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**HAWKESBURY
PARISH NEWS**



EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

Welcome to the December issue of Hawkesbury Parish News.

Surprisingly, my Christmas preparations are going worryingly well so far.

Home made pickles, chutneys and liqueurs are lining the cupboard shelves, numerous presents have already been bought, the decorations have been located in a dark corner of the attic and I even accidentally found something new to wear to the Christmas party! There must be an open manhole awaiting me around the next corner, given my usual luck!

In fact, I heard recently that the week before Christmas is one of the busiest times for Accident & Emergency Depts. According to statistics, last year, 175 people were hurt whilst putting up fairy lights, 15 people needed treatment after trying on a Christmas jumper whilst smoking, and 5 suffered burns after lighting the Christmas pud (probably whilst wearing a paper hat!). I must remember to look out for the latest squeaky toy, the dog will no doubt leave lying in wait for me whilst carrying the turkey, to ensure I'm not added to next year's list!

So stay safe and enjoy your Christmas, whether spent here or visiting family.

The **Christmas Light Switch-on** takes place on **Saturday 8th December**, from 5:30pm with the illumination of the Christmas tree at The Plain, followed by the village lights at the Hall. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served outside the Beaufort and The Fox. This issue is bursting with details of all the other news, events, Christmas services and much more to get you in the festive mood. Merry Christmas!



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**Latest date for all items for the
January magazine is 12th December.**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 3rd December 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.



Evergreens

Tues 11th December

Christmas Lunch at the Beaufort Arms

Arrive from 12 eat at 1pm

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

Mandy 01454 261436



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Hawkesbury Village Hall 2.35 - 3.00

Hawkesbury War memorial 3.05 - 3.20

Hawkesbury Highfields 3.25 - 3.40

Charity Lunches

We will be holding three charity lunches in aid of the **Hawkesbury Senior Citizen Fund** in the Methodist Hall on the following dates- **Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th December** between 12.30 and 1.15pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us and help with this worthy cause.

Anyone wishing to donate soup, rolls or fruit please ring Mary Davies on 238657.

There will be a box for collecting tinned food, toothpaste, etc. for the Julian Trust.

Many thanks

Mary Davies



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Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

December 2012

Be Safe Be Seen Week

We had a very successful week where the children learnt about how to keep safe now the nights are getting darker. We had a visit from the Local Authority Road Safe Officer who told the children about how to wear bright clothes and pavement safety. A group of children also had mini-scooter training where they were taught how to ride safely and pavement etiquette. These children will share their expertise with others during the academic year. We also had a visit from the police who have security marked the children's bikes and scooters. Ian and Hazel Jones and Celia Rowlands ran a walking bus all week which grew in popularity - thank you to them for doing this.

Children in Need

Well done to the School Council who planned and organised some fundraising events for Children in Need. The whole school (staff included) had a relaxing day wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns for a donation. Children also bought as many 2ps as they could and created a huge Pudsey Bear in the playground from the coins. It was a great day!

Whole School Theatre trip

Each year the children start the Christmas festivities by a theatre visit. This year the whole school will be watching 'The Nightingale' by Hans Christian Anderson at Winterbourne International Academy.

Sporting events

As usual, the children have been taking part in lots of sporting events. Our cross country team have been competing in cross country events on Saturday mornings at KLB, we have entered teams for a girls football tournament, a boys football tournament and a netball tournament. The children have done extremely well in all the events, shown perseverance, sporting spirit and most of all had a great time. Hawk class (the oldest children in the school) will be learning taekwon-do during their PE lesson. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Callicott who organizes these events and Simon Warren, Dave Williams and Ish Hughes who have spent many hours training the children.

Christmas Fair

This will be held at School – 10 - 1.00 on Saturday 15th December. It will be the usual mix of craft stalls, tombolas, games and fun. We will be serving soup and hot dogs for a cheap, nutritious and filling lunch. Please pop in and join us.

Louise Lewis — Headteacher

Enjoy, achieve, believe.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge thank you, as always, to everyone who supported this – The Shop, both pubs (thank you Aggie and Giuseppe for the delicious tiramisu), Sara White and Pauline Setterfield for making cakes and Pauline for standing outside the shop and helping...and of course all you lovely people for generously putting your hands in your pockets for such a good cause.

The winner of the scratch game in the Beaufort was Dilly and the one at the shop was Ish.

The 'guess how many sweets in the jar' was won by Nicole Wilkins – she guessed 237 and it was actually 248.

The first name drawn out for the raffle was Sara Couzens-Short, who won the cuddly Pudsey (kindly donated by Joss White).

The total amount raised for all this: £163.10p

Thanks again, Louise Roberts.

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We are having a great term at preschool. We enjoyed a visit from Vicki and Emma, our local childminders, along with all their little ones!

We also had a fun and busy session in the school – we had to leave our normal “home” (the Village Hall) while voting took place. Christmas is approaching fast and we have started our preparations and we will be making decorations for the village Christmas tree. We are all looking forward to returning to school for our traditional visit for Christmas Dinner!

You may see us all walking over to school every Monday when we take the opportunity to use the school hall. This makes it easier for the children to start school as they are familiar with the environment. It also means the children can use the gym equipment and practice their pretzels! (Children’s yoga – which they all love!)

We are also doing lots of fundraising – it's not too late to buy your raffle tickets. Contact Kate Bashford on 23290. The draw takes place on Tuesday 18th September. We will also be hosting another ever popular Bingo Night on Saturday 26th January. This is a fun evening to banish any Winter-blues!

If you would like to join preschool, or for more information please contact one of our play leaders on 07989 484774. Alternatively email us at: enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk
www.hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

You are invited to Hawkesbury Toddlers



Our village has a fun and popular toddlers group. Would anyone in the village like to come along, either to run or participate in, activities with the children – craft based, musical or story telling. Or we are always grateful for an extra pair of hands to help with setting up or making those all important cups of tea!

For more info, please call Celia Rowlands on 232 920 or 07968 828268

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Well Remembered

Well Done to Hawkesbury Guides for their wonderful WWI exhibition and display. This very appropriately followed the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial.

The well attended exhibition showed the impact the war had on all the surrounding villages, with all but Little Sodbury suffering considerable losses. The Guides had worked hard over the previous months gathering information at a personal family level and learning about the wider implications of this terrible war.

The exhibition included contemporary post cards and artefacts. How things have changed.

The girls produced hard biscuits, bully beef stew, and trench cake for visitors to sample, (not quite a substitute for Sunday lunch), as well as modelling and informing visitors about the guide uniforms of the era.

It was most impressive, and thanks to Guide Leaders (Louise & Jane) as well as those who helped with the exhibition. It was a memorable way to remember all those who not only lost their life in this Great War, but all wars.

Thank you to all those concerned.

Sue Hope
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NEWS FROM HAWKESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Fair Saturday 15th December (10am-1pm)

Not to be missed: our traditional family-oriented event, including plenty of activities and games to keep the children occupied while parents relax over warming refreshments to give them strength for the run-up to Christmas! Lots of festive goodies to buy too, from decorations to food and drink. The Christmas Fair is a great way for pre-school children to start to get to know the school – and for past pupils to come back to visit. Free admission, everyone welcome, whatever your age, (and that includes you, Santa!)

Thank You

We've got lots of people to thank this month! Nuala McLaughlin and Lucia Leyfield for organising the fantastic barn dance that took place just after the last parish mag copy deadline – plus Anne Summers and her brilliant band and caller that kept us all in order. Well done to Clare Cole and Jane Bleaken for organising a hugely successful Jumble Sale at the start of November. We're grateful to Vicky Starling and Tamsin McGrath for masterminding our brilliant Christmas Shopping Evening – they'd been thinking about Christmas while we were all still in summer clothes! Of course, none of these events would be any good at all without all you brilliant supporters who buy tickets and spend money at them!

Finally, we'd like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous Village Shop and Post Office for displaying our event posters and to the hardworking team that puts together this Parish News including our updates and diary dates.

