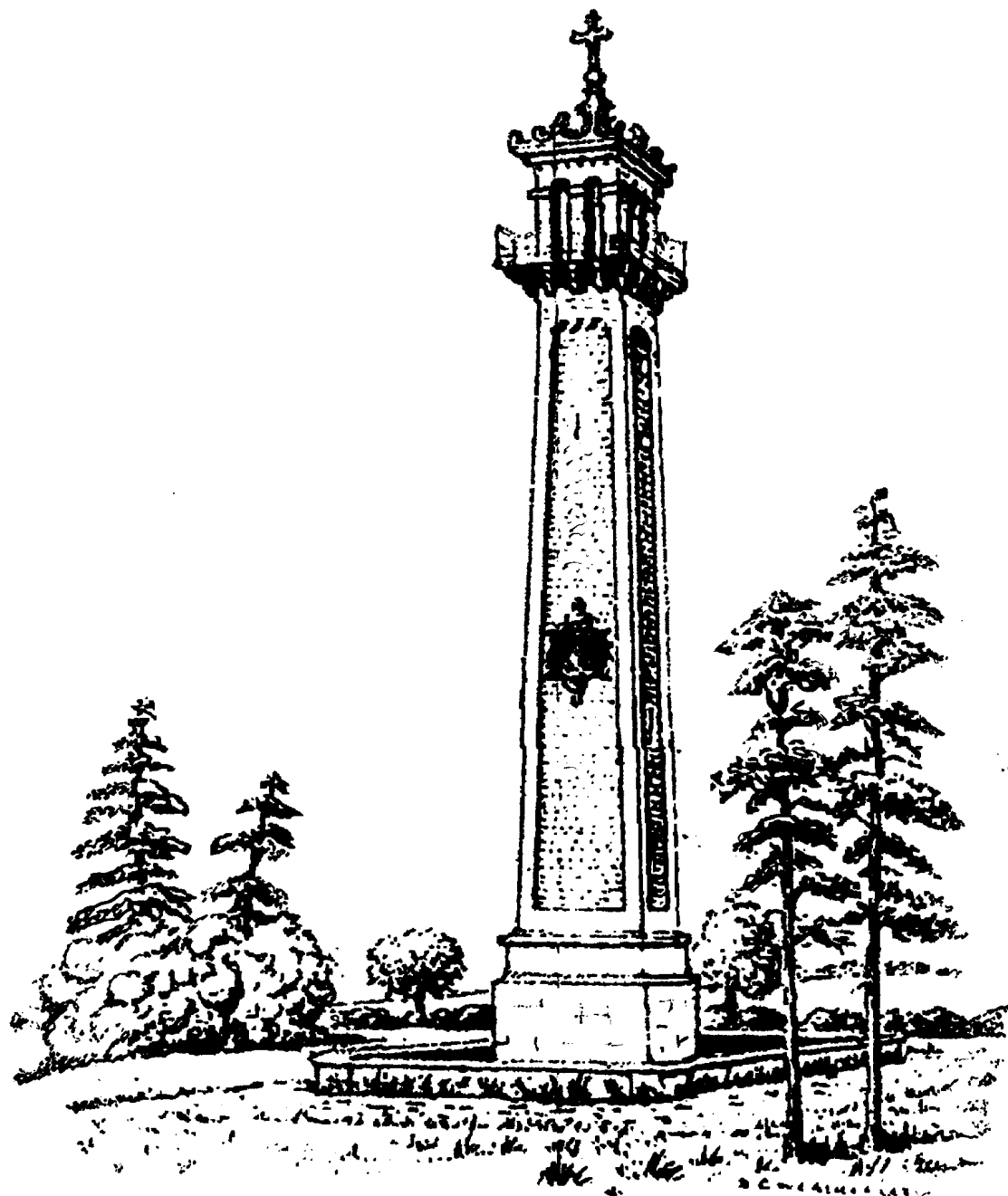


April 2010

Hawkesbury



Parish News



EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

Welcome to the April issue of Hawkesbury News.

A brief apology for the lateness of the March issue - which was unfortunately due to the lady at the KLB Reprographics Dept being ill at the end of February. Hopefully, she is now back to full health. Fingers-crossed that this did not affect any events in early March, as most of them were thankfully already advertised in the February issue. However, we may need to consider bringing forward the copy deadline, if we encounter any further issues, so watch this space!

Spring really seems to be upon us at last and the recent sunshine has been such a welcome cheer following the very long winter. I'm so pleased that I planted lots of different bulbs in the autumn, as they are providing almost daily surprises as another burst of colour pops up through the soil. The arrival of newborn piglets and lambs in the village also adds to the feeling that Spring really has arrived. (More details in this issue...)

As you'd expect, there are many activities and fundraising events organised over the Easter weekend and beyond. Highlights include:

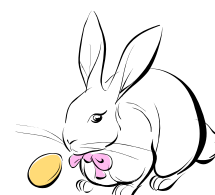
- the **Sponsored Walk** in aid of the Village Show on **Good Friday, 2nd April**;
- a **Gardening Club** talk on **Wild Flowers of The Cotswolds** on **Monday 26th April at 8pm**; and
- RAOB presenting **The Sun Dogs** (with Max Cole supporting) on **Saturday 24th April** at Hawkesbury Village Hall at **7:45 pm**. All proceeds to Help For Heroes.

Read on for further information on these and many other events during the coming weeks.

Deadline for copy for the May edition is 20th April 2010.

Please send it in as early as you can!

Happy Easter to you all from the Hawkesbury News team!



In Brief

Did you know that Hawkesbury Village Hall has its own website?

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Latest date for all items for the May magazine is 20th April.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 5th April 2010, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

HAWKESBURY UPTON RECYCLING GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of Hawkesbury Upton Recycling Group will be held on **22nd April 2010 at 7.30pm** at **The Beaufort Arms** skittle alley.



Do join us and find out about recycling in the village.

