



HAWKESBURY PARISH NEWS

December 2015 Issue

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WE ONLY WENT AND DID IT!

Four months of training produced many tears, much pain, a lot of sweat and three marathon runners in the making. Max and Harriet Bleaken and Drew Edwards completed the Bristol to Bath Marathon 25th October 2015 in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. The first half of the marathon was fine, flat and fun whereas the second half was hilly, hilly and hilly! It was a lovely sunny day and we were spurred on by many family and friends along the way. Hazel Bleaken would have been the proudest Mum, she knew of the challenge we had set ourselves when we warily signed up last Christmas.

We would like to thank so many people for their support over these past few months. We raised a staggering

amount, as it stands today £4,111.64. All monies have gone straight to MND to help provide other people suffering with MND the same amazing care, support and equipment which Hazel received during her short time with MND.



Congratulations to all those from the village who took part in the Bristol/Bath Marathon in October. Many were supporting good causes and did a great job of raising money, including Harriet Bleaken, Drew & Max Bleaken, Ben Cullen & Gavin Huxford, Ben Fowler.

Bonfire Spectacular

Both in the run up to the day and on Saturday 7th December, the weather could not have been much worse. Rain, more rain and wind prevailed. Speculation grew that the Bonfire Night could not possibly be going ahead — but, of course, this is Hawkesbury!

A team of volunteers worked long hours ensuring, that Hawkesbury's Bonfire Night went ahead regardless. This year's effigy to be burnt was of *Tower Bridge*, complete with red London bus, which burnt in spectacular fashion, whilst spectators sang

"London Bridge is burning down".

A huge thank you to the organising team and all the volunteers who turned up to create a great evening of fun, fire, pyrotechnics and food & drink. Another amazing event organised solely by volunteers and funded by donations. Well done to all!



Switching on for Christmas

This year, Christmas officially gets underway with the switch on of the Christmas lights in the village on **Saturday 12th December**.

The festivities will begin at **5:30pm** with the switching on of the **Christmas tree** lights at The Plain, organised by the Parish Council. At **6:00pm**, "**Lee's Lights**" (in memory of Lee Gardener) will be switched on at the Village Hall. Thank you to all those who take the time to set up both up. There will be mince pies and mulled wine available. If you can help by donating mince pies, please get in touch with Hazel Jones, Parish Clerk (further details in this issue).

So wrap up warm and get into the Christmas mood!

It's a Girl!

Amelie Hazel Louise Bleaken born 05.11.15.

Parents Giles Bleaken and Becca Need would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past year. xx

Congratulations to Giles and Becca and all the family — and, of course... welcome Amelie!



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Editorial

Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the December issue of the Hawkesbury Parish News.

At the time of going to press, the news is full of the atrocities committed against ordinary people across Paris. The chilling ruthlessness and barbarism with which the attacks were carried out has rightly caused international shock and outrage. It has therefore been heartening to see the determination of the French to carry on and their refusal to bow to such evil and savagery. It is also vital that people of all nations, religions, creeds and backgrounds unite in their condemnation and show the

resolve to carry on regardless. The sight of 70,000 plus French and English football fans joining together to sing the Marseillaise at Wembley was perhaps the perfect symbol of such unity – long may it continue.

As Christmas rapidly approaches, I was amused to see the launch of the ultimate gift for the parents of Lego-loving children – "Lego Slippers" which apparently sport an extra-thick sole to protect sensitive feet from the agony of treading on Lego blocks! I'm not quite sure how these special Lego-emblazoned slippers do that much more than any normal slippers to protect your feet.

I also suspect they may just be a cunning marketing ploy in the run-up to Christmas! Cynical - who me?

This month there are many activities to get you in the mood for the festive season - with both the "PTA Christmas Fayre" and the "Christmas Lights Switch On" on **December 12th**, **Advent Lunches** at the Methodist Hall during December and a wide range of **Christmas and Carol services** at Hawkesbury's three churches and further afield within the Benefice. Full details are in this issue.

Many thanks for your support and contributions throughout the year.

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

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Did you know that we have Websites for the Village and also for the Village Hall?
www.hawkesburyupton.com and www.village-hall.org

You can use these websites to:

- Check the Hall & Village calendars
- Book the Hall online
- View the Hall & Parish Council minutes
- View past editions of this magazine
- Link to many other village organisations
- and much more.

Quote of the Month

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas . . . perhaps . . . means a little bit more!"

*From the 1957 children's classic
How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss
(Theodor Seuss Geisel, 1904-1991). "*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Next Parish Council Meeting
 The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 7th December 2015, 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**.


Evergreens
 Tuesday 8th December
Christmas Lunch
 at the Beaufort Arms
 Arrive from 12 to eat at 1pm
 Sing a long with Mike Mackie
 If you would like to come along and need a lift please give me a ring.
 Mandy 01454 261436


 **Mobile Library** 
Times & Dates
7th & 21st December



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

"Steve & The Yeti"
Saturday 16 January 2016
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the Village Hall.
 Entry will be £8.50 per person to include a Ploughman's Supper.
 A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.



Coffee Mornings 
 Coffee Mornings take place on Mondays from 10am - 11.30am.
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 Come and join us for soup, rolls & fruit on **3, 10 & 17th December** at The Methodist Hall @ 12.30 -1.15
 All welcome so bring your friends and family along.
 In aid of Send A Cow
 Donations also been taken for Julian Trusts - so clear your cupboards before Christmas - anything from tinned soups to toothpaste required. Thank you

Hawkesbury Cricket Club
Valentines Day Barn Dance
Saturday 13th February 2016
in the Village Hall
Look out for further details! 

On Tuesday 19th January, the Beaufort Arms is hosting a medieval meal in honour of Hawkesbury's very own saint - Saint Wulfstan - Patron Saint of Peasants and Vegetarians on his very saints day!
The meal will be in the evening with details to follow in next month's mag.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all from everyone at Hawkesbury Preschool!

It was with great pride that we participated in the village's Remembrance Service in November. Several preschoolers joined the parade before Tommy Street and Edie Hopson helped to lay a wreath created from a circle of the children's red handprints. Well done to all the children that took part and behaved so well during the poignant service.

Hawkesbury Preschool Update

As you might expect, December brings much excitement at Preschool. We've got a jam-packed agenda of festive fun for the children to enjoy, including a trip to see Father Christmas at Cattle Country, a Christmas lunch, and a performance for parents.

Please keep your eyes peeled for tickets for the Christmas Raffle, in aid of Preschool. This fundraiser can provide us with almost half our annual running costs, so please dig deep for the chance to win some great prizes, and support the preschool care of local children. You'll find tickets on sale from Preschool parents, at Hawkesbury School's Christmas Fayre and

Hawkesbury Shop.

Finally, huge congratulations to our Playleader Vicky Starling, who has now had official confirmation of her Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce. Well done Vicky on this fantastic achievement.

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

enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

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HOURS: 2.30pm until 6pm. Monday to Thursday

For further details please contact Louisa Tooker (Manager/Senior Playleader) on the contacts below during after school club hours. Otherwise contact the school office (during school hours) who will be happy help.

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HAWKESBURY VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT GROUP

A Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all members of HVT, our Passengers and our Supporters.

I am writing this at the beginning of November knowing that one of our founder members is in the process of moving to pastures new.

Sandra Bishop has worked tirelessly from day one, being a major influence in the setting up process of HVT, and then carrying out the role of Co-ordinator. In the early days this was a task that she managed on her own, as well as undertaking the Treasurer role. Those early days were quite time consuming and difficult as we developed our processes. Looking back we probably did a lot more than we needed to, just to make sure that everything was legal and above board.

All of the members of the HVT team, all of our passengers and our supporters thank Sandra for her contribution and

constant support, and wish her, and John, every happiness in their new home.

HVT works best when we have a team of four Co-ordinators working one week on and three weeks off, and covering each other for holidays and sickness. With Sandra leaving we have a vacancy that needs to be filled so that we can maintain our current level of service.