On behalf of the PTA Committee, I'd like to wish all our wonderful community a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Debbie Young, PTA Secretary

01454 238401 / 07594 717891 / debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com

For details of future meetings and minutes of previous ones, please visit our website: www.hawkesburyprimaryschoolpta.com

Christmas/New Year Bin Collections

Usual Date	Revised Date	
Tues 25 th Dec 2012	Thurs 27 th Dec 2012	Green
Tues 1 st 2013	Thurs 3 rd Jan 2013	Black
Tues 8 th Jan 2013	Wed 9 th Jan 2013	Green



Wheelie bins and recyclable materials will be collected as normal on the above revised dates. However, **no additional waste** left by the side or on top of the black or green wheelie bins will be accepted.

Additional Christmas Recycling

Wrapping paper can be recycled in your green paper recycling bag, provided it does **not** contain glitter or is **not** made from non-paper material. Why not be even greener and use re-usable gift bags instead?

Christmas cards **without** glitter or plastic designs can be recycled in your normal kerbside cardboard collection. Why not cut up any with suitable designs to be used for next year's gift tags?

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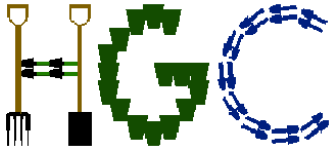
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TROWEL & ERROR

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

Disney Research have created 'Botanicus Interacticus', an interactive living plant exhibition which 'seamlessly merges computer generated images and sounds with living plants'. Apparently one can communicate with living and artificial plants by reaching to and touching them and 'observe the plants reply in the form of rich computer-generated imagery and sound'. It sounds a bit like 'Lucy in Sky with Diamonds' to me! You can watch the video on our website.

Our speaker for October was **David Cramp** who gave a talk on **Wildlife in the Garden**. He pointed out that most gardens are just too tidy to be much of a welcome to wildlife, indeed if we want to see wildlife in our gardens we would be better off letting the land go wild. However, many farmland birds are now coming into gardens because of modern farming methods such as the removal of hedgerows and since gardens cover more acreage than all the country's national parks put together there are many things that gardeners can do to help. Well-kept lawns in particular are not very wildlife friendly because the grass is too short and is treated with fertiliser, weedkiller and pesticides which kill off many of the natural food sources. Also clearing away dead or dying plants deprives birds of seeds and other small vertebrates of food and shelter. So let your garden and yourself go to pot and you'll soon be overrun with wild things, not all of which will be welcome I'm sure.

Monday 28th January 2013 - **Brian Noble - Mediterranean Vegetables and What To Do With Them.**

Monday 25th February 2013 - **Valerie Hurlston-Gardiner - History of English Gardens through Painting.**

Terry Truebody (01454 238364).



YULETIDE

By Alan C. Porter



Sandwiched between Hallowe'en and Easter is one of those barely remembered events, you've got it, it's Bonfire night. No, it's more exciting than that. . .It's turkey and tinsel time again! Yes it's CHRISTMAS!

A time when families, come together and start a feud before the Christmas pud arrives.

No, I jest. I love the old Yuletide. After a year of floods, hurricanes, tax rises and very little crop circle activity meaning that even the aliens have deserted us, it's nice to have a period of friends and family togetherness and briefly forget all the woes and misery that has beset the world.

I like the lead-up to the festive season. Shaking the dust off the decorations, blowing the fuses with the Christmas lights and overloading the tree with baubles and dangly bits while at the same time scoffing a tremendous amount of festive mince pies.

In the pagan calendar it was Woden who, at the time of the winter solstice, rode his chariot across the night sky bearing gifts before being ousted by St Nicholas. For the Romans it was the season of Saturnalia with much riotous and saucy behaviour. Finally it was adopted by the church and Christmas as we know it was born and the saucy bits were swapped for mince pies.

So bedeck the halls, get out the crackers, dust off the Christmas carol cd's and give it some wellie.

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1st Hawkesbury Upton Guides WW1 Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Exhibition after the Remembrance Day Parade – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on.

Many thanks to everyone who loaned their items and who shared their stories with us – we really appreciate it.

After paying the hall rent, the remainder of the donations was given to the British Legion – an amazing £136.62p!!

Thank you very much. Louise Roberts

There has been much comment and praise about the excellent WW1 exhibition by the Guides. Well done to all of you for your hard work and the fantastic total raised! -Ed.

Hawkesbury After School Club



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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.

HAWK'S NEST SKATING SUPERBIA!

There is major news in Hawkesbury Upton! Children at Hawkesbury Upton School went to see the new village skate park being built at the Rec. Nigel, from One Skate Park, has been building skate parks for 9 years. In that time he has built 40-50 skate parks and they are all different and a big hit. Mark Churchill is the designer of the skate park and is a professional skater. The skate park will include big and little ramps for all ages. Vicky Pember said "It's great to see it take shape."

Hawkesbury has been planning the skate park for one and a half years and had to raise £50,000. The skate park will give teenagers and younger children something else to do on weekends and there are many keen skaters in the village desperate to use it. It will be open on Saturday 10th November- but skaters have been asked to wait, ideally for a month, before it can be used!

Nigel said "Looking at it when it's done and everyone enjoying it is the biggest thrill."

The children at Journalism club say "It's going to be the most epic and active thing that's ever happened in Hawkesbury."

Our Condolences

The Parish News team would like to pass on sincere condolences, following the sad and unexpected passing of Jenny Welch in October.

Jenny contributed many poems and items to the parish magazine and will have been a familiar cheerful character to many fellow dog-walkers out and about in the fields around Hawkesbury.

Our thoughts are with Mike and family at this sad time.

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Hawkesbury & Horton W I

At the AGM President Barbara Harvey thanked the committee for all their support over the last year. In particular she thanked Wendy Weaver who is stepping down from committee. As a token of appreciation for all her hard work over the years and keeping them amused with her wicked sense of humour! Wendy was presented with a gift and card.

Barbara said that in 2013 we might consider supporting a community project and the committee would like to receive any suggestions. Any ideas to make next year an enjoyable one were also welcomed. Accounts were then presented and passed. With a favourable balance in the Members' Account it was voted to reduce the January subscription by £5. This will now be £28 for one year only.

Gill was thanked for all her hard work as treasurer.

The present committee was re-elected for another year and will be joined by Betty Salthouse.

We were then entertained by Juliet Herbert and Chris who became Nancy and Bert for the evening. Bert in his three-piece suit and tribly and Nancy in neat suit and with hair worn in the Victory Roll immediately took us back to the World War II years.

With clothes rationing coming into force on the 1st June 1941 a utility scheme with the CC41 symbol was introduced. Several manufacturers were then ordered to look into making a range of clothing as simply and efficiently as possible with restrictions placed on pockets and buttons etc.

Should men still have turn-ups on trousers was one question that was looked into as any extra use of material was not approved. However it was decided that losing them could affect a man's moral. So they stayed!

With austerity measures in full force all manner of ways of making clothes was commandeered, and many a soldier returned from war to find his wardrobe had been cut up and used for the children's trousers and other necessary things!

Wool was in very short supply as it went into uniforms so old blankets were made into clothes too. There were no more silk for stockings either, as this went into parachutes and there was a ban on its use. However old parachutes made lovely weddings dresses if found!

Surprisingly hats were not rationed but classed as luxury items and heavily taxed.

We were shown an interesting range of clothing from the period, all very well made and meant to last, not like much of it today! And we all agreed that the classic, simple styled dresses, could be happily worn now.

Flower of the month was won by Lynn Edwards.

Diary Dates

4th December Naomi Willmott from "The Harmonies"
Competition - Christmas Cracker Joke

12th December Christmas Meal at Egypt Mill

8th January The Silk Road to Mongolia with Caron Gay.

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410

Children's Society



Please note I will be collecting the boxes for the above, immediately after Christmas.

