

Hawkesbury Parish News

March 2017 Issue

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New Editor from April

I am delighted to announce that from April the Hawkesbury Parish News will have a brand new editor. Colin Dixon of Severn View Farm, Inglestone Common has stepped forward and volunteered to take up the reins.

Colin has edited and written several periodicals in the past and will be fully retired from April, therefore having more time to devote to the magazine. Colin is a very capable volunteer and I hope you'll all welcome him and offer him the same level of support in the

role. Colin's wife, Pauline, is already an established member of the Parish News team.

I'll be supporting Colin during the transition period in any way that I can and may occasionally reappear as guest editor, should the need arise.

I'd like to thank Colin for securing the future of the Parish News for the parish as a whole and wish him every success for the future issues.

Ed

Cricket Field

Following on from Hawkesbury Cricket Club's award last year for "Best Pitch & Outfield" in the Gloucestershire County League, maintenance has been ongoing over the winter.

The pitch has been very clearly roped off over the past few months for renovation and to allow it to recover in preparation for the forthcoming season.

Unfortunately, the pitch has recently suffered some damage, which would appear to be most likely from dog claw marks.

Although the Cricket ground is a very convenient area for walking dogs, they need to be kept off this area to prevent damage. Otherwise, the Cricket Club may be forced to rethink their policy and make the field a lead-only area.



Official launch of Wulfstan the Hawkesbury Hare

The Cotswolds Hare Trail launches officially in March and runs from March 25th – September 10th 2017.

There is a "Fundraising Preview Event" taking place at the Burford Garden Centre in Oxfordshire on Thursday 9th March (6 - 8:30pm) when all 80 hares will be on display for the very first time.

From Friday 25th March "Wulfstan the Hawkesbury Hare" will be on display at The Beaufort Arms.

Hawkesbury Stores will also be taking part by displaying a 46cm (18") tall leveret in the shop window.

For more information and details of all the hare locations, visit cirencestermarchharefestival.org.uk.

Hawkesbury Cricket Club — 300 Club

Prize winners for February 2017

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£50	30	John Day
£50	232	Catrina Tyson
£20	201	Neil Weston
£10	137	Jo Hillard
£5	254	Dave Bright
£5	99	Roland Starling
£5	19	Micheline Munro
£5	55	Keith Bergham

Engagement Congratulations!



Congratulations to Claire Morgan and Alan "Curly" Underhill who became engaged on 14th February 2017.

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PLEASE NOTE!! The deadline for the April issue is Wed 15th March.

Editorial



Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the March issue of the Hawkesbury Parish News.

Spring is definitely on the way. It's no longer blisteringly cold, the garden is beginning to come to life once more and there is a definite urge to get out there and start planting again. I'm looking forward to trying out some new veg varieties, whilst mixing in flowers to encourage the pollinators and pungent herbs to try to deter some of the pesky pests.

I was baffled in recent weeks by news reports regarding "shocking shortages" of certain vegetables. Shoppers were reportedly going into meltdown over

the lack of courgettes in the supermarkets. The absence of aubergines, peppers and tomatoes also seemed to trigger consternation. Small clue: it's winter! It's worrying sign that many shoppers no longer seem to grasp the seasonal nature of produce and expect everything to be available all year round. Once we leave the EU, costs of imported vegetables may rise, so perhaps we will return to more seasonal shopping and buying what is actually tasty and local at this time of year. In the same way that I don't need an aubergine with my Christmas dinner, I don't want flavourless tomatoes and iceberg lettuce in winter! What could be better than comfort food, with British

leeks, kale, purple sprouting, and delicious root vegetables?

This month sees a busy day on **March 11th**, with both the **Big Spring Clean 2017** taking place at 10:00am and the **Guides' Jumble Sale**, both at the village hall. What better excuse can you have to declutter and do some good in the process.

So, all that remains is for me to sign off as Editor. I've enjoyed the last 6½ years, learning an awful lot about the parish and its residents. Many thanks to all those who have supported, encouraged and contributed. You have made the magazine what it is today. I'm happy to be passing the "relay baton" on to a very capable pair of hands.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 6th March 2017, 7.30pm** at the **Village Hall** (upstairs room).



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Spring Walk — Saturday April 22nd 2017

Enjoy a delightful approx 4 mile Spring flower walk through Lower Woods and nearby fields and commons. WELLINGTONS STRONGLY ADVISED and maybe a walking pole. Meet at 10.00 am Hawkesbury Village Hall if you would like directions or a lift or 10.15 am at Lower Woods Lodge for a 10.30 am start.

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Toddlers Group

Our Toddlers group for Parents & Carers from bump to children up to 5 years, runs every Monday morning in Hawkesbury Village Hall, 9.45am-11.45am.

We are currently looking for another person (or persons) to help run our Toddler Group.

If you think this might interest you, or you would like more details, then please contact Sarah on 07958 937 476 or chair@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk



Spring Walk Saturday April 22nd 2017

Enjoy a delightful approx 4 mile Spring flower walk through Lower Woods and nearby fields and commons. We will search out where the flowers are at their best and also have some good open views. Lower Woods can be muddy in places and there will be some rough ground and some easy stream crossings. Spring is a marvellous time to see these ancient woodlands and last year's walk was a floral delight – don't miss this one!

WELLINGTONS STRONGLY ADVISED and maybe a walking pole. Meet at 10.00 am Hawkesbury Village Hall if you would like directions or a lift or 10.15 am at Lower Woods Lodge for a 10.30 am start. Bring a drink as there should be time for a refreshment stop. We will provide hot drinks to have after the walk at Lower Woods Lodge, so bring a picnic and enjoy looking at the woodland products in the barn area. Toilet facilities available.

