

The Lights Fantastic

On Saturday December 12th, a large crowd assembled, at The Fox for mince pies and mulled wine. The Church choir lead the carols then a procession followed them to the Plain and the crowd followed on, singing. Then the countdown took place, amid gusts of wind blowing the tree to an alarming angle at times. The tree lights all went on (cheers) - then off (disappointed sighs)but then back on (cheers) and stayed on. Next, to The Beaufort for more mulled wine and plentiful mince pies. The Choir sang carols opposite the pub, Lee's lights were switched on, followed by celebratory firework rockets. It was another lovely village occasion, which was very well supported.

Many thanks to the Parish Council & volunteers who put up the tree, to all the groups who made the super tree decorations and to the Duke of Beaufort for kindly donating the tree. A huge thank you to Andrew Warner & Dave Anderson and their team of trusty volunteers who tested and put up Lee's Lights at the village hall, despite the high winds. Thank you also to Aggie & Giuseppe at The Fox and Mark & Fiona at The Beaufort for the mulled wine and mince pies and to all those who donated food and drink. Finally, thank you to all those who turned up to make it another very

turned up to make it another very special night in the village' social calendar!

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If you receive the Hawkesbury Parish News through your door each month, you will be keen to pay your next year's subs as soon as possible, to reserve your copy for the next 12 months. It helps our great band of distributors no end if all money is paid by the end of January.

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And finally.....A HUGE big thank you to all these wonderful distributors, who deliver every month, whatever the weather, to bring the Parish News directly to the doors of our 300 annual subscribers in the village. You are fantastic!

New Year Bin Collections

If, like us, you received a soggy mess of a flyer or none at all, as many blew away in the gales, here are the details of the New Year bin collections.

On the following alternate weeks the bins, bags & boxes will be emptied, before returning to the normal collection day (Monday) on January 11th:

Tuesday 29th December

- Cardboard Bag
- Black Wheelie Bin
- Green Wheelie Bin (if you subscribe)
- Food Bin
- Garden Waste Sacks will also
- be collected, if pre-booked

Tuesday 5th January

- Plastic Bottle/Container Bag
- Green Recycling Box
- Paper Recycling Bag
- Food Bin

Containers should be put out by 07:00am

You can also arrange a collection of your real Christmas tree by purchasing a garden



waste sack from any South Glos library or Marshfield Country Stores for £2 and attach it to your tree.

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Editorial

Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the January issue of Hawkesbury Parish News.

Well, where did that year go? Whatever 2015 brought for you, good, bad or indifferent, it's time to look ahead to 2016.

Several large events and anniversaries take place in 2016 - firstly, on a literary note, it will be the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and the birth anniversaries of Charlotte Bronte (200th), Beatrix Potter (150th) and Roald Dahl (100th). On a sporting level, we will have football's Euro 2016 in France to look forward to, as well as the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, and golf's Ryder Cup in the USA. Finally, 2016 will see the 90th birthday of the Queen, celebrated, no doubt in style in April and subsequently on her official birthday in June.

Last month, dramatic photographs of the Soyuz FG rocket blasting off from Kazakhstan taking British astronaut Tim Peake and two colleagues to the International Space Station, along with images of their welcome on board six hours later were wowing adults and school children alike. It's an amazing and inspirational story for children who may now change their aspirations and aims, based on what they have seen. Someone just like them has turned what might have seemed fantasy into a reality. I look forward to seeing the coverage over the coming months. Perhaps one day Hawkesbury will have its very own astronaut, representing the UK in orbit!

Far from being a quiet month, January is looking rather busy. The Youth Club are kicking off their year of fund-raising with a "**Table Top Sale**" at the Village Hall on the 23rd and there is a "**Book Swap**" at Hawkesbury Primary School on the 12th. Read on for details of much more.

Finally, thank you to all our contributors, readers, advertisers, distributors and sellers. Without your support over the year, we would cease to exist.

Happy New Year to you All! From Fiona, Jill, Pauline, Suzanne & Vicky

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 4th January 2015, 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall.**

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4th & 18th January 2016

Hawkesbury Village Hall2.35 - 3.00Hawkesbury War memorial3.05 - 3.20Hawkesbury Highfields3.25 - 3.40

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"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.



Hawkesbury Youth Club

JANUARY SALE

at the Village hall

Saturday 23rd January from 10am-1pm. There will be a tombola and a tasty soup lunch,

made by the Youth Club members.

If you are interested in booking a table in advance please contact Micheline Munro (<u>m-munro@hotmail.co.uk</u>)

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Happy new year from Preschool!

As 2016 gets underway we look back and realise what an amazing year we had in 2015. The Preschool committee would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful team of Playleaders, who continue to make the setting a fun and stimulating place for the children.

Thanks also to everyone that supported us through the year. The Show Committee deserves special

Hawkesbury Preschool Update

mention for allowing us to host our biggest ever fundraising event in the marquee on the Sunday night. But whether you came along to a fundraiser, bought tickets or donated prizes to our raffle (winners tba next month), gave us toys or time, you've helped Preschool to provide high quality childcare for dozens of local children.

The last weeks of 2015 were full of festive fun, including decorating a Christmas tree for St Mary's Church, and adding our homemade decorations to the village tree. The children loved doing this, so thanks to the Parish Council for including us.

This term we'll be looking at colour, shapes and science. We'll be carrying out some simple experiments, such as adding vinegar to bicarbonate of soda and watching it fizz!

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

enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk
or visit:

www.hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

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HOURS: 2.30pm until 6pm. Monday to Thursday

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

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ANTHONY HARCOURT

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Hawkesbury Youth Club News

JANUARY SALE - Village hall on Saturday 23rd January from 10am-1pm. There will be a tombola of unwanted Christmas presents (donations gratefully received!) and a tasty soup lunch, made by the Youth Club members. If you are interested in booking a table in advance please contact Micheline Munro (<u>m-munro@hotmail.co.uk</u>) or on the event Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>events/109957116035767/</u>.

NEWS - This term we were

disappointed when our trip to Hawkesbury church had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the extremely windy weather but we did enjoy making the decorations for the village Christmas tree and we would like to thank Paul and Mary Broad for all their help with this. Next term we are looking forward to the Table Top Sale and also a session on IT Safety - further details to follow.

STAFF - It would be great to have more staff for the occasional rota

duty or if you have an activity that you think the Youth Club would enjoy doing and would be willing to come along to one of our sessions please contact Mark Frankcom

(markfrankcom@googlemail.com)

JANUARY CLUB MEETINGS - will be on the 12th, 19th and 26th. Any year 6 students who turn 11 in the spring term are welcome to join.

HAWKESBURY YOUTH CLUB WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Where's the community spirit gone??

Dear Hawkesbury,

I feel I need to express my feelings of the lack of community spirit in Hawkesbury of late.

In the past month I have had several negative experiences that need to be shared in order for us, as a village to acknowledge, and act upon.

Firstly, on bonfire night, my 70 year old father and I were very very nearly knocked over by a car turning into the Beaufort Arms car park! The driver (a long standing member of the community) drove her car directly at us, and without our quick reactions we would have certainly been hit.

Secondly, the on-going battle with people allowing their dogs to defecate on our footpaths. I stood in one outside the Beaufort Arms, and have seen them in the alley linking Highfields to the High Street, and even outside the school. This is a minority of dog owners who are causing the rest of us a misery. And my final rant goes out to the person who has been shooting cats with what appears to be an air rifle. We have had our two cats come home with small circular injuries, consistent with pellet holes. One was hit on the head millimetres from his eye.

Seriously people, we can do better than this...