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Gill Morgan



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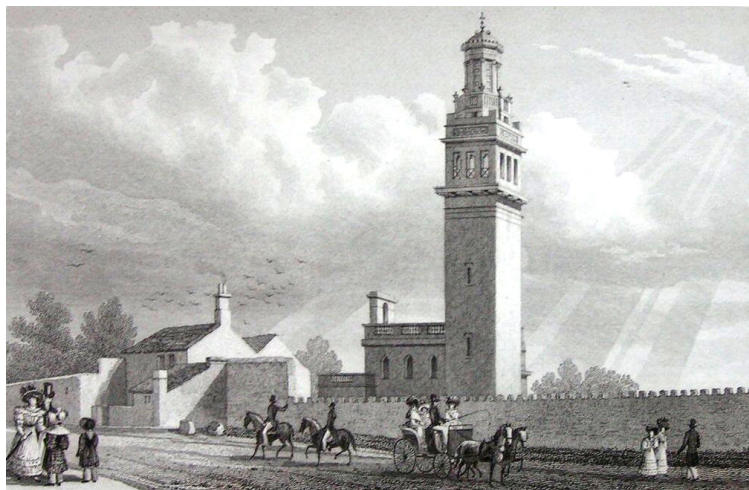
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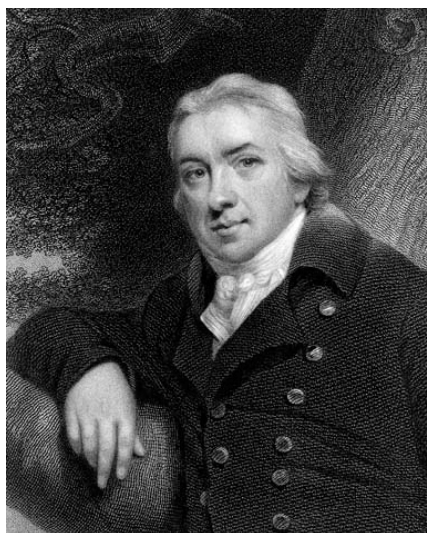
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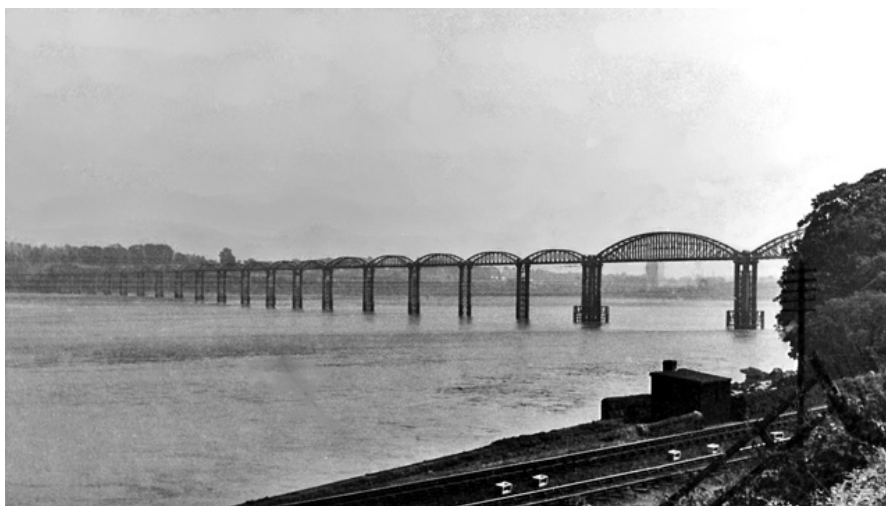
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HAWKESBURY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS!

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

So our thanks to:

- All our brilliant helpers, fire marshals, bucket shakers, mulled wine brewers, servers of food and drink etc, on the night
- The bonfire builders - castles are a burning...
- Gazebo putter uppers and taker downers.
- The lenders of gazebos/barbeques/JCB!
- Those who made donations before the event, and on the night. (Without your generosity the event simply wouldn't happen.)
- The guy builders (and very impressive guys they were too!)
- Sunday clearer uppers and litter pickers
- All those who donated wood for the amazing bonfire, and the sterling work of collecting all those pallets
- 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.

Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!!

Following the success of the last four bonfire nights, we are in a comfortable financial position with a small surplus, which will allow us to invest in future year's events - we bought two new gazebos this year with the intention of loaning these on show day and other village events, however due to the snow on Sunday morning two of the gazebos were badly damaged and have been written off at a cost of over £300.00! Our aim is to continue running this not-for-profit event for the enjoyment and benefit of our community and any surplus will be re-invested.

Next Year?

There have been a couple of comments regarding lighting the bonfire at 6.30 and then the fireworks at 7.30. There are two reasons for this. Firstly we thought that having an hour of socialising would give everyone a chance to get food and drink without the 'rush' that we've had in previous years. We think this worked and allowed the volunteers in the beer and food tents to stop serving for 10 minutes and actually get to see the fireworks! Secondly we wanted the younger members of the community who are yet to find big bangs exciting- to have time to come and enjoy the bonfire party and then make it home before the noise starts.

We are also aware that word is spreading and people are coming from outside the village, and although this is a compliment, the committee's main aim is to put on an event for the community of Hawkesbury, and their friends and family.

The bonfire area has now been cleared, soil laid and grass seed spread. Many thanks to those that helped do this. Any feedback and ideas or suggestions for next year's bonfire night would be welcomed!!

Deb and Jon Boyle, Angelo Sauro and Andy Musty

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

The Evergreens would like to thank everyone involved with the Summer Skittle League for the fantastic donation of £200 from this year's competition.

Speakers for meetings cost up to £50 and a coach is usually £400 to £450 for a day out so a donation like this is a great help

Hope that you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year

Much appreciated

The Evergreens

EVERGREENS

We are a group of 60 plusers who meet in the village hall at 2.30 on the second Tuesday of the month and go on five trips a year

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Entrance is £1 per meeting and we also run a raffle which is also a £1.

We are self funding and gratefully supported by local donations as well as applying for a grant from the Quartet Community Foundation every couple of years

If you would like to come but need a lift give me a ring.

Mandy 01454 261436



2012 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.

An especial thank you to Hawkesbury Guides who donated £136.62 raised from the excellent World War 1 display in the Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday.

House to House collections

Sandra Bishop	High Street from Plain to Beaufort House	£115.25
Doreen Bezar	High Street from Beaufort House to the Pool	£91.27
Sam Allen	Back St, Park St,	£211.93
Liz Howard	Inglestone Common, The Pike, Petty France	£162.42
Sybil & Gilb Tizzard	Sandpits Lane	£73.35
Dave Hives	France Lane, Hawkesbury Grange, 6 Cottages, Britton Bottom	£133.89
Kay Booy	Birgage Road	£49.18
Pat Sherry	Highfields	£62.63
Mary Davies	Hawkesbury Common	£85.43
Eric Mortiboys	Hunters Mead	£55.55
	Collection from the Bikers camping on the Rec!	£32.53

Static Collections

Beaufort Arms	£48.02
Fox Inn	£15.70
Hawkesbury School	£10.96
Bodkin House Hotel	£15.84
Hawkesbury Shop	£74.49
Severn View Farm	£20.95

Our total also includes the church collections for Remembrance Day and the donations for the wreaths laid at the war memorial. We will also be receiving an additional £40 from those who Gift Aided their donations this year.

To date, our total is an excellent **£ 1,723.04** . Many thanks.

Liz Howard, Poppy Organiser



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For full details please go to our website at www.beaufortarms.com - you could be rubbing shoulders with the Evergreens, Hogweed Trotters or the Karate Club!

Also on offer will be Christmas provisions from Josie's jams and preserves, Christmas cards from Josie, PROPS and the LJST and full blown artwork from Leon Wilson Fine Arts.

This year Leon is featuring popular new artists Sam Toft and Kate Wyatt as well as the usual favourites from Linda Jane Smith and Co,

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ATB

Mark the Landlord

OUR VILLAGE SHOP

I'm writing this because I'm worried.

I'm writing this because unless we start using and supporting our village shop, we will lose it.

We all know it's struggling to compete with supermarket prices, supermarket home deliveries and the like (how could it?). Yet there are still people out there who don't set foot in the shop, or they only go in to pick up prescriptions and don't buy anything.

We are lucky enough to have 2 pubs, a hairdressers, a Post Office, a garage and the shop, and I think we take them for granted and assume they'll always be there.

For every village organisation, and there are many, that put up posters, ask to have raffle tickets sold, have goods on sale or return, borrow food warmers, etc... think where you'd be without the shop.

Can you imagine not having it there, when the snow comes and you can't get out of the village – seriously, think about it.

Who doesn't love going in for a bit of a natter and to see a friendly face? – I certainly do, no matter who's behind the counter.

The staff work their socks off thinking of ways to entice us in, open early for us, stay later for our last minute needs...it's our turn to support them.

