# Hawkesbury



Parish News

# December

## **EDITORIAL**

#### Fiona writes:

Welcome to the December issue of Hawkesbury Parish News.
Whoosh! What was that? That was 2011 whizzing past. What happened? Suddenly the shops are crowded and every TV advert features sleigh bells, sofas and a myriad of

"talent" show hopefuls that I can't even begin to identify.

Still, the dog has greeted the arrival of winter with her usual unerring enthusiasm. The job of sweeping up leaves in the back garden has suddenly gone from laborious task to "brilliant" new game (although it took me a little while to work out exactly what was going on). Take one dog and one human. Human rakes leaves into big pile. Dog sneakily hides ball in pile of leaves. Human rakes more leaves onto pile. Dog takes a flying leap into pile and triumphantly reclaims ball. Strangely, there only seems to be one winner in this game...sigh! Maybe it's time to save up for a garden vac...

Before I forget, I'd just like to say what a fantastic turnout there was at this year's Remembrance Service on The Plain. From Veterans and the British Legion representatives to currently-serving service personnel, to the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, it was a real cross-section of the village. The Buffs were in fine voice and Nicola Rouse did a fantastic job of taking on the role of playing the last post and the national anthem - a very nerve-wracking, solo role. Well done Hawkesbury for continuing such an important village tradition.

Finally, there is plenty to look forward to this month, including the switch-on of the **Christmas Lights** on **10th December** and the **PTA Christmas Fair** on **11th December**. Merry Christmas!

# Deadline for copy for the January edition is 15th December 2011. Please send it in as early as you can!

# In Brief

# Hawkesbury Village Shop Opening Times

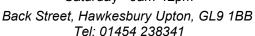
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Latest date for all items for the January magazine is 15th December.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 5th December 2011, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

# **Coffee Mornings**

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

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Mandy 01454 261436



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# Hawkesbury CEVC Primary School December Newsletter 2011

We have reached that time of year when every child seems to be singing Christmas songs, teachers are frantically taking every moment to practice lines with children, teaching assistants are fitting tea towels on children's heads and glitter is becoming embedded into the carpets. All that said and done, ..we love December at school.

#### **Football Tournaments**

The children in year 5 and 6 (top juniors) have been very busy playing in a number of tournaments against other schools. The girls team and the boys team played in tournaments against Gloucestershire schools, organised by KLB. The second of the tournaments was against South Gloucestershire schools. Both teams had not played together before and so were not placed but made huge improvements across both tournaments and enjoyed the experiences hugely - well done!

## **Cross country**

After many weeks of training, the children who are part of the cross country club have taken part in 2 races at KLB. The children did very well with Abi Robson coming in first place and Sean White coming seventh. They have one more race to go before the end of the season. Thanks go to Miss Baldam, Mrs Norris and the parents who give up their time for these events.

#### Children in Need

Our school council have been busy organising a fundraising event for Children in Need. On the day, all the children (and adults) wore their pyjamas to school for a donation and in the afternoon we held a 'Bring and Buy' sale of toys, books and clothes and a cake sale. The day was great fun and very successful.

### Scooter training

10 of our oldest children have taken part in scooter training organised by South Gloucestershire council. The course covered pavement safety, how to look after your scooter and some key skill such as stopping safely using your brakes and steering. These children will now cascade their knowledge to the other children in the school over the coming months.

#### Shopping evening

Our magnificent PTA held a brilliant 'Shopping Evening' at the school during November. The school was brimming with stalls and shoppers. Well done to all those who organised the evening, particularly a very pregnant Vicky Starling who worked tirelessly on this event.

## Christmas events

The infants will be performing their Christmas production of 'The Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' on Tuesday December 6th and 7th and the junior children will be leading a more traditional Christmas service at St Mary's church on Wednesday 14th December.

Louise Lewis — Headteacher

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With the festive season fast approaching, the children at Hawkesbury Preschool have really enjoyed exploring our fireworks and Christmas themes. They have been flicking paint to create spectacular firework pictures for our display and using glitter to decorate the twigs and cones they have been collecting outside. Our next activities will be making Christmas cards and decorations for the village Christmas tree, as well as baking our snowman cakes.

Before the end of term the children will be visiting Hawkesbury Primary School to watch their infant nativity play, as well as practicing and performing our very own preschool Christmas production! Preschool will also be joining the schoolchildren once again for a delicious Christmas lunch.

On the fundraising front, our Christmas Shopping Day, very kindly hosted by Hawkesbury Upton Post Office and Gift Shop was a huge success, and many thanks to everyone involved!

Our next event will be our Christmas Family Disco on Saturday 10th December at the Village Hall. Tickets are on sale now for this very popular event. Look out for our ads for more details!

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle are also on sale now! This year we are sponsored by Milburys Estate Agents. The draw will take place on 16th December and prizes include an Evening Spa at Whatley Manor and a deluxe B&B at The Bell, Malmesbury.

Don't forget a very easy way to help raise money for Hawkesbury Preschool is to use our Spend and Raise eStore: <a href="https://www.spendandraise.com/hawkesburypreschool">www.spendandraise.com/hawkesburypreschool</a>

With shops such as Debenhams, M&S, John Lewis and even Sainsburys on the website and with Christmas just around the corner, anyone thinking of shopping online could support us by using this site. You don't have to register, just follow the link above!

Finally 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.hawkesburvpreschool.org.uk

#### Thank You!

Bill Fairney has retired as Chairman of the Youth Club after more than ten years in the chair. Bill has been a stalwart member of the group and has been one of the driving forces in applying for grants with great success, such as The Big Stash, and raising funds.

The committee would like to thank Bill for all his hard work and support and hope that he stays on as a member of the committee for the foreseeable future.



#### **THANK YOU!**

Preschool would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to Kerri for organising the Christmas Shopping Event to raise funds for preschool. It was a lovely event and a very generous gesture. The Preschool Committee are enormously grateful.

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## NEWS FROM HAWKESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Shopping Evening last month. We had a fabulous turnout, selling over 200 tickets, and raised £1,000 - more than twice the total of the same event in 2010! Thanks too to the wonderful stallholders who braved torrential rain to set up their stalls. We hope you'll all want to come again next year! A very special thank you to Vicky Starling for her amazing achievement of organising it while more than 8 months pregnant. By the time you're reading this, her new baby should have made his appearance - he's likely to be the youngest visitor to our....

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR (Sunday 11th December, 10am-1pm - please note new time and date!)

There'll be plenty of fun for all the family at this event, which will be held in the School Hall. There'll be games, crafts and prizes to win, including our famous Christmas Hamper Tombola. The Fair would not be complete without our special guest, Santa, who has kindly agreed to come back again this year! Refreshments will be served throughout the Fair so that parents can relax while their children play. The secondhand bookstall will be open too, for anyone in need of some holiday reading! Everyone is welcome - there's no need to have any connection with the school to enjoy this special festive event!

Please note we've had to change the date for the Christmas Fair, originally planned for the Saturday, due to the scheduling of the Karate grading that involves so many pupils at the school. We've also had to move it to an hour earlier than usual, as to avoid clashing with the Dance Show in Kingswood later that afternoon, as this also affects many of them. What a great community we live in that we have so many activities available for our children!

More news and information about the PTA can be found at our website: \* www.hawkesburyprimaryschoolpta.com

Debbie Young, PTA Secretary - tel 238401 / email debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com

# **Hawkesbury Upton Senior Citizen's Fund**

The Senior Citizen's Fund is an account that is in place to benefit all those of pension age in the villages of Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury Upton and The Commons. Monies are distributed annually in December. The Royal British Legion administers and distributes the funds, assisted by the WI. The signatories of the account and therefore 'the committee' are Sam Allen, Tim Davies, Charlie Dix and Liz Howard.

But we need your help to ensure that no one is missed. It is difficult to know when people reach pension age (state pension), especially now that the age can differ from year to year. If we've missed you out, it's because you look too young! Please let us know when you or someone else reaches that age.

Over the past year fundraising in the community has raised £1,185. This has included monies from: Sale of Calendars in Post Office, The RAOB (Buffs), 2 Rugby competition proceeds, Harvest Auction at The Beaufort and 2 Private Donations.

Thank you to everyone, especially to Mark at the Beaufort for his continued support via the annual Harvest Auction. To those who make and donate auction items, also all those helpers and, of course, the lovely bidders.

In December 2010, 205 senior citizens received £10. This included residents of Beaufort House. (The monies were used to give all residents a Christmas treat.)

The fund is reasonably healthy at present. But each year we will continue to need fundraising events and donations to enable us to continue with this great tradition of the caring and sharing community that is Hawkesbury Upton.

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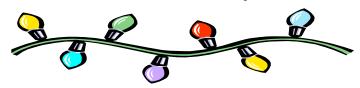
This is to say a big 'thank you' to all those involved in making such a brilliant night a success- there are too many of you to name...