Regards, Steve

**** ☆ ☆ Attending ☆ ☆ **New Year** ☆ $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$ ☆ parties? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Check out our ☆ ☆ comprehensive list 🖈 ☆ ☆ of local babysitters ☆ ☆ in this issue. ☆ ☆ It is updated ☆ ☆ ☆ on a regular basis. ☆ ☆ ☆ ****

New Draft Household Waste Strategy

The new **Draft Household Waste Strategy** (refuse and recycling) is currently under public consultation until the **15th Feb 2016** and South Gloucestershire Council need the residents of S.Glos to have their say. The link to the consultation which is on the South Gloucestershire Council website is as follows:

https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/wastestrategy2015/ consultationHome

Requests for the team to come and talk at meetings and events can be sent to <u>Waste.Management@southglos.gov.uk</u>



January in the Garden...

Oh the joy of leaving a cosy fireside for a cold damp garden which is beginning to demand



attention if a successful start to the gardening year is to be made. Whilst it is true that plant growth is limited at this time, partly because of the temperature, but mostly because of the short day length and hence the lack of light, there are still jobs to do.

Vegetable garden;

If you have a greenhouse, now is a good time to plant a small potato crop which with luck will provide potatoes for Easter. All that is required is a plastic bag) filled with compost into which a single potato set is planted halfway down. Water the bag immediately, then once a week when the shoots appear. The crop should be ready a couple of weeks after flowering. If you have, or can acquire, a piece of guttering this can be filled with compost, and planted every 2 or 3 inches with early peas. Water as necessary and after a few weeks the pea plants should hold the compost together and allow the contents of the guttering to be slid into a pre-made trench. They will then need to be protected against frost but will give an earlier crop than by direct planting. This is the time when "chitting" of early potatoes can be done. The seed potatoes should be placed with the "eyes pointing uppermost in a light dry frost-free location where they will shoot. When the potatoes are planted out, the shoots will allow the crop to be a little earlier, but care must be taken not to knock them off when planting.

Yellow leaves should be removed from brassicas as they are of no use to the plant and they can harbour bugs. Sprout plants can become loose in the soil due to wind action and should be supported with a stout cane if this is happening.

The flower garden;

Roses can be pruned now and taken back to just above a bud, with dead and crossing branches removed. This is also a good time to find a sunny spot to plant a bare root rose or two. Remove any dead stems of perennials such as sedums taking care not to damage any new growth. Winter pansies will give a terrific show of colour but should be kept clear of fading flowers to stop them setting seed and coming to an early end. If it has not already been done, wallflowers will benefit from having the growing tip removed which will cause them to branch out and give a better show when flowering.

General;

Think about and plan a 3-year rotation

plan for the Veg. garden. It will



improve crops and lessen the chances of disease in the soil.

Start a garden diary recording planting dates, success or failure of crops and any other relevant information such as when you picked the first part of a crop. This should be the first thing you read when planning next years crop and should ensure that you don't make the same mistake more than once.

Finally, think about the use of peatbased compost. There is a tendency to just dump it the garden and buy some fresh each year but it is a finite resource and it can easily be used again and again, if one or two principles are maintained. The compost should be left outside for a couple of months in winter to allow the frost and rain to perform a function which should kill any bugs hiding therein and wash out any salts remaining from plant food which has been used. Prior to using the compost again it just needs to be fed blood fish and bone or a general feed like chicken manure pellets and it is ready to use. This refreshed compost may not be perfect for some specialist growing needs but for general use it's fine.

Come on now, out of that chair!!! Brian Noble

Hawkesbury Upton Post Office

Thank you all for your support during what



Children's Society

I will be collecting the boxes for the above during the first week in

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has been a rather trying year. It really is appreciated. Hopefully, my health issues will be fully resolved in the New Year.

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Dick Blundell

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Parish Mag Emails

In the last few weeks we have been having a few email issues. Some of our outgoing emails to people have bounced and a few people have emailed us items that never actually reached us. If you don't receive a response when you send something in, it is worth checking whether it arrived.

Hawkesbury Christmas Card 2015

Enclosed in this issue you will find your copy of the Hawkesbury Christmas card 2015. Cards are available during December in the pubs, shop and post office, to sign and make a donation in lieu of sending Christmas Cards within the village. This year's charities are Macmillan and the NSPCC. Details of the funds raised will be printed in the February issue.

Many thanks to the Parish News team for all pulling out the stops between Christmas and New Year to get the card typed up, copied, folded and inserted into all the magazines before they are delivered. Enjoy!

Sincere Condolences

On behalf of the Parish News team and our readers, we extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mike Carpenter of France Lane who died suddenly last month.

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Many thanks for all your custom throughout 2015.

We are very grateful to all our customers who constantly support the shop and long may it continue and the Parish news team who work amazingly hard.

I would like to wish the staff a happy new year too as they work very hard through the year to keep the shop running

The Hawkesbury shop will be continuing to support the community in 2016. I know many in the village will know that I will be leaving the running of the shop from June 2016, I am not sure whether the shop will still be able to continue as a village shop at this time, the current owner of the building is selling at the end of the lease in June, so we will need someone who would like to buy it, food for thought!

If anyone would like to discuss anything with me email is <u>ann3w3ston@outlook.com</u>

Many thanks Anne Weston





You are needed to SAVE OUR VILLAGE SHOP

- We all value our local village shop for things large and small and thanks to Annie and her team for their excellent service over the years. However things are changing.
- The owner of the premises, Mr Bob Booth, has given notice that he intends to sell the property in June 2016.
- A couple of years ago the Parish Council registered the shop as a Community Asset. This means the owner has to notify South Gloucestershire Council of the sale – this has happened, and there will be a six month moratorium on the sale.
- The Parish Council has decided it has an interest in keeping our local shop and together with the community has six months to build up the case for the future of the shop.
- To discuss the future plan and get things moving all those who want to be involved in working together to keep the village shop are invited to drop in to an initial meeting

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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.

Growing tests have found that home made compost is better than 'green waste' from local councils.

This summer there has been an increase in the numbers of slugs and snails but a reduction of lily beetles and cabbage white butterflies.

Joy of joys - there is no mention of sprouts or any other brassica in the list of the nations 10 most favourite vegetables. I told you so!

Our speaker for November was **Keith Ferguson** who gave a very interesting talk on **Flowers – Flamboyant to Demure**. He showed the often strikingly different ways that flowers exhibit their wares – some varieties of the same species are very colourful and 'in-your-face' whilst others are almost shy and retiring in a 'now-you-see-me-now-you-don't' way.

One thing I love about these talks is how they help us to see our, often very familiar, garden plants in a new light.

Roll on next year.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 22nd February 2016 when **Ross Barber** will give a talk on '**The Garden in January**'. Come along. It's good fun.



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!



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN By Alan C. Porter



It's all very well getting caught up in the euphoria of the
moment, getting the Christmas decorations up, riding thequalms; the hun
cuppa.Santa glory train to the last stop, but, and there's always aI don't know v

but, the decorations have got to come down! Sprawled in the armchair surrounded by lights, a ceiling full of dangly bits, tinsel festooned walls, not to mention the Christmas tree and decorative toys that break into song at the drop of a hat, there comes a sudden moment of panic!

The jolly, ho, ho, ho, moment has been replaced by, oh dear, oh dear, oh dear! Time to reach for the universal panacea to right all wrongs and soothe those mental

qualms; the humble mince pie accompanied by a calming cuppa.

I don't know why I panic, this moment happens every year. I think it boils down to what the room looks like once the seasonal jollification has been packed away into boxes and normality returns and the mince pies come to an end.

Still, looking on the bright side they'll all be going back up in eleven months and it will happen all over again. That's something to look forward to. Gone but not forgotten. I feel better already.

Ho, ho, ho!

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



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Thank you!