Co-ordinators do not drive for HVT but they are the key role for arranging a Driver to be allocated for any Passenger's request for transport. A telephone, with answering service, is provided so that the Co-ordinator does not need to be constantly on call.

Would you like to volunteer to become a member of the HVT Team, and carry out this most important service?

If you are at all interested or want more information, please contact

Alan on **238 788**.

Other news.

I am pleased to say that HVT is getting a lot more support from the Car Park Staff at Southmead Hospital. I have managed to park on the triangle on each of the last few occasions that I have delivered passengers there.

A welcome to our newest driver, Jacqui, who, being a "youngster", has reduced the average age of the driving team from "geriatric" to "ancient". More younger drivers are needed please.

Should you require the services of HVT please contact **0797 206 5665** leaving your name, contact number, where you wish to be taken, and details of the date and time of the appointment.

For information about the HVT service, or queries about the Diamond Travel Card or Blue Badge Scheme, contact **Alan on 238 788**

Knitting Group Celebrates 6th Birthday!

The knitting group which , based on the Methodist chapel, but held mainly at the home of Peggy Woffenden has now passed its sixth birthday.

Woollen garments and crocheted items by the dozen, have been sent to those in need in many places. The group contributors make all these items whilst putting the world to rights, and enjoying a cuppa or two. Thanks need to be given to all those who contribute in many ways such as

those who provide wool, and also ready-made items, and indeed the members of the group.



There is always a place in the group for anyone interested in contributing, so for any new participants the coffee morning is held at Peggy's on Monday mornings from 10am.

Di Noble(238793)

WANTED by HVT

A Volunteer to fill the vacancy for a

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on

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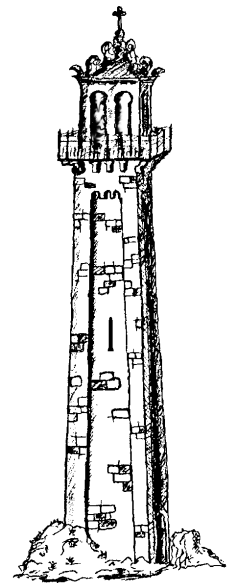
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Clothing etc.. will go to Refugee Aid Stroud

(please see separate list if you're not sure what to give)

Money raised will go to Calais Action, a group founded by Libby Freeman in August(it is a grassroots giving organisation striving to help misplaced people in Calais and beyond)

There will also be a box for Julian Trust Homeless Charity who urgently need Razors, UHT milk, tinned carrots,peas (not mushy),baked beans with sausages, washing powder, toilet rolls,tinned chilli/meatballs,tinned hotdogs,curry cooking sauces, new boxer shorts (small/medium), socks,mens jeans and t shirts. We also need blankets and (bath) towels.

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Baby carriers – clean and all working

Back packs – must be clean and in good condition with all zips/fasteners working – these are needed to carry their world long distance!

MEN'S CLOTHES – preferably dark colours

Trousers - jogging bottoms, waterproof trousers, hiking trousers – must have buttons and working zips if relevant., and must be clean and in good condition

Jumpers/Fleeces – good quality, thick and warm – clean with no holes.

Waterproof jackets – waterproof ONLY – preferably warm and waterproof - think camping/hiking in Wales!

Long sleeved tops for layering – cotton/t-shirt type

Men's Underwear – must be new

Socks – in pairs – if second hand then must be good quality, no holes, clean and rolled up in a pair.

Boots – good quality walking boots, waterproofed. Sizes 39 - 43 - tied or taped together, clearly marked with Euro size

Hats and gloves - think ski wear!

WOMEN'S CLOTHES – preferably dark colours

Women's trousers – jogging bottoms/thick leggings – clean, warm, good quality

Jumpers/fleeces – good quality, thick, warm, full sleeve length, NOT CARDIGANS – good condition, clean with no holes

Long sleeved tops for layering – cotton t-shirt types.

Underwear – bras, knickers – **must be new** – no fashion, granny type is better!

Socks - in pairs – if second hand then must be good quality, no holes, clean and rolled up in a pair.

Women's Jackets – WATERPROOF ONLY – preferably warm and waterproof – all zips and buttons etc must work – think camping/hiking in Wales!

Walking boots/trainers – sizes **36 - 41** - good quality, waterproofed - tied or taped together and marked in Euro sizes

Gloves, winter hats and scarves

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

AGES 9 - 14 – both sexes

Trousers – full length, jogging bottoms, jeans, - all in good condition

Long sleeved tops – t-shirt types

Jumpers – warm, practical, thick

Fleeces – in good condition

Waterproof warm winter coat -with working zips/ buttons etc.

Underwear – new

Gloves, winter hats and scarves

Socks – new, or rolled into pairs

Trainers /walking boots – good quality, clean, sturdy, waterproofed – parcel taped or tied together and clearly marked in European sizes...

Baby sleep suits and all in ones needed

Baby waterproof all-in-ones

Up to age 2

NO BABY CLOTHES!!

Used Postage Stamps at Christmas

Just a quick reminder that Christmas is the time when (with any luck) fewer franked and windowed envelopes arrive, with Christmas cards and parcels arriving instead! As ever, all used postage stamps will be very gratefully received to raise funds for the Hearing Dogs charity.

It's also an ideal job to keep small hands busy in the run up to Christmas!



*Fiona Rowe,
24 Sandpits Lane (or drop them into the Hawkesbury Post Office.)*

Thankyou / Diolch yn fawr!!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has visited me, sent cards or phoned since I returned from hospital after my accident. I have not managed to thank all of you in person but your kindness has been very much appreciated.

You know who you are – and I thank

you all.

Also another big thank you to the 6 friends who surprised me with flowers, chocolates, balloons, cake and presents and made a certain birthday very memorable.

Denise Taylor

Thank you!

Mary and I would like to thank Peter 'Biggles' Setterfield and the rest of the Hawkesbury Cricket membership for their good wishes and for the much appreciated send off they gave us at the Presentation Evening for our new life in France. We would also like

to send the new Chairman, Chris Gardener, every good wish for the future, which we know will be successful due to the commitment and hard work of the committee and members he has to support him.

Bonne chance to you all!

Tim & Mary Chancellor



2015 Poppy Appeal

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

House to House collections

Gill Truebody	High Street (Shop end)	£102.45
Sally MacFadyen	High Street (Pool end)	£122.22
Sam Allen	Back St, Park St,	£246.81
Liz Howard	Inglestone Common, The Pike, Petty France	£163.75
Sybil & Gilb Tizzard	Sandpits Lane	£69.06
Dave Hives	France Lane, Hawkesbury Grange, 6 Cottages, Britton Bottom	£135.32
Eric Mortiboys	Birgage Road & Hunters Mead	£109.28
Pat Sherry	Highfields	£75.94
Mary Davies	Hawkesbury Common	£110.51

Static Collections

Beaufort Arms	£28.89
Fox Inn	£10.04
Hawkesbury School	£38.05
Bodkin House Hotel	£14.67
Hawkesbury Shop	£177.71
Out of the Blue shop	£117.98

This makes a total of **£1,522.68** to date (not including church collections and donations for wreaths)

The Poppy Appeal year runs from October 2015 – September 2016, so the total collected continues to rise over the next 12 months.

Last year (2014 - 2015), Hawkesbury's final total was **£2,579.49**. This included, as well as the collecting boxes, money from the wreaths, a raffle and £49 of Gift Aid.

The total for the whole 2014 Poppy Appeal was just over **£45.6 million**. For more information on how the money is used go to: www.britishlegion.org.uk

Liz Howard, Poppy Organiser

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Craft stalls

Santa's Grotto

Face paints

Shopping stalls

**Everyone welcome to come along and shop,
browse or have lunch!**



TROWEL & ERROR

HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

www.hawkesbury-gardening-club.org.uk

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

The debate over compost labeling rumbles on. Not only should there be a sell-by/use-by date displayed on the sack but it is not clear what difference there is between Multi Purpose and All-Purpose compost. Some manufacturers claim that 'Multi' means 'suitable for a variety of uses' and 'All' means 'suitable for all uses' which to you and me means the same thing really. Doesn't it?