#### So our thanks to:

- The bonfire builders
- Gazebo putter uppers and taker downers!
- The lenders of gazebos/hot plates/pie cabinets/barbeques/JCB
- Those who made donations before the event
- The guy builders (and a very impressive bunch of guys they were too!)
- Sunday litter pickers
- All those who donated wood for the amazing bonfire
- The PTA, Skate Park, Youth Group
- All our brilliant helpers, fire marshals, bucket shakers, barbeque chefs, mulled wine brewers, servers of food and drink etc, on the night

And a big thank you to all you people who came along on the night to enjoy the evening's spectacle, bought the food and drink, and put donations in the bucket, without which we would not be able to put on the display each year.

# Hawkesbury Pre-School & Toddlers Christmas Family Disco



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# Hawkesbury & Horton W I

At our AGM President Liz Howard talked about how communications have changed. We now have our own website where you will find that we now have about 50 members of all ages, interests and backgrounds. Members usually join for friendship then discover all the other opportunities that WI brings!

After a year's trial emailing minutes to members a vote was taken on whether to continue on a permanent basis and this was passed. Hard copy is always provided at meetings.

Liz thanked Jill Truebody for her work as treasurer and other members of the committee for their strong support. Having served a three year term of office as President Liz stood down and Barbara Harvey was elected in her place. The present committee was re-elected for another year.

Liz was thanked by Barbara for her hard work at a particularly busy time during which she hosted our 80th Birthday celebrations and two group meetings.

Christmas Crafts prepared by Chris got off to a good start with snowmen, stars, knitted Christmas tree hearts, and beaded tree hangings soon taking shape.

Amazing what you can do if you try! Hilary's beautifully sculpted paper star was certainly a highlight and no doubt will take pride of place in her home at this festive season.

Bursary Draw was won by Pat Seabrook.

Flower of the month was won by Judy Chancellor with a Chinese Lantern (physalis franchetii).

#### **Diary Dates**

6th December - Christmas Meeting with Avon Harmony-Female Barbershop Choir

Competition: An alternative Christmas Tree Decoration.

13th December - Christmas Meal at the Beaufort.

20th December - Christmas Walk to Swangrove Badminton with refreshments at

Beech Farm.

**Betty Salthouse** 

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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. If you would like to know more about After School Club call me, Kim Anderson on 01454 238799 and I will be happy to help.

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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 October was our chair **Liz Howard** who gave a talk on **Making Wines & Spirits from Plants**. Liz has entered the modern way of making home made wines but doesn't go over-the-top with all the latest fads. Chemicals like sodium metabisulphate are used for sterilization but she doesn't use much else.

My Granny used to just bung oranges, sugar, bread yeast and warm water in a bucket and leave it in the corner of her parlour to brew for a few months. There might have been toast spread with yeast involved but I don't remember. I also don't remember bottles being used, the liquid - I won't call it wine - was just scooped out of the bucket, pieces of orange and all, around Christmas for immediate consumption. Those who drank it all lived to ripe old ages but even so I think I prefer Liz's way.

The paraphernalia involved in brewing can sometimes remind you of a Heath Robinson machine but it all seems to be necessary. However the hygrometer, which is supposed to tell you the strength of your brew, is rarely used. Liz and Sam prefer to drink it to gauge its strength. And sho shay all of ush!

The talk was kept short so that we could all sample the results of her labours and really good they were too. We were reluctant to go home until the last drops had been slurped.

Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd January 2012 when **Brian Noble** will talk about **Raised Bed & Container Gardening - Gardening in a Restricted Space**.

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.





















## LET THE FESTOONERY BEGIN!

By Alan C.Porter



It's time to dust off the baubles, dangle the glittery bits and get ready to drain the National Grid in a lighting display that makes a rainbow look dull. Yes, it's Christmas again. Boxes of lights must be rescued from the loft and untangled ready to amaze and delight, but there is an age old question that needs to be answered here. . .How do they get so tangled when they were put away so neatly?

What happens during the year that gets them in such a state? Is there a Christmas poltergeist about who delights in festive mayhem? A ghastly gremlin with a degree in cable tangling? Or maybe it's the ghost of Christmas past with the hump? Whatever, it's all part of the jollification to come.

I was brought up on ceilings heavily festooned with much seasonal dangly bits, stars, balls and lanterns hanging between a network of colourful, looping paper chains decorated with tinsel and I see no reason to change tradition now. So bring forth the mince pies and let the festoonery begin.

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A further item from "Popular Gardening" of April 1938

# **Rotation of vegetable crops**

In the average small garden or allotment, rotation of crops can present difficulties, but a glance at the chart below should simplify planning and also effect economy with manure.

If a plot last year was planted or sown with:

It should, this year, be planted or sown with:

Dwarf beans Runner beans Carrots Parsnips Broad beans Cauliflowers Potatoes Turnips Broccoli Onions Peas Cabbage Salsify







Beetroot
Parsnips
Turnips
Onions
Carrots
Dwarf beans
Celery
Broad beans



Salsify Peas or Celery







Potatoes may follow anything and anything may follow potatoes, but every effort should be made to avoid winter greens or members of the cabbage family from following one another.

## **Catch Cropping**

This is the concept of making full use of space in the plot, by using the ground in between slow growing crops to plant crops which will mature more quickly. For example, rows of early potatoes are usually planted 2 feet apart and there is room between them for a row of summer spinach.

POPULAR GARDENING APRIL 1938

**Brian Noble** 

# Who needs superstores?

What turns a shop into a superstore? After all the build-up to the launch of a certain new Yate superstore, I happened to be away on holiday when it finally opened. I forgot all about it till driving past one evening after the clocks had changed and there it was, like an alien spaceship, its strange round tower all lit up. A small alien bribe had landed on my doormat while I was away - £8 a week in vouchers for the first four weeks, clearly designed to have me inescapably in their thrall by the time my big Christmas shop was due. But who's interested in aliens when your own planet is perfect?

Because here on Planet Hawkesbury, we've already got all we need for the Christmas season. Last month we had three special festive shopping events, thanks to Pre-school, the Primary School PTA and Severn View Farm, each packed with fabulous gifts that you'd never find in the biggest, brightest chainstore. And if you didn't manage to pick up all your presents last month, we've got our own gift shop on the doorstep all year round - aka Hawkesbury Post Office, whose tasteful gifts are eminently easy to mail, ideal for posting to friends and family far from home. And let's not forgot our lovely Hawkesbury calendar and Christmas cards!

The Village Shop is happy to order in all our Christmas food shopping, to arrive just in time for the festivities. We won't need to fight traffic jams or risk the winter weather. (Last December's deep snow must have caused havoc for anyone who left their shopping till the last minute.) Give Anne and Mark your list and they'll do the rest. Now that's what I call a super store.

So this year I'm going to be avoiding the Christmas rush. I'll be spending all my time with family and friends instead – and enjoying the many seasonal events that will surely be previewed in this month's parish mag. I hope you will too. Happy Christmas!

Debbie Young's special Christmas blog will appear on www.youngbyname.wordpress.com

(part of the MUMSNET bloggers network)

## **Advent Lunches**

**张武武武武武武武武武武武武武武武** 

The Advent Soup Lunches will be held on the 1st, 8th and 15th December in the Methodist Hall at 12.30-1.15pm.

Please come and enjoy a bowl of soup etc, and meet your friends.

Hawkesbury's Three Churchwardens

# **兴兴共共共共共共共共共共共共共共共共共共共**

## Christmas Bin Collections

There will be no bin collections on Monday 26th December 2011. For this week ONLY, your collections will take place one day later than normal.

This means the normal Hawkesbury Tuesday collection will take place on Wednesday 28th December.

Waste left on top of or next to black bins will **not** be collected.



# **Christmas Card Stamps**

As Christmas cards are about to start popping through the letterboxes around the village, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone that used postage stamps are still very gratefully received by the **Hearing Dogs** charity.

If you get a chance to collect up the stamps from all the Christmas cards and packages you receive in the post, I will happily pass them on. They are sold on to raise funds for speciallytrained dogs for the hard of hearing.

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Fiona Rowe, 24 Sandpits Lane.