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Hawkesbury School News

With thanks to our Spring Term journalist team: Jeni, Millie, Rory, Hugo, Caelyn and Lottie.

DODGEBALL

Last month, our Year 6 children took on the challenge to compete against several schools in dodgeball. The quality of the dodgeball tournament was outstanding because so many children took part. 8 schools competed to do their best and win the trophy. As many of you may remember, last year Hawkesbury won, but sadly this year we lost to Old Sodbury and came 2nd over all. All of us enjoyed it and hoped that next year we would take back the trophy. Before the match there were a few hiccups during the school day: one of our team members had to drop out because of a last-minute illness. The

team was so positive when the others were playing.

NETBALL

Last month, some of the year 6s took part in a netball game against St Paul's School in Yate. This game was a great way to have the children work as a team. Unfortunately, owing to the schedule of games, not everyone got to play in their chosen position when they were playing. This did not prevent us from winning. What a good way to start our netball season! Thank you to Mr Bryant for organising the team.

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

HAWKESBURY 1 OLD SODBURY 1.

FIRST HALF: The team started well, holding off Old Sodbury's breaks and making many of their own. Hugo made some good saves at the back, while upfront, Rory was very successful. It

wasn't long before we pocketed a goal in the bottom corner.

SECOND HALF: Unfortunately, the 2nd half didn't go so well. Quite early on, Old Sodbury scored a goal but it could have been worse: goalkeeper Hugo stopped at least 10 so it wasn't a complete fail!

HAWKESBURY 4 IRON ACTON 1

Our team faced Iron Acton in the second game of the afternoon. The first goal was scored 5 minutes into the half and the second was scored about 1 minute later. Hugo made some amazing saves and the whole team did extremely well.

William scored in the second half about 13 minutes in and we scored one final goal just before the end of the match, making the overall score an impressive 4-1 to Hawkesbury.

Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer

I have been joined by a new colleague Matthew Lipton who will be dealing with enforcement issues and breaches of the Byelaws on the Commons. Matthew can be contacted directly by phone 01454 868925 or by e-mail:

Matthew.Lipton@southglos.gov.uk .

In February, a resident of Hareley Common found half a bucket load of bright pink pellets dumped in the grass. A sample was collected by Environmental Health and the remainder removed by our street cleaning team. Heavy rain meant that some pellets disintegrated and were left behind and I am grateful to the local resident who covered these with soil and notified me. We don't know what the pellets were, but believe they may have been rat poison, of obvious concern to wildlife

and dog owners alike. Needless to say this is illegal and we are grateful to local residents for their swift action. Please do get in touch with either myself or Matthew if you see anything of concern. Hareley Common is in a designated Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) and as part of our Higher Level Stewardship scheme, we calculate and record the amount of nitrogen deposited each year in the form of cow pats with the pat size and nitrogen content determined by the type and age of cattle. I kid you not. This is relatively simple for us and will be completed soon, but spare a thought for farmers who have to do this on a field by field basis. NVZs have a very real purpose and prevent water pollution through excessive nitrogen run off into ditches and streams.

Projects completed in February include clearance of brambles on Inglestone Common, clearance of a footpath exiting Hawkesbury Common through dense scrub and a coppice plot on Inglestone Common.

As the commons come into spring, tree and scrub works stop to favour nesting birds. The ponds warm up and pond life increases including the rare tassel stonewort which looks like a tangled fishing net under the water. Inglestone Common is one of its national strongholds and we are holding a short training course on Tuesday 28th March to look for it. Look out for posters for details.

Ann Harris, SGC Commons Officer.
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11am Saturday 17th June 2017

If your New Year's resolutions have come and gone, your new trainers are still in the box, you thought Gym was the guy running the Post Office or if you just want to get healthy in 2017 don't despair entries for the 6th annual Hawkesbury Upton 5K Run are NOW OPEN.

To enter visit our website www.hu5k.org where you can pay online via paypal or credit/debit card. Whether you are planning to run, walk (or even crawl) this event was sold out last year so book your place now to avoid disappointment and take full advantage of early bird prices. HU5K is organised by Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School PTA, so all funds raised go to our village school.

Whether you are an Olympic hopeful, regular runner, novice, couch potato or a family that want to get fit together this event can accommodate all abilities. Six years ago I didn't run anywhere (5K sounded like a TV of the future) but this event inspired me to get off that sofa and to exercise whilst giving something back to the village school. Since then I've gradually built up my running strength and stamina so this year I am even braving my first marathon! This could be you next.....

If you want to get into running or even just begin with walking but don't know where to start there are loads of great FREE initiatives out there including;

- ▶ NHS Couch to 5K: Visit www.nhs.uk/livewell/c25k/pages/couch-to-5K.aspx where you will find a 9 week training plan along with podcasts that you can download to give you your own personal trainer and some motivational music to train to.
- ▶ If want to get active without the stress and the cost of the gym a good way to start is to visit your local parkrun events currently held every Saturday at;
 - Wotton-Under-Edge <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/wotton> and
 - Chipping Sodbury <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/chippingsodbury>

We believe this is a great community event for Hawkesbury so would love to see as many villagers of all ages out there running, supporting or marshalling on the day. Following the race there will be further entertainment and the legendary HU5K barbeque for everybody to enjoy. If you also know any local celebrity who wants to fire the start gun or if you or your company would like to be an official event sponsor please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Horton Court update

Work is progressing well at Horton Court - we have started stripping back the layers of wallpaper and paint from the walls. Some of the modern partitions have been removed to improve the circulation on the first floor. Cupboards have been opened up to reveal openings hundreds of years old. Redundant pipework and cabling is being removed and new installed hidden under floors and behind panelling wherever possible. We have discovered cigarette packets

from the 1960's, newspapers from the 1980's and several signatures - one behind the panelling dating to 1927.