Just a few thank-yous to the wonderful folks of Hawkesbury for your support....

Children in Need-raised £171.58 (£149.29 in the shop £22.29 in the Beaufort)

Friends of Guiding Jumble Sale-£378 raised-this money helps Guiding groups in the Sodbury area.

Clothing, sleeping bags and tents collected in Hawkesbury and Hillesley and taken to Stroud warehouse (Stroud Refugee Aid) and sent out on the 4th December.

Afternoon Tea -raised £102.20 for Calais Action as well as collecting warm clothes etc-filled my fiat 500 to the brim!- also clothing , food and supplies for Julian Trust. (thank you Jill for helping, Lorraine for covering hall hire and Kath donating cakes)

I won't be going over to the warehouse until the New Year, so if you have any supplies-just think warm winter clothing and waterproof footwearcould you hang onto them until then and give my a call to see what's needed?

Once again, thank you SO much for your support, you never fail to surprise me with your generosity.

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Louise x

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HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL HALL

The Management Committee for the Village Hall want to wish the community of Hawkesbury and the surrounding area a Very Happy New Year and to thank you all for your continued support of the Hall and to tell you a little bit about our plans for the New Year.

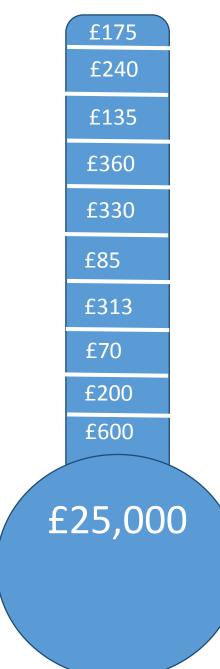
Not everyone is aware that the Hall is managed by a group of volunteer trustees who make up the management committee appointed at the annual AGM. The committee come from various village clubs and societies so amongst others there is representation from the Drama Group, the Women's Institute, Friends of St Mary's, Cricket Club, Pre-School, the Buffs with other members who solely represent the village.

We have had some great functions throughout last year with Balls, champagne tasting, a race night and it was great to see the return of the Firework display and bonfire.

The aim of the committee is to manage the Hall as a Charity and ensure that there are sufficient funds to maintain the Hall, to ensure it is available for daily use and provide a safe environment for users.

This means that the committee must provide Buildings Insurances, Public Liability and other insurances, provide a bar and entertainment licence, have annual fire checks, undertake monthly safety checks, ensure there is adequate cleaning provision, that all the electrical equipment is safe and available for use, provide chairs that are clean and stable, crockery and undertake other ever increasing activities that have multiplied over the years.

Most of these items have a cost and the thermometer of our annual costs gives an indication of where the money goes. This is mainly financed by functions and the regular lettings in the Hall from which we make a small surplus that is recycled back into Hall requirements. We offer very competitive rates to try and keep the costs to a minimum for the village users. We have a policy agreed at our meetings that set what our users should pay; we are not quite sure how we would finance all this expenditure otherwise.



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To balance hall fees and cost does mean that there are insufficient funds for development or significant maintenance and therefore we have an active sector of the committee who are always on the look-out for grants and other fund raising opportunities. In this way we were able to replace the old unreliable oil boiler, provide new toilets, front wall repairs and in the New Year we will have a completely new kitchen.

However, grants do not usually pay for normal maintenance so we have to find extra funding for those things. There has been recent expenditure on the swings in the Play Area (each swing costs £119) and more work is required. We also had to have the roof repaired, the guttering cleaned and repaired, together with other works resulting from some petty vandalism. It will not be long before we need to do more work to the car park, which is in regular use. Regrettably the proceeds from the car park voluntary red box will not go very far to funding a new tarmac surface. We are particularly thankful to David Anderson and Jim O'Brien for their fundraising run along the Cotswold Way.

We do have a group who voluntarily undertake maintenance in and around the hall so this helps to keep the costs down, but many of the jobs take more time than this group have or we need specialist skills.

So please continue to support your Hall and if you have time please pop along to the AGM on **Monday 8th February 2016 7.30** and have your say or volunteer to help in some way.

There is an urgent need for someone to take on the Bar License along with Angelo and we would like more representation from the clubs who use the Hall even if it is on an infrequent basis. If you want to help with maintenance then you don't need to sit through the committee meetings, just let one of the committee know and we will put you on the working party email list.

Many thanks from your Village Hall Committee

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12TH January 2016 at 2.30pm Hawkesbury Primary School Hall



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PIRING WOMEN

Members and guests received a warm welcome to the

Christmas meeting in a seasonably decorated hall, complete with Gill's lovely punch and Di Meredith's mince pies!

Our speaker for the evening, Sally Macfadyen gave an interesting insight into the history and life at Windsor Castle. The castle with palace within has been occupied by the Royal family for at least 800 years, and was home to Sally and her husband Ian for five years, when he took up the post of Constable Governor General. A role in which Ian had to oversee the workings of the castle and represent the Queen.

On furnishing their large apartment Sally was able to form a unique bond with the conservator who formerly worked at Badminton and who provided her with some lovely period pieces to replace bulky Victorian furniture, and more to her taste.

Sally also enjoyed having the benefit of beautiful works of art on the walls.

The Queen is in residence at the castle most weekends and regularly hosts state

Hawkesbury & Horton WI

banquets in St George's Hall and Sally regularly found herself looking after a range of people, including ambassadors, but was able to call on a team of reliable helpers who became friends. Sally said the castle was a maze of tunnels in which one could regularly get lost and amazingly there are 300 clocks and require a watchman to look after them. At services in St George's Chapel Ian was allocated the seat once used by Henry V111 which Sally on occasions managed to sit in too!

During their residency Sally was able to indulge her passion for gardening and on finding an area badly in need of restoration was able to make a very productive vegetable garden. Sally also enjoyed having friends from the village to visit on Garter Days. In recognition for his work over many years, Ian was made a Knight of the Realm.

The vote of thanks was given by Betty for a lovely informative talk.

Competitions: "Verse for a Christmas Card" was won by Margaret Plummer. Competitions' winner of the year was

Melanie Gibbs.

Wendy Weaver and Judy Chancellor were joint winners of Flower of the Year.

Flower of the month was won by Betty with a wallflower. Not surprisingly many flowers are still out due to the mild weather.

Congratulations also went to Gill Truebody who won the Denman Bursary draw.

The meeting ended with carols led by Emma Sainsbury

Diary Dates

5th January

Filming British Wildlife/ Swimming with Sharks

Lucy and John Ruthven

2nd February The History & Archaeology of Bread with Jinx Newly Competition A Loaf of Bread. Also Cake and Produce Stall for Send A Cow

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Flu Fury

When, like a less powerful cousin of the Grim Reaper, flu stalked the village before Christmas, I was one of its victims. The first half of December passed me by in a blur.

It's only when you're on the mend from a nasty bug that you realise how poorly you've been, and what bad decisions you've made while unwell, e.g. being fobbed off with an unnecessary prescription for penicillin by the GP's triage system.

The older I get, the more suspicious I become of conventional medicines. I prefer my own remedies: tea, chocolate, and sleep, in unlimited quantities. None of these come with patient information leaflets full of scary warnings in small print, and each makes you feel better in its own way.

I also think I'm the best judge of my own recovery. When I find myself spoiling for a fight with the doctor's receptionist over the phone, rather than meekly accepting whatever she tells me, I know I'm on the mend.

Another good measure is my tolerance of daytime television. Finding it scintillating entertainment means I need more bedrest and convalescent time. When I find myself shouting at its stupidity, I consider myself cured.

If you've been stricken with flu this Christmas, I hope you have a speedy recovery, and I wish a happy and health New Year to the Parish News team and all its readers.

