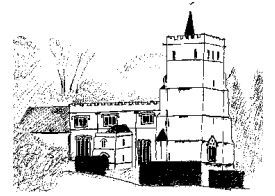
If you are unable to attend please telephone Linda Fairney: 01454 238553
Should you wish to speak to Revd. Alveen call: 01666 890 548

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Please note all the different service times

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.

"This is what the Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6 : 16

Spring is the busiest and most significant season of the church year, since Easter almost always occurs in April, early or late. Palm Sunday falls on 1 April this year, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a humble donkey. We shall meet at 9.30 am (or 9.45 in church) at Farm Pool to process down the hill to St Mary's with green branches and singing. Maundy Thursday (5 April) reminds us of the events of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet, and inaugurated the ritual we know as Holy Communion. A joint service will be held at Leighterton at 7.30 pm

On Good Friday (6 April), when Jesus was handed over by the Jewish authorities to the Romans and crucified, we shall be observing the Way of the Cross at St Mary's at half-hourly sessions between 12 noon and 3 pm. All are invited to drop in at any half-hour point to join in a hymn, meditation, prayer and silent reflection. At 2.30 pm we shall walk up to the cross on the hill for the usual Good Friday observance

On Easter Eve, Saturday 7 April, in a new departure, we shall be Lighting the Easter Fire, gathering outside St Mary's at 8.0 pm. Come and join us in a new experience. Easter Day, Sunday 8 April, will be celebrated at a joint service of Holy Communion at Lasborough or Leighterton (to be announced) at 10 am, and at St Mary's at 4 pm with Songs of Praise for all ages (not Holy Communion, as previously announced). Choose a favourite hymn and come and sing it with us!

Just a reminder that Messy Church for children and parents takes place at the Methodist Church Hall on Easter Eve from 10 am to 12 noon. You will find more details elsewhere in the Parish News; there will be creative activities, refreshments and a short service at the end

As part of continuing outreach to our community, we want to welcome new members into the church family when they come for baptism, whether small babies or adults. Existing members of the church are encouraged to come and be part of the welcome, and to join in the promises made by parents and godparents. Baptism is not an exclusive social event, but a public acknowledgement of membership together in the body of the Church. So it is with great pleasure that we welcome Hugo Emlyn Lea Nelmes as he is baptised on 29 April at 9.45 am

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 22 April after Evensong, to hear what St Mary's church has been doing during the year, about plans for the future, and to approve the accounts, all important in the life of the church, and fulfilling our legal obligations. We shall be looking for volunteers to be readers, and for people to clean and do the flowers. This does not have to be a heavy burden, a week once or twice a year would help to fill the gaps, and take the pressure off the few who are already doing these jobs. We are also looking for more sidesmen, and new members for the Parochial Church Council, who both have to be elected. It's time some of us retired, and made room for people with new ideas and more energy, so please consider carefully whether you could take on either of these roles in support of the church and the wider community. It is also time to renew the church electoral roll, so if you are not a member and wish to be included, please ask Mary Davies for a form

Dates for your diaries

- 1 April** – Palm Sunday – Farm Pool – 9.30 am
- 5 April** - Maundy Thursday – Leighterton – 7.30 pm
- 6 April** – Good Friday – St Mary's – 12 noon – 3 pm
- 7 April** – Easter Eve - Messy Church – Methodist Church Hall – 10 am - 12 noon
Lighting the Fire – St Mary's – 8.0 pm
- 8 April** – Easter Day – Lasborough/Leighterton – 10 am
Songs of Praise for all ages – St Mary's – 4.0 pm
- 22 April** – Annual Parochial Church Meeting – St Mary's - 7 pm
- 29 April** – Baptism of Hugo Nelmes - St Mary's - 9.45 am

Jennifer Oldershaw

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Anyone wishing to go on the above Roll please collect a form from St Mary's Church
or ring Mary Davies 01454 238657

THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



Services for April 2012

Sunday April 1st	10.30am	Joining with Bethesda
Sunday April 8th	10.00am	Rev H Cooke – Holy Communion Sunday Club for children attending
Sunday April 15th	9.45am	Morning Worship at St. Mary's
Sunday April 22nd	10.00am	Rev P Edwards Sunday Club for children attending
Sunday April 29th	10.00am	Mr M Phillpotts Sunday Club for children attending

Eeyore Theology

How does a believer in Jesus Christ cope with life's brevity and burdens without giving in to what Michael Easley of Moody Bible Institute calls "Eeyore theology"?