Information from Pat Sherry.....238791

Yoga classes

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Tues 9th April

Meeting at Hawkesbury Village Hall

at 2:30pm



Hawkesbury Gardening Club

At Hawkesbury School Hall.

Monday 26th April at 8pm



Wild Flowers of The Cotswolds

A talk by Mrs. Sue Smith

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Hawkesbury Horticultural Society

GOOD FRIDAY SPONSORED WALK

Friday 2nd April 2010

Walkers assemble and register in The Beaufort Arms car park

at 10.00am



Hawkesbury Cricket Club – dates for your diary 2010

Commoners v Hawkesbury Cricket Match - at Orange End - Monday 5th April, and BBQ

Bluebell Walk - Monday 3rd May

Junior Egg Catching - Friday 4th June, 6.30pm at Coombe Farm

Rounders Day - Sunday 11th July

Organised Bike Ride (details to follow) - Sun 26th Sept

Senior Presentation Evening - Sat 20th November - 7.30pm



HAWKESBURY TENNIS CLUB

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Registration for membership:-

Saturday 17 April-10am til 12 at the cricket pavilion. this will be followed by the AGM

Monday 19th April 6.30pm : first club night of the new season

Sunday 9th May : Marie Curie charity tennis day

Saturday 4th September: Annual Family tournament



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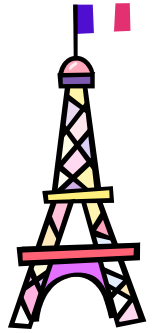
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Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

April Newsletter 2010

Bonjour from all the children and staff of Hawkesbury school. We have a continental feel about the school as we prepare to hold a 'French Day'. The children will be making Eiffel towers from newspaper, baking 'tarte au pomme' (apple tarts to us English speakers), dancing the can-can, hearing stories in French and studying French artists to name but a few activities. Our wonderful cook, Jane Bleaken, has created a special French menu for the children to sample. We have been blessed with many offers of help from parents, teachers from Chipping Sodbury secondary school and KLB, governors and grand parents. It should be fantastique!



A huge thank you goes to Nuala McCloughlin who has raised another £300 to be spent on books for the reading scheme. She has worked really hard using the commission from Usbourne book sales and approaching companies to donate to school. Thanks to Renishaw for the recent donation.

Our chess team did well at a recent tournament with 3 other schools, the children won their first game and came second in both of the other matches; this made them second overall. Thanks to Sarah White who runs the team.

Our netball and football teams have played a number of matches with varying degrees of success, but whatever the score they always show true Hawkesbury spirit; fair play and never ending optimism. Well done to Ish Hughes and Shelly Baldam who coach them.

Hawk class (top juniors) had a lovely trip to Westonbirt school investigating snowdrops. They investigated the 4 different types of snowdrop that can be found there and how these pretty flowers grow and reproduce. They brought back a number of flowers which have been planted in the school grounds.

The school is filled with song at the moment as Hawk class are busily rehearsing ready for their concert at the Colston Hall on Friday 26th March at 7.30pm. They will be performing on the stage with many other schools from South Gloucestershire. If you wish to go along and be entertained by them and many other schools from around the county, then tickets are £5.00. Please see Mrs Norris for more information. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hammond who has spent a lot of time and energy organising for this event and practising with the children, her musical talents are a real asset to the school.

Robin class are also joining in the musical fun and taking part in a singing workshop with other schools in the area on Wednesday 24th March. I am sure they will have real fun.

There was real excitement in school last week when we were joined by 2 very tall young men who have come to run a series of basketball sessions with Hawk class. This is not only an exciting opportunity for the children but will also be the sport the children will be competing in for The Festival of Sport. The coaches have also been teaching the children about all aspects of a healthy lifestyle.

On March 5th, we held a Wellie Day in aid of Children's Hospice South West. This event was organised to kick start our play policy of the children being able to play on the field all year round. They will be beginning to use all the dressing-up clothes so kindly donated and the material for den making. Thank you to the many people who have already donated spare clothes, wellies or large pieces of material for the children to use. We could still do with more, so if you are having a spring clean please drop them into the school office.

The PTA held another successful Pledge Auction in the Village Hall. It was very well attended and brilliantly hosted by Chris Webster. Early estimations are that they made upwards of £3000, which is amazing especially given the current financial climate. A huge thank you to those of you who supported the event and especially to members of the committee who organised the event.

A Happy Easter to you all from the children and staff of Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School.

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March has been a very busy month for the Preschool children, they have been learning about various celebrations that take place during this month. They made Welsh cakes for St David's Day, Shamrock snakes and potato bread for St Patrick's Day and for Mothers Day they made cards and presents.

During one particular session the Play leaders took the children out for a walk and whilst they were out they came across a muddy puddle. They began to explore further, how deep was this puddle? Was the mud soft or hard? It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves and also learning at the same time.

We held an open morning to explain to parents about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which gave an opportunity for both parents and carers to talk to play leaders and view their child's work. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big "Thank you" to the Play leaders for their hard work in providing lovely displays in the hall for the parents to look at.

On Thursday April 1st 2010 we will be holding an "Easter Bonnet Competition" and Mrs. Thomas will be coming in to Judge the Bonnets. We will then be going over to Beaufort House to show the residents and to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt in the garden.

After Easter we will be welcoming back Sara White to Preschool for 2 days a week to cover Kelly whilst on maternity leave. We also have a new Play leader joining us, her name is Gemma Wilson. Gemma will be working on a Thursday and Friday and will be bringing her son Kailen with her to preschool.

We will let you know when Kelly has had her baby.

Happy Birthday

Finally, we would like to wish both Esme on the 5th April and Jack on the 13th April a Happy 3rd Birthday.

Coffee Mornings at The Methodist Church Hall.