For every household that uses the shop there are at least 5 that don't. It's been said that if those people spent a fiver a week, it would turn things around.

Well here's my challenge to you all.

Do just that – a fiver a week for 6 months and see the difference it makes, because unless we use it, we will most definitely lose it.

Louise Roberts



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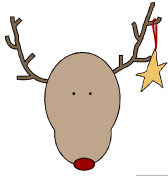
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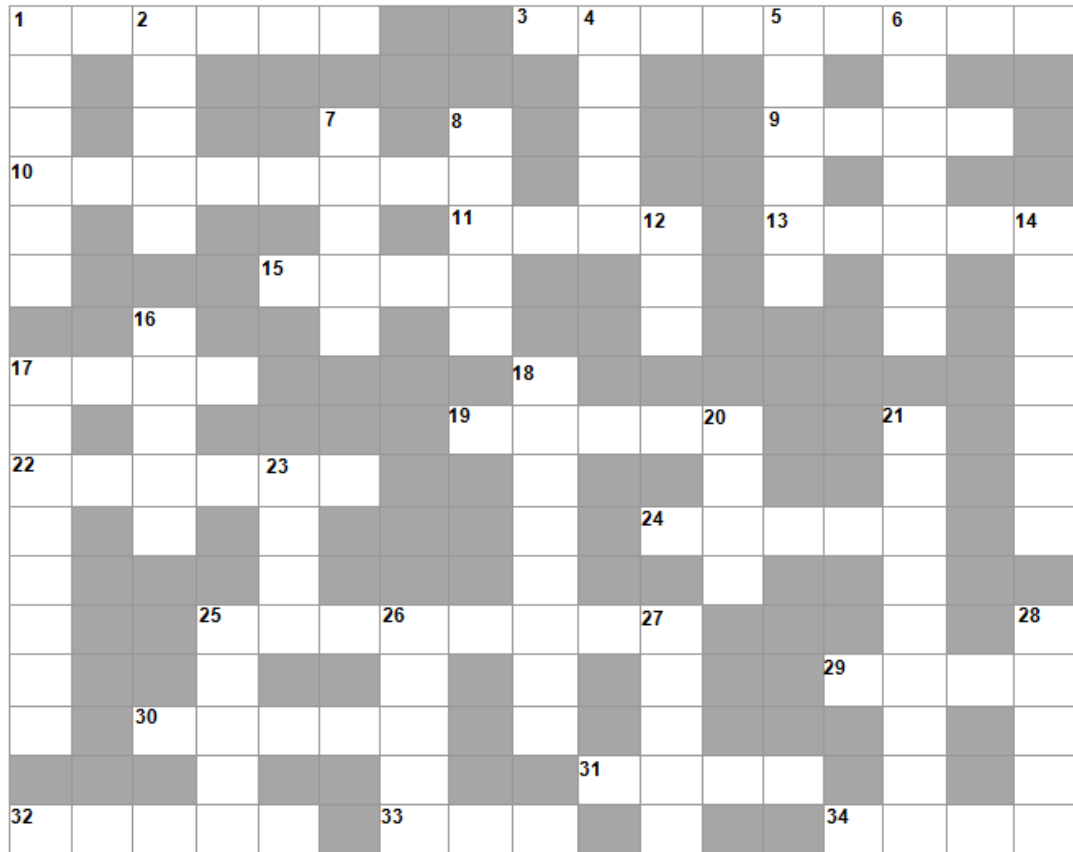
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As a bit of fun over the seasonal period, here's a festive puzzle for you.
Answers will be in the January issue. Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS FUN CROSSWORD



Across

1. God's messengers. (6)
3. Town where Christ was born (9)
9. One of the gifts brought by the Three Wise Men (4)
10. Festival observed on Jan 6th (8)
11. Christmas ____ - white-flowering hellebore (4)
13. Hot drink of spirit, sugar and spices (5)
15. The shepherds followed this to the birthplace of Christ (4)
17. French word for Christmas (4)
19. Alternative word for "happy" used in Christmas greetings (5)
22. Bird traditionally roasted at Christmas (6)
24. Christmas hymn (5)
25. Hung on the fireplace on Christmas Eve, ready for Santa's visit (8)
29. Sent at Christmas to convey greetings (4)
30. Shortened word for traditional Christmas theatrical production (5)
31. Adult male reindeer (4)
32. Prickly leaves and berries used for wreaths (5)
33. The colour of Rudolph's nose (3)
34. Traditionally decorated with tinsel & baubles (4)

Down

1. The season including the 4 Sundays before Christmas. (6)
2. He emerged from Aladdin's lamp (5)
4. Santa's Helpers (5)
5. Christmas illuminations (6)
6. Happy ____! Christmas greeting used in the US. (7)
7. Hopefully he'll be popping down your chimney on Christmas Eve (5)
8. One of the gifts brought by the Three Wise Men. (5)
12. The night before Christmas (3)
14. Festive Christmas cake (4, 3)
16. The holly has a ____ as red as any rose. (5)
17. The birth of Christ (8)
18. One of the Three Wise Men (8)
20. Happy New ____! (4)
21. One of the Three Wise Men (9)
23. The direction in which the Star of Bethlehem appeared (4)
25. Alternative word for stable (5)
26. A company of singers, angels, etc. (5)
27. Hopefully there will be some of these under the tree (5)
28. O come let us ____ him (5)

HO! HO! HO! AT CHRISTMAS!

- Q. What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?
A. *The elf-abet!*
- Q. What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?
A. Horn-aments!
- Q. What song do you sing at a snowman's party?
A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!

- Q. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
A. A mince spy!
- Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
A. It's Christmas, Eve!
- Q. What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?
A. Cross Mouse Cards!

Fly Tipping Alert

Unfortunately, in recent weeks, there have been several incidents of fly-tipping in the village, especially in the lay-by opposite the Somerset Monument.

Items dumped range from a mattress to numerous cardboard boxes of stuff, sacks and paint cans.

Please keep a look out when passing and if you see anyone actually dumping items or acting suspiciously, take down the vehicle registration number and report it to South Glos Council.

In addition, if you see items that have been fly tipped, report them as soon as you can. South Glos Council have a zero tolerance approach and will investigate complaints and incidents of fly tipping. They remove fly tips from council owned land and search waste for evidence, in an attempt to trace the fly tippers and prosecute.

You can report incidents online:

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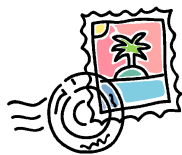
or via the Streetcare number: 01454 868000

Please help prevent this selfish crime from ruining our lovely village!

- Ed.

Christmas Card Stamps

Firstly, as Christmas rapidly approaches, I thought I'd send out a thank you to all those who have continued to collect up stamps over the year and drop them through our door in envelopes, bags and packets of various shapes and sizes.



They are very much appreciated by our friends who pass them on to the **Hearing Dogs** charity.

The charity trains hearing dogs to alert deaf people to household sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and in public buildings - providing a life-changing level of independence, confidence and companionship.

Secondly, please take a few moments over the next few weeks to collect up the stamps from all the Christmas cards and packages you receive in the post and I will happily pass them on.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Fiona Rowe, 24 Sandpits Lane.

Going Cold Turkey

As the spectacular village bonfire was cooling beneath a light but festive layer of snow, I was just bracing myself to start planning our Christmas when I had a lightbulb moment. (Blame the after-effect of the fireworks).

If you can picture a startled Sir Isaac Newton beneath the apple tree or a dripping Archimedes leaping out of his bath crying "Eureka!", you'll have some idea of how revolutionary my new idea seemed to me: I do not have to cook a turkey this Christmas!

Last Christmas I spent far too much time preparing turkey with all the trimmings and washing up every pot and pan in the house. With only one other meat-eater in our household, the effort to present a traditional Christmas dinner was out of all proportion to the pleasure, not least because we had to rush the meal in order visit family in the afternoon.

But suddenly I realised: turkey is not the only meat. The Village Shop's Christmas food tasting event on Saturday compounded my resolve. Before I could change my mind, I ordered for collection on Christmas Eve some delicious sausages and bacon, Hobbs House bread, and the best eggs that money can buy. Yes, this year, we'll be settling for a sumptuous Christmas Day brunch instead of a turkey dinner. In the evening, we'll fill up on the Shop's excellent mince pies and Christmas pudding. The one I bought there last year was the best I've ever tasted.