Scaffolding has started to go up to enable us to carry out repairs to the roofs, dormer windows and to repoint the stonework. Work to remove the 1920's bathrooms to the internal courtyard should begin in April after the bats have left their hibernation and before they start roosting.

The house feels so different already -

lighter and brighter and more welcoming - I have to say it is still absolutely freezing inside with no heating!

We have had an archaeologist carrying out a 'watching brief' during excavations - so far we have found the remains of a medieval dump to the rear of the house and the possible location of the kitchen to the Norman Hall near the Stable block in the garden.

We are still on programme to complete the house by next Spring.

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Garden thoughts for March

A word of caution to begin with

Very soon the garden centres are going to be overflowing with dazzling displays of bedding plants for summer planting. As we could have frosts until mid-May many of these varieties are frost-sensitive, and would not last. Even if one has the facility of a greenhouse, plants bought now and kept inside would likely become "leggy" and not in good order come planting time. It's worth remembering that if one did lose plants the garden centres would only be happy to sell you them again.

Planting onions and shallots

This month is a good time for planting these staples for the veg. garden. If sets are to be used it's worthwhile cutting off the wispy bits on the tops of the set and starting the set off in modules and planting out when the green shoots show. Birds will pull up the set by the remaining stem from last year (the wispy bit) but leave green shoots alone.

Garlic

It's getting late for planting garlic, but there's still a couple of weeks left for the

job. Don't be tempted to use a bulb from the supermarket shelf as these may have been grown anywhere in the world and will just not suit our conditions.

as those from the garden centre would, It should be remembered that a clove of garlic is planted about 3 cms. under the surface of the soil rather than on top like the onions and shallots.

Dahlias

If we are to have a good show of these flowers we need to think about where we start.

Heat

If there is no heated area available, the only option is to plant tubers about mid-April so that the top of the tuber is about 10cms. under the soil. As the plant starts to shoot allow only the best and strongest shoot to remain cutting off the rest at ground level. This should ensure that the tuber's strength is all pushed into that stem.

Heated greenhouse

There are in essence two ways of propagating the tuber which should give good results.

By division

Pot up the tuber in a box or pots so that the compost you add comes up to the bottom of last years stem, and place somewhere light and warm and wait until the tuber starts to shoot. When buds become obvious, cut down through the tuber until each section has a bud, a piece of the centre core, and a piece of the base which holds water. Pot up these sections and when the buds have grown into shoots plant as for tubers.

Cuttings

Follow the same procedure as above but allow the shoots to grow to 6 to 12 cms. and cut off below a leaf joint at 45 degrees on the base. Dip the shoots into hormone rooting powder and plant 4 or 5 around the edge of a 4 inch pot. Place somewhere warm and light (ideally a propagator) and the cuttings should take about 3 to 4 weeks to root. If you give the cutting a gentle tug and it holds it's rooted. Always keep the cuttings moist.

More next month!

Brian Noble



Our speaker for the February meeting was Michael MacMahon, who gave a talk entitled "Living Well, Spending Less". It

was based on his book "Back to the Black": a book about how to get out of debt. The book was inspired by his own experience when the business he ran got into difficulty. And the process of writing it enabled him to sort out his finances, though his business failed for other reasons. He pointed out how easy it is to spend when we depend so heavily on the use of plastic cards - and people can often be lulled into a false sense of financial security. His own daughter has taken a tip from him and uses real money whenever she can.

Michael raised a laugh when he told us about people who scrooge and splurge, an example being the one who drinks champagne with out of date food!

The competition for A Money Saving Tip was won by Wendy Weaver with "Is it a want or is it a need? Both legitimate if there is enough in the pot."

A working party has completed 40 fabric bags for use at Southmead Hospital with drainage bottles after breast surgery. These have been passed on by Lin and were gratefully received. We plan to repeat this again in the near future. And thanks are due to Bethesda Chapel for allowing us use of their facilities, free of charge, to make them.

At our March meeting we will celebrate 87 years of Hawkesbury & Horton WI

with our traditional birthday party complete with special Birthday Cake and buffet.

Competition for Flower of the Month was won by Lynn Edwards with an Iris.

Diary Dates

7th March BIRTHDAY MEETING

An Evening of Magic with Philip Ringland

4th April GROUP MEETING

The Bristol Suffragettes with author Lucienne Boyce

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IT'S SPRING By Alan C. Porter

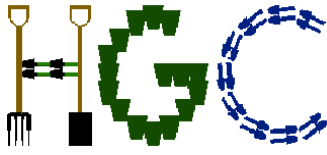


Now is the time to shrug off the "slough of despondency" cast the lethargy of winter aside and leap into spring, trowel in hand and a head full of good intentions. Mind you, I do tend to shrug, cast and leap with a little more decorum these days, but I'm ready to take on the new season with gusto, although the gusto can take a bit of a battering at the thought of six months or more of grass cutting.

Couple that with the fact that the fence is starting to

crumble, bits are dropping off the small shed while the larger shed has taken on a list to starboard and the greenhouse glass has turned green...

On the other hand the pots that I filled with bulbs last autumn are looking fabulous. The Azaleas and Rhododendrons are full of buds the birds are singing and the sun is shining and now that I've wrapped myself around a cup of tea, things are not looking so bad. After all it's spring, what more is there to say?



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.

As previously reported, several years ago pheasants came over the fence and scratched up big patches of lawn and no matter what I did I could not get it back looking how it once was. I carried on umming and ahing about what to do – re-seed, turf, astro-turf, paving - and eventually decided to kill all the grass in readiness for the big leap forward. Trouble is that I still cannot decide what the big leap forward should be. Where's Mao-Tse-Dong when you need him? Meanwhile, what was once grass is now mostly moss, which song birds take great enjoyment in turning over in their search for grubs so it all looks even worse than it did before. John Weaver very kindly lent us a pheasant trap but the local itinerant population took one look, said 'Yeah! Right!', and scarpered. The song bird population however are loving it and are leaving notes

thanking us for giving them tasty feed during the cold weather. Oh joy! Such fun!