Eeyore, Winnie-the-Pooh's gloomy donkey friend, always walks slowly with his head down. He sees the negative side of everything.

An Eeyore Christian can be heard making statements like these: "Sin is rampant everywhere—even in the church." "The world is in worse shape than ever." "God is about to judge us for our wickedness."

When Moses wrote Psalm 90, he was in a sombre mood as he thought about the difference between God's eternal majesty and our human frailty.

We struggle, we sorrow, we sin, we fear God, and we die (vv.7-10). Depressing, isn't it? But Moses didn't end his psalm in that mood.

How would Moses respond to Eeyore theology?

He wrote, "Satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!" (v.14).

When we see the value of each moment and live in the glory of our redemption and the joy of our blessings in Christ, we show our delight in God to our children and grandchildren (vv.16-17).

Lord, keep us from being like Eeyore, and help us to leave a legacy of gladness, hope, and peace.

You won't be a child of despair if you remember your Father's care.

*Rev Paul
Methodist Minister*



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BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of April 2012

Sunday April 1st	10.30am	Songs of Praise
Friday April 6th		GOOD FRIDAY Service with Communion. Rev Philip Hopes
Sunday April 8th	10.30am	EASTER DAY Speaker: Rev Philip Hopes
Sunday April 15th	10.30am	Mr Gareth Davies
Sunday April 22nd	10.30am	Rev Colin Halstead
Sunday April 29th		FAMILY SERVICE Speaker: Mr Robert Simpkins

BETHESDA ADVENTURERS MEET DURING MORNING SERVICE

Tuesday 7.30pm – A Time of Worship / Prayer

Tuesdays 7.30pm Bible Study / Prayer

Thursdays at 2.00pm – A time of Prayer for Revival

Easter is here once again! What does it mean to you? Easter Eggs? Hot cross buns? Maybe, but what about the cross? Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5 v. 21 "God made Him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us. So that in Him (Jesus) we might become the righteousness of God". Sin demands payment! And Jesus Christ paid the price for our sin on that cross at Calvary. Paul, writing again in 1 Corinthians 6 v.20 tells us that "You were bought with a price" The person who cried out from the cross "IT IS FINISHED" is none other than God's own Son!! The writer Selwyn Hughes said "It was God's own Son - royal, priestly and sovereign. He alone did it, Hallelujah!! We have redemption through Him alone there in no other way.

M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]

Aspirations and Achievements

Remember, Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did, but she did it backwards in high heels.

Faith Whittlesey

If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.

Anita Roddick

You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned money, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

Ruth Smeltzer

Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

Anon

You have to have confidence in your ability and then be tough enough to follow it through.

Rosalynn Carter

We don't know who we are until we see what we can do.

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Saturday 31 March 4:30pm

Mid-August Lunch, Cert U, 75 mins – World Cinema

Gianni (Gianni di Gregorio) is a man in his sixties who still lives at home looking after his aged mother (Valeria De Franciscis). To pay the rent, he agrees to look after his landlord's mother for a weekend. When word gets out, he finds himself looking after four old women who don't necessarily get on with him or each other. Gentle comedy drama.

Full details: <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/MidAugustLunch.html>

Sunday 1 April 7.45pm

The Artist, Cert PG, 100 mins

The fate of silent movie star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin), struggling with the advent of the talkies, is interwoven with that of Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), a starlet thrust into fame by the new medium.

Thursday 29 March 2:00pm, 7:45pm

Saturday 31 March 7:45pm

Thursday 05 April 7:45pm

Sunday 08 April 7:45pm

Wednesday 11 April 8:45pm

The Descendants, Cert 15, 115 mins

While Hawaiian property magnate Matt King (George Clooney) is overseeing the sale of his family's last parcel of land, his wife is rendered comatose in a jet ski accident. Now the distant father must become a single parent to his troublesome daughters (Shailene Woodley, Amara Miller), as well as deal with a devastating revelation.

Wednesday 28 March 8:45pm

The Muppets, Cert U, 103 mins

Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, and his friends Gary (Jason Segel) and Mary (Amy Adams) attempt to thwart the plans of oilman Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) to destroy the Muppet Theatre by reuniting the Muppets for a mammoth fundraising telethon.