So stuff turkey (so to speak) - we're sorted. I'm not sure how that troublesome tradition ever caught on in the first place. It's an added bonus to think that I've just assured one large bird a happier Christmas than it anticipated. And no, before you say it, I don't mean me. Happy Christmas, everyone!

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On behalf of the Cricket Club...

...can I please say a huge thank you to the Parish Magazine for their generous donation of two heavy duty outdoor benches for use at the Cricket field.

We spent a highly entertaining if not slightly frustrating morning recently putting the benches together up at the field, without instructions and one set of bolts that should have been included in the packs. Dick Blundell had already had one attempt at construction but given up a frustrated man.

With renewed vigour on the fateful morning Dick made several phone calls in pursuit of the instructions and bolts but with no success so we forged onwards with our best endeavours and no instructions and after a couple of hours we had completed one.

So, with the confidence of success behind us we stormed into the second one and within a few

seconds both the missing bolts and instructions fell out of the pack at our feet !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We were relieved to find that we had been very close to perfection with our first attempt .

The story however does not end there when having completed the second one we found we had two perfectly matching benches Great you might think .

No ---Both have one set of legs the wrong way round .

Anyway Thankyou all at the PARISH MAGAZINE for the donation of not one but a matching pair of unique benches, we sincerely hope that they will be put to good use next year in a blazing hot summer by cricket lovers of all ages .

Martin Gardener



Hawkesbury Stallions Football Club is back for the 2012.2013 Season. This year, as well as an Adult team, we also have an Under 13's team. The adult team still play on Saturday afternoons and the Under 13's play on Sundays, mostly afternoon kickoffs.

All games are played up The Rec.

If you would like to be involved in the club in any capacity, please contact Simon Warren - details on back of parish magazine. Please see below for home fixtures for both teams.

If you would like a full list of fixtures, please get in touch with Simon.

Thanks,
HSFC

Adults Home Fixtures

2pm KO in December, January and February
2.30pm KO all other months

8th December

Under 13's Home Fixtures

Most home fixtures are 2pm KO

9th December

Junior Cricket Nets

Hawkesbury Cricket Club will be holding Indoor Cricket Nets sessions for juniors, as in previous years. These sessions have proved to be very useful in preparing our young players for the forthcoming season.

Dates: January 12th/19th/26th 2013

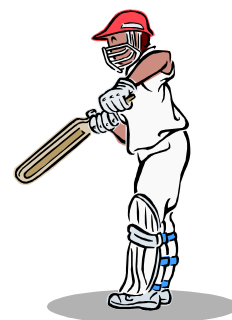
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Summer Skittles League

Presentation evening on November 10th saw the end of a difficult season with the loss of The Fox alley. Thanks go to those teams who had to play 2 games in an evening, looks like it may be happening again in 2013.

The League Winners Cup was presented to the Rats Pack, who also collected The Percy Watts Cup for the highest leg score, The Pete Huxford Trophy for the highest pin total in a game and The Roper Trophyette for the single throw competition.

The singles competition was won by Rowland Eyers of The Brats, and the doubles was won by his team mates, Chris Taylor and Mick Bendeaux.

At the Captain's meeting prior to the presentation, it was decided that the funds raised would be distributed as £400 to the Village Hall towards the work needed to refurbish the floor, and £200 each to The Evergreens and the Senior Citizen Christmas Fund.

Thanks go to Mark and his staff for providing the food not just for the evening but for all the season.

Mick Bendeaux

WINTER SKITTLES—LATEST RESULTS

N & D Skittle League Div 1

POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Runaways	5	5	0	0	71
2	Cotswold Rangers	5	3	0	2	58
3	Cotswold Club	6	2	0	4	58
4	Woodstocks	5	4	0	1	57
5	Matchplay Mavericks	4	3	0	1	53
6	Jammy Dodgers	5	2	0	3	53
7	Avening Social Club	4	3	0	1	45
8	Cubs	5	2	0	3	43
9	Railway A	6	1	0	5	42
10	Horsley United	4	2	0	2	37
11	Whistlers	5	0	0	5	23

N & D Skittle League Div 2

POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Hawkesbury Cricket Club	6	4	1	1	83
2	The Inbetweeners	6	5	0	1	79
3	Cotswold Hillbillies	6	4	0	2	75
4	The Vice Squad	6	4	1	1	73
5	Comrades Club	6	4	0	2	69
6	Pinball Wizards	6	3	0	3	60
7	Grumbleweeds	6	3	0	3	55
8	Railway B	6	2	0	4	53
9	Koppabergs	6	1	0	5	46
10	Mrs Brown's Boys	6	1	0	5	37
11	The Dungeon Masters	5	2	0	3	35
12	Socialites	5	1	0	4	35

Summer Skittles

On behalf of all the teams, may we record a special 'Thank You' to Mick for all his efforts in getting us through what was a very difficult season with the unforeseen loss of the Fox skittle alley. Many people will not realise the amount of effort that Mick put in to ensure that a Summer League took place at all.

Also thanks to the staff at The Beaufort for putting up with us all, sometimes up to 4 teams a night!!

New players are always welcome, team details in the Beaufort skittle alley.

Dick Blundell

On behalf of the Parish News team, thank you to all of you who support us throughout the year, by contributing items, advertising with us, and, of course, for buying the magazine.

A big thank you to all the unsung heroes who ensure you get your magazine copies, namely Hawkesbury Shop, Hawkesbury Post office and, of course, our band of intrepid deliverers who battle the elements to make sure your copy arrives on the mat. Without you all there would be no Hawkesbury Parish News.

Merry Christmas and here's to 2013!

Jill, Fiona, Vicky, Pauline and Suzanne (*Hawkesbury Parish News team*).

MERRY GENTLEMEN ARE JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT

What a momentous year! Statistics cannot do it justice, but are worth repeating: our first tennis grand slam in 76 years, our first winner of Le Tour in 109 years and a staggering 63 gold medals in the Olympics. Could the Gentlemen of Hawkesbury achieve something equally significant in 2012?

Our opponents for the final fixture of the season were the White Hunters, the losing side when we last won on September 18th, 2010. In time-honoured tradition, the Gents prepared for the match by quaffing a swift pint at the local and arriving with 10 minutes to spare.

The warm up clearly did wonders for our bowlers. Ed Riddington hit the middle stump with the first ball of the match. Accurate bowling from Jamie Simmonds helped reduce the White Hunters to 9 for 3 and, as the number of wickets were hooked on to the rickety old scoreboard, the sweet - and strangely unfamiliar - scent of a victory began to permeate across the sun-drenched outfield. Bill Cullen's teasing left-arm spin further reduced the opposition to 66 for 5. Barry Wright, our very own Peter Pan, led by youthful example in the outfield, helping to restrict the flow of runs. With overs beginning to run out, the batsmen needed to accelerate, but were unable to do so thanks to the combined miserly bowling of Joss Beeley and Ben Foxwell. Howard Bradley wrapped up the innings by capturing the eighth wicket, the White Hunters closing on 143.



The pavilion urn, one of the many artefacts dug up from Old Sarum, the Iron Age hill fort just a few miles up the road, proved to be completely inoperable at the interval. So, with tea off the menu, the players feasted on a buffet that included a fine selection of well-travelled scotch eggs, kindly donated by Sean Hopson. Whilst the White Hunters savoured a particularly moist coffee cake, the Gents licked their lips in anticipation of victory.



Hopson was soon padding up with Sean Bath as the Gents prepared to knock off the runs under grey skies. We lost our first wicket with the score on 9, but George Setterfield confidently added 40 for the second wicket before being caught for 14. When Bath departed, after an entertaining 40 that contained six boundaries, the Gents were halfway home. A classic display of vintage Simmonds took the game away from the Hunters, delighting the crowd that had assembled (before he left to

feed his cat and watch Countryfile). With both feet firmly rooted to the ground, Simmonds produced a full array of cuts, drives, lunges, wafts, sweeps, swishes, swipes and swats. What's more, he occasionally managed to hit the ball as well, hitting seven splendid fours on his way to a majestic unbeaten 45. Together with Ben Foxwell, he put on 60 for the 4th wicket and victory was ours.