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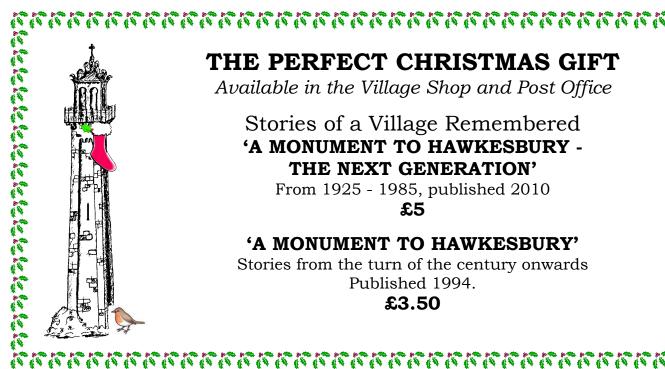
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# 2011 Poppy Appeal

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

## **House to House collections**

Sandra Bishop	High Street from Plain to Beaufort House Sandra also collected from the Bikers camping on the Rec!	£166.97
Doreen Bezar	High Street from Beaufort House to the Pool	£88.68
Sam Allen	Back St, Park St, Hunters Mead	£241.33
Liz Howard	Inglestone Common, 6 Cottages, Britain Bottom, The Pike, Petty France	£221.35
Sybil & Gilb Tizzard	ybil & Gilb Tizzard Sandpits Lane	
Eric Mortiboys	France Lane, Hawkesbury Grange	£65.42
Kay Booy	Birgage Road	£42.33
Pat Sherry	Pat Sherry Highfields	
Mary Davies	Hawkesbury Common	£103.22

## **Static Collections**

Beaufort Arms	£51.52
Fox Inn	£16.29
Hawkesbury School	£21.35
Bodkin House Hotel	£18.01
Hawkesbury Shop	£75.75
Severn View Farm	£19.74

Our total will also include the church collections for Remembrance Day and the donations for the wreaths laid at the war memorial.

To date, our total is £ 1,272.27 and, when all the money is in, we should reach a fantastic £1,600 . Many thanks.

#### Liz Howard, Poppy Organiser

#### **BROADBAND**

Many thanks for those who responded to my request for information on working from home, and are dependent on a reliable and efficient broadband system. We need to develop this as evidence for South Gloucestershire Council – please let me know if you are a home worker and/or running a business in the parish by emailing <a href="mailto:sue.hope@southglos.gov.uk">sue.hope@southglos.gov.uk</a>

#### **Commons Volunteer Days**

A successful day was had by volunteers on the Commons last week – if you want to join in the next one is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 meeting at Lower Woods Lodge, at 10.00 am. For further information contact www.hawkesburycommon.co.uk



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# **Hawkesbury's Christmas Lights**

Mulled Wine and Mince pies by The Fox and The Beaufort

Tree lights will be switched on by William Ruthven and Elisabeth O'Brien

Christmas Carols around the tree

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011
The Plain 5-5.15pm Starts
5.30pm Switch on

Followed by the Hall Lights

Parish Clerk - Mrs Hazel Jones 2, Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton, Badminton, South Gloucestershire, GL9 IEQ Tel- 01454 238074

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## Saturday 10th December 2011 Christmas tree lights switch on

# Help!

We need mince pies

Saturday 10th December 2011



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# Fun In Hawkesbury

Sometime ago, I expressed my concerns to one of my great mentors, that Hawkesbury may be slipping as the best village in the country. However, the reply was: "Just think of the fun Hawkesbury has, taking part, which always brings Hawkesbury to the top!"

With this in mind, when Fiona Rowe suggested supplying daffodil bulbs from Cornwall to brighten up Hawkesbury, I felt we should support her 100%. So, with the prize money from the Best Kept Village, we bought 50kg of bulbs. As a result, thanks to all the volunteers, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Youth Club, school children, families, individuals, and even father & daughter, all 50kg were planted around the Parish.

Now the hard work is completed, I would like to list some of the fun suggestions that have been presented to me within the last month.

- 1. "You will need planning permission."
- 2. "You will need to wear a hard hat and goggles."
- 3. I was presented with a sprout, suggesting it was a new variety of daff!
- 4. "I like daffodils but prefer crocuses."
- 5. "Why not have hanging baskets from the Monument?"
- 6. "You are making the village too much like Wales by using daffs."

So, Hawkesbury really has had fun!

Thanks to Fiona for the suggestion and to all the volunteers and now we can all look forward to a blooming good spring!

Mike



I may be classed in the category of 'grumpy old woman' (not so much emphasis on the old though please) but I find that the 'magic' of Christmas has changed for me throughout the years:

#### • Christmas as a child

This was a time when I was on my (relatively speaking) best behaviour, believing (as you should) that Santa only visits good children. I can still remember having to sit on his knee to tell him what I wanted for Christmas and not liking it a bit as Santa in the flesh never came up to my imagined Santa. Luckily it didn't stop the excitement of waking up early on Christmas morning and dragging my stocking to my parents bedroom to sit in their bed with my sister and show them every little thing that Santa had brought us including the obligatory Satsuma and nuts. We could never understand why mum couldn't stay awake.

#### • Christmas as a teenager

After my brothers ruined my 'take' on Christmas for ever I progressed to enjoying the seasonal nights out at the disco. Coming from the era when Christmas records were the rage I can remember many an evening dancing around my handbag to 'Merry Christmas Everybody', singing along to the words as a good Welsh girl does. I have a wonderful memory of getting home late one evening in-between Christmas and the New Year and tucking into the remains of the turkey and being joined by all the family who couldn't resist the 'sounds' of enjoyment coming from the kitchen.

#### • Christmas as an 'oldie but goodie'

Now, although I have mellowed through the years (a bit like a fine wine – who am I kidding) I will never lose my love of the magic of Christmas. I love looking at the decorations on people's houses as I pass by and putting up my own decorations. I always look forward to eating Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and lots of good wine.

Christmas isn't Christmas unless you over indulge. I still remember all the words to the 'old' Christmas records, though the sight of Slade or Wizard stomping away just makes me laugh now. I also appreciate what I believe is the 'true' meaning of Christmas which is remembering the story of The Nativity and all that it encompasses.

May you all have the most wonderful Christmas and remember you may not be able to afford as much as you did in previous years but that shouldn't stop you from enjoying the 'spirit' of Christmas which is being with people you love and also, in my case enjoying plenty of 'spirits'.



Jennifer Welch

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Yo-Ho-Ho this Christmas

# Why do we have Christmas?

Why do we have Christmas and put garlands on the wall? Why do we decorate a tree and stand it in the hall?

Why do we send so many cards to folk we seldom see? Why do we have an angel perched upon the Christmas tree?

Why do we shop for gifts to buy and give on Christmas Day? Why do we think of loved ones who are living far away?

Why do we sing carols, which we sang in days gone by? Why do children look with hope for Santa in the sky?

Why do we do these things you ask, well surely it is clear-This is a very special time, the highlight of the year.

These things we do remind us of the miracle, we know Took place upon this world of ours, two thousand years ago.

Ann Harris



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# Over £650 was raised!

Special thanks to all of those wonderful volunteers who helped out on the day, all the stallholders who donated generously, and especially to Kate and Tamsin for all their help leading up to the event.

It was lovely to see so many people come along to an event that wasn't held in the village – thank you for making the effort.

Next up is my little Christmas Shopping afternoon at the Post Office, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2-4pm.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Hope to see you then!

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# **Hawkesbury Cricket Club**

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# Hawkesbury Cricket Club — 300 Club

**Prize winners for November 2011** 

WIN	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	95	Ellen Nicholls
£50	17	Mary Perks
£20	163	Peter Kerby
£10	226	Terry Gardener
£5	307	Claire Morgan
£5	117	David Pitt
£5	301	Richard Bendry
£5	268	Jeremy Phillips

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 Stallions Football Club



November Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Venue	Kick Off
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	The Village	Away	2.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December			
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Cotswold Rangers	Away	2.00pm

## THANK YOU ALL

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the catering, serving and washing up on the 'Biker Weekend'.

Special thanks go to Anne, Neil and Mandy Clarke, Gill Truebody, Louise and Fiona who were there with me on most of the sessions and to everyone else who cooked curries and Bolognese, and helped on each evening and breakfast session.

We raised £1,200 over the weekend, and another £300 from the day-after-bonfire-night breakfast, which will be shared between the Youth Club and Skate Park Fund.

Kath Harkness

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## Summer Skittles

At last all the games have been played. There was an exciting end to the season, the final game provided another 17 spare for The Winkers, this time Derek Holehouse matching Mike Gardener's earlier score. Derek then went on to make the highest score of the season, 67, wresting that honour from another team-mate, Steve Allen. To complete the evening, The Winkers scored just enough to pip Rats Pack for The Roper Trophyette.

<u>League tables</u>					
	<u>Played</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Rats Pack	16	307	15		1
Old Foxes	16	257	12		4
Winkers	16	244	11		5
Brats	16	218	9		7
Hornets	16	192	8		8
Hillbillies	16	181	7		9
Beaufort Pingers	16	134	5		11
Cream Teas	16	108	3		13
Spooners	16	87	2		14

The Roper Trophyette

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Winkers	16
Rats Pack	16
Old Foxes	16
Hornets	16
Brats	16
Beaufort Pingers	16
Hillbillies	16
Cream Teas	16
Spooners	16

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346	
344	
343	
322	



<u>Highest score - Gent</u>		
Derek Holehouse	67	Winkers
Highest score - Lady		
·		
Vicki Pyatt	56	Spooners
Highest spare - Gent		
Mike Gardener	17	Winkers
Derek Holehouse	17	Winkers
<u> Highest spare - Lady</u>		
Vicki Pyatt	15	Spooners
-		
<u>Highest Leg score - The Percy Watts Cup</u>		
	67	Rats Pack
Highest Pins total - The Pete Huxford Tro		
	391	Rats Pack



# **HawksNest** A Spot for Wheelies

# **Planning the Project**

Thanks to those who came along to the Drop-In session to learn more of what the young people are hoping to achieve. This was generally well received. The project is being supported by the local police, who see this as a very positive project for the village. Plans are still at an

early stage, and work is ongoing taking into consideration resident's concerns.

