

# Hawkesbury Parish News

November 2015 Issue

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## Gone All of The Way

On Sunday September 27th, Dave Anderson and Jim O'Brien set off from Chipping Campden to cover the 102 miles of the Cotswold Way, in order to raise funds for the Village Hall. Nine gruelling hours later, their journey was complete.

At time of going to press, their amazing total stood at almost £2000 — which will be a huge boost to the proposed refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen.

A full account of their trek can be found in this issue. On behalf of the Parish News team and all our readers, a huge thank you to Dave and Jim for embarking on such a mammoth task, enduring the training and taking on all the detailed organisation of the event, and ultimately, for raising such a fantastic amount.



Jim and Dave arriving in the village.  
*(Photo courtesy of Andy Musty)*

## 2nd Hawkesbury Scarecrow Trail

The 2nd Hawkesbury Scarecrow Trail brought a lot of autumn cheer to young and old alike. This year, there were an impressive 19 scarecrows dotted around the village, all so totally different — from rugby players to Jesus, protesting farmers to Winnie the Pooh and veg growers at the allotments.

Seeing excited children rushing ahead of the adults to be the first to see the next scarecrow on the trail was such a lovely sight.

Just to top it all, over-zealous bin men on Sandpits Lane completely missed the point of the "Milk Protest" scarecrow (complete with shopping trolley full of plastic milk bottles) and recycled the lot! You couldn't make it up! Well done to Louise Roberts for organising it all and a big thank you to all those who took the time to create all the fabulous scarecrows.

Here's to next year!



## PreSchool Halloween Fun

In October the Preschool children took part in their own sponsored run, followed by a Halloween party lunch (hence the costumes). The run was inspired by Jim & Dave, and all monies raised will be added onto their total for the hall.

Jim was our guest of honour, he ran with the children, presented their medals and spoke to them about the run, and let them all touch his medal.

It was a great

event, thoroughly enjoyed by the children, who we hope will all become Hawkesbury fundraisers of the future!

*Celia Rowlands*



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**PLEASE NOTE!!** Copy deadline for December issue: Sunday 15th November

## Editorial

### Fiona Writes...

Welcome to the November issue and what a bumper issue it is!

As autumn draws on and the clocks have gone back, it could be a time to get a bit gloomy. But, we'll have none of that talk here! The autumn trees bring such spectacular colours at this time of year and the prospect of log fires and hearty casseroles & comfort food is enough to bring some cheer even to the duller day.

On the subject of weather, the *Met Office* has just announced the results of an appeal for names to be used to identify future UK/Ireland storms.

Amongst those voted for were Frank, Nigel and Vernon. Not quite the image

conjured up by names such as "Ignacio" and "Fausto" chosen for hotter climes than ours, but somehow I can actually envisage an impending Vernon... It has a certain ring to it!

Of course, November also sees the usual **Remembrance Day** commemorations in the village on **Sunday 8th November**.

The parade sets off from the Village Hall at 10:45 and the Service begins at 10:50am on The Plain, with a minute's silence at 11:00am. This is followed by a service at the Methodist Church for those wishing to attend. It is a tradition that continues to be well supported by the village as a whole.

**Saturday the 7th November** sees the return of the **Bonfire Night** in

Hawkesbury Upton, starting at 6:30pm. If you have spare wood, it can be left at The Rec, but definitely no rubbish or greenery. Donations towards the cost of the event are also welcome. I'm sure it will be another successful social event in the village, but remember to keep those pets safely tucked away in their beds on the night.

So, there's plenty to think about in November already, with much, much more inside this issue. Enjoy!

Please note — the **deadline for the December issue** is the **15th November**. All early copy is greatly appreciated.

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- View past editions of this magazine
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- and much more.

## Quote of the Month

"The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of.  
The mite which November contributes becomes equal in value to the bounty of July."

**Henry David Thoreau**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 2nd November 2015, 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**.



### Mobile Library

*Times & Dates*



**9th & 23rd November**

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

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### Hawkesbury Bonfire Night

**Saturday 7th November**

6:30pm at The Rec

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### Evergreens

Tuesday 10th November

**"A look at a different decade"**

with Virginia and Gill

at the Village Hall — 2:30pm start

If you would like to come along and need a lift please give me a ring.  
Mandy 01454 261436

**Hawkesbury Cricket Club**

### Valentines Day Barn Dance

**Saturday 13th February 2016**  
in the Village Hall

**Look out for further details!**



Open Morning for  
Prospective Parents & Children

### Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

Friday 13th November  
9-11.30am

Come and join us for an opportunity to have a look around the school and see us in action!

**Hawkesbury Cricket Club**

### Skittles Evening

at The Beaufort Arms

**on Saturday 28th November 2015.**  
**Proceeds to be divided between HCC and the Long John Silver Trust.**

Friend of Guiding

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We had a lovely few weeks of sunshine to usher in the autumn, and the children spent lots of time outside. They've enjoyed walks around the rec, fun in the playground and minibeast hunting in the logpiles. Having been inspired by Dave Anderson and Jim O'Brien's amazing efforts on the Cotswold Way, the children also completed their own sponsored Halloween fun-run in aid of the Village Hall. Jim kindly came along to hand out medals, before everyone enjoyed a celebration Halloween lunch.

## Hawkesbury Preschool Update

In October we bid a fond farewell to Preschool Committee Chair, Mel Thompson. Mel worked tirelessly in this voluntary role for the past two years, and was the driving force behind our smart rebranding and our biggest ever year for fundraising. Mel employed our amazing Manager Louisa and our fantastic new Playleader Vicky, and leaves Preschool in great shape for the future. Thank you Mel, for all that you've done.

Stepping into Mel's shoes, we welcome Celia Rowlands. Celia has lived in Hawkesbury since 2006 and served on our committee since 2010. Her two youngest children have attended both toddlers and Preschool. Celia works

incredibly hard for us, and there is no better person to take over as Chair. Finally, we're opening our doors to prospective children and their parents at an open morning between 9.30-11am on Wednesday 11 November. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a caring and stimulating preschool environment for their little ones, please encourage them to come along and meet us!

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](mailto:enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk)

or visit:

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### HAWKESBURY TODDLERS WELCOMES YOU

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

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# Hawkesbury Youth Club News

**Two big topics on the Youth Club agenda this month: STAFF and MONEY. We need more of both...**

**STAFF** - Debbie Young has stood down from her role as leader due to other pressures, so there's an immediate vacancy, for either ONE person who is prepared to attend every meeting (the ideal situation, for continuity) or SEVERAL people who are happy to join the rota without committing to every meeting. This is a paid post and a fun job for anyone who would find it rewarding to help run a happy club that is very important to young villagers.

**MONEY** - The £5 annual membership fee and £2 weekly subs per member is not enough to cover our running costs (hall hire, staffing, materials, etc). We have been using our small reserve to cover the deficit, but now we need to do some fundraising. If you know of any organisation that we might approach for donations, please let us know. In the meantime, we've booked **THE JANUARY SALE** - a special post-Christmas table-top sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd January from 10am-1pm.

Tables may be booked for £10 (m-munro@hotmail.co.uk). There will also be a tombola of unwanted Christmas presents and a tasty soup

lunch.

**NOVEMBER MEETINGS** - This month we'll be meeting on Tuesday 10th, 17th and 24th November. On 17th, we'll be going on an outing by minibus down to Hawkesbury, for a mysterious after-dark tour of the church and churchyard, followed by hot chocolate and brownies by kind courtesy of Lisa Overton in her barn opposite the church. On 24th we'll be making Christmas decorations for the village Christmas tree - the bigger and brighter the better! Do come and join the fun!