So it was that 2012 provided the Gents with their own statistical miracle: a first victory in 722 days.

Let's hope we don't have to wait so long for the next one!

Ed Riddington

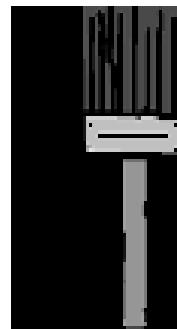
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Please meet in the Village Hall Car Park at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start.

At the end of the walk we'll be returning to the village where we would be delighted to welcome you to join us for home-made soup and a roll.

If you want to bring along a flask of coffee, we always include a short stop to top up the batteries. You won't be surprised that the walk is likely to be muddy so wellingtons or walking boots are highly advisable. Dogs are welcome.


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

Hawkesbury Horticultural Show 2012 - Report from the Show Chairman

I would just like to start by saying – what a fantastic Show day we had! I know it was probably the wettest that we have had for many years, but we still had a very good attendance. The carnival was extremely good this year. It was a shame that Zero Gravity, the mountain bike display team only managed to do half their routine, and thanks too to The Lawmen, who were very good and very wet, come the end! Thanks go also to The Duchess of Beaufort for crowning our Carnival Queen and to Martin Gardener for compering all day.

A big thank you to all the committee and helpers for all their hard work this year, before and after the show. It just goes to show that if a village pulls together we can make this show fantastic every year!

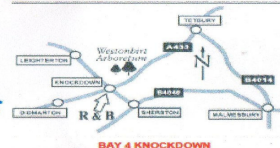
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BENEFICE SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2012

Sundays	2nd Dec Advent 1	9th Dec Advent 2	16th Dec Advent 3	23rd Dec Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	30th Dec Christmas 1
Readings	1 Thess 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36	Baruch 5 Luke 3.1-6	Phil 4.4-9 Luke 3.7-18	Micah 5.1-4 Luke 1. 39-55	Isaiah 9.2-7 Luke 2.1-14	for Communion Heb 1.1-12 John 1.1-14	Col 3.12-17 Luke 2.41- end
Great Badminton						11.00 Carols RT	
Little Badminton		11.15 Mat +HC RT		11.15 Matins RT	11.30 M'night Mass RT		
Sopworth	6.00pm Evensong + HC RT		11.15 Matins AT		6pm Carols RT		11.15 Mat +HC RT
Didmarton	11.15 Matins RT		8.30 HC BCP RT	6pm Carols AT		9.30 HC BCP RT	
Acton Turville		8.30 HC BCP RT	6pm Carols AT	8.30 HC BCP RT	4.30 Christin- gle MB		
Boxwell							
Leighterton	8.30 HC BCP AT 4pm Advent Carols AT	11.00 Matins AT	11.00 HC CW RT	11.00 Carol service AT	11.30 M'night Mass AT		
Hawkesbury	9.45 Advent carols RT	6.00pm Evensong AT	9.45 All Age Lay Led	6pm Friends of St Mary's Carols RT	4pm Crib service Lay led	10.15 HC CW AT	
Lasborough	9.30 Mattins Lay led	9.30 BCP HC AT	6pm Carols Westonbirt RT	9.30 HC CW AT	6pm Carols AT	9.00 HC BCP AT	
Oldbury-on- the-Hill							

Other Services			
Dec-20	Carols in the churchyard	6.30pm	Leighterton

KEY:			
RT	Richard Thomson	Priest	01454 219236
AT	Alveen Thoresen	Priest	01666 890548
JA	John Avery	Lay Reader	
MB	Matthew Butler	Layman	
CW	Common Worship		
tba	To be arranged		
HC	Holy Communion		
BCP	Book of Common Prayer		

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News from the Rectory

Dear Friends,

Here is a letter from the Bishop of Tewkesbury:

From the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd John Went

When our children were very young and more recently with grandchildren the wrapping paper of Christmas presents sometimes appeared to be as exciting as whatever was wrapped up inside. One year the church used a slogan "Christmas unwrapped" to encourage people to engage with Christmas. In spite of hard financial times, for most Christmas will include good food, Christmas decorations, presents, time with family and friends. We as a family enjoy that side of Christmas as much as anyone. But there is more.

However exciting outer wrapping may be, once we take time to unwrap the gift inside, the gift at the heart of Christmas, there is something to be even more excited about. Christmas is the great unwrapping of God himself. God chooses to come and live as one of us, a fully human life. We witness the vulnerability of a new born baby born in unhygienic surroundings. Early on there is an attempt on his life by a power-crazy local ruler. Jesus and his parents become a refugee family in Egypt. Jesus is God's love-gift to the world. He entered a world with plenty of confusion, insecurity, pain, suffering, violence. He was known as the Prince of Peace. During his three years of ministry he constantly released God's love and healing power into broken, bruised, damaged lives. The world hasn't changed much. Jesus is still God's love-gift to a needy world, God's love-gift to individuals who long for security, a deeper meaning and purpose in life. We mustn't mistake the wrapping for the gift. The gift needs to be unwrapped.

I hope you may take time this Christmas to visit a church near you, to enjoy the carols, hear afresh the Christmas message, put yourself in the way of God's love unwrapped in the birth, life, death on a cross and resurrection of Jesus – there is no greater gift. A very happy Christmas to you all.

.....May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very Happy Christmas from both Alveen and myself, and look forward to seeing you over the coming festivities.

Richard Thomson

Vicar: Rev Richard Thomson 01454 219 236

Assistant Priest: Rev Alveen Thoresen 01666 890 548

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

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
2nd Dec	0945 am	ADVENT CAROL SERVICE	T.B.A.		H Rogers
9th Dec	1000 am	Methodist Church Sunday School			
	6 pm	Evensong	M Bendry J Gardener	Baruch 5 Luke 3 1 - 6	P Bendry
16th Dec	0945 am	Morning Praise	T.B.A.	Phil 4 4-9 Luke 3 7 - 18	
23rd Dec	1000 am	Methodist Church Sunday School			
	6 pm	FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S NINE LESSONS & CAROLS	T. B. A.		M Davies
24th Dec	4 pm	LIGHT OF THE WORLD - CRIB SERVICE			
25th Dec	1015 am	Morning praise Holy communion			L Fairney
6th Jan 2013	0945 am	Morning praise Epiphany- Messy Church			D Musty

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

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

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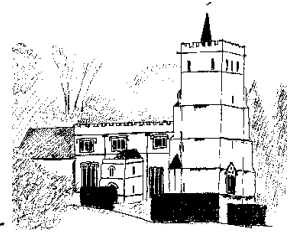
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Please note all the different service times

St Mary's Church News



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

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9 : 6

Going back in time, we need to report on our harvest activities, which took place too late for inclusion in last month's Parish News. The school held their own Harvest Festival at St Mary's on 9 October followed by the service at St Mary's on 14 October, where some of the children again joined the choir for the celebration. Many thanks to all who brought gifts of harvest goods, which have been taken to the Julian Trust emergency night shelter in Bristol, and to all who decorated the church. Jean & John Peckett, Barbara Rutley, Betty Salthouse, Mary Davies, Linda Fairney, Lisa White and Mary Beresford. Pam Bendry made the harvest loaf and the collection was donated to Send a Cow (£105)

It's difficult to be thinking about Christmas in mid-November, but we need to remember all the ways in which we shall be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Advent Sunday falls on 2 December with an Advent carol service at St Mary's at 9.45am, all are welcome. Lectio Divina takes place on Tuesdays 4, 11, & 18 December at 7.45pm at the Tythe Barn and the Charity Lunches at the Methodist Hall on Thursdays 6, 13, & 20 December at 12.30pm. The school will hold their carol service at St Mary's on 18 December at 6.0pm, while the Friends of St Mary's have theirs on Sunday 23 December at 6.0pm. The Light of the World and Crib Service takes place on Christmas Eve at 4.0pm. For anyone who wants to take the first communion of Christmas this will be celebrated at Leighterton at 11.0pm on Christmas Eve followed by All-age communion at St Mary's on Christmas morning at 10.30am.

Looking further ahead, on 6 January 2013, the Feast of Epiphany, the children will have an opportunity to explore the visit of the Wise Men to the Infant Jesus at Messy Church at 9.45am. We are holding our Christingle service on the Feast of Candlemas, Sunday 3 February, at 9.45am. Everyone is most welcome to all these services.