Some members reported 'strange goings on' in their gardens. One member has cowslips in bloom whilst another has seen pheasants mating. Positive proof of man-made climate change I reckon. I shall inform Albert 'the inconvenient' Gore.

Our speaker for October was **Carl Sadler** who gave a very entertaining talk and demonstration on **Gypsy Flowers**. Carl specialises in woodland crafts – making trugs, hurdles, rustic furniture, gypsy flowers etc - and has been a supplier of these items for many films including Star Wars. He also takes part in historical re-enactments when he plays Little John amongst other roles.

This evening, before our very eyes, he scraped away at green Elder cuttings making Gypsy flowers whilst entertaining us to a constant string of amusing anecdotes and non-PC tales about his life and family. As Gill said - 'He wittered whilst he whittled'. He had us chuckling and at our ease in no time.

On Monday 14th December we will be having our Christmas Skittles social in The Beaufort Arms.

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

For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364

On a personal note I would like to thank all those responsible for the terrific Bonfire Night celebration at The Rec. It was absolutely stunning!



DECK THE HALLS

By Alan C. Porter



Well, that's it, come what may I'm ready for the big event. Christmas shopping done, ample supplies of mince pies stock piled in case of bad weather it's just a case of "decking the halls with boughs of holly" so to speak.

For a year the decorations have been patiently waiting for their moment of release and that moment has arrived. It is time for the grand festoon and I mean grand.

There is no subtlety where I'm concerned, too much is not enough. If I can see the ceiling when I've finished then I haven't finished. The ceiling becomes a kaleidoscope of brightly coloured, sparkling dangly bits. Little villages spring up on flat surfaces. Christmas pictures light up on the walls and only token bits of green can be seen

between the lights and decorations that cover the Christmas tree, and then there's the jolly Santas and reindeer dotted about that burst into song at the slightest noise

Well over the top is the name of the game and that's what I aim for. All that is needed is for me to dig out my albums of "Best Christmas songs ever" and start off the day itself with "Wizzard singing", "I wish it could be Christmas every day"

What more could you possibly want except perhaps a mince pie or three?

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Bonfire Night- many thanks to all!

Wow what a night!

We briefly wonder if it was considered treason to burn an effigy of Tower Bridge... The excitement of people watching it burn was amazing, with a chorus of 'London Bridge is burning', and varieties off!

We were SO lucky with our window of weather, from quite literally 8 people hanging onto the gazebos as we attempted to erect them; we went to near perfect conditions.

I hope you will agree that both the bonfire and the fireworks and stalls were outstanding this year. This can only be down to the tremendous hard work put in by so many.

We had people taking time out of their day to help in all sorts of ways- and often in the pouring rain. We simply can't do this without the amazing response from people pitching up, spotting a job, and just getting on with it. Hawkesbury at its best. So many of

you- too many to mention by name, you know who you are, we salute you- and we can't do it without you!!

THANK YOU.

We hope all who came along on the night and celebrated, eating, drinking and generously donating had a good time too.

The Bonfire Team



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

10 years ago (December 2005)

- Hawkesbury Theatre Group presented 'Let's Jet Away', a World of Comedy, Songs and Sketches, which was performed at the Village Hall on the 2nd and 3rd of December
- It was announced that work to rebuild and improve the bar at the Village Hall had been completed, with help from 'Awards for All, part of the National Lottery scheme. The brewery had kindly installed all new fittings and pumps for free.
- HCC announced that the women's cricket team had finished second in the Gloucestershire Women's League with Batter of the Year – Rachael Gardener, Bowler of the Year and Player of the Year – Lorrie Manhire, Fielder of the Year – Kay Jennings and Most Improved Player – Vicky Rispin (*Sorry, just had to put this in as it's the only sporting trophy I have EVER won!!*)

20 years ago (December 1995)

- Hawkesbury Recycling Group described the results of a household survey that was carried out, in conjunction with BRISTOL RECYCLING CONSORTIUM, in various homes in November. They were very impressed to find that many households were very effectively recycling and reminded readers about the kerbside collections every third Thursday.
- Class 4 at Hawkesbury Primary School had been learning about 'helpful People' and had a visit from the school's lunchtime lollipop lady, Mrs Porter, who told them all about road safety. Classes 1 and 2 went on a

trip to the second Severn bridge crossing and then on to Bristol docks. Katy Grey and Nicola Kendall wrote about feeding the seagulls and how they went on a boat called Tower Bell and seeing 'The Matthew'

- The thought for the month was – "If at first you DO succeed, try to hide your astonishment!"
- Barbara Day thanked everyone who came to her coffee morning and everyone who helped. £60 was raised in aid of the Poppy Fund

30 years ago (December 1985)

- The Parish News editorial team of Gill Morgan, Thelma Iles and Vanda Preece, thanked everyone who had made donations towards the purchase of a new duplicator.
- The Annual Christmas Whist Drive would take place on 14th with the profits going to the Village Hall
- According to the Hawkesbury and Horton W.I. report on their November meeting, Mrs Coffin gave a very interesting and informative talk on pressed flowers, and afterwards members tried their hand at making cards "with varying degrees of success"
- West Country Pest Control put a request in the Parish Newsfor earthworms (*Lumbricus terrestris*) which could be collected in several ways – digging, plough following, picking up at night and looking under stones. Only undamaged worms over 2 inches in length would be accepted, and £3 would be paid for every 100 worms gathered!

Researched by Vicky Rispin

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The Annual Meeting began with the rousing singing of Jerusalem with Julie

Sainsbury at the piano.

In her report as Secretary, Carol Blaken said it had been a very busy centenary year with interesting events and good speakers and she thanked Betty for booking them.

Treasurer Gill Truebody presented the Financial Statement for the year and it was good news to know that she will continue to fill this demanding role.

The New Year Subscription payable in January will now be £37.50.

President Betty Salthouse was re-elected for another year and present Committee: Carol Blaken, Diane Deacon, Barbara Harvey, Lin Robinson, Hilary Rogers, Jean Shewry, Gill Truebody and Wendy Weaver were re-elected. However Chris Taylor is standing down due to family commitments and was thanked for her hard work.

The President thanked the committee for all their support over the past year and for making it a truly wonderful one.

The Group Meeting hosted by the Iron Acton WI was much enjoyed and the

Hawkesbury & Horton WI

competition for a poem to celebrate "One Hundred Years of the WI" was won by Betty and was read at the meeting.

A working party will be held to decorate a WI Christmas Tree for "The Light of The World" Service at St Mary's on the 24th December.

Our speakers for the evening, Mike and Linda Reeves gave an inspirational talk on backpacking through New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands. As free spirits they were looking for a challenge and found it a cheap way to see the world carrying just a rucksack. Any purchases made along the way were posted home immediately.

They found New Zealand wonderfully spectacular with places where you could experience sea, jungle, mountains and geysers all in one go! Choosing such a basic way to travel allowed them to experience life at first hand in a way the average tourist would not. And in places such as Samoa and the Cook Islands they found the inhabitants welcoming, helpful and often ready share what they had.

On visiting One Foot Island, where no one lived, Mike and Linda were amazed to find it had a post office! Highlights of

the trip they said were skydiving near Lake Taupo and seeing the Blue Penguin.

A vote of thanks was given by Pat Sherry.

Flower of the Month was won by Wendy Weaver with a hybrid Lily.

Interestingly, Kew Gardens is soon to have a plant of the month which will be showcased in several ways, from seeing it growing to discovering its history and DNA.

Diary Dates

1st December Windsor Castle – Sally Macfadyen
Competition Verse For A Christmas Card

14th December Local Walk with Lunch at Beech Lane Farm

15th December Christmas Meal – The Cross Hands Hotel

5th January Filming British Wildlife/ Swimming With Sharks
Lucy and John Ruthven

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

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410

Hawkesbury Self Employed' Christmas party

Following the success of last year we will be holding a similar event on **Tuesday 22nd December from 3pm onwards at Horton Social Club.**

Last year's party was attended by over 60 people and was a huge success with dancing and merriment into the small hours!