Our next meeting is on Monday 27th March 2017 when **Sue Dodds** will talk about **Butterflies of Gloucestershire**. On Monday 24th April when **Adam Alexander** will talk about **Veg Hunting in Syria and Burma**. Looks good – as long as it isn't about sprouts.

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. If you are not a member and would like to hear a speaker that takes your fancy then come along as a guest for just £3.00.

For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364

Hawkesbury Coffee Morning Knitters

To the mystery person who left a bag of wool attached to my front door handle, I thank you so much. Please feel free to come to our coffee mornings on Mondays from 10:00am to 11:30am

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Thank you again,
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After the winter sabbatical, our racquets are once again by the door waiting for a break in the rain. There is a Brave New Week to glance at commencing April and here it is (wuthering and whatnot permitting).

Tennis Club Week at a Glance		
Mon	3.30 – 4.30	Juniors
	6.30 – dark	Club night
Tue	1.30-ish	Social tennis
Wed	6.30 – dark	Club night
Fri	6.30	Matches
Sun	10.00 – 12.00	Club night

The last entry confuses Pub Off a bit as 10am is not widely held to be at night. Oh well, best do as Madam Seat says. She has been having a hard time lately what with pressure of work and Mr Seat suffering from what she describes as manthrax. Also, we will aim to drift in nearer to 6.00 until the evenings become longer.

Now we shall turn to a date for your dairies – all milkmen welcome. The AGM will be on Wednesday 12th April at the Beaufort. Madam Seat regrets that this was not Pub Offs first choice for whatever it may be worth, but he will take his racquet to Dubai and aim to have the last laugh. Even those who are not milkmen are welcome. It looks pretty safe to turn up as everyone is willing to continue in their present office. What is more, there will be a chance afterwards to have a bite to eat – order on the night.

The next item of business is that it is time to pay up for this year. There is a membership form somewhere in this fine publication, although Pub Off

has found that bunging the required amount of money unadorned in the right general direction works fine. That is, unless anybody who is not a member already would like to sign up. Remember, no competence necessary – frankly, we would not know what to do with it. The membership form will also appear on the web site as soon as Pub Off digs out the password.



Here is a picture of our floodlight demo. It may be observed that they light up the courts. We are progressing well on the lights front, and hope to have them in time for July when they will be entirely unnecessary.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN under the age of 11 must be accompanied at the courts by an adult [over 18].

Declaration

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South Gloucestershire Councillor's Report

Planning has become a very hot issue locally – Hawkesbury Upton is beginning to feel the pressures which other villages are facing because of the need for houses and the encouragement of economic growth.

The village has benefitted from two affordable housing developments over the last 20 years. Both these projects ensured that social housing was developed for local people, with a mixture of houses to rent and three houses under shared ownership. There is a very low turnover on these properties, with quite a list when one becomes vacant. The last shared ownership did not attract any local purchasers and had to be advertised wider.

It might be worth repeating the definition of Affordable Housing as used in the Core Strategy and the current NPPF:

- Affordable housing is social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market.
- Affordable housing is generally subsidised by the development as a planning requirement, so that it is provided at below market rent levels.
- In order to be considered as affordable for planning purposes it should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the

subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. It may include shared ownership and homes for sale at below market levels, but not housing which does not meet the above definition of affordable housing particularly in respect of its future retention as affordable housing and its restriction to eligible households.

Another part of the affordable housing policy refers to exception sites and where development can take place outside the settlement area and with the support of a Housing Needs Survey to fulfil a local need

Planning Policy asks for 35% of affordable housing on areas of 10 or more houses in urban areas and 5 houses in rural areas.

Houses in and around the village are generally more expensive than some other areas; we are in the Cotswolds; have great local schools and services, as well as being a vibrant village, all of which make it a great place to live.

The most recent planning policy consultation asked us to consider the services in the settlement in a Sustainable Access Profile. It will go on to help identify areas of development for the future. I have asked that parishes, especially the smaller parishes, be supported to address some of the challenges we all face and to help us all feel we can participate in shaping our communities.

Speeding through the Village – At the time of going to press – the 20mph through the village should have been introduced. Over the past few weeks, I have received comments from resident's regarding difficulties accessing their properties on the High Street as a consequence of increased in on road parking. People are aware that car parking on Back Street is already causing a few difficulties. Short of building a car park – there is no solution apart from asking people to park considerately and use their own drives and garages for parking where possible.

Don't be alarmed if you have a **sticker on your waste bin** – the Council are encouraging us all to recycle more before the introduction of the smaller black bin. Hawkesbury folk are quite good at recycling however we will all need to do more in the future.

We do now have a **West of England Combined Authority - WECA** for short, It came into place on the 9th February and has its first meeting on the 1st March. Elections for the WECA Mayor will take place on the 4th May.

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Neighbourhood Watch – March 2017



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Please Note;
We are continuing to ask people for information on any other types of *rogue traders*, especially those that put *leaflets* through the door offering *gardening or repair services, tarmacking or driveway repairs*. Please send these leaflets to your Neighbourhood Watch

Administrator at Concorde House or inform your local NHW Coordinator. Any other information you can provide would also be helpful, such as the date and time it was delivered, a description of the callers and details of any vehicle used. If someone in your area is actually using such a service, please let us know immediately

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- Safe use of the internet
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Entry is by pre-registration and spaces will be by allocation only.