## Fund Raising

## **Great Success with Nat West Community Action Grant.**

The bid for a £6250 grant had been successful. Thank you to all who voted!

The appeal team made a fabulous video in the style of Little Britain to help win votes for the cause. The next challenge was to get as many people to vote as possible. There was stiff competition from many other worthy schemes in our region, but only the two with the most votes would earn the grant.

After a nail-biting finish with frantic lobbying and online voting going on right up to the closing date, a wait of a week while NatWest added in the votes that had been placed by phone.

But it was worth the wait Congratulations to all the team who put this bid together, including the skateboarders, scooters and bikers who appeared on the film, the grown-ups who made it possible and to everyone who voted. And an extra big thank you to Vicky Pember for organising our entry and to Lucy and John Ruthven for making such an amazing video - we couldn't have done it without you and thankyou to everyone for voting.

#### **Biker's Breakfasts**

Well done to all those young people that helped fund raise over the Bikers' Weekend. Thanks to all that cooking, serving and dishwashing – £700 was raised.

#### Writers Group

And a thank you to the Writers Group for their financial support too!

# Christmas will soon be here.....

Is it your turn to entertain the family and/or friends?? Would you benefit from an extra table (or two) and some chairs ?? All this (and more) can be borrowed from the Hall

All we ask is a minimum donation of £10 for everything that you borrow, and that it is returned between Christmas and the New Year (unless previously agreed).

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## Hawkesbury Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

#### 2/3/4/5 June 2012





Following our initial meeting, lots of ideas have come forward and below is a loose framework for further discussion (nothing is set in stone!) you and your group may have other ideas, or may know if things will work or are even feasible – please let us know. This is a village celebration, one of those (much needed) events that pull our community together so it's important that everyone has a say and even better if everyone can get involved The Celebrations are going to fall over an extra long Bank Holiday Weekend, which also coincides with School Holidays (SGC), so some people may be away. The idea is to try to make sure there is something for everyone; reflects what is happening nationally, but in our own Hawkesbury Way. Please let us have your comments – to do only part of this will need lots of volunteers and helpers, but hopefully this can be shared around. Helpers & Ideas required!

Sunday 3rd June

Celebration Services

The Big Lunch

Community Lunch on the Rec

For everyone

Part of a National Event

(Bring your own salads to share /BBQ sales?)

Talent Show

Films - outside?

Monday 4th June

Sporting Events & Tournaments

(Skittles/rounders/cricket/kurling

Table games

Coffee Drop ins

Open Air Music & Drama

Beacon Bonfire

(Part of national 2012 Beacon Bonfires?)

Tuesday 5th June

Sports Events & Tournaments

Picnic in the Park/Tea Dance

Music & Celebrations

Ongoing Events & Ideas

50's exhibition

Children's Competitions

Best Decorated Cake Competition

Best Decorated Front Garden

Free Jubilee Mug for Children in the Parish.

Show Bunting

Open Gardens

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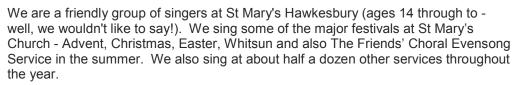
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# **HAWKESBURY CHOIR NEEDS YOU! - An update**

Thanks to Fiona squeezing my late copy into last month's magazine, we were able to recruit at least three new people into the choir, and are hoping others might still join. Don't be shy - come along for a trial session. You will learn about vocal technique, warming up the voice properly (so a bit like having free singing lessons!) as well as enjoying a good sing. All we ask is regular commitment to rehearsals.





Our repertoire is mainly Church music spanning the Renaissance through to contemporary eg Tallis, Palestrina, Bach, through Bruckner, Elgar and Stanford to Faure, Durufle and Rutter, traditional negro spirituals and we have even performed music by Sting!

Thankfully, we do have some experts, but most members are enthusiastic amateurs who just love singing fabulous choral works. We can all read music - if not necessarily sight sing it – some better than others!

We are looking to recruit new voices so that we can expand our repertoire and put on concerts. There is **no** audition but your voice would need to fit in with our style of singing. If you would like to give us a try, why not come along to a couple of our weekly Thursday evening practice sessions (7.30pm at St Mary's) to see if we match up? All voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and all ages are sure of a great welcome!

#### Contact Pauline Setterfield 238307



# Married at St Mary's Hawkesbury on Christmas Day

1658 Zacharias Iles and Evah Welsh
1661 Nathaniel Milles and Sarah Downe
1673 David Hall and Martha Walker
1679 Thomas Burchal and Alice Thring
1686 William Andrews and Mary Burge
1699 Robert Collins and Joane Bristoll
1750 James Harris and Martha Williams
1760 William Stinchcomb and Rebekah Hallier
1765 Edmund Hall and Betty Payne
1802 John Taviner and Hester Cotes
1803 William Tandy and Hesther Hopkins

Happy Christmas from Hawkesbury Local History Society —see you in the New Year!

# The Life and Works of St Wulfstan

As you can see elsewhere, on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2011, St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury, was blessed by the Bishop of Gloucester with three new stained glass windows – in the form of roundels - celebrating the Life and Works of St Wulfstan.

The resurgence in interest in St Wulfstan came about after Bristol Radical History Group launched a series of impromptu history talks in November 2006 on the run up to "Year of Abolition 2007", and it was decided to follow these up with a celebration of Wulfstan's life, in the actual location where he'd preached, on his Saints Day January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Guest of honour was Derek Robinson who had brought St Wulfstan to people's attention way back in 1973, he was accompanied by the choir of special needs charity PROPS, local opera singer Lynda Sanderson and pianist Pauline Setterfield. The huge success of this event led us to the belief that we should make more of this great man and his works and perhaps put up a permanent memorial to him one day.

Other events followed, 2008 was the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth and we had another event in the church celebrating it with St Wulfstan Ale from Wickwar brewery! – triggering off our fund-raising. Medieval banquet's in the Beaufort Arms, talks at Yate Heritage Centre, Yate Methodist Church, all culminating in our *Cry Freedom Concert* last year. This was at St Thomas the Martyr Church in Bristol, happily adjacent to the celebration of another great abolitionist, Thomas Clarkson, who has a magnificent wall plaque there on the Seven Stars.

Throughout these events people gave us their time (and talent) free of charge; singers such as PROPS Choir, Chameleon, Red Notes, Sweet Liberation, St Mary's Choir, Richard Burley and Danny Ward and opera singer Lynda Sanderson; speakers Derek Robinson, Michael Hare, Madge Dresser, Mike Baker and Wulfstan Perks plus catering form Hawkesbury W.I. and the Beaufort Arms. Many thanks to you all and to the people behind the venues as well as Barrie and Hawkesbury History Society, Bristol Radical History Group, Wickwar Brewery, Radio Bristol and the Bristol Times supplement from the Evening Post.

St Wulfstan was also celebrated in Yate Heritage Centres 'Impact' publication and display – their contribution to Year of Abolition 2007. Here's a taster of Wulfstan's life taken from Impact.

#### Impact – Saint Wulfstan and the Domesday Book

St Wulfstan, a former Hawkesbury Parish Priest, rose to become one of the most powerful Bishops in the land. He will always be remembered for being the first to try to abolish slavery in Bristol. Primarily due to his life of great piety, Wulfstan was made the Patron Saint of Peasants and Vegetarians; he was the last ever Anglo-Saxon Bishop and was responsible for the Domesday Book in our area.

As a parting shot, the Bishop suggested adding St Wulfstan's name to the name of St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury, what do you think?

Mark Steeds, member of BRHG



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# THE RESTORATION OF THE WINDOWS, MASONRY WORK AND THE INSTALLATION OF 'THE WULFSTAN WINDOW'

# To everyone who has helped in anyway, a huge thank you, THIS WORK WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT YOU!

The service of dedication was very well attended, below is a copy of the statement sent to The Bishop of Gloucester making him aware of the projects and all that was involved.

## St Mary the Virgin Hawkesbury

I hope this information will give some idea of the community spirit which has allowed this work to proceed.

Item 1 The design and installation of 3 roundels to commemorate the life of St Wulfstan and his time at Hawkesbury .

The roundels were designed and made by Caroline Pederick of Gold Pink Glass, who is a stained glass designer, maker and conservator, her previous commissions include a major project for St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol and the BBC, creating a screen to commemorate the life of Roger Bennett, Broadcaster. Caroline is a local person living in Horton .The roundels were installed in the window by John Baker & Son Stained Glass, Weston Super Mare.