Attendee's included the self employed, the employed, the unemployed and the retired, so whatever category you fall into please feel free to come along!

It's a very casual laid back event! Come straight from work or go home and

scrub up! – it's up to you! Husbands, wives, partners and children are all welcome. Come and have a drink and a quiet chat or play pool, darts or skittles. There is music, dancing, a bit of drinking! and some wonderful food! Please let me know by Friday 18th December if you will be joining us so that adequate food can be organised.

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This year we are offering a wide range of **Christmas cards**, including the charity cards by Alex Clark. We also have a lovely range of **2016 Calendars** and **diaries** for you to choose from.

We still have a few of the solid **Advent calendars** left and shhhhhhhh.....keep it quiet but we are under selling John Lewis's !! We also have some charming **Christmas decorations** and **crackers** !!

We have Christmas **wrapping paper**, **gift tags** and a selection of **ribbons** and **bows** to decorate your presents beautifully as well as the standard range of tape, string and boxes and packets and bags that you might need.

In our fabulous range of **books**, we have a new collection of specially selected snow and winter themed books for the young as well as a few things to keep the cooks and gardeners busy too !!

Our range of pocket money **toys**, **stocking fillers** and **gifts** for young and old continues to grow, keep your

eyes peeled for the new additions each week. We are again featuring the full range from the **Cotswold Lavender Company** and the **Cotswold Handmade Soap Company** from Stroud. I hope that you will find something that suits your needs in our Post Office this Christmas, if you can't see what you want, please don't be afraid to ask !!!

CHRISTMAS POSTING : As often as is feasible, we will be double staffing the Post Office to cope with your Christmas packets and parcels.

One counter will remain open for all pensions, bill paying and general counter business while I will man the other station to deal with all parcels, packets and "specials".

Please take careful note of the last posting dates now (see below) rather than leave it until the last minute !!!

OPENING HOURS : As this magazine goes to print, I have no further news on extending the opening hours over Christmas. Hopefully I can get some good news on my health in the next week or so, but until then we will still be closing at 1pm each day (except Wednesday) for the foreseeable future.

Cheers !!

Dick & team.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your support over the year.



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Fri 4th Dec	Africa, Middle East
Mon 7th Dec	Asia, Far East, Cyprus, Japan, Eastern Europe
Tues 8th Dec	Caribbean, Central and Southern America
Thu 10th Dec	Australia, Greece, New Zealand
Fri 11th Dec	International Standard to static HM Forces Mail
Mon 14th Dec	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Tues 15th Dec	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
Wed 16th Dec	Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain
Thu 17th Dec	France
Fri 18th Dec	Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland
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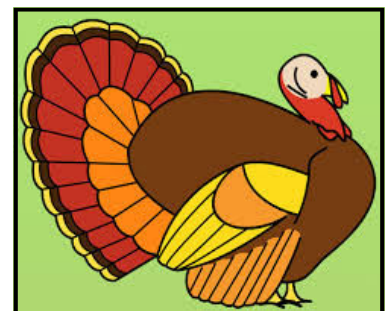
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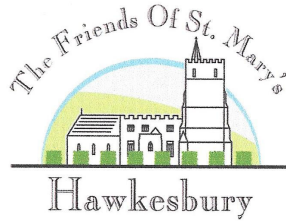
I am a Christmas turkey
 The one you like to eat
 With cranberries & stuffing
 And fancy sausagemeat
 I am a free range turkey
 Who knows no stress and strain
 Meleagris is my genus
 And Godfrey is my name
 But I'm a bird of little brain
 I gobble night and day
 My wattle it doth wobble
 As I guzzle up the grain
 I have my eye on Maudie
 She's a rather handsome bird
 With Spring just round the corner
 Who knows what might occur

The Boss looks at me proudly
 In a calculating way
 He is so kind and caring
 He weighs me every day
 He talks of Waitrose Bronze
 you know
 I don't know what he means
 He says I'll be a treat served up
 With sprouts and winter greens
 He has a little list pinned up
 He crosses off each day
 It seems that December 25th
 Is vital in some way
 Bad news and consternation
 Poor Maudie's got bird flu
 The rest of us are quarantined
 For a good month or two

So Yule tide it will come and go
 But it's our Thanksgiving day
 Merry Christmas to you one
 and all
 From the bird who got away!

JH
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Reducing the opportunity for crime



Various messages from the Police

We have a new Neighbourhood Watch liaison office for the North East Area - Rhianne Willey and she has produced a lot of information so here is some of it:

Council Tax Fraud

Fraudsters have been phoning victims telling them that they have been placed in the wrong council tax bracket for a number of years and are entitled to a rebate. They normally say that this rebate should be worth about £7,000. Once the victim is convinced, the fraudster tells them that in order to receive the rebate they will need to pay an administration fee in advance. The payment they ask for varies between £60–£350. The victim provides the details and makes the payment, but then is no longer able to make contact with the person they spoke to on the phone. When they phone their council about the rebate and the fact that they are in the wrong tax bracket, the council will confirm that they know nothing about it and that they have been contacted by fraudsters. The fraudsters have mainly been targeting both male and female victims who are aged 60 and over and live in the Sussex area, but it is likely that the fraudsters will also start to target victims in other areas.

On-line scams

There has been a lot in the news about on-line activity so we thought it might be useful to highlight some key steps which will help keep you and your data safe online.

- Update operating systems routinely.
- Install, update and routinely run anti-virus software.
- Keep key software (in particular Java and Adobe products) updated. For Adobe think about using 'Click to Play'.
- Think before clicking on links or attachments (especially in unsolicited email).
- Invest in a password keeper. Don't use the same password on more than one site.

- Always ALWAYS use 2 factor authentication where it is an option.
- Beware social media leaking your personal information. If you don't want all the world to potentially know it, don't post it!
- Explore <http://www.getsafeonline.org> and <http://www.cyberstreetwise.com> for sound free advice and free anti-virus software.

Have you got any Gold???????

There is currently an increase in the number of dwelling burglaries with offenders targeting gold. Many of the targeted houses are owned by Asian families as offenders are searching for Asian gold jewellery, however this is not the case in all occurrences. Some victims have lost up to £10,000 in gold jewellery.

Please consider the following to help to tackle this happening in the area-

1. Note any unusual or suspicious vehicles in the street
2. Concentrate on accents of visitors in the area
3. Make note of any door-to-door salesmen offering services
4. Stay vigilant and call 999 if you suspect something is happening

Contact List

I recently tried to set up a contact list for more up to date information, but apart from those already on the list, no-one came forward

Time for a Change

I mentioned that I thought it was time for a change as I wanted to step down as the Contact Person for Neighbourhood Watch, but again no-one has come forward to take over. So it looks like this will be the last newsletter for the time being.

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on **101** or you can call anonymously to the independent charity **CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111**.

For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.ourwatch.org.uk website.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM: Hawkesbury Local History Society

“Show Me the Way to Go Home: Christmas 1945”



For many thousands of British servicemen and women the way to go home for Christmas '45 was by 'MEDLOC'. This name was a complete mystery to me when I received my father's war service records,

as were most of the other unintelligible entries of military abbreviations and acronyms! However, it soon became apparent that this simple word was used to describe a remarkably successful rail system transporting more people in uniform back and forth across Europe than had ever been done before.

In 1945, by the time that war both in Europe and in the Far East was over, vast numbers of war-weary servicemen and woman from the Mediterranean countries, North Africa and the Middle East had been away from home for several years: 3, 4, or 5 years in some cases. All had arrived in the North African/Mediterranean Theatre of War by crowded troopship but it was certainly not practical now to ship everyone home – there were too many troops, not enough ships, and it took too long. Early attempts at repatriation, operating from the Naples area, had relied on the use of aircraft, but bad weather often meant frustrating delays and this method had to be abandoned. An overland route was more reliable

for the early leave-takers but the six-day trek across Austria, Germany and France, in a convoy of 3 ton trucks, was tedious and uncomfortable.