Every Monday from 10.00 to 11.30am –
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Didmarton Playgroup

The children at playgroup started the second half of the term by focusing on health and hygiene. Both staff and children had fun with an ultra violet light box and some 'globug' liquid, which literally showed them how quickly germs can be spread by hand contact and how difficult they are to wash off. Quite an eye-opener! They are now moving on to learn about the Saints Days and other festivals which come at this time of year. The children have brought home tissue paper daffodils for St David's Day and beautiful Mother's Day cards and presents.

The past week of spring-like weather has meant that full use has been made of the playground again, with everyone enjoying the warmth of the sun at last. We have also been lucky enough to meet two of George's newborn lambs. At less than a week old, they braved the poking and prodding of a dozen thrilled children!

There is fundraising a-plenty going on at the moment as well. All children have been sent home with a packet of Smarties, with the intention that they eat the Smarties and then fill up the tube with silver coins. The money raised will go towards refreshing the outdoor toys in time for the summer term.

We are also holding a '**Jamie at Home**' evening on **April 14th**. This is an informal evening which gives a chance to view and order the homeware, cookware and gifts which make up the Jamie Oliver collection. All are welcome to come along and in fact, the more the merrier! Please ring 01454 238096 for more information.

Didmarton Playgroup is based in the Village Hall, in an idyllic location adjacent to the village playing fields. We have received a good Ofsted report and welcome children aged from 2 - 4. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 - 1.00pm. If you need more information, please ring the playgroup phone on 07707 688 399.

Don't forget that the Mother and Toddler group runs on term-time Thursday afternoons in the Village Hall from 1.30 - 3.00. All pre-school children and their carers are welcome.

People who help good causes at the Beaufort Arms

The bar-b-q season is almost upon us and the merry band of Beaufort regulars who help with our fund raising events are gearing up for another round of hard work.

As you are probably aware, we kick the season off with our Good Friday walk for the Show Committee, so please turn up in your droves.

Before we get events underway however, I would like to publicly thank all of those who do so much for this community of ours, and for those further afield.

First on my list has to be Lady Hyacinth and Lord Brightness, who don't even live in our village. They don't just stop at being mainstays behind the charcoal, Vera's output is phenomenal and Harvest Homes around the area benefit from her prolific baking and making.

Then there's our world famous auctioneer Tony 'Wilkie' Wilkins who can spot money a mile away and who has been our auctioneer for 15 years now – God bless you Tony.

He's been ably assisted by Michael 'Mabel' Stinchombe (who also helps with the barbies), Dave Harris and Norman Dursley. Then there's the unsung produce suppliers such as Dave again, Bernie Watts, Brian Noble and Keith and Josie Player.

These are all backed up by fantastic support from Beaufort customers such as Mike Wollen, Biggus Dickus, Lady Fiona and Colin Watkins, supported all the way by Ange and the team at the Beaufort.

Last year again we raised thousands for all sorts of people, not least PROPS, the Jessie May Trust and Help for Heroes, along with local organisations like the Buffs, St Mary's and the Senior Citizens Fund.

It's a dangerous game thanking people because you always miss someone out, but if you are one of those please accept my thanks, it wasn't intentional.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our many (luckily) customers who are so kind and generous.

Best wishes as ever,

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Alternatively, you can contact your Safer Stronger Communities Officer on 01454 864625

WESTONBIRT PROJECT LOCAL RESIDENTS EVENING - 15 APRIL

Westonbirt - the National Arboretum (managed by the Forestry Commission) will hold an open evening on **April 15** to share development plans for the Westonbirt Project with the local community.



Between **6-8 p.m.** local residents are invited to the **Great Oak Hall** to meet the Westonbirt Project team and find out more about future developments to the National Arboretum and associated planning applications.

Architectural visuals will be on display and senior staff from the Forestry Commission and the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum (FOWA) will be available to discuss the arboretum's future.

Westonbirt Project director, Miranda Winram, commented:

"We are keen to share our vision for the arboretum with the local community throughout the development of the Westonbirt Project. Westonbirt is an internationally important place for heritage, learning and conservation and we believe the project will protect the site for people to enjoy in the future."

"We'd like as many local residents as possible to be able to attend the evening so please do contact us if you'd like to discuss wheelchair access, the hearing loop or any other matter relating to accessibility."

Call 01666 880220 or email westonbirt.project@forestry.gsi.gov.uk for information on accessibility.

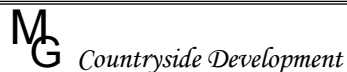
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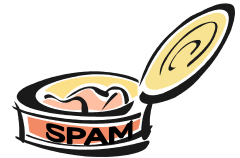
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Spam and Chips

By Alan C.Porter



Computers are great things, or so we are told. Unfortunately if you don't agree it's a bit too late to voice your argument, they have become part and parcel of our daily lives. The curse of the chip, you could say, although this particular chip doesn't affect your cholesterol level only blood pressure when it appears to have a mind of its own, but it does have its advantages.

Instant communication by e-mail or you can SKYPE distant friends and relations. It sounds painful but it's the name of the video link package that lets you talk and be seen at the same time. Order the weekly shopping or "surf the net" to track down that long lost DVD that you can't find in the shops any more. Even get a route map of a road journey you might be contemplating.

Mind you, on the downside you have to get used to the jargon such as blogging, twitter, spam. I don't know about you, but back in the days when all TV's were black and white and home computers were just a twinkle in the eye, twitter was the song of a bird and spam came out of a tin!

HAWKESBURY SPORT RELIEF MILE



Many , many thanks to all those brave souls who took part in the Sport Relief Mile-4 laps of the Rec...
..in the rain!! You are stars!

Special thanks must go to Fiona Steeds, Jane and Anna Bleaken, who helped.

People ran it, walked it, did it 3 legged -we even had a dog (but I think he only did it for the biscuit at the end!)

I was going to name Gill Morgan as my 'star', as in the pouring rain, she elegantly walked her mile, armed with broolly and stick....but sorry Gill, you were 'pipped to the post for that title.... by your Mum, Bett Belding.