The money for this window has been by individual donations, fund raising, 2 lectures in the Church, combined with musical concerts, two Wulfstan Banquets held at the Duke of Beaufort Public House in Hawkesbury Upton, whose landlord Mark Steeds, a keen historian, has been very much part of the driving force in having this window installed.

The Hawkesbury Chronicles written by members of the Hawkesbury History Society were used to source information about Wulfstan, further information was provided by Barrie Hope and Mark Steeds both resident in Hawkesbury, including the fact that Wulfstans' Bishopric spanned 2 Saxon Kings, Edward the Confessor and Harold, also 2 Norman Kings, William the First and William the Second.

A hand held information board is being made to hang under the Wulfstan window, this will give details of the life of Wulfstan and his time living in Hawkesbury and ongoing until being made Bishop of Worcester and eventually being Canonized.

Barrie Hope is providing the script which will be fitted into the information board. On the reverse side of this board there will be an explanation of the design of the roundels.

The board is being made by Martin Lane, Fine Carpenter. Martin is a local man from Acton Turville who worked with Caroline Pederick at St Mary Redcliffe and made our South Porch doors a few years ago. He also made an offertory box and reglazed the North Porch door which will dedicated during the service both of these in memory of Jim Morgan.

The design of the window synthesizes elements which celebrate the life of St Wulfstan and his time at the church of St Mary the Virgin in a composite style.

There is predominate reference to

Wulfstan as Bishop of Worcester, (Bible, Crosier and Mitre,)

Patron Saint of Vegetarians having abstained from eating roast goose (goose vegetables and peasant's cooking utensils).

Reference to Wulfstan's involvement in the abolition of the slave trade between Bristol and Ireland (boat and broken chains),

His miracles (causing the catching of salmon) and his dedication to his parishioners (the washing of the feet of the poor men)

Interwoven within these motifs are fragments of St Mary's church architecture and furniture which span Wulfstan's lifetime. (Norman Arch stone work, Saxon stonework, design of the prie-dieu, the Monks room and North Porch door handles and wrought iron work,) and 'Havochsberie' – Hawkesbury as spelt in the Domesday entry during the time of Wulfstan

St Wulfstan 1008 – 1095 Feast day 19<sup>th</sup> January

A photographic record book of the work undertaken during many processes of the windows including the making of the Wulfstan Window is being created by Steve Hammond, a keen photographer who lives in Hawkesbury. Some photos will be on display on the evening of the service and during the weekend.

Caroline Pederick, the designer has allowed us to sell 20 limited edition prints, notelets and Christmas cards printed,

these will be on sale, the proceeds from this will assist with the cost of the repair work to the window itself. The printing of theses designs has been worked on by a young designer who has been assisted in training and forming his business by the Princes Trust.

The project has been overseen by Mrs. Mary Maggs of John Keeling Maggs, Church Architect and Mary Beresford, Churchwarden.

#### Item 2 The restoration of 32 Windows and associated masonry.

Over £50,000 has been donated by villagers, Friends of St Mary's, many in memory of a loved one, some for families and also anonymous donations, there have been many other donations for varying reasons.

Within this amount we have received donations starting from £1 to £500 for the Village Window and similar donations for the Friends of St Mary's Window.

Every window will have an inscription etched into a diamond shaped pane. This work will be ongoing and not completed by the Dedication Service.

John Bishop also a photographer in Hawkesbury has assisted by photographing many of the windows, these were used to illustrate the work which was need and submitted with application forms to apply for grants. We have received grants from the Archbishops Council, South Gloucestershire Environmental Board, The Wolfson Trust, Gloucestershire Historic Church Trust, The Warneford Trust, The Langtree Trust, Garfield Weston Trust, Verdon Smith Family Trust and others. This money has been used for the masonry repair.

A book is being created listing everyone who has donated and their personal reasons. It is being compiled by Mary Beresford and written by Barrie Hope.

This will be kept in the Church.

The contractor for the work was Ellis & Son, Glaziers John Bakers & Son.

The Church Architect Mrs. Mary Maggs of John Keeling Maggs.

The fundraising has been led by Mary Beresford and the project overseen by Mary Beresford and Linda Fairney, Churchwardens.

#### **Item 3 The repair of Altar Frontals**

Five Altar frontals have been lovingly restored by members of the needlework team of NADFAS (National Association of Decorative Fine Arts Society).

It has taken three years of dedicated work which has taken place in the vestry of the Church during all weathers. A trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum was made to assess the age of two of the frontals before work commenced. The final frontal repaired was made by June Hawkins of Hawkesbury in memory of her husband John. This involved the lifting of intricate needlework from the original silk backing which had faded and placing onto new material. The Frontals have been photographed by John Bishop, photographer living in Hawkesbury, these will also be on display and copies will be available.

The group of ladies who worked on the frontals gave their time voluntarily, any expenditure incurred will be for the material used only.

Barrie Hope also supplied photographs before and after the restoration.

A number of these photographs will be on display at the Dedication Service.

The project was overseen by Althea Mackenzie, Curator for the National Trust/ Hereford Museum & Mary Beresford, Churchwarden.

It has to be noted that during this period of work, the Church had to be maintained to the standard to enable services to take place. This was made possible by the voluntary help of the cleaners and churchwardens.

The Friends of the St Mary's assisted with the maintenance of the Church grounds, the shingle was replenished and gifted by Roy Perks and family and Alastair Craig tidied up part of the dry stone wall, all in readiness for the opening of the Church to public after the dedication service

I would also like to mention the co-operation of the local people of Hawkesbury, who assisted with cloakroom facilities and generally keeping an eye!

#### **Mary Beresford**

# Service of Celebration, Dedication and Blessing

A celebration of this Church as a house of God, dating as far back as the Saxon times.

The thousands of blessings which have taken place within it's walls and have been bestowed throughout this time of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Burial and Memorial services

The blessings given to the clergy who have ministered here dating back to St Wulfstan and the blessing in return they have given to the community

The blessing of the people who over the years have cared for the building, the hands that have polished wood and brass, adorned the Altar with flowers lit candles in memory. Choirs who have raised the rafters with song, organists who have played sacramental music.

A place where one can find peace, healing and sanctity.

The communion of The Friends of St Mary's, the Parochial Church Council, who have held functions to support both building and the work of the church.

The blessing of Hawkesbury and Hawkesbury Upton as villages who's community, caring ways generosity and determination to see the Church of St Mary the Virgin standing proud as a witness.

A building whose walls and windows have stood the test of time, nestling in this beautiful valley, and it stands today a focal point of Christ within our villages.

# St Mary's Church----Flower and Cleaning Rota 2012

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
JANUARY	Mrs B Salthouse	Pam Bendry Pauline Setterfield
FEBRUARY	Mrs J Chancellor	Sandra Bishop Nicola Round
MARCH	Mrs M Davies	Sara Couzens-Short
APRIL	* Replacement needed	Diane Musty Help needed
MAY	Mrs Jane Robertson Mrs Ella Wells	Julie Gardener Vicki Rispin
JUNE	Mrs G Dix Miss J Oldershaw	Jenny Harris Help needed
JULY	Mrs M Beresford	Clare Morgan Annette Trinder
AUGUST	Mrs B Rutley	Linda Fairney Hilary Rogers
SEPEMBER	Mrs L Fairney	Mrs J Chancellor Mrs Harding
OCTOBER	Mrs M Davies	Sue Webb Linda Starling
NOVEMBER	Mrs A Cole	Mrs Deacon Mrs A. Barnett
DECEMBER	Mrs L Fairney Mrs M Beresford & Helpers	Gill Bendeaux Mr A Craig

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

If you are new to Hawkesbury, please consider the possibility of helping, even if you can only spare

an hour once a year. All are welcome, whether regular churchgoers or not, to preserve St Mary's in its present beautiful and much envied condition. \*\*\*\*

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

# From the Reverend Alveen Thoresen St Mary's Hawkesbury

Tel. 01666 890548

# Ramblings from the Rectory

According to the late Miles Kington there are two kinds of people:

'There are those who start their Christmas shopping on Christmas Eve and those who have already finished by 1 December.

There are those who, when they get a Christmas card, say "That's nice! We've had a card from the Spoffords!", and those who say "Oh God – I don't think that we sent the Spoffords a card."' (The Independent 6 Dec 2002)

Put another way, there are those who see Advent as a time of pleasurable anticipation and those who see it as a frantic list of chores which will never be done in time.

I have to confess I've almost invariably been in the latter category.

Foolish, really. Really foolish. It misses the whole point, as I eventually realised in the wee small hours of the morning when my mind was refusing to let go of all my sins of omission. The Jonesy voice in my head shouting "Don't panic!" became the voice of reason saying "Thank God for Advent!"

In the not too distant past the season of Advent (the four weeks leading up to Christmas) was a fast, like Lent; a time for getting rid of distractions, not adding to them; time to reflect on what the coming of God means.