07970 274373

Debbie Young www.authordebbieyoung.com

HAWKESBURY UPTON LITERATURE FESTIVAL NEWS 2016 Event: Saturday 23rd April (10am-5pm)

Following the success of the first ever Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival in April 2015, and of our Pop-Up Lit Fest tent at the Village Show in August, it's now going to be an annual event, so we're now busy planning the 2016 Festival.

The 2016 Festival will take place on Saturday 23rd April (World Book Night and Shakespeare's birthday), and it will run from 10am until 5pm, in several venues: The Fox Inn (including a marquee in the garden), the Methodist Hall and the Methodist Chapel.

A packed programme of events will provide you with the opportunity to meet and chat to published authors, poets and illustrators, who between them produce many different kinds of books for all ages and tastes. There will be something to interest everyone!

We will stage live readings and performances, discussion panels on interesting topics such as making books of films, and free workshops for all ages. A new programme of events specifically for children will include short story and poetry writing workshops, plus the chance to read their work in public and have it included in a printed anthology.

The panel discussions and workshops will take place in The Fox, while the readings will be in the peaceful setting of the Methodist Chapel. We'll transform the Methodist Hall into our Festival Bookshop and Cafe, where you'll be able to chat to the authors all day long, over literary-themed soups and cakes!

The 2016 Festival will be opened by BBC Radio presenter Claire Carter, founder of the BBC Radio Gloucestershire Book Club. New authors attending will include Nikki Owen, author of psychological thriller *Subject 375*; former GMTV news journalist Jackie Kabler, now a presenter on QVC and author of newsroom mystery *The Dead Dog Day*; and the award-winning performance poet Dan Holloway.

As last year, to make the Festival accessible to everybody, there will be NO CHARGE for entry to any of the events - but we hope you'll want to thank the authors, who are all giving their time for free, by buying signed copies of their books!

Look out for our new printed programme, similar in format to the Village Show schedule, which will help you decide which events you'd like to attend. You can also keep up to date with Festival plans as they develop via our website: <u>www.hulitfest.com</u>. But for now, save the date - Saturday 23rd April - and spread the word! Everyone's welcome from far and wide.

In the meantime, if you'd like to volunteer to help us run the event on the day, or know of any organisation that might like to contribute towards our running costs, we'd love to hear from you. We are seeking sponsorship of venue hire charges, programme and poster printing costs, and materials for the workshops.

Thank you for your support - and here's to another great Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival!

Debbie Young, Festival Founder, & Heidi Perry, Children's Festival Director

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HAWKESBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Left: WW1 Italian soldiers hoist a cannon up a rock face in the Dolomites.

'WW1 MOUNTAINEERS'

We're all familiar with the mud, trenches and poppies of First World War battlefields but how many of us are aware of the 'White War' fought at high altitude in treacherous winter conditions along the mountainous border between Italy and the Austro-Hungarian Empire? Lasting from 1915 to 1917 with Italy trying to extend its territory into Austrian Southern Tyrol and Trentino, the war was particularly deadly on the peaks and ridges of the Dolomites. Men for opposing forces were drawn from local villages - often pitting friends and neighbours against one another. Vast numbers died, not only as a result of warfare fought amongst these summits, but also of avalanches and the intense cold.

The Society and **Peter Salenieks** invite you to share the fruits of his researches into the history of these Mountaineering soldiers. He has much to relate, such as the story that links WW1, a bronze plaque in the

Lake District and one of the greatest mountaineering mysteries. Peter will also look at the ways in which mountaineers and mountaineering were changed by the war. Concluding with a short audio-visual presentation that reaches across four generations, the evening is one not to be missed!

Members £1.50

FRIDAY 15 January, 2016 at 8.00pm Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall

Visitors £3.00



JUNIOR CRICKET NETS

Hawkesbury Cricket Club will be holding indoor cricket net sessions for juniors, as in previous years. These sessions have proved to be very useful in preparing our younger players for the forthcoming season or giving children who are interested in joining the club a taste of what is involved.

The sessions will take place at the Hawkesbury Village Hall from 10am until 11am for U9's and 11am to 12pm for U11's on the following days:

Saturday 6th February Saturday 13th February Saturday 20th February Saturday 27th February

The sessions are open to both boys and girls of primary school age.

Cost: £5 per child (this covers all 4 sessions)

Please note that places are strictly limited and therefore need to be booked in advance. Please contact Vicki Parker to confirm your child's place on 01454 238261, 07824 640540 or via email <u>vicki.parker@ezek.com</u>.

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Although it was very wet last month we did manage a few games in the windy, winter sunshine, blowing away the cobwebs as well as the ball on occasions!! We encourage all DAPs [Daytime Available Players] to get in touch and come and join us. We will all need to work off the Xmas pudding and mince pies!

We look forward to welcoming you to our fundraiser this month and thank you, in advance, for supporting of HUTC.



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

"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.

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 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. So please come along.

Tricia Perris - Publicity Officer

Small, friendly singing group are seeking an accompanist.

If you are retired, or still working but with some free time, maybe you would like to join us to raise money for charity.

We all live in the South Glos area and rehearse at Rangeworthy village hall and sometimes at each other's homes. We enjoy a wide range of music, singing songs from musicals to Christmas carols. Our afternoon and occasional evening concerts are great fun!

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Feb.13	Sat	14:25	France v Ireland	
Feb.13	Sat	16:50	Wales v Scotland	
Feb.14	Sun	14:00	Italy v England	
Feb.26	Fri	20:05	Wales v France	
Feb.27	Sat	14:25	Italy v Scotland	
Feb 27	Sat	16:50	England v Ireland	
Mar.12	Sat	13:30	Ireland v Italy	
Mar.12	Sat	16:00	England v Wales	
Mar.13	Sun	15:00	Scotland v France	
Mar.19	Sat	14:30	Wales v Italy	
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St Mary's Church News

Churchwardens Mrs Linda Fairney 238553 & Mrs Mary Davies 238657 Keys for cleaners/flowers/church sitters please contact Mary Davies 238657 if possible the day before to arrange for collection.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me." Revelation 3 : 20

We began our preparations for Christmas on 29 November, with our Advent

Carol Service. This was a quiet, reflective service, with well known Advent carols and music from the choir, and beautiful, unusual readings, well attended by the village and enjoyed by all

By the time you read this, Christmas will have come and gone, a distant memory, but we hope you will have enjoyed the various events surrounding the festival: Friends of St Mary's Nine Lessons and Carols on 20 December, Experience Christmas on Christmas Eve, and Christmas morning Carols and Communion. Everyone is most welcome

In January, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, the visit of the Wise Men, on the 3rd, with a communion service at 9.45 am, and at the end of the month, on the 31st, we

have a Christingle service at 5.0 pm, celebrating Christ the Light of the World

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the charity lunches, by making soup, serving, providing rolls or fruit, and thank you for just coming along to support the cause

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 January 2016 – 9.45 am – Epiphany – Common Worship Communion Sunday 31 January – 5.0 pm – Christingle

Peace in the New Year

Jennifer Oldershaw



Send A Cow, Charity Food Bank, and Julian Trust

Our Harvest Charity Donations are still continuing

We have however, now delivered the Food Bank collections

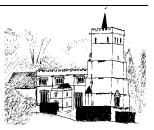
We have sent £1200, to The Send a Cow Charity This will be matched by the Government so a total of £2,400 will be sent We will continue fundraising for this Charity during the coming months Also items such as toiletries will continue to be sent to the Julian Trust, Jennifer Oldershaw is willing to receive any relevant items or to myself at 5 Hunters Mead.