**For more information, please contact Mark Frankcom (markfrankcom@googlemail.com)**

## 1st Hawkesbury Upton Rainbows

Well, after 15 years I am finally leaving. I have to say a huge thank you to Fiona (Badger) who has put up with me and supported me, and to Grace (Robin) who has been a regular helper.

I am extremely lucky to be handing over to Ailsa Devon who has recently moved to the area from Devizes, where she ran a Rainbow Unit for 5 years. Ailsa will be taking over in January and will be helped by Jade, a Girl Guide, as well as Grace, who will be staying on.

Rainbows will still be held in the Methodist Hall School Rooms but will change to a Monday 5-6pm to fit in with Ailsa.

If you would like to put your daughter's name on the waiting list please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and register.

Look out for the Rainbow's new flag as they very proudly take part in the Remembrance Day parade, a very kind gift from someone in the village!

**Louise**

## A strange request.....

Over the years I've asked for many things from the parishioners of this village...mainly your money(!), and quite often dressed in strange attire too, and you've always helped, for which I am very grateful.

This time my request is for Guides-does anyone have a bit of land that we could use for the occasional overnight camp, to play 'wide games', do campfire cooking... It needs to be in the village really, because of getting to it in our meeting time (Thursday's 6.30-8pm). If you can help, please call Louise 238628, thank you.

## 1st Hawkesbury Upton Guides

have a couple of exciting sleepovers coming up...one at the Roman Baths and one at @ Bristol... although there probably won't be much sleep going on!! We'll tell you all about them next month.

## Guide/Rainbow Badges/Uniform/Neckers

If anyone has any old uniform that you no longer want, patrol badges and/or neckers, please drop them to Louise Robert's house (Stone Cottage, 2 Back Street).

Thanks

## Jumble/Bric a Brac Request

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For enquiries please contact:

Louisa Tooker (Manager) on **07989 484774**

Email [enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk)

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Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015

All those wishing to Parade down High Street  
please assemble at the Village Hall Car Park from 10.35am  
Departure 10.45am

All others please gather at the War Memorial

Service at the War Memorial  
To commence at 10.50am  
Two Minutes Silence at 11.00am

The short Remembrance Service on The Plain will be followed by  
a Service in the Methodist Church – All Welcome

There will be a retiring collection after the short service  
on The Plain for those who wish to contribute

Please note: There will be no Remembrance Service  
at St Mary's in the evening

*Ms Sam Allen, Royal British Legion*

### 2015 Poppy Appeal

Door-to-door collections for the Poppy Appeal will start from the end of October with collection boxes also at the pubs and shops. Your donations will go to support all serving and ex-serving members of the armed forces and their families. Last year we raised over £2,000 – the highest amount ever! Please ask your collector if you would like more information about the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal.

**Liz Howard, Poppy Appeal Organiser 238417**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Just to let people know Guides won't be doing refreshments after the Remembrance Parade/Service.

If anyone/other group would like to take it on, please feel free.

**Louise**



### **Hawkesbury Upton Post Office**

#### **Changes at your Post Office !!**

As many of you will already have noted, I have had to temporarily change the hours that the Post Office is open. This is due to a personal health matter and I hope that I can review the changes in the near future, until then however, the Post Office will **open every day at 9.00am** and **close every day at 1pm** **except Wednesday** when we will **close at Midday** as usual.

The new range of Christmas Stamps goes on sale from **Nov 3rd**, be sure to get yours early, as supplies are always limited. Also, last posting dates for Worldwide and Domestic deliveries are now available, make sure you check your deadlines asap !!

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## Monster Race Thanks

Thank you to everyone that has sponsored us for the "Monster Race" at Charlton Park on Saturday 10th October in aid of the **Grand Appeal**.

It was extremely difficult, very wet, very muddy and painful but great fun.

If you would like to sponsor us but haven't yet done so, please see Jenny Jackman or Danielle Boulton.

Thank you.

Pictured right:

The intrepid and very muddy runners!



## Autumn Spectacular Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015

What a wonderful place this is in the autumn.

Why not join us for a bracing walk on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

This delightful walk is a moderate 5 miles with two steepish inclines. We will see the beautiful St Mary's Church, pass by Horton Court and stroll through lots of delightful countryside around Upper and Lower Chalkley Farms before returning to the village.

As usual, we will be starting at the village hall car park where we meet at 10.15 am for 10.30 am start so that we can get back by lunchtime. Dogs are always welcome on our walks and this one is no exception.

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

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# Champagne

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21<sup>st</sup> November 2015

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## The executive summary

# WE DID IT!

Just after 5pm on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 29 hours after starting in Chipping Campden, we completed the 102 miles of the Cotswold Way.

The support we had on the route was amazing; the reception we got in Hawkesbury itself was a truly humbling experience and will forever live in our memory.

Thank you so much to everyone who cheered us on during the event and during the training. Thanks to your kind donations almost £2000 has been raised for the Village Hall, which will be put towards a refit of the kitchen.

You can still donate via <https://mydonate.bt.com/donation/donate.html?charity=hawkesburyhospitalhall>



Our medal, showing the Course Profile, you are here ☺



## The slightly longer version

Well we couldn't have asked for better weather conditions for the weekend. The start at midday meant it was warm, but not too hot. As you can see from the medal, this is no flat race, so it was pleasing to see most of the 90 competitors doing what we were doing and walking the up the first hill. Notice how the medal says racing, rather than running. Running the whole thing would be suicidal, especially when you're built like a prop rather than a scrum half.

We had a time plan and were tracking it well as we went through the lovely early miles round Broadway, Stanway and Winchcombe. Up to the long barrow at Bela's Knap and then down to the foot of Cleeve Hill. Then as we climb (take it as read that we were

either going up or down all of the time) to Cleeve, our first roving support group come into sight, a welcome boost at the 20 mile mark.

Then the first "On a Yard" poster was spotted – high up in a tree, how could it possibly have got there? Another mental boost, the chest puffs out a bit, the arms pump a little faster.

Then onwards to the first cut off point at Agg's Hill; we were 27 miles in at 6pm, an hour ahead of cut off. Here we could feast on marmite sandwiches and malt loaf that we'd packed in a "drop bag." A change of top and then we head off. We witnessed here the sobering sight of 2 people drop out, one with heat stroke / dehydration.

The sun sets over the Welsh hills, the head torches are switched on, 30 miles

down, many tough ones ahead. Our bodies were still functioning pretty well as we made it to the Birdlip checkpoint for a morale boosting cup of soup and even better news that England are leading at half time.

Just as we approached Cooper's Hill, the 1 in 2 scarp of cheese rolling fame, we got the confirmation that Wales have won the rugby – not a huge morale boost! We zig zagged up the side, our calf muscles burning. Soon enough, the lights of Painswick rugby club approached and then we got a cheer as more roving support wished us well; they'd spent 30 minutes standing in a cold field close to midnight for a snippet of second rate conversation from us – it didn't seem right, but it was all we could spare.

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Once inside the rugby club there was time for clothes changes, more sandwiches and some bean chilli. After 25 minutes we were back out into the cold night; we encountered rolling wooded hills before the big drop down to the Stroud canal and then the climb up Frocester Hill to Coaley Peak. By this point both of us were feeling nauseous; the body focuses all its effort on moving the legs – to save on having to digest, it brings on nausea to prevent us eating. We knew that we had to fight back against our own bodies.