Bett was unable to do the walk on Friday, so she walked from Birgagge Rd to the Monument and back, on the Sunday, and then brought her money round to me ! Fantastic!!

Money raised from this, and other donations, was £243.50p.

This, along with the 'hula scratch games'(don't ask!!), which were done at the Shop and the Beaufort Pub, brings the total to £303.50p.

Thanks go to Mark and Staff at the Pub, and Neil, Annie and Staff at the Shop, and to everyone who gave me their money. The winners of the socks were, Dave Beeley, Natalie Atkinson and Sam Frankcom.

From North of the Border....

Prince Charles is visiting an Edinburgh hospital. He enters a ward full of patients with no obvious sign of injury or illness and greets one.

The patient replies:

*"Fair fa your honest sonsie face, Great chieftain o the puddin race,
Aboon them a ye take yer place, Painch, tripe or thairm, As langs my airm."*

Charles is confused, so he just grins and moves on to the next patient. The patient responds:

*"Some hae meat an canna eat, And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an we can eat, So let the Lord be thankit."*

Even more confused, and his grin now fixed, the Prince moves on to the next patient, who immediately begins to chant:

*"Wee sleeikit, cowerin, timrous beastie, O the panic in thy breasty,
Thou needna start awa sae hastie, wi bickering brattle."*

Now seriously troubled, Charles turns to the accompanying doctor and asks, "Is this a psychiatric ward?"

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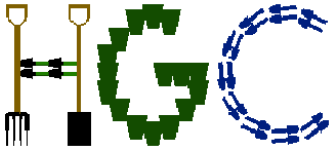
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TROWEL & ERROR

Meetings are held at 8pm on the 4th Monday of the month in Hawkesbury School Hall.

Our February speaker Victoria Logue demonstrated the various ways of propagating plants.

She suggested that you don't have to sow EVERY seed in the packet. It is allowed to sow only a few.

She doesn't use rooting hormone for cuttings. And she told us to throw away those pots of rooting compound that we have had in the shed since pre-decimal coinage was in circulation. Apparently it might not now be a lot of use! What? After only 40 years? Hey! It looks alright! So I will use it! OK?

Similarly, there is no need to worry about planting root cuttings the right way up. Just lay them horizontally in the compost. The roots will soon sort out which way is up. They've been doing it for millions of years without any help from us.

To cap it all, Victoria said that if a plant is not doing well or is in the wrong place it is OK to get rid of it by putting it in the compost bin or shredding it. She said that it was not murder! You are allowed to do it.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 26th April 2010** when **Mrs. Sue Smith** will talk about **Wild Flowers of The Cotswolds**.

If you are not a member but would like to hear a speaker that takes your fancy then come along as a guest – fee £2.50. For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364

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The Garden Fete

I regret that I will no longer be able to run the Garden Fete in aid of the Senior Citizens any more.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL those who helped me over the years, all the villagers who supported the fete with donations and all those who came and spent their money so generously.

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Time to Readjust

Since leaving my 9-5 job in February, my body clock has been quietly readjusting. No longer do I wake up a minute before the alarm sounds, nor do I habitually go upstairs at 11pm, programmed to fall asleep the minute my head hits the pillow. Instead, my bedtime is creeping back, getting later and later. I'm having way too much fun to want to go to bed.

This subconscious readjustment has always happened during my two-week Christmas break. By the end of the fortnight, I reach my natural state: waking refreshed around 9am and hitting the hay around 1am. Holiday over, I ditch my body clock and take my cue instead from the radio alarm, permanently tuned to Radio 4. Listening sleepily to whatever is on, I can tell whether we are running late. Farming talk: safe to doze. News headlines: jump up and get busy. Sports Report: overslept, but I can still make it to work on time if I hurry. Thought for the Day: I'm in big trouble. Putting the clocks forward or back at the end of March, as we have just done, has never affected my sleeping habits, so long as I've remembered to adjust the radio alarm (and John Humphrys had done the same to his).

Now that I'm liberated from my job, I'd rather do away with my watch and my radio alarm and listen to my body clock instead. Now I no longer have to get to the office by a fixed time, I just wander into my study when I'm ready and take a seat at my desk. Surely following my body clock must make for a healthier lifestyle.

After all, it's not that long since it was common practice across the country to take the time directly from the sun. It was only the construction of the London-Bristol railway that caused this part of the country to reset its timepieces to match the capitol's. Apparently, we were far enough west for our day to run 11 minutes behind central London's. This would have made the first London-Bristol train timetables bewildering, were it not for the fact that the newly built Temple Meads Station helpfully offered passengers two clocks, one showing local time, the other "Railway Time", i.e. 11 minutes earlier.

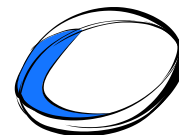
Unfortunately, there is just one small obstacle that will stop me from giving full free rein to my body clock: my daughter still has to get to school by half past eight. So it looks as if my household will also have to keep two clocks, one for London time, the other for Debbie time. I wonder if I can persuade Hawkesbury School to do the same?

Read more like this in *A Writer's Blog*
at www.debbieyoung.info

6 Nations Competition 2010

Note from Ed:

Thanks to Mick Bendeaux for (yet again) organising another great fundraising sweepstake in the village.



Final points

Andy McLaughin 102
Dave Anderson 102

Jerry van Vuuren 101
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Our visit to Wotton Electric Cinema on the 2nd March proved a great success. There was a chance to socialize and enjoy a lovely buffet and glass of wine before the popular film Mamma Mia. And singing along to those memorable songs against a Mediterranean backdrop of blue sea and lovely island scenery was a tonic – even if you'd seen it before. And most people had memories of the time those Abba songs hit the charts. As a teacher I recall a school holiday trip to Cornwall when the coach driver played Abba all the way, though at the time the children were hooked on Adam Ant. We visited the beautiful Isles of Scilly, it was simply idyllic!

Our 80th Birthday Party to which guests are invited will be the next celebration on the 23rd March.