I would like to thank the Village Shop for making space for the Charity Food Box and to everyone who has given so generously to make the Harvest Appeal such a success. I will continue to report on further amounts of money received

Mary Beresford

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	Readings	Saturday	SUNDAY			
Jamuary 2016			Early morning	Mid-morning	Late morning	Sun Eve
<u>3rd January</u> The Epiphany	lsa 60.1-6 Matt 2.1-12		8.30 Leight. BCP HC	9.30 Lasb Matins Churchwarden	1115 Didmarton Matins	
			АТ	9.45 Hawk CW HC RT	RT	
<u>10th January</u>	lsa 43.1-7		8.30 Acton T.	9.30 Lasb BCP HC	1115 Lt. Badminton	
	Luke 3.15-22		BCP HC	RT	Matins RT	5pm Hawk
The Baptism of Xst			АТ		11 Leigherton Matins	Evensong AT
					АТ	
<u>17th January</u>	lsa 62.1-5	10am Acton	8.30 Did	9.30 Lasb Matins	1115 Sop Matins + HC	
	John 2.1-11	Turville	BCP HC	АТ	RT	
<u>2nd Sun of Epiphany</u>		Children's	RT	9.45 Hawk	11 Leigherton CW HC	
		Service		Family serv MB	АТ	
24th January	Neh 8.1-10		8.30 Acton T.	9.30 Lasb CW HC	1115 Lt Badminton	5pm Hawk
<u>3rd Sun of Epiphany</u>	Luke 4.14-21	6pm Leight	BCP HC	АТ	Matins and HC RT	BCP HC CC
Wk of prayer for		Sat eve serv	RT	10 Hawk Ecum Serv		
Christian Unity		RT		Methodist Chap RT		
31st January	Malachi 3.1-5			9.30am Lasb CW HC	1115 Sopworth	5pm Hawk
<u>Candlemas</u>	Luke 2.22-40			АТ	Matins RT	Christingle AT
КЕҮ	RT Rev Richard Thomson- Vicar	omson- Vicar		DS Canon David Strong, Retd Priest		
	AT Rev Alveen Thoresen, Assoc	resen, Assoc				
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January 2016 Services in Badminton Benefice

Letter from the Vicar - January 2016

Dear Friends, Happy New Year!

I hope it proves to be a year that brings good things for you and your family. As the inhospitable weather of January and February approaches, I hope that you will keep warm and safe from the icy conditions and slippery walkways.

In Hawkesbury, there is the Feast of St Wulfstan to look forward to on January 19th. There is a meal at the Beaufort Arms which should be fun. All parishes are of course welcome to this event. I have to confess, I have never had a predecessor before who is a Canonised saint.

Wulfstan (1008 – 1095) was the Vicar at Hawkesbury for five years, and became Prior to the Benedictine Monastery in Worcester, then being elected Bishop of Worcester in 1062. He was made a saint posthumously in 1203 by Pope Innocent.

His life covered the dramatic events of 1066 and all that! And the monastery at Hawkesbury would have been the religious base for ministry across all our parishes. So, it still holds a special place in the hearts of many local people. Next month I shall bringing to your attention another of our fine churches in this Benefice.

With my best wishes,

Richard Thomson, Vicar

Please Contact me for arranging Christenings, weddings or Confirmation. Email: <u>revrichardthomson@gmail.com</u> or Tel. 01454 219236 Benefice website <u>www.badmintonchurch.org.uk/</u>

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

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
03rd Jan	0945 am	Morning Praise / Holy Communion	N Gray	lsa Ch 60 v 1 - 6	H Rogers
			Clergy	Matt Ch 2 v 1 - 12	
10th Jan	5 pm	Evensong	J Oldershaw	lsa Ch. 43 v 1-7	M Bendry
			P Bendry	Luke Ch 3 v 15 - 22	
17th Jan	0945 am	Morning Praise / St. Wulfstan	A Gray	lsa Ch 62 v 1-5	L Fairney
24th Jan	5 pm	B.C.P. Holy Communion	G Morgan	Neh Ch 8 v 1- 10	P Bendry
			Clergy	Luke Ch 4 v 14 - 21	
31st Jan	5pm	Christingle / Candlemas	T.B.A	Malachi Ch 3 v 1 -5	H Rogers
				Luke Ch 2 v22 - 40	
07th Feb	0945 am	Morning Praise / Holy Communion	N Gray		D Musty
14th Feb	5 pm	Evensong	J Gardener		P Broad
			S Webb		

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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Methodist Church News - January 2016

	Services for January 2016			
Sunday 3 rd January	9.45am	at St Mary's		
Sunday 10 th January	10.00am	Rev. J Lee Holy Communion		
This will be a special Service for Peace (see below)				
Sunday 17 th January 9.45am at St Mary's				
Sunday 24 th January	10.00am	Rev. D. Alderman		
Sunday 31 st January	10.00am	Rev. J Lee		

Nativity Photo Booth/Nativity Trail

Thank-you to The Ark Bus team for bringing the Nativity Photo Booth and to Paul and Mary Broad for organising the craft activity. Thanks also to all those who made the lovely Nativity pictures for the trail and to those who allowed us to use their windows to display them. We hope you enjoyed our visual retelling of the Christmas story.

Service for Peace – Sunday 10th January Prayers, poems, hymns and readings.

Light a candle and pray for peace in our troubled world.

See Rev. Jongsin's article (below).

Solomon says that there is "a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:8). This teaches us that such love, ha te, war and peace has always happened in our life and society. Indeed, despite our wish, we sometimes have to fight against other countries, for example, when other countries invade our country, we should fight against them for keeping our peace and freedom, protecting our family and property. So, we should unite together to keep our land.

We have already seen the result of the casualties of the First and Second World War, not to mention countless other wars throughout history, so we should know that there is no victory, but only failure and sadness. Even if we think that it is clearly a just war, we should think again because once we start war, justice may disappear and violence and destruction remain.

Ernest Hemingway said, "Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime."

Abraham Lincoln said, "There is no honorable way to kill, no gentle way to destroy. There is nothing good in war. Except its ending."

The Bible also teaches that Christians should try to be peace makers.

Hebrews says, "Make every effort to live in peace with all men..." (Hebrew 12:14) Peter says, "You must turn from evil and do good. You must seek peace and pursue it." (1 Peter 3:11).

James says, "The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving.... "(James 3:17).

Our government recently has bombed for IS in Syria area, although many people are still strongly against it. Generally, we do not need to intervene in another country's policy and life. However, a nonintervention policy is not always just. If we ignore other people's troubles, it is also a sin of omission. In order to prevent bigger problems, sometimes we should decide to fight for world peace, although we do not want to! That is why I cannot say in a word which side is better!

So, on 10th January, 2016, I would like to pray with you for world peace including your personal peace (family and business). I warmly welcome you!

Rev. Jongsin Lee

(Minister of Hawkesbury Upton Methodist Church)





Hawkesbury Parish News

BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of JANUARY 2016

Sunday January 3rd	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes [C]
Sunday January 10th	10.30am	Mr Alan Tarling
Sunday January 17th	10.30am	Mrs Pam Dix
Sunday January 24th	10.30am	Mr Robert Simpkins
Sunday January 31st	10.30am	Mr Gareth Davies FS
Sunday February 7th	10.30am	Mr Steve Mills [C]



Tuesday January 5th at 7.30pm: A time of worship/prayer

Other Tuesdays at 7.30pm: **Bible study/prayer** Thursdays at 2.00pm: **Prayer for revival**

The story is told of a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a reading of Psalm 23. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"..... the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring this verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recite of the psalm, a young man from the audience spoke up..."Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?" The actor was quite taken aback by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and centre on the stage to recite the psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the psalm. When he had finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation, as on other nights. All that could be heard, was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation, that every eye was full of tears. Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years, I have a lifetime of experience and training but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?" The young man quietly replied, "Well sir, you know the psalm. I know the Shepherd" *Unknown Author*

Dear Reader, there is indeed a big difference in merely quoting the psalm and knowing the Shepherd! (John 10:14, John 2:1-6) Do YOU know the Shepherd? We have embarked upon a brand New Year! A new beginning! Have you made any GOOD RESOLUTIONS? Have you kept any? Do you want a really Happy New Year? Read on to find out how, in the beginning – God! (Genesis 1:1) For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not die, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) Jesus, God's sinless Son, was sent to die in Jerusalem, to wipe away the sin of all people. Why? All have sinned and fall short of God (Romans 3:23) All have missed the mark of God's standard. The Bible, God's holy Word, says – 'The soul that sins shall die' (Ezekiel 18:4) That's why God's beloved Son died on a cross, the perfect sinless sacrifice for Sin. Jesus' name means Saviour, for He will save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21) Yes, Jesus loves you that much! He took your sins and died for you!