3:30am and “Gentlemen of Hawkesbury” reverberated around the base of Cam Long Down as more friends came out to support us; more brief chat, post match analysis and again we left supporters who had waited a long time. Then into Dursley and at 4:15am the best tasting sausage buttie and cup of tea we have ever tasted, courtesy of another roving supporter. That put a spring in our step.

Up round and down Stinchcombe golf course, coffee and encouragement in North Nibley and then the climb up to the Tyndale monument as the faintest light is visible to the East. There was a welcome checkpoint at Wotton; rice pudding for brekkie? Yes please!

We steeled ourselves for the worst climb of the whole route as we left Wotton, Blackquarries Hill. This was at mile 71; we fought it, we cursed it, we turned east as we reached the peak; a glorious morning was dawning all around. As is tradition when we greet the dawn on a run, the Radio 4 theme tune is played – we ran along to its patriotic strains as tears welled in the eyes. The physical challenge was expected, but we now felt as if we were being emotionally peeled back to the core too.

As we climbed up from Kilcott, the first outriders appeared. “There’s one or two people to see you at Farm Pool” we were told. As we turned down from the Monument, what a sight greeted us. “Game faces on” said Jim, “I don’t think I have a game face” said Dave as tears flowed again.

The most amazing sight greeted us; Hawkesbury in stunning Sunday

sunshine, a 50+ crowd, banners, flags, bacon butties, cheers, good wishes, huge pieces of cake, coffee, cuddles, kisses, quiet words, shouts of support, cleaning of teeth (God that felt good), smiles and applause. Hawkesbury you truly were and always will be magnificent. We cannot thank you enough – the next few miles were the easiest on the route as we felt like we were running on clouds of air.

Now we could start to think about the distance left to go rather than the miles covered. It is 9am and there were still 25 miles to go, with 9 hours left. A brief pause at Horton school where the runners who came before us had regaled the marshalls with tales of amazing support in a small village just up the road. Nice work Hawkesbury!

Running became less frequent and shorter, walking took over, Jim striding out. More roving support appeared - 5 different people over 5 miles. There is one thread to their support and our thoughts “Just get it done”.

We had more bacon at Tormarton as we left the final “cut off point” with time in hand – there were now 15 miles to go in 6 hours. Down we dropped to the back of Dyrham and then climbed up to Cold Ashton. 5 miles in 95 minutes; as fatigue took its toll, we couldn’t believe how long that had taken us.

Down and up Hanging Hill to Lansdowne. It was as hot as an oven now; Dave was drinking like a fish, blisters were agony as every step on the stony descents sent shards of pain up through the legs. Our bodies were now running on empty, it felt as if we were moving by memory alone. Whilst physically we were broken, mentally we felt strong. That was important; as the old adage goes – “90% of trail running is mental, the other 10%’s in the head.”

Down we dropped to Weston, the final checkpoint at 4:10 pm, just 2.5 miles now. More support was so welcome at the CP, and then on up the final sting in the tail that is Sion Hill. Finally the Royal Crescent came into view, Sunday strollers all around us as we walked down into Bath. As we made the final turn to the Abbey, with the last running our legs had to offer we

finished with cheers from our supporters echoing around the walls.

A handshake, a hug, and the final realisation – we were Centurions – we had managed 102 miles and 12,000 feet of climbing (that’s the Three Peaks, and then Snowdon again). Oh, and 275 gates and 42 stiles, 15 churches or abbeys and 10 sports venues, 3 burial mounds and 5 hill forts; counting had given our minds something to do along the way.

Post run, walking from the car to the front door was challenging. Then food and sleep, not necessarily in that order! On Monday it was quite a surprise to find the legs were still attached and willing to function, at least well enough to stagger to the pub for two main courses and a pudding (each).

We’d like to thank everyone who supported us, both on the day and in the months leading up to it. Every time the phone vibrated we knew it was more. To all those who saw us at Farm Pool, thank you for cheering us and all the other runners, it meant a lot to be met with so many people, it was a most humbling experience. And to our roving support crew, thank you so much; what time you spend waiting for us to cheer us on our way. There were hard times, and knowing that we had such tremendous support really kept us going. Mentally, we knew that we could not let you down, we owed you all such a debt. We’re delighted that we brought it home for you, and that, thanks to your generosity, we have raised such funds for the wonderful Village Hall.

Our final thanks have to go to our families, who have supported us unconditionally and put up with all the hours of training, the endless talk and planning. As well as our love we can offer you one other thing, the promise never to run that far again!

**The really, really long versions can be found here:**

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**Dave Anderson & Jim O’Brien**



TROWEL & ERROR

# HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

[www.hawkesbury-gardening-club.org.uk](http://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.

It appears that Gardeners Delight tomatoes have mutated and now grow to a much larger size. Unfortunately the taste has deteriorated also. Some members have experienced this for themselves. The cause is being investigated.

Our speaker for September was John Mason from Highfield Garden World who gave a very entertaining talk and demonstration on Winter Container Plants. John started out as a nurseryman and worked his way up to become a departmental manager in the family-run business. He gave a very amusing explanation as to why garden centres today are as much about providing a shopping experience as they are about plants and garden-related stuff.

John brought along a large range of plants and plant pots and showed us the proper way to choose, pot and display potted plants. He has two main

messages:-

First make sure that the pot is big enough for the plant to grow and that the shape will allow you to remove the plant when it is ready for re-potting and secondly, do not buy cheap potting compost because it is cheap for a reason. Usually that reason is that cheap composts do not contain peat and if it does not contain peat then it is not a lot of good. Wise words!

Our speakers for Monday 23rd November will be Keith Ferguson on 'Flowers Flamboyant and Demure'.

Monday 14th December – Skittles Social in The Beaufort Arms.

Come along and share in the fun. If you are not a member but 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.



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

By Alan C. Porter



The changing colours of autumn never cease to amaze and impress me, what does not amaze or impress me is Christmas shopping. Sometime between hallowe'en and December November pops up and that means the dreaded seasonal shopping, started now to avoid the manic, seasonal charge of mass destruction and wallet crippling mayhem that is December.

"Ho, ho, ho!" The cheery words boom from white, bewiskered lips as rotund figures resplendent in red attempt to entice the reluctant shopper through doorways into glittering, sparkling caverns that have a withering, shrinking effect on the bank balance.

I'm sure this attitude is a purely "blokie" thing. Us

chaps are great at buying the single present, but multi buying for great aunts and little people and mysterious, rarely seen people are beyond all but a few of us and I'm not one of the few.

The ladies have a much better grasp of the situation. I am continually dragged from pound shops in my attempts at thrifty, economical buying, neither trait looked on as necessary when Christmas shopping. I generally end up as a bag carrying minion.

You can find us sitting on the seats in the Mall, surrounded by bags, waiting for the next one to appear and wearing a long suffering expression. Thank goodness it's only once a year!



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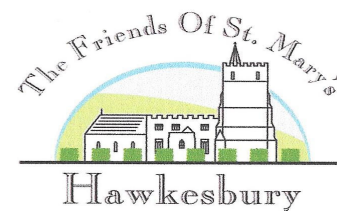


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## Friends of St Mary's — November News



First of all a big 'thank you' to all those who turned up on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October on a bright dry morning to help tidy up the churchyard before the winter. Last year we were rained off, but this time we achieved a lot, even 'going down the drain' to clear out mud, leaves and grass cuttings. A big thank you too to Mary Beresford for providing us with coffee and tea during our labours. Don't forget! **Saturday November**

**21<sup>st</sup>**, a Fizzing Evening, literally! See the poster in this Parish News, and **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6 pm: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine at Church Farm House. **Coming Soon:** A Winter Quiz about St. Mary's: how much do you know about our beautiful church? A Perfect Prize will be awarded to the winner, so start brushing up your knowledge!