Sunday 01 April 2:00pm

Wednesday 04 April 2:00pm

Saturday 06 April 4:30pm

War Horse, Cert 12A, 146 mins

(Steven Spielberg, 2011) The extraordinary, touching and inspiring story of the epic journey made by a horse called Joey and his owner Albert (Jeremy Irvine) set against the backdrop of rural England and Europe during the First World War.

Full details: <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/WarHorse.html>

Friday 30 March 7.45pm

Tuesday 3 April 7.45pm

Coming Soon:

Is Your Honeymoon Really Necessary (1953) & My Wife's Lodger (1952) Wotton Arts Weekend double bill – 1st May.

The Woman in Black - 6th, 12th, 14th, 19th and 24th April

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel – 13th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 26th, 27th, 29th April and 3rd May

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What's on at Westonbirt — April

The Meadow exhibition in Silk Wood

1 March - 31 May

Until the end of May, Westonbirt Arboretum will host an exhibition of spring meadow photography by local photographer Barney Wilczak in Silk Wood.

More information can be found on the news pages.

Family event — Easter Challenge

Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 April 10:30am - 3:30pm

Can you complete Westonbirt's Easter challenge?

Free after admission.

Guided tour — Tuesday wildflower walks

10 April 10.30am - 12.30pm

Discover a succession of wildflowers through the season. Book in advance on 01666 880220. Free after admission.

Family event — Jurassic plants and other ancients

Tuesday 10 - Thursday 12 April 10:30am - 3:30pm

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Beginners Photography Workshop

Friday 13 April 10.30am - 3.30pm

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Westonbirt wood sales

Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 April 10am-1pm

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Guided tour — Westonbirt's signature trees

Saturday 21 April 10.30am – 12.30pm

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Monday 23 April 10.30am - 3.30pm

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Will Young - Fri 22 June

Tickets cost £35.00
(subject to booking fee)

Madness - Sun 24 June

Ticket cost £36.50
(subject to booking fee)

The Wanted - Fri 20 July

Tickets cost £27.50
(subject to booking fee)

Alfie Boe - Sat 21 July

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Steps (plus guests) - Sun 22 July

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- 22 April - **Crank Up Day**
10am-4pm. Vintage machinery, barn tours, rural craft demonstrations, children's activities, local food & ales. Entry £2, free for children.
- 25 May - **Medieval Song with Schola Cantorum** of Bristol University, 7.30pm
Sacred music and medieval secular songs for spring. Tickets £8 in advance
- 16 June - **Medieval Fayre**
11am-5pm, with *The Company of Chivalry* historical re-enactments, stalls, rural crafts, Local food & drink, activities for children, and lots more.
- 20 June - **'Good Food for Everyone Forever'**
Guest speaker Colin Tudge of the Campaign for Real Farming, 7pm.
- 6 - 7 July - **Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro' with Tessitura Opera.**
7.30pm. Grounds open for picnicking from 5.30pm. Tickets £8 in advance
- 19 July - **Basket-weaving course.** 9.30am - 4pm. Booking required.
- 29 July - **South Gloucestershire Archaeology Day.** Details to follow.
- 3 August - **Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' with Stroud's Festival Players**
- 8 - 9 Sept - **Heritage Open Days.** Visit the magnificent medieval barn for free.
- 7 October - **Orchard Harvest Day**
10.30am-3.30pm. All things orchards and autumn, with Cider-pressing, Stalls, Demonstrations, Children's activities, and Local food & drink on sale
- 15 -16 Dec - **Carols in the Barn 3.30pm.** Free, but pre-booking required.

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April 21	July 21	October 20
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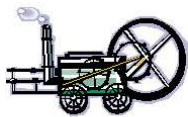
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Thursday 3rd - Monday 7th May, 2012,
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Easter Biscuits

Makes approx 30

You will need novelty Easter shaped cutters

Ingredients:

150g unsalted butter
175g Light brown soft sugar
1 large egg, beaten
2 tbsp milk
50g mixed peel, finely chopped
75g currants
350g plain flour
1tsp mixed spice



For decoration:

500g Fondant icing sugar
Pink, yellow, blue & green food colouring
Silver balls

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C/160 fan/gas 4. Grease two baking sheets.
2. Put the butter and brown sugar into a bowl and beat together until light and fluffy.
3. Beat in the egg and milk, and then stir in the mixed peel and currants.
4. Sift in the flour and spice and mix together to a firm dough. Knead lightly until smooth.
5. Roll out the dough to 5mm / ¼ inch thick and cut out Easter novelty shapes (chicks/rabbits/eggs, etc.). Place them on the baking sheets and bake for 12-15 mins. (You may need to bake in two batches.)
6. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool.
7. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl and mix to a smooth paste with just enough water to make a stiff but spreadable icing.
8. Divide icing between four bowls and add the smallest amount of food colouring to create a pastel shade.
9. Carefully spread over biscuits and place a silver ball for eyes before the icing sets.