It was obvious that a rail route would be far more efficient but there were many problems to overcome: French and Italian railways had been badly damaged, as had much of the rolling stock, and would need to be pieced together again to operate a route from Italy or the French ports to the Channel. However, with typical efficiency, and within the space of just a few weeks, the military 'Movement Control' section and the Allied Forces (including my father's Royal Army Service Corps unit) had gathered stock and railway staff, had set up temporary 'transit camps' as accommodation for the thousands awaiting 'home-going processing', had organised food supplies for the 'meal halts' and the War Office had negotiated permission from the Swiss Government to allow passage of trains through that country. The scheme, given the name Medloc (Mediterranean Lines of Communication), was a remarkable example of organisation. Three routes were devised: 'Medloc A', from the French port of Toulon north through France to Dieppe, 'Medloc B', from Milan across Switzerland and France to Calais, and 'Medloc C', from Villach through southern Austria, Germany and France to the Channel (at first to Calais, and later in its existence to the Hook of Holland).

'Medloc B' route was the first to become operational when 650 soldiers and airmen of the Central Mediterranean Force, left Milan

Central Station for Calais and England on 23rd July 1945 ('Medloc A' started a few days later). The train journey from Italy through the Simplon Tunnel emerging into the clean environs of neutral Switzerland with panoramic Alpine scenery rushing past the windows was a spectacular one by day and no less appealing at night when the moon lit up snow-covered peaks and chalet lights twinkled high up on mountain sides. However, the unheated, smoke-filled, shabby carriages were crowded, the seats worn (or even wooden), damaged rail tracks made a bumpy ride, and it proved difficult to sleep (one or two nights were spent on the 2 day journey). But what did it matter to the travellers – they were going HOME.

Allied Commander, Field Marshall Sir Harold Alexander, intended that, as far as possible, all serving personnel should be home on leave by Christmas '45. For some this meant their final 'release leave' and for the rest, a period of leave of up to 28 days. Throughout November and December the Medloc routes were working at full capacity to achieve this, with 4 trains a day leaving Milan Central.

Did my father make it? Well, yes and no: he was 'entrained for UK', leaving Milan on 5th November, but although the 28 day leave was generous in not including the outward and return journeys, he had to rejoin his unit in Italy by 10th December. So yet again it was Christmas at Nottingham with just Mum and me on our own.

Jill Martin

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Affordable Housing Needs Public Forums
being held on

- Sunday 29th November 2015 from 2-4pm at the Methodist Hall Back Street
- Wednesday 2nd December 2015 from 6-8pm Village Hall High Street

Christmas Lists

Don't let anyone fool you that February is the shortest month. It's actually November.

Being an old-fashioned type, I wait until after Guy Fawkes Night before I start thinking about Christmas. Then, without warning, I discover it's nearly December, and I've still not done any Christmas shopping or written any Christmas cards.

In hope of catching up with myself, in mid-November I ask my daughter (12) what she'd like for Christmas. As she's already planning her birthday party for next May, I'm surprised she hasn't yet presented me with her usual A4 wish-list.

"I don't really need anything." Her candour is refreshing. She passes the baton to my husband, quizzing him on what he'd like.

"Socks," he pronounces, with certainty.

"But you've got dozens of socks in your wardrobe," I point out. "You just need to pair them up."

"In that case, for Christmas, I'd like someone to pair up all my socks for me," he concludes.

No-one asks me, so I ask myself what I'd like for Christmas. More time, I decide, I just need more time. Then when I flip the calendar over to look at the next month, I discover that my gift has already been delivered: December, unlike November, has a whole 31 days.

Well, that was a cheap round, Santa, but I think your work here is done. Merry Christmas, everybody!

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Hawkesbury Cricket Club - November Newsletter

With the cricket season now a distant memory the task of running the club and planning for next year continues.

First of all we say goodbye to Tim Chancellor, last year's Chairman and previous captain of the club as he moves away to a new life in France - from all associated with the cricket club we wish Tim & Mary all the best and wish them a happy future.

With Tim's departure this year's AGM was held early so that we could prepare for the upcoming year and we have had a few changes to this year's committee.

Hawkesbury CC Committee 2015-16

Chairman - Chris Gardener
Vice Chairman - Tom Salt
Secretary - Barry Wright
Treasurer - Peter Setterfield
Groundsman - Tom Salt
Social Secretary - Baz Philpot
Youth admin - Vicki Parker
Child Welfare Officer - Ed Riddington
Captain - Jay Westwood

I would very much like to thank Anne & Bernie Evans and Dean Simmonds who have stood down from the committee this year for all their hard work over the years - I'm sure they will be still involved with the club in some way going forward.

Last season we started a 2nd team

to provide a place for more cricketers in the village - with the continued strength of the 1st team in the Gloucestershire County League we feel it is important to provide a chance for our youth players to get experience in adult cricket - we would also like some senior members to join the team to help them with this transition.

If you are interested in playing cricket or know somebody who does please contact the club. We can offer the most competitive standard of cricket in the surrounding area as well as having good fun and enjoy a few beers afterwards!

We are also looking for coaches for our junior section and we are willing to help with the costs if anyone would like to take the ECB Level 2 Course.

Thank you to all those who attended the club presentation night, the continued support of the village is vital as we continue to try and match the costs of running a club as well as invest in new projects as we try and provide the facilities to match a highly placed 1st team and a thriving junior section. Last year's fundraising events allowed us to invest in some much needed maintenance work on the field and pitch (some of you may have noticed the difference if you have walked across the field!) and we have a number a events planned for 2016 as we now look to our next

project of building nets to give our various teams a better practice facility.

Hawkesbury CC 2015 end of year awards

Player of the Year - Ben Cullen
 Batsmen of the Year - Dan Blackwell
 Bowler of the Year - Gavin Huxford
 Fielder of the Year - Tom Salt
 Clubman of the Year - Bernie Evans & Chris Gardener
 Contribution to Youth Cricket – Jim Mason

Next Social and fundraising Events

Valentines Barn Dance
 (Ceilidh Folk Dance Band and Caller)
 Saturday 13th February
 Village Hall
 Tickets 12.50 available from Village Shop - Post Office or ask any member. Includes Supper.

Annual Race Night
 Village Hall Saturday 16th April.

Although the cricket season is over it is nice to see the field still in use for dog walkers and family fun. Please continue to use this!! The club is part of the community and the community should feel they can use this facility. We just ask you to clear up any mess and to stay off the roped off area.

Chris Gardener
HCC Chairman

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HAWKESBURY UPTON TENNIS CLUB

DECEMBER 2015

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY?



“Steve & The Yeti” – Saturday 16 January 2016 – doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the Village Hall. Entry will be £8.50 per person to include a Ploughman’s Supper.

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

This is our main fundraiser of the year and has been thoroughly enjoyed on previous occasions. The subject matter might change but the entertainment factor never does.

Steve Berry’s lively enthusiasm for “beings that can be tracked in the Himalayas” will be an evening not to be missed.

Something to look forward to during the long dark January nights. Go on, we dare you to venture out!! If we have “Abominable” weather over Christmas keep an eye on the Snowmen in your gardens!!!

Tickets can be reserved through me via email [triciaperris@icloud.com]; please leave your name, phone number and number of tickets required. Or phone me, Tricia on 01454 294768 or Barbara on 01454 238569. It will help us with catering to know numbers in advance please.

We look forward to welcoming you and thank you, in advance, for your support of HUTC. We rely on the villagers of Hawkesbury Upton and surrounding areas to help us maintain the upkeep of the courts which offer such a great facility for all ages.

Tricia Perris - Publicity Officer

Books for All Occasions from the Hawkesbury Shop

Shorter days and longer nights provide a great excuse to spend more time curled up by the fire with a good book, and where better to buy them at bargain prices than at the Hawkesbury Shop?