**Lisa Overton, Secretary, Friends of St. Mary's**  
[lisawhite1851@gmail.com](mailto:lisawhite1851@gmail.com)

PS Did any one come away with my serving spoons after the Malthouse Harvest Supper? Stainless steel by David Mellor. Would love them back!

### Scarecrow Trail

Many thanks to all those who made scarecrows for the trail-it proved, once again, a great success (and the weather certainly helped!).

For anyone wanting to join in and make a scarecrow for next year's trail, then here's the date you need to remember....

**Hawkesbury Upton Scarecrow Trail Saturday 24th September-Sunday 2nd October 2016** -plenty of notice, so you've no excuse for next year!

The Afternoon Tea held on Sunday 4th October raised £159 for Send a Cow and £64 for Guides.

Thank you to all those who supported the event and the Guides that helped. Special thanks to Corey, Logan and Kade for all their hard work too.

### Children In Need - Friday 13th November

I will be outside Hawkesbury Shop in the morning until 9am and then again in the afternoon 2-3.30pm , with a raffle, guess how many sweets in jar and cakes. All proceeds to Children In Need.

There will be a 'What Made Pudsey Laugh' game in the Beaufort Arms, £2 a go-£20 to Children in Need, £10 to correct answer.

Louise

### WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO by Anne Harris

Get on with what you have to do,  
 Start the job and see it through.  
 Do not grumble, whine or shirk,  
 It's your job, your own, your work.  
 Life is short,  
 You dare not waste one hour of it,

Though you are faced with obstacles of every kind,  
 Taxing the body and the mind.  
 Go forward, never looking back  
 With vain regrets, down memory's track.  
 Count it as a privilege to do  
 Whatever is required of you.

### Engagement Congratulations!

Congratulations to Harry Round & Lydia Fenton who got engaged on 11th October 2015.



### Parish Mag Deadlines

Just a reminder that each month, the **deadline** for the Parish News is the **15th** of the **current month** for the **following month's issue**. (Many local mags have even earlier deadlines, e.g. the 10th.)

As you can see from this issue alone, the volume of material that is submitted is incredible for a village. However, an increasing amount of copy comes in after that deadline.

It is hard enough to check and include all the items that actually come in on time

(especially while working full time & having other commitments). So late items significantly add to the workload, causing things to be constantly reshuffled and the page count increased. The more pages the mag contains, the more it costs to print.

Therefore, although I try to accommodate all items received, I can't always guarantee to include entries.

Thanks for your understanding.

- Ed





## Hawkesbury & Horton WI

At our October meeting delegate Gill Truebody gave a full report of Avon Federation's AGM held at Thornbury. Gill said Federation Chairman, Donna Butcher, had highlighted some of the many events which had taken place in celebration of a hundred years of the WI. During the day there had also been a presentation by the charity Great Western Air Ambulance, with a moving tribute by an accident survivor.

In support of the charity Avon Federation have made a collection of Bras. These will be sold on by the charity to raise funds for their life saving work. The helicopter used is fully equipped as a mini hospital and can reach difficult locations quicker than any other form of transport. They are now raising funds for another.

There were congratulations to our quiz team Jenny Harris, Barbara Harvey, Pat Seabrook and Sue Hope, on winning the Federation Quiz. They have been awarded the Avon Federation Challenge Shield. Speaker for the evening, Mary

Hinton, hedgehog warden for Tetbury, said she became involved in hedgehog rescue about eight years ago, when travelling at night, she saw a hedgehog at the side of the road looking very poorly. Having taken it home she contacted The Help A Hedgehog Hospital which had been started the year before by Annie Parfitt. Annie took it in but suggested Mary went on a day course to find out more about their care. Mary did, and was hooked! Her converted garage is now a hedgehog hospital named Hogwarts, also there are three more. To everyone's delight Mary brought along a young hoglet in her care. She said any hedgehog under 600 grms in weight now is unlikely to survive the winter, so those brought in are cared for until release in Spring. Last year 120 were released to safe sites.

Mary said there has been a serious decline in numbers, from an estimated 54 million in the 1950's to under a million now. Reasons given are increased urbanization and increased use of pesticides. Many also fall victim to strimmers and mowers and she asked us to check areas to be cut first. And with the 5th

November approaching she said she wishes people would check round the edges of fires before lighting, and also try to build them near the time of burning as hedgehogs use them to hibernate. At the end of her talk we were able to purchase lots of items connected to hedgehog rescue; all raising money for the good work. The vote of thanks was given by Pat Sherry.

Flower of the Month was won by Wendy Weaver with a Rudbeckia

### Diary Dates

**3rd November** Back-packing through New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands Two Old Folk with Mike and Linda Reeves

**FIRE DRILL** ANNUAL MEETING

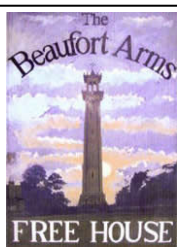
**1st December** Windsor Castle – Sally Macfadyen

Competition Verse for a Christmas Card

**15th December** Christmas Meal – The Cross Hands Hotel

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

**Betty Salthouse 01454 238410**



### Harvest Home

Many thanks to all who turned up for our annual Harvest Home in the Beaufort, you were all amazing and your bidding for the *Senior Citizens Fund* was phenomenal. A staggering £550 was raised and the

## Beaufort News

produce on sale was of the first order. Without Dave, Josie, Audrey, Fiona, Keith, Derek, Bernie, Les & Annette, the Guides and a host of others we wouldn't have had anything to put on sale. Apologies if I've missed anyone out, but the £550 raised says it all in my opinion.

**Mark**

## Sincere Condolences

Sadly, news reached us at time of going to press, that Brian Whiting passed away on October 15th.

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## Hawkesbury Upton Senior Citizen's Fund

### Harvest Auction at The Beaufort

The wonderful sum of £550 was raised on the evening of the Auction. Our grateful thanks to Mark Steeds for continuing to host this traditional fundraiser on behalf of the Senior Citizen's of Hawkesbury.

Special thanks also to Josie and Keith Player, who were unable to attend on the evening yet managed to donate not only fruit and vegetables from their garden but also a host of cookery items from Josie – Pasties, Quiches and Crumbles

Dave Harris, a stalwart of many years, donated an array of fruit and vegetables with

Anne donating some wonderful knitted items.

The evening would not have been complete without the famous 'Bread, Cheese and Pickle' and it

was touching that so many contributed to keeping this tradition going.

Thanks to All,  
*Sam Allen and All Committee Members*

### What is The Senior Citizen's Fund

The Senior Citizen's Fund is an account that is in place to benefit all those who have been resident for at least 1 year and in receipt of a State Pension in the villages of Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury Upton and The Commons. At present everyone receives the sum of £10. It is administered by The Royal British Legion, assisted by the WI.

We need your help to ensure that no one is missed. It is difficult to know when people reach pension age (state pension), especially now that the age can differ from year to year. Please let us know when you

or someone else reaches that age.

Over the past year fundraising in the community has raised over £1,500 from the following: Pea & Pie Supper, The RAOB (Buffs), Summer Skittles, Rugby, Football competition proceeds from Mick Bendeaux, Harvest Auction at The Beaufort and also 2 Donations.