Enjoy! Happy Easter



A DIAMOND START TO THE JUBILEE

The Big Jubilee Picnic at Westonbirt is happening on Saturday 26th May at Westonbirt House and Gardens. The Big Picnic is an occasion for everyone - families and friends, young and less young, from all nearby towns and villages in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and further afield who want to make an early start to their diamond jubilee celebrations at the magnificent Westonbirt House and Gardens.

All guests are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy a programme of music and dancing that includes sessions by The Big Brunch Band and Swindon Brass as well as a dancing display by 'Swingbytes'. The grand finale is a spectacular firework display at 10.30pm that can be viewed by all from the South Terrace of Westonbirt House.

Other attractions of the evening include a refreshment tent, an ice-cream bicycle, a classic car display and, most specially, a chance to have a picnic in the Pleasure Grounds at Westonbirt House and to see the Italian Garden in its absolute seasonal prime – all within the same ticket price.

Doors open at 5.30pm and all cars will enter the grounds by turning south off the A433 at the main gates of Westonbirt School. At the end of the evening drivers will follow the one-way system to the East Lodge Gates of the School that lead to the Easton Grey Road.

Tickets are on sale at the great value price of £10 per adult, £5 per child (18 and under), under 5s free.

There is also a family ticket on offer at £25. Order your tickets now from Laura Reid on 01666 881333 or send an email to thebigjubileepicnic@westonbirt.org. Tickets may be paid for by credit card and will be sent to all purchasers within 14 days of order.

Book soon - Come and enjoy a diamond start to the jubilee!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ? - Live.

I was pleased to have visited the family history show, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ? - Live, at Olympia in London on Friday 24th February 2012. An interesting family history show held on three days, with thousands of visitors arriving to find out more about their own family or military history.



I was particularly glad to have visited the ancestry.co.uk stand, manned by many researchers who welcomed visitors. I was pleased to have had a friendly chat with Jenny Cho, a researcher at the ancestry.co.uk stand. I was pleased to have shown Jenny the two family history books written by the Hawkesbury Writers. A MONUMENT TO HAWKESBURY. A Village Remembered. published in Dec. 1994, and, A MONUMENT TO HAWKESBURY. The Next Generation. More stories from a Village Remembered 1920 - 1985. published in Nov. 2010.

I explained that I was grateful to have obtained copies of these books, as I lived in the beautiful village of Hawkesbury Upton in Gloucestershire, with family relatives during the 2nd world war years 1939 - 1945, and many years later as a visitor.

After visiting this family history show. I am now much closer in deciding to take an annual subscription with one of these popular family history websites, ancestry.co.uk or findmypast.co.uk. I am interested in tracing UK census records, birth, marriage & death indexes, parish records and military records.

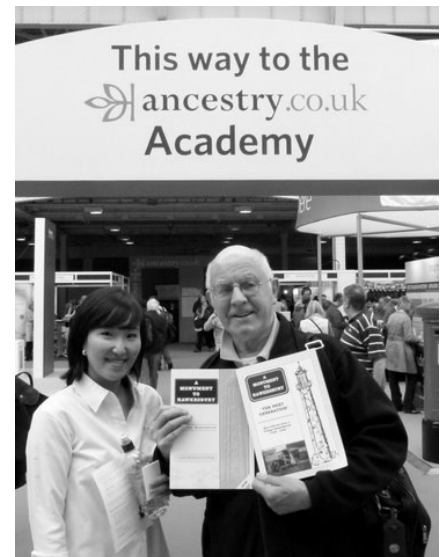
Of particular interest to me personally, will be tracing the history of my mother Mildred Ethel Sims nee Stinchcombe, daughter of my grandparents, Thomas William Stinchcombe and Sarah Anne Stinchcombe nee Tandy. Of course, there are many other Stinchcombe names, as well as the good names of Butler, Chappell, Coates, Coombs, Cox, Crew, Elliott, Gardener, Gingell, Hensley, Hopkins, Hutton, Miles, Pearce, Starling, Tandy, Thompson, Young, Watts, and many more good people names I remember in my younger days living in Hawkesbury Upton. Also, not forgetting my father Thomas Walter Sims, a policeman with the Metropolitan Police in F. Division, Kensington London from 1923 to 1953.