Secondhand Bargains

On the floor-to-ceiling blue bookshelf at the back of the shop, you’ll find adult fiction to suit all tastes, from *People’s Friend* pocket novels to Nordic noir thrillers. Many of the books are hardbacks, all are in good condition, some as good as new, and each book cost just £1. The proceeds are split 50:50 between the shop and Hawkesbury Primary School’s library fund. So treat yourself to a good read, and you’ll be helping two great causes at the same time.

New Books are Ideal Gifts

There are also some brand-new books on sale, displayed separately on white shelves opposite the sweets, to avoid confusion over the price.

All three volumes of the Hawkesbury Writers’ social history books, *A Monument to Hawkesbury*, are there, priced £3.50 for the first book and £5 for each of the second and third. Stocks of the first one are now running low, so snap one up now if you don’t want to miss out. All three make popular

Christmas presents for anyone who loves our village.

Another good Christmas gift would be Debbie Young’s collection of humorous festive short stories, *Stocking Fillers*. Priced at £5, it was first published last year with a red and white cover, but has been reissued for Christmas 2015 with a jaunty white and blue snow scene on the new cover, which has just been shortlisted for an industry design award.

Another good, er, stocking filler would be the anthology from the first Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival. Featuring a specially-commissioned drawing of The Fox Inn on its cover, it includes extracts of books by all of the festival authors. It’s a great souvenir of the April event, a route to discover the work of 20+ new authors, and a great way to decide what to read next.

The book stock in the Hawkesbury Shop is managed by Debbie Young. If you’d like to donate some books or have questions, please call her on 238401 or email debbiehawkesbury@googlemail.com.

DIARY DATE FOR 2016: The next Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival will take place on Saturday 23rd April from 10am until 5pm. For more information, visit our website: www.hulitfest.com.

Summer Skittles 2015



At the presentation night it was decided to make the following donations.

- £300 Youth Club
- £100 Senior Citizens Christmas Fund
- £100 Already given to someone who has gone to Nepal to help with the rebuilding

Since we decided to stop buying small mementos for the various winners the total given to local (and other) Charities stands at over £7,500

The final contests of the season saw Vicki Pyatt of The Spooners win the singles and Mick Bendeaux & Chris Taylor of The Brats win the doubles

Roll on next April when we start all over again !!

Summer Skittles 2015

League tables

	Played	Points	Won	Draw	Lost	Average per game
Rats Pack	14	226	11		3	16.14
Old Foxes	14	196	10		4	14.00
Brats	14	194	10		4	13.86
Hornets	14	155	7		7	11.07
Cream Teas	14	147	7		7	10.50
Winkers	14	140	5		9	10.00
Beaufort Pingers	14	130	6		8	9.29
Spooners	14	44			14	3.14

The Roper Trophyette

Brats	14	383	27.36
Rats Pack	14	370	26.43
Cream Teas	14	359	25.64
Winkers	14	355	25.36
Hornets	14	342	24.43
Old Foxes	14	336	24.00
Beaufort Pingers	14	330	23.57
Spooners	14	285	20.36

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December Services in Badminton Benefice

BADMINTON BENEFICE DECEMBER ROTA	READINGS	Saturday	SUNDAY		Late morning/Eve		P.M.
			Early morning	Mid-morning			
<u>6th December</u>	Phil.1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6		8.30 Leight. BCP HC AT	9.30 Lasb Matins MB 9.45 Hawk CW HC AT	1115 Didmarton Matins RT		
<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>							
<u>13th December</u>	Zeph3.4 - end Luke 3.7-18	6pm Leight Carol service RT	8.30 Acton T. BCP HC RT		1115 Lt. Badminton Matins RT	4pm Didmarton Christingle RT	
<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>						5pm Hawk AT 6pm Westonbirt Carol service RT	
<u>20th December</u>	Micah 5.2-5a Luke 1. 39-55		8.30 Did BCP HC RT	9.30 Lasb Matins AT	1115 Sop Matins RT	6pm Hawk Carols AT 6pm Acton T. Carols RT	
<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>					11 Leigherton CW HC AT	6pm Didmarton Carol service DS	
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	Isaiah 9.2-7 Luke 2.1-14			4.30pm Acton T Christingles Mbu	5pm Hawk RT and MB Light of the world	1130 pm leighterton Midnight mass AT	
<u>Christmas Day</u>	Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14			9am Lasb CW HC AT 1030 Hawk CW HC AT	6pm Sop Carols CC 6pm Lasb Carols AT	1130 pm Didmarton Midnight mass RT	
<u>27th December</u>	Col 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-end				11am Gt. Badminton Carols (and HC) RT		
<u>Christ the King</u>					11a:15 m Lt Badminton Matins and HC RT		
KEY					DS Canon David Strong, Retd Priest Mbu Matthew Butler CA Chris Andrew CC Rev Celia Carter, Retd Priest	Did-Didmarton Sop-Sopworth	

Letter from the Vicar – December 2015

Dear Friends,

I do hope you will enjoy the season's offerings in your local church. If for any reason you can not get to your village church, please do get in your car and go to the village next door!

If you look at the rota, you will see that it is now set out in a form that is based more on the particular Sunday, than the village. My reasoning is that I hope to encourage you to go to church because it is Sunday, and at a time that suits, rather than because there happens to be a service in your village church that day.

We all tend to a) like our own village church and b) have our favourite preacher/Minister. That is good and perfectly natural. However, and this will come as no surprise to you to hear me say that it would be good if we could also go to church wherever it is and whoever is taking it.

I have worshipped in some pretty unusual places and with a variety of Ministers, and I can assure you that your faith will not suffer, it may even grow.

The important thing is that we go. At the end of the day, we attend church as a service of God, rather than for ourselves.

Have a great Christmas!

With my best wishes,

Richard Thomson, Vicar

Please Contact me for arranging Christenings, weddings or Confirmation.

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

Benefice website www.badmintonchurch.org.uk/

Church Services in December 2015 For St. Mary's Church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
06th Dec	0945 am	Morning Praise Holy Communion	A Gray	Philippians ch1 v 3 - 11	B Salthouse
13th Dec	5:00 PM	Evensong	A Craig	Zepaniah ch 3 v4 -end	B Stephens
20th Dec	6 pm	Friends of St Mary's Lessons & Carols	T.B.A.		M Davies L Fairney
24th Dec	5pm	Experience Christmas			P Broad
25th Dec	1030 am	Christmas morning Carols & Communion	D Musty	Hebrews ch 1 v 1 - 4	L Fairney
27th Dec		<u>No Service at Hawkesbury</u>			
03rd January	0945 am	Morning Praise Communion	N Gray		H Rogers
10th Jan	5 pm	Evensong	J Oldershaw		M Bendry

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

Church Cleaners:

A Craig

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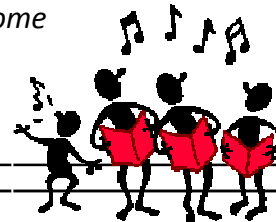
Mary Beresford & Linda Fairney

Please note all the different service times
Almost every service

Methodist Church News - December 2015

Services for December 2015

Sunday 6th December 10.30am at Bethesda
 Sunday 13th December 10.00am Rev. J Lee *Holy Communion*
Friday 18th December 7.00pm. Carol Service
An informal service, followed by tea/coffee and mince pies – all welcome
 Sunday 20th December 6.00pm Carol service at St Mary's
 Sunday 27th December 10.00am Rev. J Lee



Christmas Eve Carol Singing

We will be carol singing around the village starting from **Farm Pool at midnight on Christmas Eve**. There will be a break for **hot drinks and mince pies in the schoolroom** and we will finish at about **3.30am**. This is a tradition which has gone on for at least 130 years and is a lovely way to bring in Christmas morning. We would welcome any new carollers who want to join us.



Nativity Trail

The Nativity trail will take place during the last two weeks of December. Details and maps can be collected from the Hawkesbury Shop and the Post Office.



Lost property

A red and white cycle helmet has been left in the schoolroom. Please collect it or contact us if it is yours.