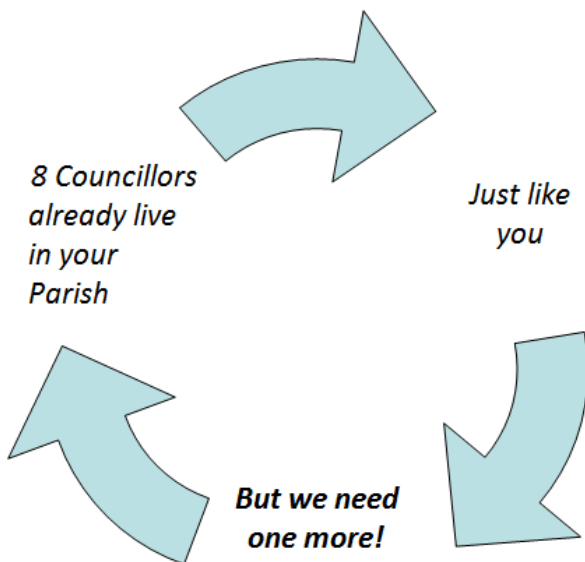
In December 2014, 207 senior citizens received £10. This included residents of Beaufort House. (The monies were used to give all residents a Christmas treat.)

The fund is still reasonably healthy, but each year we will continue to need fundraising events and donations to enable us to continue with this great tradition of the community that is Hawkesbury Upton.

*Ms Sam Allen, Hon Sec, The Royal British Legion.*

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**Rugby World Cup  
Competition**

Many thanks to all who entered this year's competition, a record number of 44. Usually someone gets into the lead and stays there, but this time there was a new leader after most sets of fixtures, the eventual winner was never in 1st place until the final day !!

After paying out the prize money - winner £100, runner up £50 - the balance was donated to the Senior Citizen Christmas Fund.

A full list of results is available on the wall in the bottom bar of The Beaufort, these are the top few.

Paul Gardener 3	270
Patrick	268
Paul Gardener 2	264
Rob Baxendine	258
Barry Wright	257
Chris Taylor	256
Limpus Dickus	252
Matt & Kristy Dunk	248
Lee Wright	248
Terry Trip	244
Terry Gardener	243
Pat Nettles	241
Barry Yuill	241
Keith Burgham	241
Paul Gardener 1	240
Chris Rispin	240

Many thanks, once again to Mick Bendeaux for organising another excellent competition, which generates such a lot of interest and raises a fantastic amount for the Senior Citizens' Fund. (I was about as successful as the England team...) - Ed.



**Friends of Guiding  
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A thousand years ago, in addition to toiling on the land for his lord, the Hawkesbury peasant would have had his own strip of soil to cultivate in the extensive Open Fields of what was then a very large manor. Times have changed, populations have fluctuated, and now the Hawkesbury resident probably has a garden to tend and possibly an allotment as well. The allotment system we know today, providing land for the 'labouring poor' on which to grow food crops, evolved during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was consolidated by the Small Holdings and Allotments Act of 1908 by which a local authority is still obliged to provide allotments if there is demand from more than six people. Enthusiasm for allotment gardening raged during the two World Wars, suffered a decline in the years after both but, due to a certain television programme in the 1970s (and who can forget Tom and Barbara's attempts at self-sufficiency in 'The Good Life'?) and the cascade of information and inspiration in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there has been a resurgence of interest; once again allotment plots are like 'gold dust'.



Whether you merely dabble in your garden or are serious competitors at the annual Hawkesbury Horticultural Show, buy all your fruit and veg from Tesco's or have a freezer full of 'home grown', and whether or not you rent an allotment, you'll find much to enjoy in **FIONA WARIN's** entertaining romp through '**A HISTORY OF ALLOTMENT GARDENING**'.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 8.00pm**

**Village Hall**

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### Wanted – School Appeal Panel Members

**Do you have excellent listening skills?**

**Do you have the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions?**

**Would you like to become involved in an important, impartial service provided to parents and schools?**

We are looking for new volunteers to become members of the South Gloucestershire Independent Appeals Panel. Panel members must be able to put nervous parents at ease and make balanced decisions to ensure that parents and schools receive a fair appeal hearing.

**What do panels do?**

If a parent is refused a place at their preferred school for their child or if their child has been permanently excluded from school they can appeal to an independent panel. The Panel will consider the special circumstances of the parent's case, the reasons why the admission authority refused their child a place or excluded their child from school and makes a decision on the issue.

**Who is on the Panel?**

We have a pool of members and use three members to sit on our panels. There are two types of member – those with experience of education (i.e. a parent of a child at a school or somebody with experience in education) and "lay" members

(i.e. those without any experience in education).

Each school appeal panel must include a lay member. We, therefore, welcome applications from people without personal experience in the management or provision of education in any school, other than as a governor or in any other voluntary capacity.

We are also seeking applications from people who are school governors, headteachers or former headteachers, teachers or former teachers and parents with children at school. No special qualifications are required.

Appeal hearings are held during the day. Service on the Panel is voluntary, but members are entitled to some expenses (such as travel) and refreshments are provided for panel members throughout the day. All new panel members will receive training before taking part in an appeal and training will take place at Kingswood Civic Centre on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, commencing at 10.00am. Refresher training is provided every year.

If you would like to be considered as an appeal panel member, application forms are available from Democratic Services on 01454 863015, by email [schoolappeals@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:schoolappeals@southglos.gov.uk) or by writing to School Appeals, South Gloucestershire Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR.

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# HAWKESBURY UPTON TENNIS CLUB

## NOVEMBER 2015

Sadly the dark nights have overtaken us and we are now restricted to daytime games. So a new group has formed, known as the HUTC DAPs [Daytime Available Players]. We've agreed to play regularly at 2.00pm every Monday afternoon. Only rain will deter us as it makes the balls soggy. Several layers, mittens, thermal underwear, woolly hats and scarves are all permitted on court. It's a great way to keep active through the winter, so please don't be put off. You're also welcome to bring homemade soup along if you like!!

Some locals have indicated their concern at being "shown up due to their lack of ability". Well that's absolutely NOT going to happen and clearly you haven't been up to the courts and watched us play!! We're social tennis players, who even swap recipes while playing; anything goes, I promise you. There's more banter than skill on court as we try to make it a fun afternoon away from the desk, laptop, phone or kitchen sink. There will be no charge for your first visit, if you want to come up and give it a go and membership is not compulsory if you want to remain a non-member. [See below for charges.]

We would like to hear from anyone who could play in the afternoons as to which days you are free. We'll be trying to play on other fine days during the week so please contact Tricia [details below] if you would like to have a game. We try to play right through the winter so just turn up if you prefer.

Non-Members who wish to borrow a key are welcome to do so and can pay Barbara, in the village, or Tricia, Orange End, Inglestone Common, when they collect it. Please ring first on:

Tricia – 01454 294768 [triciaperris@icloud.com] or Barbara – 01454 238569

### Non-Members' Fee

£6.00 per hour per court at peak times & £3.00 per hour per court at off peak  
[Peak = all day Saturday and Sunday]

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** "Steve & The Yeti" – Saturday 16 January 2016 – doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the Village Hall.

Our main fundraiser of the year is the eagerly anticipated talk by Steve Berry; always great entertainment, with light buffet and cash bar available. Please save the date in your diary and watch this space for further details. Tickets can be reserved through me on the email address above; just give your name, email address and number of tickets required and I'll get back to you with details of cost etc once final arrangements have been made. We look forward to welcoming you and thank you, in advance, for your support.

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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.