With family and military history continuing to grow in popularity. I sincerely hope that more people will find tracing family history to be a worthwhile interesting objective to pursue in the coming months ahead, so as not to forget the history of past years.

Thank you www.hawkesburyhistory.com for the interesting selected families and individual history available on the internet. Much appreciated.

Best wishes.

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Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Lower Woods Spring Wildflower Walk

Sun, 22/04/2012 - 2:00pm - 4:30pm

A beautiful varied walk around this large reserve, one of the best in the south-west - enjoying and learning about the wonderful wildflowers.

A guided walk around Lower Woods nature reserve focusing on the rich diversity of the beautiful ancient woodland spring wildflowers, and including other aspects of landscape, wildlife and history of this exceptionally large site.

The route will be about two miles long, on mainly flat terrain but with occasional steep and muddy inclines by the river. Depending on the weather leading up to the event, the woods may range from bone dry to very muddy – sometimes both in different areas.

Venue location

[Reserve information](#),

Lower Woods nature reserve, Wickwar, GL9 1BY

Book by phone: Tel: 01452 383333

Price / Donation: Adult £3, child £2

District Councillor Report

Council Tax

Your Council Tax bills are now arriving on the doormat and you will see the Council has agreed to freeze the Council Tax.

The Council has been carrying out many service reviews which have released cash efficiency savings; this has included a senior management review and procurement review. A further phase of reviews has been agreed which has been forecast to make efficiency savings of £43.m p.a. from 2014/2015

The Council's priorities for spending are:

Priority spending on over 65's and those with disabilities

Priority for schools spending

Support for efficiency savings

Emphasis on value for money

New Homes Bonus – agreed to spend greater % in areas of growth.

Special expenses covers those services which are carried out by SGC in the parished areas and include the cutting of the closed church yard and various bits of open space (grass) around the parish in Hawkesbury.

Many thanks to all those who responded to my email regarding the **Weight Limit through village** - after pre-consultation further work is being done after comments received by other parishes in the area.

The Frome Vale Area Forum agreed to prioritise the extra £50k which it had been allocated for traffic management works to investigations on the A320 and A46 due to the high accident rate.

The Area Committee also allocated small revenue grants – Hawkesbury Guides & the Youth Club were both successful in being awarded funds.

Review of Home to School Discretionary Transport has once more been raised, with charges being investigated for transport from Badminton to Trinity School, Acton Turville and other rural schools as well as charging to go to denominational schools. This is now out for consultation.

The Cotswolds AONB Annual Forum was held near Bath. The day was packed with interesting presentations ranging from a keynote speech from Professor Sir John Lawton – Making Space for Nature –the current thinking, to updates on the Common Agricultural Policy and its impact on the Cotswolds, Water Management (very topical) and sustainable tourism. The Cotswolds Conservation Board is well placed to move forward with these initiatives.

For any further information on any matters, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

New Member Event at Lower Woods nature reserve

Thu, 26/04/2012 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Find out about Lower Woods nature reserve!

An opportunity for new members in the Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley and Nailsworth area to meet their local nature reserve manager, Steve Edmonds, enjoy a guided walk around the reserve and have tea and cake with Trust staff, including Chief Executive, Dr Gordon McGlone.

Also welcome are those hoping to find out more about the Trust, meet like-minded people and become a part of a community of people who care about their local wildlife. This is a member event, and our newest members living in the area will receive a personal invitation, however non-members living in the Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley and Nailsworth area who would like to find out more about the Trust and how they can join are welcome.

This is an outdoor event, please bring suitable footwear, and outer clothing.

To find out more about your local nature reserve, and other similar events, contact Alice Paling, Membership Development Manager on 01452 383333 or email membership@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

Not suitable for prams/pushchairs.