To register for this event, please visit Avon and Somerset Constabulary's Website to register your interest.

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HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB
 Monday 27th February 8pm
 Methodist Hall, Back Street



Our speaker this month will be

Sue Dodds on Butterflies of Gloucestershire

Visitors are always welcome
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Tassimo pods recycling

Many thanks to those of you who continue to pass on your used Tassimo pods and plastic wrappings to me. I am quite used to finding plastic bags of these items left in my porch and am happy to continue to collect them. Rather than go to landfill, they can be recycled – our nearest recycling point is in Falfield – and it is very easy for me to drop the bags off whenever I travel up the M5. Karen, who is the local co-ordinator there, regularly sends off packages of Tassimo recycling, earning her ‘Tassimo points’, which can be converted into charitable donations. Since being involved in this scheme she has recycled 51,772 units (used pods) which is more than 839kg of waste which would have gone to landfill. This has allowed her to donate over £560 to Myeloma UK charity.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support this scheme and if anyone else would like to pass on their used Tassimo pods and plastic wrappings to me, just save leave them in the porch at ‘Coombe View’, High Street – next to the village hall.

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Over 50 authors and other guest speakers, including some from the village, are lined up to provide a book-themed treat for the whole community. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring your friends and family. Entry to all events is free of charge so that you can spend your money instead on signed copies of books instead!

Also not to be missed: the return of our popular Wonderland Café in the Methodist Hall, serving literary cakes, soups, teas, coffees and squash. For those wanting more substantial food

and alcoholic drinks, and genuine Italian coffees, The Fox restaurant will be open as usual. Early booking advised for meals!

We are very grateful to Waitrose Chipping Sodbury for raising funds via their Community Matters green token scheme to help us keep the Festival free by covering venue hire costs, and for the continuing generosity of the Hawkesbury Writers for sponsoring our promotional bookmarks again. Additional sponsorship would help pay for more advertising and promotion of the event, and more materials, so if anyone knows of more potential sponsors that we might approach, please let us know.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help make the day run smoothly. More volunteers are still needed, so please contact Debbie Young if you'd like to help via the Festival website's contact form, by phone (238401) or by text (07594 717891). Thank you very much!

Debbie Young, Festival Founder & Director

FOR THE LOVE OF YOGA

Having achieved a miracle cure for fall-induced back pain at a yoga class in January, (something clicked back into place during a floor exercise), I turned to yoga techniques again this month to counter my fear during an emergency tooth extraction.

I lay in the dentist's chair breathing deeply, body relaxed, palms facing upwards, while the very pleasant dental surgeon went about her task. With the added distraction of pictures of Minions and Gromits on the ceiling, (something our yoga class at the Methodist Hall doesn't have), I got through the procedure unscathed. What with this and my back pain cured, I was feeling positively smug until I caught up with the international news.

That same day, an Australian man had used yoga to escape death by drowning. Trapped in a pool of mud by his overturned mechanical digger, he adopted the Cobra position to keep just his nose above the waterline until rescue arrived... six hours later. That put my triumphs into perspective.

But it just goes to show that whatever the source of stress in your daily life, yoga can help make it better. Though I'll still be giving muddy pools and mechanical diggers a wide berth in future.

(If you'd like to come and join the fun of our weekly yoga class, taught by Joan Boulton in the Methodist School Room every Thursday morning, see her ad on page 3 of this magazine.)

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Hawkesbury Stores' Hare Design Challenge

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A competition has been running to invite young artists, 16 years and under, to submit a design to be considered for decorating the hare. Entries had to be in by Tuesday 28th February.

The lucky winner will have their design painted onto the leveret which will then be displayed in the shop for the duration of the Hare Trail (25th March – 10th September)

And don't forget that Wulfstan, the Hawkesbury Hare, will be taking up residence in the garden of The Beaufort Arms at the same time.

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More Volunteers Sought

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However, a few more volunteers are needed to fill gaps in the rota - **Saturdays and weekday afternoons 1-3pm and 3-5pm** are often without cover. You DO NOT have to commit to a regular session, volunteering even once a month would be a real help.

If you could help fill these sessions, please talk to either Kath or Kate when you are next visiting the shop. **THANK YOU**

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Weekly events		
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Monday	Hawkesbury School of Dance 4:15 – 6:15*	Eve Brewer eve_brewer@yahoo.co.uk
Monday	Karate 6 – 8:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
Tuesday - Friday	Hawkesbury Preschool 8.45-12.30*	Louisa Tooker 07989 484774 www.hawkesburypreschool.org enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk
Tuesday	Youth Club 7 - 8:15* (except 1 st Tues in the month)	Mark Frankcom 01454 238720 markfrankcom@gmail.com
Wednesday	Private Badminton 8 - 9:30pm	Dave Hives 01454 238567 davidhives@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday	Karate 6:15 – 7:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
Thursday	Badminton Club 8 – 10	Roy Townsend roy.townsend3@btinternet.com
Thursday	Bufs 8 – 10	Peter Webb susan.peter@uwclub.net
Friday	History Club 8 – 10 (3 rd Friday in the month)	Barrie Hope 01454 238673 hope.poolfarm@btinternet.com
Sunday	Karate 11 -12:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
*School term time		
Dates for your Diary		
04/03/17	Girl Guiding Trip Fundraiser	dymarius@hotmail.co.uk
11/03/17	1st Hawkesbury Upton Guides Jumble Sale	Louise Roberts - 238628
25/03/17	'A Question of Drama' production	Fiona Webb – 238758 webbfamily@waitrose.com
Latest News		
<p>We held our AGM on the 13th February and the Chairman's report is included in this edition for your information. In summary we have done lots to maintain the Hall and after an appeal for those who use the car park on a regular basis we have noticed that the monthly funds have increased with over £30 in the box last month. However, we have a long way to go if we are to re-tarmac the car park so please keep the contributions coming – many thanks.</p> <p>Date for your diary THE HALL "BIG BREAKFAST" Sunday 23rd April 2017 9.30 to 11.30 All welcome, but maximum 100 covers</p> <p>Visit our website - http://www.village-hall.org/</p>		