*"The Lord says; I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.  
I will advise you and watch over you."* Psalm 32 : 8

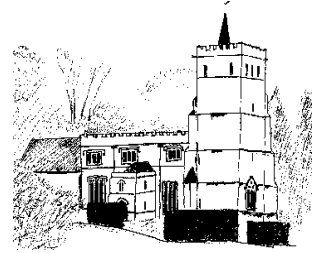
Harvest has come and gone, and it was a very special evening. The readings were beautifully read by the children, and different voices for the prayers seemed to make all the difference to an already meaningful service. This was followed by a splendid supper at the Malthouse, with a country style casserole. The harvest produce is to go to the Julian Trust emergency night shelter in Bristol and to the Yate Food Bank, and the collection to Send a Cow. We thank everyone who contributed in any way to making our harvest thanksgiving so special: the children who made decorations, Mrs Peckett for the flowers from her garden and the ladies from Beaufort House who arranged them, and Lisa and Christopher Overton for their hospitality

A separate report by Mary Beresford appears elsewhere in Parish News about Send a Cow

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Please note that until further notice, evening services at St Mary's will be held at 5.0 pm, apart from special services which will occur at special times, to be notified. We hope that this will allow more people to come to the evening services before returning home to their usual Sunday evening activities**

Looking ahead now, we have a service of Remembering Our Loved Ones on 2 November at 7.0 pm, already



highlighted in October's Parish News. The Remembrance Day service on The Plain takes place as usual, on 8 November, with Evensong at St Mary's at 5.0 pm. At the end of the month we are holding an Advent choral service on 29 November at 6.0 pm

The Light of the World service on Christmas Eve at 5.0 pm will take a slightly different form this year, involving Christmas trees donated by village organisations. The visit to the stable will still take place, as it has in recent years

Finally, the charity lunches start on 3 December for three consecutive Thursdays at the Methodist Church Hall. The money donated will be sent to Send a Cow

### Dates for your diary

**2 November** - Remembering our Loved Ones – St Mary's – 7.0 pm

**8 November** – Remembrance Day – The Plain - 10.50 am

**29 November** – Advent Choral Service – St Mary's – 6.0 pm

**3, 10 17 December** – charity lunches – Methodist Hall – 12.30 pm

**24 December** – Light of the World – St Mary's – 5.0 pm

Jennifer Oldershaw



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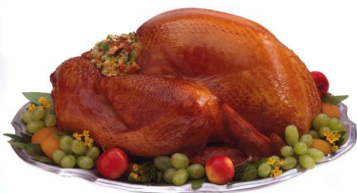
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Halloween witches and ghouls away for another year and Guy Fawkes burned again!!!

Turkeys beware, as Christmas is but 7 weeks away.



Christmas goodies, of which we have our new cured meat range, gammons, Christmas cakes, meringues, mince pies & Christmas puddings, Tracklements jellies, pickles, chutneys & mustards and our selection of cheeses, all able to order whenever you are ready to do your Christmas shopping.

### "TASTING DAY"

**on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the shop –  
starts 11.30-1.30pm**

Some lovely hot food to try, don't miss Kate's marvellous cooking, she always puts on a great feast. There will be lots of tasters of cheese, pork pies, pates, and pickles.

**PLEASE COME & JOIN US**

**November Services in Badminton Benefice**

BADMINTON BENEFICE	Readings	SAT	SUNDAY			MONDAY		
			Early morning	Mid-morning	Late morning	5/6pm	7pm	
<u>1st November</u> <u>All saints Day</u>	Rev 21.1-6a John 11.32-44		8.30 Leigherton BCP HC AT Alveen	9.30 Lasb Matins Mary 9.45 Hawk CW HC Richard	1115 Didmarton Matins + Act of Remembrance Richard		Hawk All Souls Service Mary	
<u>8th November</u>	-		8.30 Acton Turv with Act of Rememb. Richard	9.30 Lasb BCP HC CC 9.30 Sop Act of Rememb. RT	1050 Gt Badminton RT 1050 Leighterton CC 1050 Hawkesbury MB	5pm Hawk Evensong Mary B.		
<u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	John 15.9-17							
<u>15th November</u>	Heb 10.11-25		8.30 Didmarton Alveen	9.30 Lasb Mat AT 9.45 Hawk MB	1115 Sop Matins RT 11 Leighterton CW HC Alveen			
<u>2nd Sun before Advent</u>	Mark 13.1-8	6pm Acton Turville RT						
<u>22nd November</u>	Rev 1.4b-8	6pm Leight RT	8.30 Acton Turv Alveen	9.30 Lasb CW HC Richard	11 Gt Bad El Gubi Mat Richard	5pm BCP HC Hawk AT		
<u>Christ the King</u>	John 18.33-37							
<u>29th November</u>	1 Thess 3.9-end		8.30 G Bad BCP HC RT	9.30 Lasb HC Alveen	1115 Sopworth Richard	6pm Hawk Advent Carols AT		
<u>1st Sun of Advent</u>	Luke 21.25-36							
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>Saints Days</b>	<b>KEY</b>	Mat - Matins	HC - Holy Communion				
Tues 9am Hawk 4.30 Box	1/11 All Saints		Ev- Evensong	Did, Sop, Lasb, Bad,	etc. - short for villages			
Wed 9am Act T 3.30 Lasb	2/11 All Souls		RT or Richard - Vicar		CW - Church warden			
Thurs 9 Leight 4.30 Sop	22/11 Xst the King		AT or Alveen - Assoc. Priest		BCP - Prayer Book			
Fri 9am L Bad 4.30 G Bad	30/11 St Andrew		CC or Celia - Ret. Priest		CW - contemp. Lit.			
<b>Please checkwith RT</b>			MB or Mary The Reader					



## Letter from the Vicar – November 2015

Dear Friends,

We must all be exercised by the images on our television screens of Refugees and economic migrants holed up at Calais or on the borders of East European countries. As the weather turns to winter and the ferocious cold that can be experienced in much of Europe, our compassion and concern increases.

Obviously there are some who merit more concern than others. Economic migrants are trying to better their lives, but they are not forced from their homes in the same way that refugees are. Refugees fleeing war zones and living with the peril of being killed or watching their children starve to death, is a completely different matter from those simply trying to earn more money.

The other complication is that as the Prime Minister has indicated with his funding, it is better to help people on the borders of their country, than to encourage a mass exodus to Europe. No one wants to see a trail of millions of homeless refugees coming across Europe. Most countries simply can not cope with that sort of population surge. Schools, hospitals, services and other infrastructure are not built for that sort of influx of people.

However, we see the television pictures and our Christian compassion is stirred. The Good Samaritan could have simply turned round to the man robbed and beaten up on the road to Jericho and said: 'You should have known better than to travel on this road at this time of day, unarmed and on your own!' And if he had, then the story would not be the great Christian parable about who is our neighbour that Jesus calls us to love.

So, the refugee is our neighbour. And we can not just walk on by as if we do not care what happens to him/her. But neither must we assume that our charity is necessarily the only answer. There are political issues, military issues, issues of an economic and practical nature.

And within all that is the Christian commandment to love our neighbour. My prayer is that between the generosity and hospitality of the everyday Christian, the astuteness of the politician, and the courage of the armed forces, peace can soon be resumed in Syria and people return to their homes.

With my best wishes,

Richard Thomson, Vicar

Please Contact me for arranging Christenings, weddings or Confirmation.