I'm not proposing to fast this Advent. But I am attempting to shift my own focus onto rediscovering the meaning of expectancy, to understanding what it really means that God comes to us not once, not twice, but again and again until we know for ouselves that he is with us always.

"He shall be called Immanuel, God with us."

# Rev'd Alveen Thoresen St Mary's Hawkesbury

# Church Services in December 2011 For St. Mary's and the Methodist church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
27th Nov	6. pm	Methodist Church Sunday School Advent Sunday Carol Service	T.B.A.		Mary Davies
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04th Dec	0945 am	Morning Praise - Communion -	Jackson Lawence	Isaiah 40 1 -11	Diane Musty
			Naomi Couzen-Short	Mark 1 1 - 8 & 1 - 11	
11th Dec	1000 am	Methodist Church Sunday School			
11th Dec	6 pm	Evensong	Mr M Bendry	Isaiah 61 1 - 4 & 8 - end	Mary Beresford
			Mrs G Morgan	! Thessalonians 5 16 - 24	
18th Dec	6 pm	FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S	T.B.A.		Pam Bendry
		NINE LESSONS & CAROLS			
24th Dec	4 pm	LIGHT OF THE WORLD	T.B.A		
24th Dec	11 30 pm	Midnight Communion			
25th Dec	1030 am	Christmas Morning Communion	J Oldershaw D Musty		L Fairney
	Provisional				
01st Jan	11 am	Leighterton			
	6 pm	Sopworth Evensong Communion			

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

**Church Cleaners:** 

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Mrs G Bendeaux Mr A. Craig Mrs L. Fairney
M. Beresford & Helpers

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 how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4: 9-11

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed when the Rt Revd Michael Perham, Bishop of Gloucester, came to dedicate the restored windows, especially the St Wulfstan window, and the repaired altar frontals! The Bishop tells us that St Mary's is one of his favourite churches in the diocese, and that has to be thanks to all the hard work to restore the church over the last twenty or so years. The windows are the final episode in a continuous programme of repair, renewal and replacement, and our thanks are due to many people in the village who have contributed their hard work, donations and thoughtful suggestions. We must also thank all the people who made the occasion such a success: the choir, the flower arrangers and cleaners – it was a race against time to have the church ready for the service after completion of the work - and everyone who came to join in our celebration. It was a high spot in the life of the church

#### Christmas Cards are available from Linda Fairney:

St Wulfstan: 5 cards for £5 (from Mary Beresford)

Snow Scene: 5 cards £2.50 25 Cards £11.50 50 cards £23.00

> 100 cards £46.00 150 cards £69.00

50 cards £11.50 Internal Scene: 5 cards £1.25 25 cards £5.75

> 100 cards £23.00 150 cards £34.50

Advent lunches will be served on the Thursdays 1, 8 and 15 December. Do come and share delicious soup and gossip, while raising money for a good cause

Now we look forward to celebrating Christmas. As always, there are several special events, which are listed separately, but I will just highlight here our service of Light of the World on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December, at 4.0 pm, and a Communion service for all the family on Christmas Day at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing you there! We shall be decorating the church on **Saturday 17 December** from 1.0 - 4.0 pm, and will be grateful to anyone who can come to help make the church look beautiful once more. If you would like to make a donation for an arrangement in memory of a loved one, please contact Linda Fairney on the number at the head of this page

Looking further ahead, to Sunday 1 January 2012, there will be no service here at St Mary's, but there will be joint services in the morning at 11.0 am at Leighterton and at 6.0 pm at Sopworth (the latter to be confirmed)

## Dates for your diaries

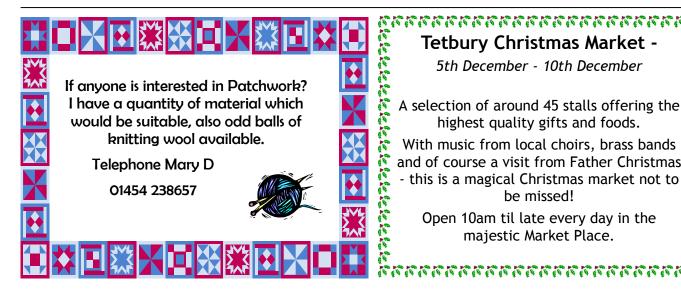
18 December 6.0 pm - Friends of St Mary's Nine Lessons and Carols

24 December 4.0 pm - Light of the World

25 December 10.30 am - Communion at Christmas 1 January 2012 11.0 am – Joint service at Leighterton

Joint Communion service at Sopworth

#### Jennifer Oldershaw



# **Tetbury Christmas Market -**

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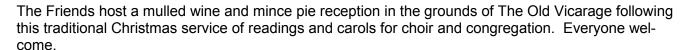
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# Friends of St Mary's

Forthcoming events



# **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury



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# **BETHESDA CHAPEL**

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of December 2011

Sunday December 4th 10.30am Speaker Mr Brian Smith [C] Sunday December 11th 10.30 am Speaker Rev. Philip Hopes Sunday December 18th 10.30am Speaker Mr Chris Wilmot Christmas Day 10.30am Speaker Rev. Philip Hopes

### BETHESDA ADVENTURERS MEET DURING MORNING SERVICE

Tuesday December 20th----6.30pm.

# **Carol Service**

Tuesday December 6th A Time of Worship and Prayer at 7.30pm. Tuesday December 13th Bible Study/Prayer at 7.30pm.

Was there a day when a good event burst into your life causing everything to appear as new? Perhaps it was the birth of a child, or the end of war, or freedom from a long-carried burden, or the offer of a great new job you always wanted.

Now let your imagination lead you to put yourself in the place of the shepherds who heard the dramatic announcement of the birth of their Saviour and ours. "Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified" (Luke 2:9,). Terrified—what a shock to them! But the angel announced good news; Jesus was born. They heard a "multitude of the heavenly host" (2:13,) sing praises to God in celebration of this announcement. Then the shepherds decided they wanted to see for themselves: "Let us go now to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has taken place. . ." (2:15,).

In Genesis 1, God announced things into existence. Now God announced himself as never before into human existence. He did so to Mary and Joseph, and he did so to the shepherds. God's purpose and power in bringing the creation into existence was the same purpose and power in announcing himself into our existence in Jesus. God makes all things new in Jesus!

The announcement is still with us, resonating across history. The announcement comes into our lives today.

The shepherds did not neglect the invitation. In order for the event to abide in our lives, we too must "go" and "see" for ourselves. Christmas each year brings us opportunity to renew our visit. The visit calls for our full attention, and we can join the shepherds who "returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. . ." (2:20,).

Father, open my ears to hear the announcement of Jesus' birth again as the great announcement it is, and accept my praise to you as I glorify your name.

Rev. Philip Hopes

#### **Get Well Soon**

At time of going to press, Mervyn Coates, Chapel Secretary, is in Frenchay Hospital awaiting a triple by-pass operation.

We would like to send Mervyn our very best wishes and wish him a very speedy recovery.

Parish News Team

# THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



#### **Services for December 2011**

Sunday December 4th 10.00am Hymns and reading by congregation

Sunday December 11th 10.30am Joining with Bethesda

Sunday December 18th 10.00m Rev Paul Edwards – Holy Communion

Sunday December 25th NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

2012

Sunday January 1st 9.45am Morning praise at St. Mary's

#### Carols for Christmas Day

This very long-held tradition of singing carols around the village will be held again this year. Meet at Farm Pool at midnight on Christmas Eve and raise a joyful noise unto the Lord and to the villagers!

# **Right Shape**

A woman went to a diet centre to lose weight.

The director took her to a full-length mirror. On it he outlined a figure and told her, "This is what I want you to look like at the end of the program."

Days of intense dieting and exercise followed, and every week the woman would stand in front of the mirror, discouraged because her bulging outline didn't fit the director's ideal. But she kept at it, and finally one day she conformed to the image she longed for.

Putting ourselves next to Christ's perfect character reveals how "out of shape" we are.

To be transformed into His image does not mean we attain sinless perfection; it means that we become complete and mature.

God often works through suffering to bring this about (James 1:2-4).

Sometimes He uses the painful results of our sins.

At other times, our difficulties may not be caused by a specific sin, yet we undergo the painful process of learning to obey our Father's will.

Are you hurting?

Perhaps a shaping-up process is in progress. Jesus was perfect, yet He had to learn obedience through the things He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).

If you keep on trusting Jesus, you'll increasingly take on the image of His loveliness.

Rev Paul Methodíst Míníster



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## Of Gods and Men (2010), Cert 15, 122 mins

Eight French Christian monks live in harmony with their Muslim brothers in a monastery perched in the mountains of North Africa in the 1990s. When a crew of foreign workers is massacred by an Islamic fundamentalist group, fear sweeps though the region. The army offers them protection, but the monks refuse. Should they leave? Despite the growing menace in their midst, they slowly realize that they have no choice but to stay... come what may. This film is loosely based on the life of the Cistercian monks of Tibhirine in Algeria, from 1993 until their kidnapping in 1996.