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Hawkesbury Upton Hospital Hall - Chairman's Year End Report - February

Another busy year in the Hall, not only for social events but also the continued support from the regular users:

Toddlers, Pre-school, Hawkesbury School of Dance, Karate, Youth Club, Badminton, Guides and Buffs. This year has seen frog racing, the glitter of the Ball and it's always fun trying to guess who is under the wig or inside a costume at the fancy dress party! The broad list of organisations confirms that the Hall users are promoting the key objectives of the original Trust Deed which are physical and mental training together with recreational, social, moral and intellectual development.

Therefore, many thanks for another year's support from all our Management Committee members who working together ensure that the Hall is maintained to a standard that ensures it is fit for purpose and meets all the current Regulations.

The Drama Group, Friends of St Marys, the Hawkesbury Show, the PTA, Cricket Club, the Bonfire event and many more private users have all contributed to the Hall's turnover and this year we have retained a surplus of just over £13,000, however, there was a deficit of nearly £4000 between income and expenditure with the shortfall being made up by grant funding. Although we can use some of this surplus for the necessary maintenance work mentioned below it doesn't take a mathematician to realise that there is a significant shortfall if we are to complete the work in the next 12 months. The positive aspect is that once those works have been completed then it will be some years before we need to have such significant expenditure, but there always seem to be another job around the corner.

Following on from the successful development of the kitchen our ongoing projects have not been quite as impressive or obvious, but still essential.

We have an ongoing programme of upgrading the electric supply and fittings, with costs in the region of £4000 to be spent over the next 12 months. Work has also started on the

upstairs meeting room and the decoration has virtually been completed, but there will also be new lighting and ceiling tiles, together with new blinds and flooring so that this will be a more inviting and sociable space to meet the need of the variety of users. We were lucky to be offered, by Horton Village Hall, 20 matching comfortable chairs that had previously been used by the Cadbury's social club and were in good condition.

We are continuing with the external maintenance of the Hall, the main areas for the coming year are the replacement of windows and doors and resurfacing the car park. The intention is to replace the doors and windows with brown PVC, but this may have to be phased as the costs exceed £10,000. Our biggest issue is the car park, which was patched a few years ago, however, the areas in between the patches are now wearing badly. A quote to resurface the whole car park at £22,000 is going to pose a real challenge to raise sufficient funds so we are looking at options of repair. Although Kate Bashford and Jane Stanbridge have been doing an excellent job in getting grants for some of our other developments, pure maintenance is not seen as an item that attracts support unless we can show measures such as improvements in energy efficiency. We posted a voluntary contribution box for users of the car park in the hope that funds from this would build a sinking fund for car park repairs. However, this rarely produces much more than £10 - 15 per month and last month it was £2.95, so it would take some time to achieve our target if we relied on the users. We do need to work on those who park in the car park to seek more contributions.

The Drama group have put in a new sound system and are proposing some more works to enhance the stage experience.

Although we can appeal for more users of the Hall, there are not that many occasions when it is actually available, so a key role especially of our treasurer is balancing the cashflow to allow for the maintenance expenditure against

income. We would of course welcome a benefactor or benefactors who would like to contribute to the Hall Charity to help us whether as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programme or as a gesture of community support. So if anyone works for an organisation who contributes to such projects then please let me know.

We are also looking for volunteers to work on the event side of the Hall to liaise with existing users and see if there are opportunities to hold more events for the benefit of the community.

We have undertaken a number of more minor but important projects which take time and effort from our small but energetic working group who undertake maintenance jobs in and around the Hall so a big thank you to those for their contribution over the last 12 months. Projects have included items such as replacing the sign for the Skateboard park; the previous one having been vandalised, much needed to comply with insurance requirements. Other tasks include work by Angelo Sauro and Neil Fozard cleaning and then sealing the floor to one of the under stage cupboards; essential to prevent damage to the Hall floor. Similarly Barry Hope provided two trolleys for the small tables as previously moving the tables was damaging them and the Hall floor.

I have made a general mention for the support from the committee and a few others specifically, but we must not forget our Secretary, Fiona Steeds; Treasurer, Bill Cullen; Booking Secretary, Lorraine Rutter and for the additional support that Louise Roberts gives over and above her role in cleaning the Hall.

I believe that the Hall is in a reasonable financial position and with careful management and continued support we can maintain it as the focal centre for the community.

Thank you

Chris Rispin

Chairperson

St Mary's Church News

Churchwardens Mrs Linda Fairney 238553 & Mrs Mary Davies 238657
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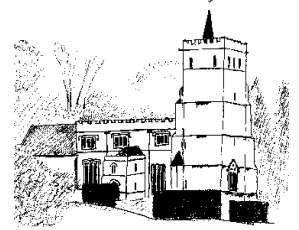
"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84 : 10

Easter falls this year much later than last, with Ash Wednesday on 1 March. Good Friday will be on 14 April and Easter Day on Sunday 16 April. We hope to run a Lent course on Wednesday evenings, beginning on 8 March, details to follow. We do hope you will be able to join us. This is not an exclusive club, but an open forum where everyone can speak their mind and take part, and enjoy lively discussions. Look out for notices in all the usual places advertising the details