Dates for your Diary

- 2 December 9.45am Advent Carol Service**
- 4,11,18 December 7.45pm Lectio Divina** at the Tythe Barn
- 6,13,20 December 12.30pm Charity lunches** at the Methodist Hall
- 18 December 6.0pm School Carol Service**
- 23 December 6.0pm Friends of St Mary's carol service**
- 24 December 4.0pm Light of the World/Crib Service**
- 24 December 11.0pm Midnight Communion** at Leighterton
- 25 December 10.30am All-age Christmas communion**
- 6 January 2013 9.45am Messy Church**
- 3 February 2013 9.45am Christingle**

Jennifer Oldershaw

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES

- ★ A Christmas Card and donation box will be in the Post Office, The Beaufort Arms and The Fox again this year.
- ★ For those new to the village, the card is an alternative to sending Christmas cards within the village and
- ★ all money collected goes to 2 chosen charities.
- ★ **PLEASE PRINT** your name **CLEARLY** and a list of the people who have donated will be printed in the
- ★ form of a Christmas card, enclosed in the January issue of the Parish News.



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THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



Services for December 2012

2nd	10:30 am Joining with Bethesda
9th	10:00 am Mr J Edwards <i>Sunday Club for children attending</i>
16th	09:45 am Morning Praise at St Marys
23rd	10:00 am Rev Debra Chidakwa - Holy Communion <i>Sunday Club for children attending</i>
30th	10:00 am Mr S Reed <i>Sunday Club for children attending</i>

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

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BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of December 2012

Sunday 2nd December	10.30am	Mr Alan Tarling [C]
Sunday 9th December	10.30am	Rev Colin Halstead
Sunday 16th December	10.30am	Mr Gareth Davies
Tuesday 18th December	6.30pm	Carols – followed by mince pies, tea/coffee. EVERYONE WELCOME
Sunday 23rd December	10.30am	Rev. Philip Hopes
Tuesday 25th December	10.30am	Rev. Philip Hopes - Service celebrating the birth of The Saviour (Christmas Day)
Sunday 30th December	10.30am	Speaker to be arranged
Sunday 6th January 2013.....	10.30pm.....	Rev. Philip Hopes [C]

BETHESDA ADVENTURERS MEET DURING MORNING SERVICE

Tuesday 4th 7.30pm – A Time of Worship / Prayer

Tuesday 11th 7.30pm – Bible Study / Prayer



The Christmas story is well known - how Jesus was born of a virgin at Bethlehem, the shepherds and the wise men. But there is much more to it. Jesus grew into boyhood and became a man, a carpenter by trade, yet a King by birth. The God who made the universe was visiting His people in person. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning" John1 v.1.

He was indeed the Son of God – who would teach, heal and show the way. He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." He went on to die on the cross at Calvary, rose again on the third day (as He said He would) and returned to His Father in heaven. WHY? Jesus did this to "Save His people from their sins" Matthew1 v.21.

Why not ask Jesus into your hearts this Christmas and know His forgiveness and peace.

M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust News

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The Reverend Debra M. Chidakwa is the new Minister at Hawkesbury Upton, Shortwood and Yate Methodist Church. She is also part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit.

Rev'd Debra M. Chidakwa and her husband Mr Jonas A. Akue

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is a privilege to be part of this wonderful community which is very beautiful in its creation and very welcoming indeed. I believe that God has called me to take up this position where I will be able to be of service to the community and enable every member of village family to “let their light shine before others” enabled by the love of Christ Jesus; so that together we can continue to make this beautiful village a vibrant place to live.

The Church is the community and the Community is the Church therefore in order for the Church to be effective in the Community it is important that our sharing and caring for one another becomes part of our Spiritual life held in the love Christ who is the centre of everything. It is evident in my short time that the light of Christ is abounding in the lives of people in Hawkesbury Upton. I hope and pray that this light will continue to illumine during my time with you.

The Methodist Church in Hawkesbury Upton is open to all. I will also be working together with other Churches that are in the village as part of the wider Church. I would seek your understanding and your support; to open wide your doors; not only of the buildings around you but the doors of your hearts so that; every individual may experience the unconditional love, acceptance and to discover the embracing love of Christ in your lives. I strongly believe that; it is the time for the Church of Christ to reach out to every person and to build bridges as well to be a beacon of hope within our Communities based on love, humility, and integrity.

Ministry work is challenging, yet an exciting and rewarding responsibility. I am humbled that God has called me to become His servant. However, in order for God’s work to move forward, I recognise that it needs **YOU** to participate, contribute your skills, efforts, determination, ambition, and to have a burning passion that goes beyond the tangible things that limit us.

My role in the Community would be to equip the Church/Community through the ministry of servant hood, enable individuals to explore their core value, address issues directly related to their relationship with God through preaching, and to encourage as well strengthen each other etc.

The initial idea of going to Church today may seem quite daunting, however the Church stands in the heart of the community offering us hope and setting a rich spiritual inheritance for everyone; with greater rewards in the end. It is my desire that you will feel empowered, encouraged, optimistic and ready to be part of this exciting time where the Church is ready to embrace you regardless.

Hawkesbury Upton, once God is for us, who can be against us? I challenge you to try God and see that He is real. It is my prayer that we make a joint effort to minister to each other in our Village as well beyond and make a difference in our lives as well others. Remember, God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!

“ You are the light of the world. A village built on a hill cannot be hidden”

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South Gloucestershire Councillor's Report

Is fast Broadband on its way?

South Gloucestershire Council, in partnership with Wiltshire Council, has announced that British Telecom has been chosen as the preferred bidder to provide superfast broadband to premises across the South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire area.

In June the partnership launched a procurement process inviting businesses in the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) national procurement framework, to bid for the contract and demonstrate why they would provide the best value for money and highest level of service.

The contract will be awarded once European State Aid approval is granted to the UK by the European Commission. The roll out of the broadband improvements will be completed in 2015.

The procurement programme is being led by Wiltshire Council with an investment of 15.5m with an additional 4.66m government funding. South Gloucestershire Council is investing £2.2m in the district's broadband provision, alongside £710,000 of government funding. The Council is aiming to award the contract in early December and will provide further details at that point.

I know many people have been asking for improved and reliable broadband speeds, we may soon find out what the predicted speeds will be for our area after the survey has been completed.

Find out more about the project at www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband

New Homes Bonus

As part of the Localism Act, monies will be available where new houses are built. South Gloucestershire Council has agreed that part of the monies should be allocated to the Area Forums, and at the next Frome Vale Area Forum (end of November) councillors will decide on how the £195,456 will be allocated. Most of the houses are being built in the Frampton Cotterell/Yate/Sodbury area. Councillors will decide the best way to allocate the money for the benefit of all residents.

Council Budget – more austerity.

South Gloucestershire Council is currently consulting on next year's budget. They are also asking for comments on the Council's priorities.

Government funding is falling drastically which means difficult decisions have to be made. £25 million savings have already been made from running costs over the past couple of years steered by consultation results. A large proportion of this has been made by improving administrative processes and professional support services. By 2014/15 the savings need to total £43 million a year based on the current national austerity measures. Plans are already in place to deliver a high proportion of the remaining amount. The council is now thinking about how it might approach further austerity measures after 2014/15.

The Council has been holding roadshows throughout the area, and full information is available on www.southglos.gov.uk

However, if you would like further information, please do get in touch.

Area Forums

The above matters are discussed at the Local Area Forums – Frome Vale Area Forum is our local forum. The Council is increasing the number of forums to five a year. Councillors representing the area will decide on the priorities for the area, in such areas as highway maintenance. They also allocate local grants.

An important part of the Forum is the Open Session, where members of the public are invited to have their say – usually quite a lively part of the meeting.. The next meeting is on the 29th November, 7.00 pm at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall.

Skate Park

After many years it is good to see the Skate/BMX facility taking shape.. This was an issue raised by young people in the Parish Plan consultation. Well done to the fundraisers and young people who worked hard to make this a reality. Well Done All and I was pleased to help with allocating some funds from the Housing Allocation Fund.

Streetcare

It is sometimes quicker to report any flytipping/potholes/streetlight issues online. But not everyone has access to the internet; please get in touch if you are having problems.