Diary Dates

6th April Folk Songs & Tales - Gwilym Davies

4th May Resolutions Meeting and The History of Hats with Glynis Tyrell

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410

TELEPHONE SCAM - BE WARNED

I recently had a call from a very foreign-sounding man (whom I could hardly understand) claiming he was from BT.

He offered to put me in a directory that would ensure that I would never receive a 'nuisance call' again and, if I did, the company would be prosecuted.

I said that I already had that service. At that point he seemed to get agitated, then told me that my contract had run out. I was immediately suspicious and put the phone down. I rang BT straight away and they said I had probably been targeted by fraudsters, trying to obtain bank details - as there would have been a charge for this so-called 'service'.

BT assured me that they NEVER telephone offering services - they always write.

Their advice is PUT THE PHONE DOWN IMMEDIATELY if you receive such a call.

Gill Morgan

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

As some of you may have noticed...Community Speed Watch is back in action again.

The aim is not to 'catch people out', but to make them think about their speed.

10 people are killed on Britain's roads every day, and the biggest cause is speed, so that's a good enough reason for me to be a part of the Community Speed Watch team. In fact, one of the biggest common worries that comes up time and time again, is the speed of vehicles through the village.

I recently attended a Speed watch event hosted by Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

It was very informative, and was also a chance to meet other 'speed watchers', and hear from them.

Regular monitoring has been proven to be effective and in time speed drops.

For anyone caught speeding, their car details are recorded and passed on to our local Police. This will then be followed with a warning letter.

If this happens again, another, final warning letter will be issued, informing the driver that if it happens again, then further action will be taken by means of a fixed penalty or court summons.

We could do with some more volunteers, so that we can 'share the load'. Ideally we should be going out at least twice a week, to reinforce the speed limit message. If you are interested in joining us, then please contact Louise Roberts or the Parish Council.



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Hawkesbury Local History Society

"Bristol Suffragettes"

by Dawn Dyer

THEY FOUGHT FOR IT, THEY STARVED FOR IT: THE VOTE



"Go home and do the washing!" were taunts levied at women holding a mass rally on Bristol Downs in 1908.

Although women rate-payers had been entitled to vote in local elections since 1869 their right to vote to influence national policy still eluded them. The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), founded by Emmeline Pankhurst in 1903 had become the more militant arm of the movement for women's suffrage (the right to vote) and was well represented in the West Country. Begbrook, an old house at Frenchay, was gutted by fire and a copy of the magazine 'The Suffragette' left to identify the culprits. Winston Churchill was attacked with a dog whip at Temple Meads Station, "Take that for the women of England" and the perpetrator, Theresa Garnett, imprisoned in Holloway. Other militant suffragettes burned the University's sports pavilion only to find their headquarters attacked by students in retribution. The tactic of interrupting meetings was widely used and, more than once, suffragettes managed to hide inside the organ of the Colston Hall to disrupt political speakers.

Dawn's talk will chart the struggle for Women's Suffrage in Bristol and the South West. She has researched local and national docu-

ments relating to the Bristol fight for the vote, and will mention local women involved in the struggle, as well as militant WSPU members (the suffragettes) and the non-militant suffragists.

NB. Women had to wait until after the end of the First World War for the vote, and even then it was restricted to those over the age of 30 who were married, owned property or had a degree.

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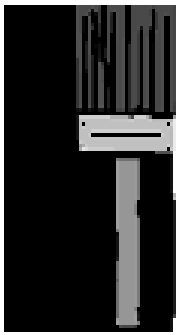
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Hawkesbury Horticultural Society

125th Show

Saturday 28th August 2010



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PLEASE, if you have any photographs of past shows, could we borrow them? There must be hundreds around in the village or with people that have left the village but with whom some of you may still be in touch. We will copy or scan them and the originals will be promptly returned! If you have spare copies, or can let us have a photocopy to keep, that would be helpful too.

Please let Chris Webster (07919 299660) or Vicky Rispin (01454 232910) know if you have one, or a number of photos as soon as possible as the programme and schedule are being put together in the next few weeks.

Many thanks in anticipation

The Show Committee



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Hawkesbury Springwatch



Further to the recent update on the "France Lane Pigs", we thought we would bring you a "Hawkesbury Springwatch" update in the April issue.

Our roving reporter was treated to a guided tour of the current activity at France Lane Farm by Drew and Karen and we are pleased to announce that, as we went to press, there are currently 8 two-week-old piglets running about the farm, with 1 sow still due to give birth.

In addition, no one can have failed to spot the increase in the sheep population on France Lane over the last few weeks!

Currently, (again at time of going to press) 62 lambs have been born so far, with many sets of twins and even one set of triplets (which are currently being looked after down at Coombe Farm).

Here are a few pictures to bring a real Spring/Easter feel to the April issue.

Let's hope Drew can catch up on some well-needed sleep soon!



Corny Conundrum—Resolved!

Dear Angela,

Reference: your 'Corny Conundrum' letter in last month's magazine.

The field of apparently unharvested maize off Starveall Lane is a game crop, specifically planted for the sole purpose of providing cover and a food source for pheasants and partridges. As such it forms part of the Badminton Estate Shoot. You will have noticed that the crop is divided by cleared, strawed feeding rides, where on a daily basis Badminton gamekeepers broadcast supplementary game food. A supply of fresh water is also constantly available. This situation is highly attractive not only game birds but many other bird species. The maize grown is a fodder crop variety and no amount of boiling will tenderise it sufficiently for human consumption.

I hope this explains the situation. I think it good that you asked the question, as I'm sure you are not the only person to have wondered about the situation. Throughout the world, in all sorts of situations misunderstandings arise because of a lack of information. Perhaps we could have a question & answer page in the Parish Mag where any questions, about any subject, could be aired, as I'm sure there will always be someone in our wonderfully diverse community who will be able to answer them.

Best regards
John Bleaken



Questions & Answers

Following on from John's great response to the "Corny Conundrum," and his suggestion of a question and answer section, here's the first of (hopefully) many.