Dates for your diary

1 March – Ash Wednesday
8 March – Lent course
14 April – Good Friday
9 April – Palm Sunday
16 April - Easter Day

Jennifer Oldershaw



Church March 2017

Sundays	March 5th	March 12th	March 19th	March 26th
	1st Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday of Lent	3rd Sunday of Lent	Mothering Sunday
Readings	Rom 5.15-17 Matt4.1-11	Gen12.1-4a John 3.1-17	Exod 17.1-7 John 4.5-42	Exod 2. 1-10 Luke 2.33-35
Great Badminton St Michael				
Little Badminton St Michael	8.30am BCP HC Christopher Mulholland	1115 Matins Richard Thomson		1115 Matins + HC Richard Thomson
Sopworth St Mary			1115 Mattins Richard Thomson	
Didmarton St Lawrence	1115 Matins Richard Thomson		8.30 BCP HC Christopher Mulholland	
Acton Turville St Mary	10am Saturday Children's service Richard T.	8.30 BCP HC +APCM Richard Thomson	9.30am Matins Chris Andrew	8.30am BCP HC Christopher Muholland
Boxwell St Mary				
Leighterton St Andrew	8.30 BCP HC Celia Carter	11am Matins Celia Carter	9.30am CW HC Richard Thomson	6pm Sat eve service Richard Thomson
Hawkesbury St Mary's	9.45am HC with Baptism Richard Thomson	5pm Evensong Richard Thomson	9.45am Fam Serv Lay led	5pm Mothering Sun serv Celia Carter
Lasborough St Mary	9.30am Matins Julian Wilson	9.30am BCP HC Celia Carter	9.30am Matins Mary Beresford	9.30 CW HC Richard Thomson

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March 2017 Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

We have come to that time of year when we prepare for Easter; the season of Lent. Many of us try to give something up for Lent and fail. Sometimes if we are very strong we succeed. Of course it depends how difficult the challenge is. This year I want to suggest a new approach. Instead of giving something up my suggestion is that we take something up.

I would like to suggest that each day during Lent you light a candle and say a prayer for those in your family or friends or someone you know. Just one or two minutes thinking of a few people and praying for them. The action of lighting the candle gives focus and intentionality to the prayer. You might also say the Lord's prayer at the end, to help bring your thoughts together before the Lord.

Lent begins on March 1 and continues through till Good Friday 14 April. If you manage to do this for even a third of the days, you will have created a new pathway for conversation with God.

With my very best wishes
Richard Thomson, Vicar.

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Church Services in March 2017 For St. Mary's Church, Hawkesbury

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
05th March	0945 am	Morning Praise /Holy Communion	A Gray Clergy		Pe Setterfield
12th March	5 pm	Evensong	J O'Brien J Oldershaw		Ian Macfadyen
19th March	0945 am	Morning Praise	N Gray		H Rogers
29th March	5 pm	Mothering Sunday			M Davies
02-Apr	0945am	Morning Praise/Holy Communion	Pa Setterfield		P Broad
09th April	0945 am	Palm Sunday Service meet at the pond 0930am	N Gray		H Rogers
14th April	1300- 1430	TBA + Walk to the Knowle 1445			
16th April	0945 am	Easter Day - Communion	M Bendry Clergy		P Bendry

If you are unable to attend please telephone Linda Fairney: 01454 238553
Should you wish to speak to Rev Richard Thomson call 01454 219236

Church Cleaners:
Sara Couzens-Short

Church Flowers:
Mary Davies

Please note all the different service times

BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON
Services for the month of March 2017

Sunday 5th	10.30am	Mr Ray Hollister [C]
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Mr Trevor Brain
Sunday 19th	10.30am	Mr Trevor Ranger
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes



Tuesday February 7th at 7.30pm: **A time of worship/prayer**

Other Tuesdays at 7.30pm: **Bible study/prayer**

Thursday at 2pm: **Prayer for revival**

COFFEE MORNING on the 16th March 10am – 12noon

The 'Light Bookshop' will be here with Easter cards, books and gifts

ALL ARE WELCOME

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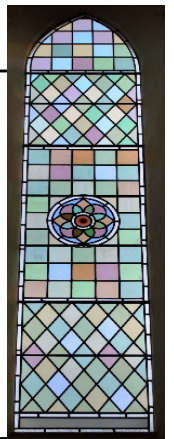
Jesus did this on the cross at Calvary for all who are willing to accept His offer of salvation. The Bible says, Ephesians 1 v.7, 'In Him (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us'.

M. C. Coates
Chapel Secretary

Methodist Church News - March 2017

Services for March 2017

Sunday 5th March	9.45am	at St Mary's	
Sunday 12th March	10.00am	J. Lee	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 19th March	9.45am	at St Mary's	
Sunday 26th March	10.00am	B Isherwood	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>



Library Volunteers Required

Chipping Sodbury Library is likely to close unless a Community Group can be developed to carry it on, depending on decisions made by South Gloucestershire Council in March.

One of the key needs for the continuance of the library is a bank of volunteers willing to do a stint on a rota basis. There is a list of willing volunteers but not enough names on it.

This is a plea to people to offer what they can to increase the impact of one of Chipping Sodbury's facilities. Training will be given and it would be a pleasurable way to volunteer for our community.

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Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning Applications received from South Gloucestershire Council

PK17/0096/F	New House Farm Hawkesbury Common Badminton	Erection of a two storey and single storey side and a single storey rear extension to form a residential annexe	No objection
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Pre-application Park Street

Councillors would like to thank everyone who have taken the time attend the recent Parish Council meetings regarding the above.

At the time of going to print; Councillors met with South Gloucestershire Council Officers on 10th February. Various issues and concerns were discussed and advice sought. Councillors will be discussing options at future meetings and will endeavour to keep you updated with any decisions made.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the clerk or one of your Councillors regarding this or any other issues you may have.