Venue location: Directions sent on booking, GL9 1BY

Hawkesbury Parish Council

During the meeting the following applications were discussed:

App. No.	Address	Description	Comments
PK11/4025/LB	Pool Farmhouse High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Replacement of 14no. windows	The Parish Council support the application however, it is not clear if the replacement windows will be hard or soft wood (hardwood doesn't need as much maintenance) and also the finish is not specified. The Parish Council would like to see it match in as existing.
PK12/0189/F	Collyns Mead Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of replacement garden storage shed.	The Parish Council supports the application.
PK12/0392/LB	Inglestone Farm Chase Lane Inglestone Common Badminton	Application to retain works carried out for internal and external alterations including replacement of rendering with timber boarding, replacement windows. Installation of double leaf doors south elevation and installation of en-suite (resubmission of PK11/3173/LB).	Comments below;

The Parish Council object to the application. The visual impact of the holiday lets with white painted wood is not in keeping with the agricultural buildings they were developed from.

The existing plans as supplied are indicative of the buildings after the applicant has altered them without consent. The proposed plans are trying to go back to the original permission from the 1990's plans, but not enough.

Item 14 - has been incorrectly answered as the buildings can be seen from both a public footpath and the highway.

The Parish Council would like the following:

Reinstatement of the landscaping and planting which had been conditioned in the original 1990's for holiday lets.

All windows and woodwork to be stained and not painted.

Blocking up of door in rear of holiday let on East side to the new stores.

Please note the horizontal boarding, not vertical.

Planning Decisions

PK11/3867/F	The Vicarage Church Lane Hawkesbury Badminton	Change of use of land from agricultural to land for keeping of horses. Erection of stable block, 3 no. bay detached garage and erection of lean-to implement store to barn annexe.	PERMIT subject to conditions.
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Dates for your Diary

Annual Assembly

The Parish Council will be holding their Annual Assembly on **Monday 16th April 2012** at 7.30pm at Hawkesbury Primary School and everyone is welcome to attend.

Following last year's success we have arranged for a new selection for interesting Guest speakers. The agenda and list of these speakers will be advertised on the Hawkesbury Parish Council notice boards prior to the event. Refreshments will be available.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 2nd April 2012** in the upstairs meeting room in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

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Hawkesbury Parish Council



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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 own and manage all the social housing in the village.

Merlin Housing Association took over all the Council House stock some years ago.

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 in the South Gloucestershire area. The bungalows are available for those with disabilities or aged over 60. They are not limited to local people.

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 local people. There are 7 houses for rent and 3 houses for shared ownership. 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. The land was owned by South Gloucestershire Council.

To qualify for any of the houses, people do need to have filled out an application form and registered with Home Choice, which the Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme. Applicants are then 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.

Band C – for everyone else who is looking for housing in South Gloucestershire

Homes are advertised weekly and applicants 'bid' for the property they are interested in. This means they are registering their interest- nothing to do with money. People are not able to bid for properties which are too big for them. In rural areas an exemption can be made as there are very few 1 bedroom properties.

It is the Housing Association who makes the final decision on the tenancy using advertised criteria. People must re-register their interest every year if they wish to stay on the Housing Register.

It is anticipated that there will be changes due to the Localism Act, when these become clear – I will pass them on.

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The parish website has updated details.

WHAT
TO DO
NOW

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This flyer was brought to you by Cotswold Edge Sustainability Network with the support of Tormarton & West Littleton Parish and South Gloucestershire Council. We aim to help make this area a place we can all afford to live in comfortably both now and in the future.

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Easter Egg Hunt at Woodchester Mansion

On Easter Sunday, 8 April 2012 and Easter Monday, 9 April 2012

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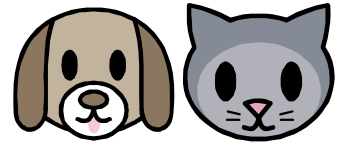
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www.woodchestermansion.co.uk



Babysitting, Dog Walking and Pet Sitting



Caroline Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	14yrs old. Available for dog walking and babysitting.
Charlotte Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	20yrs old. Available for baby sitting, dog walking and pet minding.
Ciaran Ainsworth	01454 238052	Raising money to take part in World Challenge, so anything considered: pet sitting, baby sitting, lawn mowing, car washing.
Ellie Roberts	01454 238628 07912 937312	I am 18 years old. Available for babysitting, day time child care (CRB checked) and dog walking.
Katie Munro	01454 238 174	I am a 15 year old experienced babysitter (references can be supplied). I am reliable and trustworthy and love working with young children. I am available mainly at weekends (term times) and at all times during the holidays.
Libby Musty	01454 238118	I am 15 years old. I am an experienced babysitter and pet-sitter and am available during weekends (in term time) and most days during the holidays.

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Saturday, 12th May 2012: 09:30am – 12:30pm.

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April 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 !!

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

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

Answers to the March quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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