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WEDNESDAY 6.30 - 8PM - Under 15s and Under 17s

SATURDAYS 10 - 11AM - Girls training (Please contact Sandra Rouse for further information - 01454 238853)

Please note all participants must be registered with the cricket club - BEFORE - taking part in any coaching session or match.

Registration will be available at the Pavilion from 6pm on:-

Monday 19th April

and

Wednesday 21st April 2010.

Please contact Alwyn Vaughan (avaughan@sula.co.uk) if you are unable to attend on either of those evenings.

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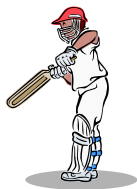
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HAWKESBURY TENNIS CLUB

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New members are always welcome.

Registration will take place on Saturday 17th April at the courts (if dry) or the cricket pavilion (if wet)

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact our membership secretary Toni Butler on 238529.

We would love to enter a ladies team into the summer league so if there is anyone out there who would like to play then please give me a ring (Ella Wells) on 238677.

Please see the dates for your diary at the front of this magazine.

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Hawkesbury Ladies Cricket



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Newcomers welcomed with open arms – all equipment provided for anyone wanting to swing a bat, learn how to bowl and generally develop some cricketing skills.

Fixtures are already being organised and matches will be kept to 20 overs, same as last year.

Training for the summer season will be on Fridays, 7.00 – 8.00pm at the cricket ground [6.30 – 7.00pm optional, pre training fitness, stretching and catching practice] and afterwards, refreshment and chat at The Beaufort Arms. **Training commences Friday 23rd April.**

Come along and join the team – we're loud, were enthusiastic and we need all the help we can get!!

For further details – contact Ladies Captain Sandra Rouse on 238853

Clothes collection caution

On Sunday 21st March clothing collection bags were posted door-to-door in the village by an organisation claiming to be raising money to combat breast cancer. As my mother carries out voluntary work for Cancer Research UK, I scrutinised the material very carefully, as it did not seem quite right.

The packaging asks householders to sort any unwanted clothes and shoes for a roadside collection in aid of a 'breast cancer prevention programme'. The flyers feature a rose petal border and a pink ribbon – a symbol used by breast cancer charities worldwide. The material displayed no charity number and claimed to contribute money from the proceeds of selling the clothing to a breast cancer prevention program in Lithuania.

I did a quick internet search on the information and the company name and came up with some very interesting Trading Standards information, following distribution of similar collection bags in the north of England...

The flyers are very similar to those used by many charity appeals but the word 'charity' does not appear on the leaflet and neither does a registered charity number. The leaflets list the company behind the collections as Intersecond Ltd, who are appointed agents for the Do Not Delay organisation.

Intersecond Ltd lists a London address and a fax and phone number on the flyer. Apparently, it is a legitimate company but this phone number is not theirs and they have stopped doing these collections, which makes it highly likely that the flyer is bogus and the proceeds would not go to breast cancer charities. The leaflet also urges the reader to visit the Do Not Delay website (www.donotdelay.org). However the official website carries the following message on its front page:


Attention — Clothing collection has been cancelled from 01/08/2007 in the United Kingdom, (Wales and Scotland) until further notice. Any leaflet distribution or clothing collection during the period by individuals using Intersecond Ltd name are illegitimate and in no way associated with the company. The Charity Commission says it has also received complaints about the leaflet.

Any collection leaflet from a genuine charity should include a **registered charity number**. To be registered as a charity, organisations have to be established for solely charitable purposes.

If you have clothing, shoes or any items to donate, please take them to your local charity shop and avoid funding these money-making scams.

Anyone with concerns about charity collections can call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 (calls charged at local rate).

Fiona Rowe

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Hawkesbury Energy Group Update

The Energy Group held an Open Day on Saturday, 27th February to update villagers on its proposals. Originally formed as part of the Hawkesbury Parish Vision Plan, it has been examining options to replace the aging oil-fired boiler in the Village Hall with sustainable alternatives. The group is advocating the installation at the Village Hall of a Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) and (15kW, 15m) wind turbine (see plan below) to reduce its Carbon Footprint. During the two sessions, there was a good cross section of frank views and several actions were agreed, such as arranging visits to similar types of installation nearby, which will be arranged shortly.

If you couldn't attend the open day but would like to know more, the presentation from the day and a set of frequently asked questions, together with other useful information can be found on the Village Hall web site: <http://village-hall.org/reports.html>

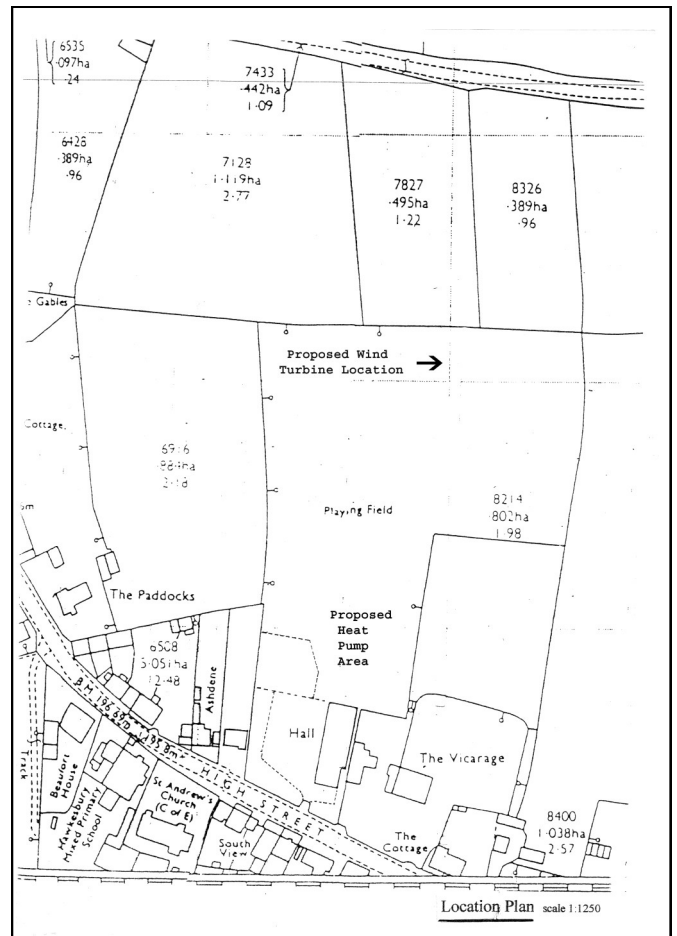
We really want to hear from you as we need to understand everyone's views (both positive and negative) and gauge the level of support. At the same time, we are continuing to apply for the necessary capital grants in order to confirm the viability of the scheme.