Big Spring Clean 2017

It's that time of year again, and as many of you will know the aim of this event is to improve our local environment with the clearing of rubbish lying in verges and hedges. We would like to promote and encourage a Saturday morning stroll in and around Hawkesbury with a black bag and gloves in hand to help clear any rubbish that may be lying around. Black bags, gloves and pickers will be available on the day.



2016's Big Spring Clean-rubbish collected by volunteers

You can benefit from fresh air and exercise if you take part while knowing that you are helping to reach South Gloucestershire Council's ultimate aim; that residents and visitors alike will be able to enjoy South Gloucestershire looking at it best.

If you run a group/organisation or you are free on Saturday 11th March 2017 and would you like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk with your details or just turn up at the Village Hall Car Park from 10am. We look forward to seeing you.

At the time of going to print, the Parish Council received notification the works to implement the new 20MPH speed limit is due to start on 20th February 2017.



Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council received five applications to apply for the recent vacancy and on Monday 6th February 2017 Chris Harding from Inglestone Common was co-opted on to the Parish Council.

It was lovely to receive this number of applications and Councillors would like to thank everyone for taking the time to apply.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 6th March 2017 in the upstairs meeting room of the Village Hall, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

Hazel Jones

Parish Clerk, 2 Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton, GL9 1EQ

hazeljones@hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk

Tele: 01454 238074

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	<p>Coffee Morning Wednesday 8th March 10:30-12:00 £3</p>	<p>Join us for a cuppa & cake, good company & charity raffle.</p>
	<p>Acoustic Evening Sunday 12th March 8pm Free</p>	<p>On the second Sunday of each month why not come along and sing, play, recite - or just enjoy the entertainment? Electric keyboard also available.</p>
	<p>Vinyl Night Sunday 26th March 7:30pm Free</p>	<p>On the third Sunday of each month we hold our celebration of old-school vinyl. Dig out those old LPs, EPs etc. March theme = "Girls' Names"</p>

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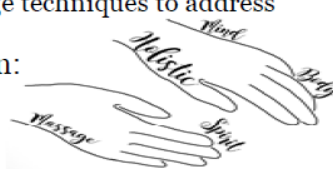
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Fiona Rowe

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Dangers of Wood Burners

There is an article in last month's New Scientist (4th February 2017) about the dangers of wood burners.

I am in no way taking a moralistic stance here, for I myself burn wood, but I would like to bring attention to some of the points made by leading experts in atmospheric pollution.

Air pollution in London rose to heights this year not seen since 2011, and it is thought that wood-burning stoves contributed 50%. Recent findings suggest they pose a serious threat to the health of owners and are also accelerating climate change. In the U.K., wood burning is officially the single biggest source of an especially nasty form of air pollution.

Burning wood produces small particles similar to those found in cigarette smoke and diesel engine exhausts (referred to as PM_{2.5} particulates), which get into the blood and brain, increasing the risk of many disorders including heart

disease. Children are especially vulnerable.

In the UK, residential wood burning could undo our other efforts to control air pollution. People are exposed to high levels of traffic pollution when travelling along busy streets, but wood burners produce large amounts of pollution in the home. Studies in Copenhagen have shown that particulate levels inside homes with modern log burners are several times higher than the highest ever recorded outdoors.

If you have a wood burning stove, here's how to minimise the effects:

1. Don't burn scrap wood. Treated wood can release toxic substances such as arsenic.
2. Burn wood whose moisture content is about 20%.
3. Avoid having fires when the air is still. This can create a pool of polluted air over the village.

Noel Stephens

Top Gear style challenge across Europe open to entrants

The challenge has been set for volunteers from South Gloucestershire to take part in a "Top Gear" style driving caper across Europe.

The 2017 Monte Carlo or Bust Banger Rally challenges entrants to obtain a car for under £500 and compete in a three-day crusade to Monte Carlo, passing through France, Switzerland and Italy.

The rally is currently open for entries and organisers are seeking South Gloucestershire-based teams to take part and raise money for a charity of their own choice. Cuthbert Ware-Armitage, a spokesperson for the rally, commented: "I am laying down the challenge to the good people of South Gloucestershire to join me on Europe's ultimate banger rally adventure. This is a brilliant opportunity to get your team into gear and experience some of the greatest roads in Europe in some of the worst cars from South Gloucestershire!"

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Horton and Little Sodbury Village Hall

Saturday 11th March 2017, 9:30am

A training session on how to use the defibrillator, plus some CPR training, and advice on what to do in an emergency.

This session is for anyone who wasn't able to go to our first training session in September.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. The session in September was extremely interesting, useful and fun. Please email below if you'd like to come.

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which you can experiment with a variety of
materials to produce textured, layered, colourful
surfaces and then to use the pieces produced in a
finished 2D or 3D work. The creative layers may
involve printing/stencilling/collage/ abaca tissue/
molding paste/gesso /xpandaprint/scrim-yarns and
colour. If desired a further 'layer' of stitchery can be
included. This is a perfect opportunity to inspire and
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NO EXPERIENCE OF DRAWING IS REQUIRED

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 Sunday, 5th Mar 19:30 Wednesday, 8th Mar 20:30

T2: Trainspotting Run time: 117 mins Cert 18
 Saturday, 25th Feb 19:30 Sunday, 26th Feb 19:30
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Friday 10th March 2017

I Daniel Blake

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Rosie Houlbrook	01454 238844 07484244411	I am 20 yrs old living at home & studying animal behaviour & welfare at Hartpury. I am happy to child mind, dog walk, feed animals if you're on holiday etc.
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March Sudoku

Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated:-

to solve the puzzle, each row, column and 3x3 box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

EASY !!

NOT SO EASY !!

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

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

Answers to the February quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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