Full details http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/OfGodsAndMen.html

Sunday 4 December 7:45pm

#### The Debt (2010), Cert 15, 113 mins

1997: shocking news reaches retired Mossad secret agents Rachel (Helen Mirren) and Stephan (Tom Wilkinson) about their former colleague David (Ciarán Hinds). All three have been venerated for decades by their country because of the mission that they undertook back in 1966, when the trio (portrayed, respectively, by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington) tracked down Nazi war criminal Vogel (Jesper Christensen) in East Berlin. At great risk, and at considerable personal cost, the team's mission was accomplished - or was it? The suspense builds in and across two different time periods, with startling action and surprising revelations. http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/Debt.html

**Tuesday 29 November** 

Thursday 01 December 7:45pm

#### Jane Eyre, Cert PG, 120 mins

Jane Eyre (Mia Wasikowska) becomes governess for Edward Rochester (Michael Fassbender) and soon falls for her employer, only to find he is hiding a dark secret. A new adaptation of the classic book by Charlotte Bronte, also starring Judi Dench and Sally Hawkins. Full details http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/JayneEyre.html

Wednesday 30 November 8:45pm

## Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011), Cert 15, 127 mins

The time is 1973. The Cold War of the mid-20th Century continues to damage international relations. Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), a.k.a. MI6 and code-named the Circus, is striving to keep pace with other countries' espionage efforts and to keep the U.K. secure. George Smiley (Gary Oldman), a disgraced British spy, is rehired in secret by his government - which fears that the Circus has been compromised by a double agent working for the Soviets. Supported by younger agent Peter Guillam (Benedict Cumberbatch), Smiley parses Circus activities past and present. Full details http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/TinkerTailorSoldierSpy.html

Thursday 1 December 7:45pm

### Coming Soon (and available for booking online):

World Cinema - Of Gods and Men, Cert 15, 122 mins -04 Dec We Need To Talk About Kevin, Cert 15, 112 mins - from 02 Dec Midnight In Paris, Cert 12A, 94 mins - from 03 Dec The Adventures of Tintin, Cert PG, 106 mins - from 03 Dec The Help, Cert 12A, 146 mins - from 09 Dec Arthur Christmas 3D, Cert U, 97 mins - from 17 Dec Find us on Facebook - Electric Picture House Follow us on Twitter - @WottonCinema

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# WHAT'S ON AT WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM...

## **Enchanted Christmas**

25 November - 18 December

The spectacular Enchanted Christmas returns to Westonbirt, The National Arboretum this winter.

The event takes place every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from 25 November to 18 December, from 5 to 8.30pm, with the last entry at 7.15pm.

Admission is £9 for adults, concessions £8 and children £5. Discounted entry is available for pre-booked groups over 10 people and Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum members receive half price entry on Fridays.

Alongside exploring this year's illuminated trail, families will be also able to enjoy a new winter wonderland in the education centre. Amongst a snowy setting, children can meet Westonbirt's special green Father Christmas and make festive crafts with the arboretum's learning team.



Photo courtesy of Rob Cousins

See www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt-christmas for more details to book tickets in advance online.

# Reindeer family trail

### Thursday 1 -Saturday 24 December

Discover the reasons behind many of our winter traditions and help Westonbirt Arboretum's green Father Christmas find his missing reindeer. This is a self led trail, available from the Great Oak Hall information point between 10am - 4pm and is free after admission

Winter admission rates from 30 November 2011 to 28 February 2012 are £6 adults, £5 concessions and £2 children. For general information and directions, visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt.

# Chipping Sodbury Christmas Market 2011

Sodbury Chamber of Commerce today announced it would be holding its annual Christmas Market on Saturday 10 December. Local farmers and producers are joining the town's shopkeepers to offer shoppers a relaxing day out to help them prepare for Christmas.

An extended Farmers Market will run alongside gift and craft stalls offering visitors to the town an opportunity to look for unique ideas for presents and to shop for their mince pies and Christmas Turkey.

Parking in the town is mostly free with a car park located to the rear of the High Street in Wickwar Road.

Chipping Sodbury has a wealth of independent shops and visitors will always find somewhere to rest and refuel in any one of a number of welcoming public houses, restaurants and cafes.

The Christmas market supports the Chambers 'Shop Local, Shop Sodbury' campaign with the message 'Why shop anywhere else? Chipping Sodbury has all you need for a successful and enjoyable Christmas.'

For further information please visit our web site at  $\underline{www.visitchippingsodbury.com}$ 



The Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury presents

## **Christmas Concert**

at St. John's Church featuring the Chepstow Male Voice Choir.

## Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm.

All proceeds go to 'Caring for Christmas' & Rotary Charities.







# Carols in the Barn

# 4pm



# Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December



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We have done several gigs over the past year including a concert for Chipping Sodbury's W.I. to help them celebrate their 90th Anniversary at the Town Hall. Last December we sang in the beautiful Gloucester Cathedral as part of the Meningitis Trust Christmas Concert and are delighted to have been invited back to perform this December. We have sung live from the Colston Hall on the Dr Phil Hammond's Saturday show being recorded on Radio Bristol which was covering the return of the Bristol Folk Festival, in May.

We take part every year in the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers (LABBS) National competition which was in Harrogate in October. We work so hard towards Convention, where we are always up against some excellent choruses and are delighted to report that this year we came 7th and won the award for 'Most Improved Chorus in 2011'. We were also so pleased that our MD, Jo Dean got Most Improved Director, she so deserves it!

If you are interested in seeing us we are having a Winter Celebration on 10th December at King's Oak Academy, Kingswood, in Bristol. Tickets are £7 and £4. Lastly..... Exciting News..... we are running a

One Day Singing Course on 14th January 2012, at The Castle School, in Thornbury from 10-4.30 where you will, by the end of the day be able to sing a song in 4 part harmony! So get your names down now, places are limited.

If you like the sound of this or want tickets for our show then please contact:

Vanessa on 01454 294937 or Lesley on 01453 843259 or visit our website: www.fascinating-rhythm.co.uk for more information



# Wotton's Christmas Under the Edge Vintage Evening Saturday 3rd December 2011

Christmas Fun in the Town centre from 4pm-7pm on

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# **District Councillor Report**

#### **COUNCIL TAX**

Roadshows have been taking place for residents to have their say about South Gloucestershire Council's budget and council tax priorities for 2012/13. If you have missed them – you can visit the <a href="www.southglos.gov.uk">www.southglos.gov.uk</a> to have your say. The Council spends about £340m a year, but because of financial pressures savings of £42m will be needed over the next couple of years.

#### YATE MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Thank you to all those people who responded to the survey regarding Yate Minor Injuries Unit. The response was very good, and it certainly helping raise the profile of the Unit. The MIU (Minor Injuries Unit) provides many outpatient services, as well as the X ray service –residents need to be aware of the services provided at Yate.

# What injuries does the MIU treat?

#### The MIU treats:

sprains and starins
cuts and grazes
arm, lower leg and foot injuries
bites- human, animal
minor burns and scalds
minor head injuries
broken noses and nosebleeds
eye problems such as scratches, foreign bodies in the eyes.

# What the MIU does not treat

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drug overdose
alcohol related problems

mental health problems,

wound redressings (please contact your GP), and

health conditions that would normally be treated by your GP or hospital.

You can always ring and check whether we can help, or if it is best to see your GP or go to the local A&E Department.

Tel: 01454 315 355 for further information.

#### **UPDATE ON LOCALISM**

All councillors, including parish councillors, are being offered updates on future Localism in South Gloucestershire. Localism is seen as the fundamental shift of power to councils, neighbourhoods and individuals, which it is anticipated, will ultimately improve quality of life and well- being. There are many different facets to the Bill, which also includes changes to the planning system. This could have a big impact on parish councils Details have yet to be finalised and shared. South Gloucestershire Council has set aside funding including monies to build the capacity in the voluntary sector.

#### **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER**

The Ambulance Trust has informed me that they had little response for Community First Responders in this area. If you are interested, please contact me for further details.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE COTSWOLDS** are offering £500 matched funding for environment grants in the area. Please contact <a href="http://www.friendsofthecotswolds.org">http://www.friendsofthecotswolds.org</a> for further information.

**SMALL GRANTS** if you are looking for a small revenue grant, South Gloucestershire Council applications do have to be in by  $5^{th}$  December.

REMEMBER you can report potholes/street lights/fly tipping etc on line www.southglos.gov.uk

Cllr Sue Hope <u>sue.hope@southglos.gov.uk</u>

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# **Hawkesbury Parish Council**

During the meeting the following applications were discussed:

App. No.	Address	Description
	Hawkesbury Hill	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as dwelling house and for the continued use of land (outlined in red on drawing no 2220/01) for residential purposes.