Now the good news – THE GOSPEL – Jesus was raised from death, rising from the tomb to live forever. Good news of great joy to all people (*Luke 2:10*) God, the Father, forgives all who truly believe in Jesus and follow Him. Yes, to follow Jesus is a GOOD RESOLUTION! But how do I keep this GOOD RESOLUTION for the rest of my life's journey? Just come as you are. Admit you have done wrong (sinned). Be truly sorry for your sins (repent). Believe in Jesus and trust Him always (faith). Ask Jesus into your life (receive Him) as many receive Him. He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name (*John 1:12*) Receiving Jesus into your heart is a love and trust relationship for all your life.

If your New Year resolution is to follow Jesus for the rest of your life, He will be with you in all circumstances. Jesus will be your best friend. If following Jesus is your GOOD RESOLUTION, here's a prayer to say – "Heavenly Father God, please come into my heart. I confess my sins and am truly sorry. Please forgive me in Jesus' name. Thank you Lord Jesus, for dying in my place to wipe away my sins. Help me keep my New Year resolution always by Your Holy Spirit's power, love, peace and joy. In Jesus' name, Amen" WHAT TO DO NEXT? Pray (talk) to God each day. Read the Bible daily – start with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Meet believers to help and pray for you. Jesus said "I will not leave you, nor forsake you" (*Hebrews 13:5*) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (*Revelations 22:13*)

May God bless you with a Happy New Year, Rev Philip Hopes (Minister)

THE SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Sorry this is long and may seem complicated – the online document is a technical one - but it is important as it will form the Planning Framework for the next 5 years and beyond. Please do get back to me with your views.

The Consultation time is short 20th November until 8th January.

As a result of a Planning Appeal at Charfield, where the Inspector found the Planning Authority (SGC) does not have a 5 year land supply for housing development – which leaves its Local Plan vulnerable to speculative development, the Planning Authority has done further work on its Local Plan.

The Council needs to take steps to ensure more homes are built in South Gloucestershire over the next 5 years that meet people's needs. This is in order to meet Government policy that requires the Council has sufficient housing land supply for the next 5 years.

Currently the shortfall over the next 5 years is around 1,500 dwellings. The Policy Sites & Places Plan cannot be submitted to government as previously envisaged while this shortfall remains, therefore the consultation document sets out the process by which the Council will aim to address it. Reasons as to why this shortfall has arisen are set out in the consultation document.

The objective is to make housing allocations that will support sustainable development and which can genuinely be built over the next 5 years to meet the growing demand. To achieve this the Council needs to identify sites over and above those allocations in the Core Strategy, including within the rural areas.

Consultation

The Council has prepared a consultation document which sets out the methodology proposed to consider locations and sites suitable and available for allocation in the Plan. It contains a number of questions and a response form is available to

assist people in replying. A 'Call for Sites' report has been released, which listed all sites previously presented for consideration. The document clearly states that the inclusion of the submitted sites within the schedule does not imply that the council supports the site for development.

The consultation document, together with all the necessary forms are available to download on the Council consultation webpage at <u>www.southglos.gov.uk/</u> <u>PSPconsultation</u>, including a number of other supporting documents and the paper on Policy PSP38 which form part of the consultation.

Local Green Space Designation

For information regarding Local Green Space Designation (LGS), an update is now available on the Council's website at

www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15.

Additional engagement with newly identified landowners and leaseholders is due to begin shortly.

Next steps

All responses and suggested allocations to this consultation will be considered and a revised Proposed Submission Policies, Sites and Places Plan draft prepared, for consideration by council. Following a council decision formal public consultation will begin, this is planned for the summer 2016. Please note that all representations

made during the summer 2015 consultation on the Proposed Submission version of the PSP Plan (dated March 2015) will be made available online here:

www.southglos.gov.uk/

<u>PSPpublication</u>. All of the comments received will still be taken into consideration. At the

formal consultation stage the Council will write to all respondents asking for confirmation that they still wish their comments to be considered by the Inspector, therefore avoiding the need to resubmit the representations again.

Updates on the progress of the Plan (including LGS) can be found on the Council's website at <u>www.southglos.gov.uk/</u> <u>policiessitesandplaces</u>.

DEVOLUTION

As previously mentioned the four Local Authorities - South Gloucestershire/Bristol City Council/Bath & North East Somerset/North Somerset - some will recognise this as the old Avon County - have submitted a bid to government for local devolution. This West of England area is a functional economic area and the bid is around Housing, Planning, Infrastructure, Business support, skills and governance, with this comes a 'Metro-Mayor' - all this is being discussed and wider consultation will take place in the new year.

LOCAL BUSES

Many of us are aware of the unreliability of the local bus service and many people depend on it. To improve the situation the Council is working on timetable improvements. I have also asked that evening services are considered when the new cinema opens next year– watch out for consultation in the New Year.

A peaceful and happy new year to everyone

Please get in touch if I can help with any matter. **Clir Sue Hope** 01454 238673 <u>sue.hope@southglos.gov.uk</u> 07860 239600

Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning Applications received:

p o	f Lawfulness for the roposed change of use f barn to annexe ncillary to main dwelling
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Planning Decisions received from South Gloucestershire Council :

PK15/3896/F	Barnside Cottage Hawkesbury Common	Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation	Approve with Conditions
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New Councillor

Following last month's Parish Council meeting Councillors Co-opted Mike Wareham, they would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cllr Wareham on board. The Parish Council would like to thank all those that took the time to apply.

Happy New Year from All the Parish Council

Dates for your diary

Affordable Housing Needs Survey-

Closing Date 18th January 2016 -

Please complete and return your questionnaires to South Gloucestershire Council.

Consultation Of Interest South Gloucestershire's Waste Strategy 2015-2020 (draft). Closing date 15th February 2016

Mark Holden from South Gloucestershire Council attended the Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th December 2015 to give an insight to the proposed changes to our waste and recycling services within SG. Councillors felt this would a great opportunity for everyone to express their comments.

If you would like to review the proposed changes and respond to the consultation please follow the following link (which can be found on the South Gloucestershire website.

https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/wastestrategy2015/consultationHome

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 4th January 2016 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 <u>parishcouncil@hawkesburyupton.com</u>

Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer

The commons are busy with birds and berries at this festive time of year - look out for winter thrushes and flocks of buntings enjoying seed heads. Unlike the birds, it has been a quiet month for human activity on the commons with time spent on paperwork ... which has turned out to be very productive. We have helped support the South **Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action** Group ('BAG') apply for a grant from Wessex Waters Small grant scheme to fund research and monitoring into the

reintroduction of Inglestones rare buttercup. This is a new grant scheme and was oversubscribed, so we were all delighted to hear the application had been successful! With many thanks to the BAG and Wessex Water, the project has a sound scientific basis which will help increase understanding of what makes for a successful reintroduction, both here and at other sites. Kew have now produced buttercup plug plants and delivered them to Bristol Zoo for hardening off and growing on. Natural England have provided additional

funding through the Water Framework Directive for scrub clearance and the Freshwater Habitats Trust have visited to see how they can continue to support the project. Our thanks to all of these partners for their help.