Clearly the scheme will eventually require planning permission but we wish to consult and take on board everyone's views, so that concerns, questions and suggestions can be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

If in the meantime you would like to look at a similar installation, there is a wind turbine in Sainsburys car park at Emersons Green and another one is behind the Fire Station in Wotton-Under-Edge.

For more information please complete the slip below and take it to the Village Shop or contact:

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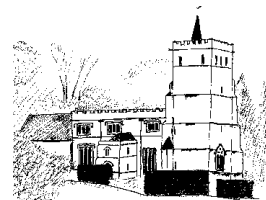
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NO SESSION THIS MONTH-DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAYS Please contact Mary Beresford if your child would like to join so that we can prepare the correct amount of craft items for each child for the next session in May.

"GIFT A WINDOW". WHAT CAN I SAY BUT A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We have to date received over **£14,000** in donations, this reflects 8 windows which will be able to be repaired, a remarkable response to our plea for help. We have also received donations towards a 'Village or Community window' the names of everyone who have contributed to this window will be named in the book, which will be kept in the Church.

As suggested THE GIFT OF A WINDOW can be a group of people, an association, a family, a business, or in memory of a loved one, or for a special birthday or wedding anniversary. A further thought is to divide some of the larger windows, for example the South Aisle East Window has 5 sections, each section could be gifted by an individual for the sum of £1048, and likewise the side aisle windows which have three sections, each section for the sum of £895.

I would also like to thank Barrie Hope, John Bishop and Bill Fairney for their help with photography. I needed various sets of windows and interior and exterior shots of the Church in order to apply for Grant Application. All three rallied round with great speed, and I must say produced beautiful photos.



Easter Flowers.

The church will be open on Good Friday after 3pm for a short while and Easter Saturday Morning 10am – 12 noon. It would be nice if the children and also adults would like to bring down some small vases of flowers or Easter Gardens in seed trays, which could be placed in the porch and around the church. If anyone would like an arrangement in memory of a loved one please contact one of the Churchwardens. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Flower Festival

18th, 19th, 20th and 21st June 2010. As mentioned last month we are hoping to have

'Gardens Open on the Commons' we have received a few offers already but if anyone else would consider opening their garden on the Saturday and Sunday, please contact one of the Churchwardens. The Gardens would be open from 2pm – 6pm on both or either day.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on 19th April at 7.30pm either at the Church or the School. Please do come along. Please let one of the Church Wardens know if you are happy to remain as a Reader and or Sidemen prior to the meeting or in fact if anyone would like to put their name down for either role.

Bible Study

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for our monthly bible study on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Our next two meetings will be on Wednesdays 14 April and 19 May at Dunkirk Farmhouse (on A46). Coffee at 7.45 for 8.00 pm start. For further details please contact Alastair Craig on 238237.

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From the Reverend Elizabeth Nichols St Mary's Hawkesbury

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Dear All,

Spring seems to have arrived at last. Even though I have had the most fantastic display of snowdrops in my garden this year and everywhere I have looked they seemed to have been spectacular, the weather has been particularly cold and all the other Spring flowers seem to be very late. Daffodils in particular are very late and there weren't many around for Mothering Sunday last week. The trees are at last showing signs of bursting into bud and there has been a wonderful show of catkins. God does provide.

Signs of new life are what we expect at this time of year and in the Christian year Easter is fast approaching. This the time of year when we remember the passion and death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his death on the cross on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday

It is with some sadness that I tell you of Howard's and my last service here. We will be holding this in St Mary's in Hawkesbury on Sunday the 4 July 2010 at 3.00 pm in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you at this service. Howard and I have enjoyed our time with you but we both feel this is the right time for us to retire and start a new period of our life together.

I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Elizabeth Nichols

Forthcoming readings for April 2010:

Sunday 28 March	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Phillipians 2: 5-11, Luke 22: 14-end of 23, or Luke 23: 1-49.
Thursday 1 April	Maundy Thursday	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, John 13: 1-17, 31b-35.
Friday 2 April	Good Friday	Hebrews 10: 16-25, John 18. 1- end of 19
Sunday 4 April	Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12
Sunday 11 April	2 nd Sunday after Easter	Acts 5. 27-32, John 20. 19-end
Sunday 18 April	3 rd Sunday after Easter	Acts 9.1-20, John 21. 1-19
Sunday 25 April	4 th Sunday after Easter	Acts 9. 36-end, John 10. 22-30
Sunday 2 May	5 th Sunday after Easter	Acts 11. 1-18, John 13.31-35



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Forthcoming events:

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Subscriptions will be due in June. Anyone wishing to join please contact Pauline Setterfield on 238307.

Only £5 per annum to become a Friend of St Mary's. All monies raised help restore the fabric of our beautiful, historic church.