#### **Parish Councils Comments**

Hawkesbury Parish Council objects to the granting of a Certificate of Lawfulness.

The applicant bought the property in 1986 with an agricultural tie on it. The applicant could not have afforded to buy the property without this tie and knew of the criteria needed to qualify to buy the property. Having bought the property and lived in it for over 25 years he accepted that the property had an agricultural tie.

The area outlined in red which are now being asked to accept the Certificate of Lawfulness on, does include some animal housing. The Parish Council **objects** to the extent of the area in red as too large and the animal housing at the far end of the house and garage should be excluded from the application.

It is a big shame that we are being asked to remove an agricultural tie on a property in our Parish as the price for buying housing stock is very high. Once a plot is lost that is affordable for our local agricultural workers then we will have fewer workers around to keep our farms in operation.

Were the original agricultural tie restrictions upon purchasing the property adhered to? Did the tie involve only operating a business from the property or is the property a side line for being in agriculture elsewhere? This small area of land would be hard to run a very profitable business, but not impossible. Just because someone has not succeeded and kept the property for hobby purposes and residential surely does not mean that the tie should be lost for future generations of farm workers to be able to utilise. Retired people who live in agricultural tied properties do not have to have the tie lifted because they have retired from business. When they no longer want to stay in their property they sell it on with an agricultural tie for the next generation to acquire.

PK11/2945/F	Inglestone Farm	Change of use of the main barn to mixed agricultural/equestrian use
	Chase Lane	and retention of three caravans for seasonal occupancy by 5 agricul-
	Inglestone Common	tural workers (retrospective)
	Badminton	

## Parish Councils Comments

The Parish Council have no objections to the above planning application for change of use of the main barn to mixed agricultural use and retention of three caravans for seasonal occupancy by 5 agricultural workers (retrospective), however, we believe the workers are equestrian not agricultural workers.

The Parish Council is worried however by the statement that it is unknown as to how the foul sewage is to be disposed of. Surely the agent has asked the relevant questions from the owner about this problem. The extra, though seasonal, use by 5 extra bodies plus their partners and maybe other family members would produce a lot of sewage to be treated. Also these workers must produce other waste, and there is no indication that there will be an area dedicated to the collection and recycling of waste.

Is there an area for collection and subsequent disposal of horse waste? No area has been indicated for this on the plan.

It has been noted that there has been major alterations to the elevations on the south side which is visible from the road. There have been major doorway alterations in the last 8 years. But in general the new vegetative landscaping which has been carried out has improved the visual aspect of the barns.



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PK11/3209/RVC		Removal of condition 2 attached to planning permission PK11/1620/F to remove the need for landscaping details.								
	The Parish Council <b>totally objects</b> to the removal of condition 2 attached to planning permission, PK11/1620/F. It is a general condition and the applicant must put forward a scheme as there is no reason for this to be dropped.									
PK11/3173/LB	Chase Lane, Inglestone	Application to retain the works carried out for internal and external alterations including rendering, additional stonework and alterations to doors and windows.								

#### **Parish Councils Comments**

Hawkesbury Parish Council **object** to the retrospective application for works to keep the external and internal alterations of buildings within the Listed Building Curtelage of Inglestone Farm.

In the application form the agent stated that the works carried out could not be seen from the public highway or footpath – this is not the case.

It has been noted that works to the outside of the holiday let area (previously cow barns) have been altered by removal of wooden facing to the building in the court yard area, to render. Also there has been removal of healthy large shrubs in the car parking area of the courtyard. The removal of these items has altered drastically the visual impact of the area. The original wooden boards on the building kept the area separated from the main house and allowed the visual impression that the building was formerly agricultural but had been altered sympathetically to residential use.

In 1992 the original application for planning for the cow sheds has two amendments, these both said that the walls facing the courtyard were to be of wooden boarding only the west side barn to be rendered. In 1997 the barn on the left side of the courtyard also came up to planning, again with wooden boarding to the courtyard area. The courtyard was landscaped and this nicely demarked the parking areas and added softness and privacy to the holiday units. The Parish Council do wish to see the reinstatement of the vegetation and wooden boarding as it was originally (photographs to be sent to the Planning officer).

The internal alteration of the holiday units should have enough area for the occupants (not including the bedrooms) as laid down by Visit Britain standards (extracts enclosed), they have over many years found the space needed for each visitor in a unit, these can be used as a template for the new areas applied for in the holiday units.

We have no proposed plans sent to us in the application so cannot comment regarding the internal alterations.

Planning Decisions								
PK11/1832/F	Oxleaze Farm Oxleaze Farm Road Inglestone Common	Erection of detached residential annex ancillary to main dwelling (resubmission of PK11/0555/F).	,					
PK11/1988/F	Willow Cottage The Barton Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of first floor rear extension to form additional living accommodation	PERMIT subject to conditions					

## **Dates for your Diary**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th December 2011 in the upstairs meeting room in the Village Hall at 7.30pm .

#### **Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:**

Hazel Jones
Parish Clerk
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Cotswold Edge Sustainability Network

# The Joys of Voluntary Redundancy

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The day has come, the door has closed On my working life at Badminton Road I've plenty to do at home, I know And I won't be bored or lonely, so As soon as I've spent a few weeks lazing I'll start on 'projects' and lots of decorating

My allotment needs a tidy up of the plot Before the rain and cold make me stop And in between, the dogs need a walk And I'm sure I'll always find time to talk To neighbours and people I meet in the day As I'm never adverse to spending time in this way

And when I want time to myself to chill out I can lose myself in a book on the couch I think I will be so much busier now But I'll be able to chose what I do and how Oh it's great to be able to say with conviction That the rest of my life will be one big addiction

By Jennifer Welch



# Yate Minor Injuries Unit at the Yate West Gate Centre

The Yate Minor Injuries Unit is open every day including bank holidays.

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 7.30pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 2pm.

Easter and spring bank holiday weekend (Fri- Mon) the Yate MIU is open 10am - 2pm

The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) offers treatment for adults, children and young people for a wide range of minor injuries.

You can drop in without an appointment, or you may be referred by your GP or other healthcare professional.

The MIU has X-ray facilities on site so that assessing the severity of any injury can be done quickly.

We will treat most patients within two hours - quicker than if you went to A&E (Accident and Emergency) with a minor injury.

### What injuries does the MIU treat?

The MIU treats:

- \* sprains and strains
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- \* gynaecological problems
- \* drug overdose
- \* alcohol related problems
- mental health problems,
- \* wound redressing (please contact your GP), and
- \* health conditions that would normally be treated by your GP or hospital.

You can always ring and check whether we can help, or if it is best to see your GP or go to the local A&E Department.

Tel: 01454 315 355

## Location:

The MIU is based in the Yate West Gate Centre, in the heart of the Yate Shopping Centre, next to the public library.

It is well served by public transport and there is free car parking around the shopping centre.

Yate MIU

# Seasonal Recipes

## Red cabbage with Bramley apple & walnuts

Serves 8 Prep 10 mins Cooking 20 mins

### Ingredients

1 red cabbage, finely shredded

25g/1oz butter 1 Bramley apple, peeled and grated

1 bay leaf

3 cloves

100ml/31/2fl oz cider vinegar 25g/1oz light muscovado sugar

Handful walnuts, toasted and chopped

### Method

- 1. Put the cabbage in a wide, shallow pan with the butter, apple, bay leaf and cloves.
- Cook, stirring, until the cabbage starts to wilt.
- Add the vinegar (stand back until the steam subsides), then continue to stir and cook until the vinegar has almost all disappeared.
- Add the sugar and stir until it has completely dissolved be careful not to let it burn.
- 5. Sprinkle with walnuts to serve.

This will freeze well, but let it thaw before gently reheating in a pan or microwave.

#### Clementine & Prosecco Jellies

Serves 6 Prep 20 mins plus chilling Cooking 2 mins

#### Ingredients

7 leaves of gelatine

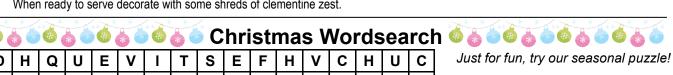
600ml/1pt clementine juice (approx 14 clementines)

300ml/½pt Prosecco (or sparkling white wine)

Clementine zest, shredded

- 1. Place the gelatine sheets into a bowl of cold water to soften for a few minutes.
- Put 100ml clementine juice into a small pan and gently heat.
- 3. When the gelatine feels soft and the juice is just simmering, remove the juice from the heat and squeeze out any excess water from the gelatine sheets.
- 4. Drop the sheets into the hot juice and swirl to melt. Make sure there are no visible lumps of gelatine before you move onto the next
- Stir the hot juice into the rest of the juice, along with the Prosecco and then transfer to a jug.
- 6. Pour evenly into 6 small glasses. Sit the glasses on a small tray or oven dish, cover with cling film and chill for at least 4 hours (or up to 48 hours) until set.
- When ready to serve decorate with some shreds of clementine zest.





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