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### Church Services in November 2015 For St. Mary's Church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
01st Nov	0945 am	Morning Praise Communion	Lisa Overton	Rev 21 1 - 6a	Diane Musty
02nd Nov	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Remembering our loved ones</b>			
08th Nov	<b>5pm</b>	Evensong	W Fairney	Jon 15 9 - 17	P Bendry
15th Nov	0945 am	Morning Praise		Heb 10 11 - 25 Mark 13 1 - 8	H Rogers
22nd Nov	<b>5 pm</b>	B.C.P. Holy Communion	D Musty	Rev 1 4b - 8	P Broad
29th Nov	<b>6pm</b>	<b><u>AVENT CAROL SERVICE</u></b>	T.B.A.		L Fairney
06th Dec	0945 am	Morning Praise Holy Communion	A Gray		B Salthouse
13th Dec	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Evensong	A Craig		B Stephens

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

#### Church Cleaners:

Help Needed

#### Church Flowers:

Audrey Cole

Please note all the different service times

Regular evening services will take place at 5pm — special services at the time advertised

## Methodist Church News – November 2015

### Services for November 2015



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 9.45am Morning Praise at St Mary's  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am **Remembrance Sunday**  
**Service on the Plain, followed by service in the chapel with Rev. J. Lee**  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9.45am Morning Praise at St Mary's  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 10.00am Jenny Clark  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am Rev. J. Lee 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**Date for your diary: Carol Service Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.**

We are hoping to run a **Nativity Trail** around the village during December and will be holding a **craft workshop in the Methodist school room on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 10am-12pm.** All materials will be provided and there will also be refreshments. Please come along and produce a picture for the trail. Further details of the trail will follow in the next magazine.

#### Letter from the new Methodist minister

Greeting all my sisters and brothers in Hawkesbury Upton!

My name is Jongsin Lee. I come from South Korea and have been living here for 20 years with my wife and two daughters. I came to this country to study historical theology further, first at the University of Surrey (MA), then at the University of Bristol (MA) and finally at the University of Wales (MPhil). My specialisms are John Wesley and Hermeneutics.

I have worked in the Methodist church in Britain for 7 years and have come here to take care of 3 churches (Hawkesbury Upton, Yate and Shortwood).

I love to work in the countryside like Hawkesbury because it is so peaceful, friendly and caring. During my time here, I will try to harmonize with you and learn from you more.

May God bless you.

From Jongsin Lee (Minister at Hawkesbury Upton Methodist Church)

#### Harvest Charity - Send a Cow Food Bank Julian Trust

##### Together this Harvest we have reached out to those in need

Well what a great response – but why should I be surprised, the village never fails to respond to a challenge. We had an inspiring talk from a Representative for the Charity 'Send a Cow', who spoke during our Harvest Service explaining exactly what happens when a cow is given. A tremendous amount is put in by representatives of the charity, our speaker being one of them, who had stayed in a Village, giving help and advice, working together to build a shelter to house the cow, and hands on training on the land and irrigation, this lasted for over a period of a year until the people were self sufficient.

To date we have raised over £800 and still going it would appear that we will be sending two cows! We have had donations from the Guides and Rainbows, the Methodist Harvest Breakfast, St Mary's Harvest Service, Harvest Supper and raffle. Also private donations have been received. Other Fundraisers being planned, so I will report back again next month

The Food bank is in place in the Village Shop and will remain there for a six-week period

A variety of gifts were also received for the Julian Trust, the Homeless Charity which is based in Bristol, Jennifer Oldershaw is happy to receive any other gifts, such as toiletries, tinned and dried food, and produce.

**Mary Beresford**





## Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer

I have now been in post for a little over a month as South Gloucestershire Councils Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons Officer. I normally work on a Monday and Tuesday with my main role being the delivery of the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme (HLS). As a former adviser for Natural England providing advice and guidance on HLS I am finding it really interesting to be at the sharp end of getting things done rather than just talking about it! A fascinating project to 'bring back the buttercup' to Inglestone Common instigated by my predecessor Ellie Phillips, is now underway. This little plant, the adder's tongue spearwort is one of a number of plants which once thrived in cattle poached pond edges

and muddy drove roads and its decline tells a story of changing land use over time. The fact that it is holding on at Inglestone says much about this ancient landscape. The project aims to improve the habitat and bulk up and plant out new adder's tongue spearwort from locally sourced seed. It is a huge advantage to still have cattle grazing on the commons and a string of wet pools and muddy depressions where it once grew. Many of these pools have disappeared in recent years under a fringe of scrub pushing out of Spoil Coppice and parts of Green Trench had become impassable due to scrub and fallen trees. This has now been carefully cut back and roots removed opening up the area and creating the bare ground we are after.

Work had to proceed with caution to minimise potential disturbance to great crested newts and dormice and be completed before they started to hibernate. It is hoped that longer term cattle will mooch through the area helping to keep it open. Reports from Kew confirm that the initial germination of seed held at the Millennium Seed Bank has been successful with a batch being grown on to maturity producing plenty of new seed for the second phase of the project.

If you would like further information on this or any other projects on the common then please do get in touch.

Ann Harris 01454 865614  
ann.harris@southglos.gov.uk

## South Gloucestershire Councillor's Report

Thanks to all those that responded – and copied me in, to the consultation on the 20mph Speed Limit for the village. The decision will be made at a future Area Forum Committee. South Gloucestershire Council carries out many consultations on many different topics including Housing Revenue Support, Adult Social Care Services and speed limits. There will shortly be further consultations on the Joint **Planning Strategy** – this starts in November and runs through until after Christmas – this will include the plans for future housing and development up until 2036. There will be information on the website, roadshows and meetings **Cotswold Conservation Board (AONB)** is looking for a Secretary

of State appointment to the Board, please contact <http://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/aonbs/> for further information. The Board is currently investigating ways to promote the Cotswolds as a great place to work and play, and developing strategies around tourism and visitor giving; the Board were also successful in their bid to administer LEADER funding, (European funding for the promotion of rural business) for the area.

**Breast Screening** – I am aware that some people were surprised to receive a letter calling them to Cheltenham for their breast screening. It is still possible to go to Dursley – next year – or Bristol if you phone and ask for a change in venue. The changes were made to

the boundary without any reference to customers or indeed anyone else. Please get in touch with me if you need further information.

**Sirona Care** is a social enterprise which delivers many community health services across South Gloucestershire, including providing the services at Yate Minor Injuries Unit and Thornbury Hospital – they are starting a home service for those over 80. Please ask your GP for further information.

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

**Cllr Sue Hope**

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## Hawkesbury Parish Council

### Planning Applications received:

PK15/3809/F	Inglestone Farm Chase Lane Inglestone Common	Conversion and restoration of existing outbuilding to provide family recreational use ancillary to main dwelling	<b>No Objection</b>
PK15/3810/LB	Inglestone Farm Chase Lane Inglestone Common	Conversion and restoration of existing outbuilding to provide family recreational use ancillary to main dwelling	<b>No Objection</b>
PK15/3832/TCA	Watlins Sandpits Lane Hawkesbury Upton	Works to fell 1no. Conifer tree situated within the Hawkesbury Upton Conservation Area	<b>Support the application</b>
PK15/3896/F	Barnside Cottage Hawkesbury Common	Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation	<b>No Objection</b>

### Planning Decisions received from South Gloucestershire Council :

PK15/2972/F	New House Farm Hawkesbury Common Badminton	Erection of two storey side extension to form residential annexe ancillary to the main dwelling.	<b>Approve with conditions</b>
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### Dates for your diary

***Vacancy for a Parish Councillor-Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015***

***Annual Christmas Lights Switch on-Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm***

***Look out for your Housing Needs Survey coming through your door very soon!***



*Annual Christmas Light Switch on*

*Will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 5.30pm*

***Required - donation of mince pies***

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

Before 5pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## Hawkesbury Parish Council (continued)

### Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is being held on Monday 2nd November 2015 in the upstairs meeting room, in the Village Hall, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm.

### Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

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Parish Clerk  
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#### November Events:

#### **Saturday 7th November, 8pm-Anna Phoebe**

Violinist and composer Anna Phoebe has been thrilling audiences all over the world with her stunning live performances. Dazzling and charismatic, she's played major arenas all over the USA, London venues including the Royal Albert Hall and the Royal Festival Hall, and festivals including Glastonbury. [www.annaphoebe.com](http://www.annaphoebe.com) Entrance costs £9.50/£7.50

#### **Sunday 8th November, 2pm - 5.30pm - Irish Set Dancing**

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

#### **Saturday 14th November, 8pm-Iron and Oak**

Sarana VerLin from America and James Slater from the UK bring you roots music influences from both sides of the ocean. Their style is an original fusion of Contemporary Folk, Alt-Country, Swampy Blues and Red Dirt music; they perform their own compositions along with original arrangements of old and new songs... performing songs of love and loss... some grit, some sweetness, some darkness, some light... all with a bit of humour along the way. Entrance costs £8.50/£6.50

#### **Sunday 15th November, 10am-4pm-Fusing for the Festive Season with Caroline Lambert.**

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#### **Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm-Wotton's Got Talent**

An evening showcasing talent from in and around Wotton.... Music, singing, dancing, comedy, novelty, juggling, anything goes! A highly entertaining evening guaranteed. This grand final will take place at Blue Coat School Hall. Entrance costs £7/£6

#### **Saturday 28th November, 11am-4pm-Christmas Craft Fair**

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#### **Sunday 29th November, 2pm-4pm-Word Wizards Creative Workshop for Children**

Third in a series of workshops that will be led by two local writers and will encourage young writers to explore and experiment with creative writing in a fun and relaxed environment. Each session costs £10 per child or £8 for siblings and booking is essential. Please contact: [wordwizards@outlook.com](mailto:wordwizards@outlook.com) or call Chloe on 07710514689 for bookings or enquiries.

#### December Events:

#### **Saturday 5th December, 7pm-Christmas at UTEA**

A seasonal celebration with performances by the groups and classes of UTEA. Join us for a drink and a mince pie, and maybe even some carol singing and get into the festive spirit whilst raising funds for UTEA. Entrance costs just £3 adults plus donations welcome for children.

#### **Sunday 6th December, 2.30 - 4.30pm - Tea Dance**

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Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	31 Oct	6pm	<b>Halloween Mischief</b> – lots of scary fun for children to enjoy!
Sun	1 Nov	8pm	<b>Quiz</b> . Teams of four, £2 per head, prizes and charity fund raising
Sun	8 Nov	7:30pm	<b>Acoustic Evening</b> . Sing, play or recite – or just enjoy the free live entertainment
Wed	11 Nov	10:30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> . Come have some delicious Fleece coffee and cakes. Meet and gossip about village life and also support a worthy charity with the raffle
Sun	22 Nov	1-6pm	<b>Jazz Sunday @ The Fleece</b> . Live saxophonist
Sun	22 Nov	7:30pm	<b>Vinyl Night</b> – music appreciation on old-school vinyl. Dig out your tunes on the theme of "Numbers"

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As an optimist, I'm looking on the bright side:

I'm looking forward to a winter without wind-induced power cuts, now that they've buried the electricity cables underground.

I can't wait to have a whole new room opening onto the garden, though we've not yet agreed how to use it. My daughter wants it kept clear as a dance space, whereas I'm thinking "goody, more bookshelves!"

It's much easier to spot my (black) car in the car park from the writing in the dust that has encased it.

Whether all this dust will have the same positive impact on the local environment as Vesuvius's volcanic materials remains to be seen.

Apparently its slopes have been extremely fertile ever since the eruption that buried Pompeii. You may yet see my name on prize-winning giant vegetables in next year's Village Show - or spot my little hatchback growing into a spacious saloon.

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Sat 28th	Cardiff	£12.00	£ 8.00

## December:

Sun 6th	Christmas Lunch & Tour	TBC	
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## January 2016

Sun 3rd Jan	Snow White (13.00 performance)	£35.50	£27.00
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## April 2016

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Sunday, 1st November 15:00

**Suffragette Running time: 106 mins Cert 12A**

SUFFRAGETTE is a thrilling drama that tracks the story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. These women were not primarily from the genteel educated classes, they were working women who had seen peaceful protest achieve nothing. Radicalized and turning to violence as the only route to change, they were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality – their jobs, their homes, their children and their lives. MAUD was one such foot soldier. The story of her fight for dignity is as gripping and visceral as any thriller, it is also heart-breaking and inspirational.

Fri, 30th October 19:30

Sat, 31st October 16:45

Sun, 1st November 19:30

Mon, 2nd November 20:15

Tues, 3rd November 19:30

Wed, 4th November 20:30

Thurs, 5th November 14:00

**Macbeth Running time: 113 mins Cert 15**

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Friday, 6th November 17:00

**Spectre Running time: 150 mins**

A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.

Fri, 13th November 19:30

Sat, 14th November 19:30

Sun, 15th November 19:30

Mon, 16th November 20:15

Tue, 17th November 19:30

Wed, 18th November 20:30

Thur, 19th November 14:00

Fri, 20th November 19:30

Sat, 21st November 15:00 & 19:30

Sun, 22nd November 15:00

Mon, 23rd November 20:15

Tue, 24th November 19:30

Wed, 25th November 20:30

Thur, 26th November 14:00

**Maya The Bee Movie Running time: 89 mins Cert U**

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Saturday, 21st November 10:30

**The Lobster Running time: 118 mins Cert U**

THE LOBSTER is the English language debut of internationally acclaimed Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos. Starring Colin Farrell, Rachel Weisz, Léa Seydoux, John C Reilly, Ben Whishaw, Olivia Colman and Michael Smiley, THE LOBSTER is a blackly funny love story set in a near future where finding love is a matter of life or death. Sunday, 22nd November 19:30

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Little Stoke Sort It centre – re-open on Wednesdays  
 \*except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day when they will be closed

**Residents using large vans to deposit household waste can continue to use the sites**

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

The height and trailer restrictions at Little Stoke Sort It centre still apply.

Trade and commercial waste cannot be accepted at any of the Sort It centres.

Facilities for commercial waste are available at the transfer stations next to the Sort It centres at Mangotsfield and Yate.

The Sort It centres are for the sole use of South Gloucestershire residents and you may be asked for proof of residency and identification when visiting the site.

**Why are the opening times changing?**

Changing opening times at the Sort It centres is the first step to making improvements to them and reducing the number of non residents and traders using the sites. These have been agreed by the Communities Committee following a public consultation that took place November 2014 to February 2015.

We have reviewed the number of people visiting the Sort It centres and found that they are not used very much during the longer opening hours in the summer. The new opening times have been based on the times when the sites are used the most.

Making opening times shorter during the summer also means that we can now reopen the Little Stoke Sort It Centre on Wednesdays.

**What else is changing?**

In 2016 the following changes will be introduced:

- residents vehicle registration scheme to make sure that only South Gloucestershire residents can use the sites
- electronic permits for all vans, replacing the current van access policy to reduce commercial use of the sites. Vans will be restricted to 12 visits a year

We will let everyone know when they can start to register later this year. Visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/sortit](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/sortit) for more information.

To find out about what can be accepted at the Sort It centres, where to find them and van access visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/sortit](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/sortit) or call 01454 868000.

**Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Walk**

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# November Sudoku

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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 !!**

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

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

Answers to the October quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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



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