My warmest thanks to everyone who has helped to look after the Commons over the last year and with best wishes for the Festive Season.

Ann Harris Commons Officer.

01454 865614

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Summary of forthcoming bus service changes in South Gloucestershire

Serv. No.	Destination	Oper -ator	Ward	Summary of changes
46	Bristol to Yate via Frenchay, Hambrook, Winterbourne, Frampton Cotterell & Coalpit Heath	First	Yate Central, Yate North, Westerleigh, Frampton Cotterell, Winterbourne & Frenchay & Stoke Park	Intermediate running times will be revised across all days of operation to improve reliability & punctuality. On Monday to Saturday evenings service 46 will additionally operate around the Brimsham Park housing estate due to request from passengers.
X46	Bristol to Yate via Hambrook, Winter- bourne, Iron Acton & Brimsham Park	First	Yate Central, Yate North, Ladden Brook, Frampton Cotterell, Winterbourne,	Intermediate running times will be revised across all days of operation to improve reliability & punctuality, no change to route or frequency.
X49	Bristol to Yate via Westerleigh, Puckle- church, Mangotsfield & Staple Hill	First	Yate Central, Dodington, Westerleigh, Boyd Valley, Emersons Green, Siston, Rodway & Staple Hill	Intermediate running times will be revised across all days of operation to improve reliability & punctuality, no change to route or frequency.
81	Longwell Green to Yate via Hanham, Kingswood, Fishponds, UWE, Bristol Parkway & Winterbourne	First	Yate Central, Yate North, Westerleigh, Frampton Cotterell, Winterbourne, Stoke Gifford, Frenchay & Stoke Park, Kings Chase, Woodstock, Hanham & Longwell Green	Route extended from UWE to serve Cossham Hospital, Kingswood & Hanham with support from South Glos Council. Service to run hourly Monday to Saturday. No change to the route between Yate & UWE. There are revised intermediate running times across all days of operation to improve reliability & punctuality of the service, no change to frequency.

Under the Edge Arts

Under the Edge Arts (UTEA) is a volunteer-run community arts centre offering a wide range of arts classes, events and activities including regular live music performances. Tickets can be booked online, or by contacting us on 07791 323869. The Chipping Hall, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7AD email: info@utea.org.uk phone: 07791 323869 Website and Online booking at www.utea.org.uk

January Events:

Saturday 9th January, 10am-12 noon-**Volunteers Coffee Morning**

Drop in for coffee & pastries & meet Ali, our volunteer coordinator. We need volunteers to help run our events - on the door, bar, setting up/clearing away. We also need help behind the scenes - putting up posters & doing recycling, etc. We are looking for people to join our working groups, including marketing, outreach & fundraising.

Sunday 10th January, 2.30 - 5.30pm - Irish Set Dancing

Social dancing in four couple square sets to uplifting Irish music... guaranteed fun & good exercise too. Connects with a fantastic Irish music/dancing scene in England and Ireland. Session costs £4

Saturday 16th January, 7.30 pm-Under the Edge Ceilidh in the Town Hall We will be led by 'The Molecatchers,' a highenergy ceilidh & barn dance band. Featuring accordion, fiddle, electric & acoustic guitar, mandolin & stomp box. Tickets cost just £14/£12 & include chilli & salad (with vegetarian option). Online booking www.utea.org.uk

Saturday 23rd January, 11am-3pm-**Heart Mosaic Workshop**

Ideal for beginners or those with some experience. Everything you need supplied, including books for inspiration. Small charge on the day for materials, depending on what's used. You are welcome to bring your own items to incorporate. Contact Penny: 07710 692914 or pennyscott@blueyonder.co.uk www.facebook.com/mosaic23mosaics. Cost £23.

Saturday 23rd January, 8pm-

Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston Miranda & Rex have emerged to become one of the most sought after duos on the English folk & roots scene. Following the huge success of their album 'Sing A Full Song', they are touring throughout 2016 with newly released 3rd album . Entrance: £10.50/£9.50 www.sykespreston.com

Saturday 30th January, 7.30pm-UTEA Quiz Help raise funds for Under the Edge Arts. Bring your friends & family: max 6 per team. Questions start at 8pm. Entrance £5/person Sunday 31st January, 10am-4pm-Fun with **Fusing with Caroline Lambert**

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Changes to the Sort It centres

The registration scheme for the Sort It centres has not yet started. In the New Year you will be notified when you can start to register.

What are the changes?

Opening times have now changed so that all of the sites have the same opening hours all year round except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day when the sites will be closed.

Cars and small vans

8:30am to 4:30pm seven days a week,

Large vans

Monday to Friday –10:00am-2:00pm Saturday – 8:30am-12:00pm Sunday – no access

Changes to be introduced in 2016

Everyone who wants to use the Sort It centres will need to register their vehicle to access the sites. **All cars and vans will need to sign up.** The new scheme is being introduced to make sure that only South Gloucestershire residents can use the Sort It centres and to stop commercial waste from being disposed of illegally at the household sites.

Resident vehicle registration

You will be able to register up to two domestic cars per household. You will only need to register once, unless you change your vehicle or address.

Registration will be available online, over the phone and at the One Stop Shops

Electronic van permits

Electronic permits will be required for all vans and will replace the current van access policy, restricting the number of times these vehicles can visit to 12 times a year.

Vehicles that will need a van permit to use the sites will include any vehicle:

- without rear side facing windows
- without rear seats
- an open back or a back which is separate to the main cab area
- This will include:
- vans of any size (including

minibuses, campervans and cars without rear facing windows)

- 4×4 or people carriers (MPV) without rear seats and/or windows or with an open back
- pick-up trucks (including double cabs), trucks, flat bed lorries, box vans and agricultural vehicles
- trailers and horse boxes more than 2 metres in length (excluding tow hook)
- Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes are not allowed on site at any time.

Vans registered to a business will not be allowed a permit, except where it is your only household vehicle.

You will need to provide a copy of your V5C certificate to apply for a permit.

Bagged waste at the Sort It centres

We have found that 75% of mixed bagged waste brought to the recycling centres could have been recycled. We are be working with residents to ensure that bagged waste only contains non recyclable waste. If you take bagged waste to the Sort It recycling centres, you may be asked to open the bag and remove any recyclable items.

Why are these changes happening?

Communities Committee agreed changes to the Sort It centres to improve the operation of the sites on 22 July 2015. The recommended changes followed a public consultation carried out between November 2014 and February 2015 and reflect feedback from residents.

Opening times

After reviewing the number of visitors to the sites, we found that there were very few people making use of the extended opening hours in the summer. The new opening times reflect the times that most people use the sites and also allows the Little Stoke Sort It Centre to be open seven days a week instead of closing on a Wednesday.

Changes to opening times started on 1 October this has not affected the current van access times.

Resident registration

The sites are provided for residents of

South Gloucestershire

South Gloucestershire, asking residents to register their vehicles to use them will help to prevent people from neighbouring council districts using our Sort It centres to dispose of their waste.

Van permits

The sites are provided for of household waste of residents living in South Gloucestershire. There is an issue with businesses illegally disposing of commercial waste at the household sites. This is a problem because the sites are for public use only and are not licensed to accept commercially produced waste. Businesses are legally required to pay for the disposal of their waste as this is not covered by business rates.