Remembrance Day and the Korean War

Last month I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Remembrance Service in Hawkesbury Upton. It was a good chance to introduce myself to people in the village.

While I was leading this service, I felt that British people really try to honour all soldiers who died at the First and Second World War for the peace of their country and countries throughout the world.

Many people may not know that some British soldiers fought in the Korean War which was a conflict between Communist and non-Communist forces in Korea from 1950-1953. The war was between South Korea including 16 UN countries and North Korea including China and the Soviet Union. At that time, the British government sent 56,000 soldiers, which is the second largest group

after America and 4,908 soldiers were killed, wounded, captured and went missing.

One of the most significant battles in Korean history, "The Battle of the Imjin River" involved the **1st Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment**. Imjin River was the last defense line for Seoul, capital of Korea, so forces from China attacked the Imjin River area to recapture Seoul in 1951. At that time, the **1st Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment** was given the responsibility to fight against Chinese forces for 3 days, so that the Korean people in Seoul could evacuate to a safe area. The **1st Battalion** were only 620, whereas the Chinese forces were 42,000. However, they fought bravely for 3 days against them without any support, food, water and very little sleep.

Because of their sacrifice, Korean people could evacuate safely, but the **1st Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment** was nearly destroyed. Only 69 British soldiers did survive from this battle, but others were all killed, captured or wounded.

How could Koreans forget their death?

Koreans wanted to honour their fighting and sacrifice!

So, they named "**Imjin area**" as "**Gloster Hill**" and erected their memorial tower and many Koreans still visit there to give great thanks to them.

Nowadays, the Gloucestershire Regiment no longer exists, but they will exist forever in Korean minds. As I am one of those Koreans, I want to give great thanks to all British soldiers who protected my country.

Rev. Jongsin Lee

South Gloucestershire Councillor's Report

The consultation for the **Joint Strategic Plan** for SGlos/Bristol/N. Somerset/BaNES is to start shortly. This will form the planning framework for housing and the economy for the West of England including plans for infrastructure. There will be further consultation on the Policy Sites and Places document which has been put on hold because of a Planning Appeal at Charfield, where the Inspector decided the Council does not have a 5 year land supply (for house building).

The **Draft Waste Strategy** has been published and there will be lots of consultation events held around the authority throughout December, including at Hawkesbury Parish Council on the 7th December. We are all being asked to recycle more; minimize our waste – put less in the black bin and cut down on our food waste. The return of the free green bin is not given as an option.

Change of Safer Stronger Community Group Areas - there are proposals to bring together the Yate and Sodbury Groups; it is unclear how the Cotswold Edge Group is to be split.

Plans have been drawn up by **Sirona Health & Care** for extra facilities for reablement at Thornbury; 44 beds and 30 beds for the frail elderly, this is to be replicated on the Frenchay site, giving a total of 88 beds and a further 60 beds in smaller units for the frail elderly. This has yet to be

agreed by the Clinical Commissioning Group. In the meantime Sirona has been commissioned to provide 50+ beds at Southmead in Elgar Ward by the Hospital Trust.

Some councillors from the Health Committee were fortunate to have a guided tour of the **A&E (Emergency) Department at Southmead Hospital**. Since it opened the department has come under severe criticism from many quarters for the long delays in treating patients. We were shown round the different sections of A&E and how they have been restructured to ensure an improved flow of patients. The matter of delayed discharge was raised; usually this is people who are medically well enough to go home, but need further support to manage at home, which is sometimes difficult to arrange.

HOUSING & BUNGALOWS

There still seems to be some confusion as to who is eligible for the bungalows in Highfields. All the Merlin bungalows are available for people in the South Gloucestershire area, who are registered with Home Choice. They are NOT limited to people who live or have lived in the Parish of Hawkesbury. The first instance is to register with Home Choice and be on the Housing Register; people are then assessed as to their need: Band A, B or registered applicant category. Applicants will be restricted to the registered applicant category if,

- A combination of their income, equity and savings means they are not eligible for means tested benefits (with the exception of households in receipt of working tax credit where they have no savings or equity).
- They have equity in a property exceeding the current savings limit for housing benefit, which is £16,000.

Applicants accepted as homeless under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homeless Act 2002) and owed a duty by South Gloucestershire Council will not be subject to an assessment of their financial resources.

A fair amount of people in the Registered Applicant category do get rehoused into older persons accommodation every year and some of them are not waiting very long. But it does come down to where you want to live and what type of property. The Housing Register is just one option available to people, along with buying alternative property or renting in the private sector.

Please do get in touch should you need further help and information.

May I take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Please get in touch if I can help with any matter.

Cllr Sue Hope 01454 238673
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 07860 239600

Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer

After a mild autumn with some glorious days, grass continued to grow well into November allowing the cattle to stay out – at least until the rains really came. The Higher Level Stewardship Agreement that South Gloucestershire Council has with Natural England does not specify a date for stock to be taken off the commons. Rather, the agreement guides management by prohibiting supplementary feeding (with the exception of mineral blocks) or heavy poaching on the grassland. Because the commons can stay so wet, it is the

ground conditions as much as the amount of grass that determines when animals are taken off for winter. Cattle grazing is invaluable for managing the commons chomping through the vegetation to leave areas of longer tussocks and shorter turf and pushing into scrubby areas to keep them open. They are classic 'conservation grazing' animals benefiting wildflower grasslands, insects, birds and small mammals and are really important for the good management of the commons. Over the next month I will be using the existing scrub management plan to

consider additional works to be carried out this winter. Scrub is valuable in its own right, it is removed to protect, restore and link areas of high quality wildflower grassland. As the land is a SSSI, this involves consultations with both the Forestry Commission and Natural England to ensure that the scrub comes out at the right time and in the right place! If you would like further information on this or any other projects on the common then please do get in touch.

Ann Harris 01454 865614
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Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning Applications received:

PK15/4042/F	Elizabethan Cottage High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Demolition of existing garage and workshop. Erection of replacement garage and work shop to include metal flue	Supports the application
PK15/4347/CLE	New Bungalow Orange End Inglestone Common	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as residential dwelling without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition (2) attached to planning permission P1260	“No comment”
PK15/4599/F	Shakespeare House High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated works (resubmission of PK15/2692/F)	

Planning Decisions received from South Gloucestershire Council :

PK15/3832/TCA	Watlins Sandpits Lane Hawkesbury Upton	Works to fell 1no. Conifer tree situated within the Hawkesbury Upton Conservation Area	No Objection
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Dates for your diary



This year’s Christmas Light Switch on

Will be held on Saturday 12th December 2015 at 5.30pm

Required - donation of mince pies

Please deliver to the Parish Clerk at 2 Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton

Before 5pm on Saturday 12th December 2015

***All Welcome to the
Affordable Housing Needs Survey
Public Forums being held on***

**Sunday 29th November 2015 from 2-4pm at the Methodist Hall Back Street
Wednesday 2nd December 2015 from 6-8pm Village Hall High Street**

Hawkesbury Parish Council (continued)

Every household should be in receipt of a questionnaire by the time December's edition of the Parish News is delivered. The Parish Council would like to ask you all to please complete and return this questionnaire; the responses you provide will help South Gloucestershire Council to assess the affordable housing need in our parish.

This survey is a method of identifying what affordable housing need there is in our community. The Parish Council is supportive of this survey and has played a key role in advising South Gloucestershire Council about the community as well as working in partnership to develop, plan and deliver the survey.

Representatives from South Gloucestershire and Parish Council will be available at both meetings. Sunday 29th November 2015 from 2-4pm at the Methodist Hall Back Street and Wednesday 2nd December 2015 from 6-8pm Village Hall High Street. Completed forms may be handed in to South Gloucestershire Council representatives at both venues. Additional copies will also be available if required.