Police Crime & Commissioner – the newly elected PCC is Independent Sue Mountstevens with a turnout of 18.8% Bristol City has a new Independent Mayor – George Ferguson.

Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning applications received:

App. No.	Address	Description	Comments
COM/12/0862/BOC	Inglestone Farm Chase Lane Inglestone Common	Breach of conditions 2 & 3 attached to PK12/0392/LB as works only just started	This was noted

Planning decisions received:

PK12/2880/F	40 Highfields Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation	PERMIT – subsection to conditions
PK12/2927/TCA	Beaconsfield House Park Street	Works to fell 1 no. Ash Tree situated within the Hawkesbury Upton Conservation Area	The Council does not propose to serve a Tree Preservation Order at this time
PK12/3157/TCA	Pool House High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Works to reduce 1 no. Ash tree to previous cuts and remove 1 no. Larch tree situated within the Hawkesbury Conservation order	The Council does not propose to serve a Tree Preservation Order at this time

Precept 2012/13

This financial year Hawkesbury Parish Councillors looked very hard at the precept together with what we viewed on the horizon and historically. Their views were that in the past we had not allowed enough for inflation and other surprising occurrences so we had been eating into our reserves, which are minimal. A hard decision was taken to increase our precept over inflation this year just to keep up with our commitments.

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Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd December 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 Christmas Lights

Switch on 8th December 2012

At 5.30pm



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For Saturday 8th December 2012

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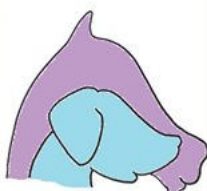
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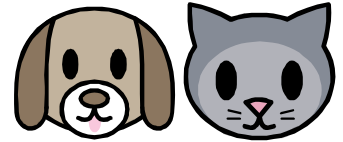
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Cerys Bradley	01454 238761	19yr old, experienced babysitter available all day and/or evening for child minding or mathematics tutoring (up to and including GCSE level).
Caroline Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	14yrs old. Available for dog walking and babysitting.
Charlotte Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	20yrs old. Available for baby sitting, dog walking and pet minding.
Katie Munro	01454 238 174	I am a 16 year old experienced babysitter (references can be supplied). I am reliable and trustworthy and love working with young children. I am available most evenings and weekends term times and at all times during the school 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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Remember how it used to be?
Has the change been all that great?
It used to be so different
To the Christmases of late.

When I was young I'd never dream
Of what Christmas means today,
Yet we were glad of what we had
And shared our love in different ways.

Though I see it all in his sweet face,
The love, peace and goodwill.
I know the spirit hasn't died
Christmas is Christmas still.

Ann Harris

WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM IN TREE-D!

Supporters of Westonbirt, The National Arboretum can now enjoy a virtual visit around the historic tree collection with a new 3D and full colour 2D film. It has been produced by Gloucestershire filmmakers iworkfilms and £2 from the sale of each DVD will go to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum charity.

The DVD shows Westonbirt Arboretum throughout the seasons and includes behind the scenes footage and extras. Viewers are taken from the still beauty of winter, through to the awakening of the arboretum in spring, amongst the activity of summer and the fireworks of autumn colour. They are shown the tree team in action and given a taste of some of the important work undertaken by volunteers to monitor rare wildflowers onsite.

The DVD costs £14.99 and includes two pairs of 3D glasses (and postage/packaging) within the UK and Channel Islands. Watch a preview and order a copy from www.iworkfilms.com/westonbirt. Or, send your request and a cheque payable to 'iworkfilms' to Westonbirt Film, Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum, Westonbirt Arboretum, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8QS. More information about the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum can be found at www.fowa.org.uk.



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What's on at Westonbirt — December 2012

Enchanted Christmas

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Westonbirt wood sales

Saturday 8 December 10am-3pm
Sunday 9 December 10am-1pm
Proceeds go to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum, so cash or cheques only please. Follow signs from the car park on arrival. Call 01666 880220 or woodsales@fowa.org.uk

Westonbirt School - Carols and Readings **13th December**

Carols and Readings by candlelight, held in The Great Hall, Westonbirt School near Tetbury at 7.30pm.

Free admission but tickets must be booked in advance from Westonbirt School. Tel: 01666 880333

Cotswold Craftsmen Show

Tetbury - 7th December - 9th December

Christmas Show held in the Market Hall, Tetbury.
Further details Tel: 01285 770994 or
www.cotswold-craftsmen.org

Tetbury Christmas Lights Switch-On **7th December**

5.40pm Torch Light Procession from London Road junction up Long Street to Market Hall.

5.45pm Community Carols.

6pm Christmas Light Switch On by VIP Guest.

From 6pm Evening entertainment from The Big Brunch Band, Avening Silver Band, stalls under the Market Hall & late night shopping.

Market & Craft Stalls **19th & 22nd December**

In Tetbury Market House.
10am - 4pm.

African Children's Choir return to Stroud **15 December 2012**

Following their success on Gary Barlow's "Sing" project for the Diamond Jubilee, the African Children's Choir return to Stroud on Saturday December 15th.

Last here in November 2008, the Choir will again perform at Stratford Park Leisure Centre at 7.30pm in a concert for Christmas.

Tickets go on sale on October 20th from Centre, London Road, Stroud or from the Tourist Information Centre in the Subscription Rooms where a credit booking line will be open on 01453 760900.

Tickets price are as follows: Adults £5 (in advance) / £7 (on the door); Children (under 17) £4 (in advance) / £6 (on the door); Families (2 adults & up to 3 children) £17 (in advance) / £25 (on the door).

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Saturday, 1st December 14:00 Sunday, 16th December 14:00

Skyfall, Cert 12A, 145 mins

When an operation in Turkey goes disastrously wrong, James Bond (Daniel Craig) is assumed to be dead. Using this to his advantage, but with tensions between him and M (Judi Dench) coming to a head, it is for him to help her seek out Raoul Silva (Javier Bardem), now public enemy number one, before the whole of MI6 is blown sky high. Skyfall seriously ups the ante on this quintessential action series with explosions, dare-devil stunts, exotic locations and beautiful women galore.

Friday, 30th November 19:45	Saturday, 1st December 19:45
Sunday, 2nd December 14:00	Monday, 3rd December 20:45
Tuesday, 4th December 19:45	Wednesday, 5th December 20:45
Thursday, 6th December 14:00/19:45	Saturday, 8th December 14:00/19:45
Sunday, 9th December 19:45	Thursday, 13th December 19:45

The Sapphires, Cert PG, 103 mins

For four gorgeous young women from a remote Aboriginal mission, 1968 was the year that changed their lives forever. Sisters Gail, Julie and Cynthia, together with their cousin Kay, are discovered by Dave, a down-on-his-luck Irish musician with attitude, a taste for Irish Whiskey and an ear for Soul Music. Dave steers the girls away from their Country & Western origins then flies them to the war-zones of South Vietnam, where they sing Soul Classics for the American Marines. The girls sing up a storm, dodge bullets...and fall in love.

Friday, 7th December 19:45	Wednesday, 12th December 20:45
Sunday, 16th December 19:45	Wednesday, 19th December 20:45
Thursday, 20th December 14:00	Saturday, 22nd December 19:45
Saturday, 29th December 19:45	

Beasts of the Southern Wild, Cert 12A, 93 mins

Hushpuppy, an intrepid six-year-old girl, lives with her father, Wink, in the Bathtub, a southern Delta community at the edge of the world. Wink's tough love prepares her for the unravelling of the universe; for a time when he's no longer there to protect her. When Wink contracts a mysterious illness, nature flies out of whack, temperatures rise, and the ice caps melt, unleashing an army of prehistoric creatures called aurochs. With the waters rising, the aurochs coming, and Wink's health fading, Hushpuppy goes in search of her lost mother.

Tuesday, 11th December 19:45	Saturday, 15th December 19:45
Thursday, 20th December 19:45	Friday, 28th December 19:45

Argo, Cert 15, 120 mins

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Friday, 14th December 19:45
Tuesday, 18th December 19:45
Friday, 21st December 19:45
Thursday, 27th December 19:45
Sunday, 30th December 19:45

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December Sudoku

Neil Fozard



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EASY !!

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		4		2		7		
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Answers to the November quizzes:-

'Easy'



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

'Not so Easy'



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