Introducing a permit and limiting visits for all vans will reduce commercial abuse of the facilities and make it easier for staff to identify and turn away those using them to dispose of commercial waste

The resident registration and van permit schemes are due to be introduced in 2016 when the existing automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system has been updated. It will be easy to register online, over the phone or at the One Stop Shops.

We will let everyone know when they can start to register later this year.

Bagged waste

We want everyone to recycle as much as they can. The Sort It centres are often used as a way of disposing of mixed waste which could have been recycled.

A recent analysis of bagged waste brought to the Sort It centres showed that 75% of it could have been recycled. If we can prevent this recyclable items from entering the non recyclable waste we can:

- reduce the cost of disposal
- encourage better recycling behaviour from residents who are not currently recycling
- be closer to achieving our target of a 50% recycling rate by 2020
- help the environment by making good use of waste

For more info, go to:

http://www.southglos.gov.uk/









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New excursion list out in January

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Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 2D Running time: 136 mins Cert 12A

Lucasfilm and visionary director J.J. Abrams join forces to take you back again to a galaxy far, far away as Star Wars returns to the big screen with Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The film stars Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac, Lupita Nyong'o, Andy Serkis, Domhnall Gleeson, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and Max Von Sydow. Kathleen Kennedy, J.J. Abrams and Bryan Burk are producing with Tommy Harper and Jason McGatlin serving as executive producers. The screenplay is by J.J. Abrams & Lawrence Kasdan and Michael Arndt.

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Hotel Transylvania 2 Running time: 89 mins Cert U

The Drac pack is back for an all-new monster comedy adventure! Everything seems to be changing for the better at Hotel Transylvania... Dracula's rigid monster-only hotel policy has finally relaxed, opening up its doors to human guests. But behind closed coffins, Drac is worried that his adorable half-human, half-vampire grandson, Dennis, isn't showing signs of being a vampire. So while Mavis is busy visiting her human in-laws with Johnny - and in for a major cultural shock of her own - "Vampa" Drac enlists his friends Frank, Murray, Wayne and Griffin to put Dennis through a "monster-in-training" boot camp. But little do they know that Drac's grumpy and very old, old school dad Vlad is about to pay a family visit to the hotel. And when Vlad finds out that his great-grandson is not a pure blood - and humans are now welcome at Hotel Transylvania - things are going to get batty!

Saturday, 9th January 10:30

Bolshoi Babylon + Q&A Running time: 86 mins Cert PG

The Bolshoi. Symbol of Russia, a national treasure and one of the most famous institutions in the world. Recently, however, the theatre has been in the headlines for all the wrong reasons: intrigue, personal attacks and management changes have created lurid headlines. Now, for the first time, the theatre directors have allowed the backstage process to be documented. With unparalleled behind the scenes access, the film pays tribute to the dancers' extraordinary artistic and athletic talents, their abiding fear of injury and the ruthless ambition needed to survive in the world's most famous ballet company. Bolshoi principle dancer, Anastasia Meskova, will be joining the filmmakers, plus bestselling historian Simon Sebag Montefiore and other special guests for a live by satellite Q&A after the film.

Sunday, 10th January 17:00

Pan 2D Running time: 111 mins Cert PG

The story of an orphan who is spirited away to the magical Neverland. There, he finds both fun and dangers, and ultimately discovers his destiny -- to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

Saturday, 23rd January 10:30

Tangerine Running time: 88 mins Cert 15

A working girl tears through Tinseltown on Christmas Eve searching for the pimp who broke her heart.

Sunday, 24th January 19:30

NT Live: Les Liaisons Dangereuses (Live) Running time: 210 mins Cert 12A

The National Theatre Live brings the Donmar Warehouse's highly anticipated new production of Les Liaisons Dangereuses to cinemas - broadcast live from the Donmar's London home. Directed by Josie Rourke, the cast includes Elaine Cassidy, Janet McTeer (The White Queen) and Dominic West. In 1782, Choderlos de Laclos' novel of sex, intrigue and betrayal in pre-revolutionary France scandalised the world. Two hundred years later, Christopher Hampton's irresistible adaptation swept the board, winning the Olivier and Evening Standard Awards for Best Play. Josie Rourke's revival now marks the play's thirty year anniversary. Former lovers, the Marquise de Merteuil and Vicomte de Valmont now compete in games of seduction and revenge. Merteuil incites Valmont to corrupt the innocent Cecile de Volanges before her wedding night but Valmont has targeted the peerlessly virtuous and beautiful Madame de Tourvel. While these merciless aristocrats toy with others' hearts and reputations, their own may prove more fragile than they supposed.

Thursday, 28th January 19:00

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			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-	Open for Christmas Day drinks
		2pm	
Thu	31 Dec	7pm	NYE Party; with Wheels of Steel disco from 9. Fancy dress theme this
			year is "Heaven & Hell"!
Fri	1 Jan	10:30am-	New Year's Day Brunch Breakfast; what better way to restore your
		2pm	body's natural balance than a fry up? Detox can wait!
Sun	3 Jan	8pm	Quiz. Teams of four, £2 per head, prizes and charity fund raising
Sun	10 Jan	7:30pm	Acoustic Evening. Sing, play or recite – or just enjoy the free live
			entertainment
Wed	13 Jan	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
Sat	16 Jan	6-11pm	Cocktails and Canapés Night. Join us for an elegant evening with great
			canapés and sensational cocktails!
Sun	17 Jan	7:30pm	Vinyl Night – music appreciation on old-school vinyl. Dig out your
			tunes on the theme of "Earth, Air, Fire, Water"
Mon	25 Jan	7pm	Burns Night supper. Celebrate with us in traditional style the life of
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Sun	31 Jan	7:30pm	Classic Album Evening. The second in our occasional series of classic
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Ziggy Cole	01454 238896	I am fundraising for <i>KLB World Challenge 2017</i> to Mozambique. I am able to do babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting & feeding and any other jobs will be considered.
Abi Cooper	01454 238836 / 07795 321337	I am an energetic 16 year old with experience in babysitting with a younger sister and many younger cousins, also available to pet sit & walk (whatever the animal may be)! Cake baking is also a hobby of mine so willing to make lots of cakes Just ask!'
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Abbie Merritt	01454 326155 07531 377077	I am available to babysit most evenings and weekends. I am also able to offer a pet minding service - specialising in exotic pets. I am used to handling reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, arachnids, and anything woolly, fluffy or hairy.
Katie Merritt	01454 326155 07875 098223	I am available to babysit most evenings and weekends. I can also look after pets, house sit or even do housework! I am reliable and trustworthy and come with my own transport (i.e. my dad) for late night pick-ups.
Katie Munro	01454 238 174 0796 4017 915	I am a 19 year old experienced babysitter (references can be supplied). I am reliable and trustworthy and love working with young children. I am available during the Christmas and Easter holidays and from mid June.
Ellie Parker	01454 238261 07496 078232	I am a reliable and responsible 16 year old who is available for babysitting or pet care / dog walking. I can also assist with horses including mucking out, turning out, bringing in etc. I am fundraising for the <i>KLB World</i> <i>Challenge 2017</i> expedition to Swaziland and Mozambique.
Jake Pember	01454 232997	I am fundraising for <i>KLB World Challenge 2015</i> expedition to Ecuador. I am available for babysitting, dog walking, feeding pets or any other jobs - just ask and I'll see if I can oblige.
Lauren White	01454 238 555	I am 16 yrs old, available for babysitting and dogwalking. I have a younger brother and sister, as well as dogs so am experienced with animals and children. I am available most evenings and weekends.
Sean White	01454 238 555	I am 14 years old. I'm available for babysitting, dog walking or pet minding and gardening tasks. If you have any questions about any menial jobs then phone me up and I'll see whether I'm able to meet your requirements.



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