Closing Date 18th January 2016

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 7th December 2015 in the upstairs meeting room, in the Village Hall, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

Hazel Jones
Parish Clerk
2 Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton, GL9 1EQ
Tele: 01454 238074 parishcouncil@hawkesburyupton.com

Ready for Emergencies

Winter is upon us and I am sure many people will be prepared for winter emergencies. South Gloucestershire Council offers the following advice for Severe Weather:

Planning beforehand:

- Make sure that you are adequately insured against damage & loss
- Make sure that roofs, chimneys and garden fences are in good repair
- Make sure that trees close to your home are undamaged and are safe.

Severe Weather Imminent

- Tune into local media for warnings
- Stock up on essential items
- Move cars into driveways, inside garages or away from trees

- Secure loose items outside your home to prevent them being blown away
- Secure windows and doors
- Protect outdoor pets

Local Media

BBC Radio Bristol

FM - 94.9/103.6/104.6 AM - 1548 & DAB

BBC Radio Gloucestershire FM –

104.7/95.8/95 AM – 1413 & DAB

Heart Radio FM – 96.3

School Closures Information:

www.sgcyp.org.uk/emergency

Contact South Gloucestershire Council Emergency Planning Unit:

emergencyplanning@southglos.gov.uk

01454 868009

TWITCHER'S CORNER

News reached us at time of going to press that the fieldfare has arrived in Hawkesbury, somewhat later than usual – thought to be down to the unseasonably mild weather.

Fieldfares migrate in groups from northern Europe and Asia for the winter. They can be spotted along hedges and in fields. Hawthorn hedges with berries

are a favourite feeding area. Arable fields with nearby trees and hedges are also a favourite place. They appear to have a liking for windfall apples too! They should be here until around March so keep a lookout.





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 and menus at www.thefleeceinnhillesley.com

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What's coming up at The Fleece:

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sun	22 Nov	1-6pm	Jazz Sunday @ The Fleece. Live saxophonist
Sun	22 Nov	7:30pm	Vinyl Night – music appreciation on old-school vinyl. Dig out your tunes on the theme of "Numbers"
Sun	29 Nov	1-6pm	Jazz Sunday @ The Fleece. Live saxophonist
Sun	6 Dec	1-6pm	Jazz Sunday @ The Fleece. Live saxophonist
Sun	6 Dec	8pm	Quiz. Teams of four, £2 per head, prizes and charity fund raising
Wed	9 Dec	10:30am	Coffee Morning. Come have some delicious Fleece coffee and cakes. Meet and gossip about village life and also support a worthy charity with the raffle
Sun	13 Dec	2:30-3:30pm	Live Music; Hillesley Rooftop Orchestra plays 'Christmas Swing'
Sun	13 Dec	7:30pm	Acoustic Evening. Sing, play or recite – or just enjoy the free live entertainment
Sun	20 Dec	7pm	Vinyl PARTY Night! Bring your own vinyl and take over our twin decks for up to 30 minutes to get the people dancing. It's always a great atmosphere, so come and join the party!
Thu	24 Dec	All day	Christmas Jumpers at The Fleece, yes it's time to don your woolly crimes against fashion!
Fri	25 Dec	11pm-2pm	Open for Christmas Day drinks
Thu	31 Dec	Evening	NYE Party; fancy dress theme this year is "Heaven & Hell"!
Fri	1 Jan	9:30am-9pm	New Year's Day Big Breakfast; what better way to restore your body's natural balance than a fry up? Detox can wait!....
Mon	4 Jan	6-10pm	... until our Fleece Detox and Mocktails evening!

HAPPY HOUR: Monday to Friday between 3pm and 7pm ENJOY A PINT OF ALE, FOSTERS or THATCHERS GOLD or a SMALL GLASS OF HOUSE WINE for only £2.80

THE FLEECE CHRISTMAS MENU 2015



To Start
Split Pea & Ham Floek Soup
 With 1 Homemade Roll

Gin-Cured Salmon
 With Buttermilk Pancakes & Creme Fresh

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2nd to 6th December 2015

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Friday, 27th November 19:30 Saturday, 28th November 19:30 Sunday, 29th November 19:30
Monday, 30th November 20:15 Tuesday, 1st December 16:45 Thursday, 3rd December 14:00
Saturday, 5th December 16:45 Sunday, 6th December 14:00 Thursday, 10th December 19:30

The Lady in the Van Running time: 104 mins Cert 12A

THE LADY IN THE VAN is a drama, based on real events, about a vagrant who the playwright Alan Bennett allowed to park her van in his driveway, where she lived for fifteen years. Stars Dame Maggie Smith..

Friday, 4th December 19:30 Saturday, 5th December 19:30 Sunday, 6th December 16:45
Monday, 7th December 20:15 Wednesday, 9th December 20:30 Thursday, 10th December 14:00
Saturday, 12th December 17:15 Sunday, 13th December 15:00 Tuesday, 15th December 16:45

He Named Me Malala Running time: 87 mins Cert 15

HE NAMED ME MALALA is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls' education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim (An Inconvenient Truth, Waiting for Superman) shows us how Malala, her father Zia and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 2D Running time: 137 mins Cert 12A

The blockbuster Hunger Games franchise has taken audiences by storm around the world. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2 now brings the franchise to its powerful final chapter in which Katniss Everdeen [Jennifer Lawrence] realizes the stakes are no longer just for survival – they are for the future. With the nation of Panem in a full scale war, Katniss confronts President Snow [Donald Sutherland] in the final showdown. Teamed with a group of her closest friends – including Gale, Finnick and Peeta – Katniss goes off on a mission with the unit from District 13 as they risk their lives to liberate the citizens of Panem, and stage an assassination attempt on President Snow who has become increasingly obsessed with destroying her. The mortal traps, enemies, and moral choices that await Katniss will challenge her more than any arena she faced in The Hunger Games.

Friday, 11th December 19:30 Saturday, 12th December 14:00 Sunday, 13th December 19:30
Thursday, 17th December 19:30

ENO: The Mikado (LIVE) Running time: 150 mins Cert 12A

Broadcast live from the London Coliseum in stunning HD, English National Opera's spectacular production of The Mikado is a popular hit with audiences of all ages. Experience the irresistible combination of wonderful wit, memorable melodies and hilarious antics in this acclaimed production from Jonathan Miller. When flirting is banned in the town of Titipu, Nanki-Poo and his beloved Yum-Yum are forced to go to extreme measures to protect themselves and the town from the wrath of the all-powerful Mikado. Set in an ever-so English 1930s seaside hotel, ENO's inventive staging of The Mikado returns to the London Coliseum for what for many has become the definitive production of this much-loved Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera.

Fri, 13th November 19:30 Sat, 14th November 19:30 Sun, 15th November 19:30 Mon, 16th November 20:15

NT Live: Jane Eyre (Live) Running time: 210 mins

Almost 170 years on, Charlotte Brontë's story of the trailblazing Jane is as inspiring as ever. This bold and dynamic production uncovers one woman's fight for freedom and fulfilment on her own terms. From her beginnings as a destitute orphan, Jane Eyre's spirited heroine faces life's obstacles head-on, surviving poverty, injustice and the discovery of bitter betrayal before taking the ultimate decision to follow her heart.

Tuesday, 8th December 19:00

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December Sudoku

Neil Fozard

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EASY !!

NOT SO EASY !!

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

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

Answers to the November quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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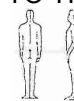
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£20	27	Mick Bendeaux
£10	319	Gethin Robson
£5	119	Emma Satchwell
£5	68	Sean Hopson
£5	205	Mary Broad
£5	174	Matt Galvin

Prize winners for October 2015

WIN	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	77	Jon Haber Jnr
£50	16	Ron Perks
£20	23	Kevin Jones
£10	194	Rick Deniff
£5	232	Catriona Tyson
£5	335	Andrew Webb
£5	218	John Osborne
£5	190	Dan Blackwell

Prize winners for November 2015

WIN	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	87	Carol Fowler
£50	89	Paul Bassett
£20	294	Linda Allen
£10	130	Jes Rutter
£5	83	Vicki Parker
£5	3	Robin Osmond
£5	286	Vicky Rispin
£5	50	Terry Brown

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