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

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Sidesmen
04.04.10	09.45am	Easter Sunday Morning Praise - Holy Communion	A Gray	H. Rogers
11.04.10	1000 am	Methodist Church Sunday School	Mr M Gardener	L. Fairney
	6. pm	Evensong	Mrs D. Musty	
18.04.10	0945 am	Morning Praise	A. White	P. Broad
25.04.10	1000 am	Methodist Church Sunday School		
	6.pm.	Evensong - Holy Communion	Mr P Setterfield Mrs W Peacock	M. Davies
02.05.10	0945.am	Morning Praise - Holy Communion	Mrs S. Bishop	Mrs H. Rogers

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

Church Cleaners: Mrs D. Musty & Mrs D. Wareham **Church Flowers:**

Woodland Walk – “Spring Flowers in Lower Woods” - Sunday 25th April 2010

These village walks are becoming more and more popular and we are delighted that the next walk takes us back down to Lower Woods for an opportunity to see some beautiful spring flowers.



This walk will cover some 4+ miles and will include a visit to the Little Avon. Dogs are always welcome so why not come along and enjoy a very sociable morning with us.

The walk starts and finishes at The Lodge. Please meet in the Lodge Car Park at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start. The woods can be muddy, please wear appropriate footwear.

As we are planning on enjoying a wonderful spring day, if you would like to bring a picnic with you, when we return to The Lodge there is plenty of space to relax and refuel. Hot and cold drinks will be available.

For more information please contact Liz Howard (238417) or Gef Lucena (294266)

Diary note: The summer walk will take place on the Commons on Saturday 10 July 2010. If you would like to receive email notification of future walks, please contact Jane Jones on hens@hawkesbury.freeserve.co.uk

BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of April 2010

Friday April 2nd	10.30am	GOOD FRIDAY Rev. Philip Hopes [Service with Communion]
Sunday April 4th	10.30am	EASTER DAY Rev. Philip Hopes
Sunday April 11th	10.30am	Songs Of Praise
Sunday April 18th	10.30am	Mr Ray Hollister
Sunday April 25th	10.30am	Mr Robert Simpkins
	6.00pm	A visit of The Bristol Evangel Male Voice Choir (All are very welcome)
Friday April 30th	7.30pm	An Evening with Rev. Peter Partington from "JUST CARE"
Sunday May 2nd	10.30am 6.00pm	Mr Peter Chappell [C] Rev. P. Partington at Luckington

Tuesday – Bible study / Prayer 7.30pm

The Apostle Paul wrote: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8 v.11)

This was the experience of Paul, whose heart was dramatically changed by the resurrected Christ. It is also the experience of people all over the world who have 'died' to their old ways so that Christ can live His life through them. This spiritual power is apparent only in those who respond to the overwhelming evidence of Christ's resurrection by acknowledging His Lordship in their heart.

Taken from "Our Daily Journey"

M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]

Stepping Stones

*There are many stepping-stones in life
That we have stood upon.
On some our stay was shorter
While on others it was long.
But each has taught us something
Not apparent at the time,
For He who planned the stepping stones
Has planned your life and mine.
Some times step brought sorrow
But t'was only for a while
Another brought us blessing
And the sunshine of God's smile.
And if at times we stumble,
Cause the way ahead's unknown,
We must learn to turn our stumbling blocks
Into stepping-stones.*



THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



Services for April 2010

Sunday April 4th	10.00am	EASTER DAY Rev. C Carter - Holy Communion <i>Sunday School for children attending</i>
Sunday April 11th	10.00am	Joining with Bethesda
Sunday April 18th	10.00am	Mrs V Lear <i>Sunday School for children attending</i>
Sunday April 25th	10.00am	Mrs L Edwards <i>Sunday School for children attending</i>

TODDLERS PRAISE: A half hour of stories, activities and singing for little ones under school age, from 1.45pm to 2.15pm on the last Wednesday of each month

Killing Time

A friend of mine was sitting on a park bench with his hands folded, staring into the distance. When I asked what he was doing, he replied, "Oh, just killing time."

What a cruel thing to do to something as valuable as time!

Why kill it?

Time is given to us to be cultivated, not murdered. Time should never be wasted but used to the best advantage.

Of course, there are times when we must relax and rest.

Even Jesus said to His disciples, "Come aside . . . and rest a while" (Mk. 6:31). But that was not "killing time," it was using time for restoration.

After they had rested, they would be able to use their time more fruitfully and profitably.

If a fraction of the time we waste could be used to pray, read the Bible, witness to others, visit a friend in distress, or comfort someone who is grieving, what a difference it would make!

Today, when you have leisure time, ask yourself how you can best improve those extra moments.

You may think I am being narrow-minded, but the Bible is clear—we are to be "wise, redeeming the time" (Eph. 5:16).

Today, see how much good you can do for God and others—not how little you can get by with. It is not true that we can "make up lost time." It is gone forever!

Paul

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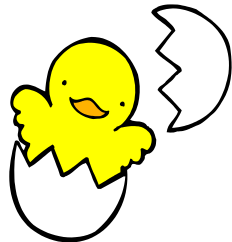
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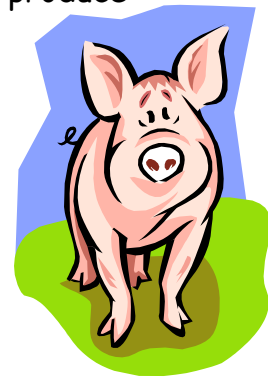


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Drawing/painting Competition

Class 1 - for those up to and including 7 years of age - A cute cat

Class 2 - for those aged 8-10 years - Lively lambs

Class 3 - for those aged 11-13 years - Ducks & Geese

Class 4 - for those aged 14 and above - An organic farm shop

Winners of each class will receive a prize. In addition the best of all 4 classes will win a bumper prize.

Limerick competition

Write a limerick on the theme of Perky Pigs - suitable for publication!

How to enter

Entry to all competitions will be on the day - Saturday 17th April 2010.

Entries need to arrive by 2.30pm. Judging will begin at 3.00pm. **Entry fees are 30p per entry.**

For all competition classes - only one entry per person, per class. Please put your name and a telephone number on the back of your entry



Important: women who are, or who think they may be, pregnant should not enter the lambing shed or handle new born lambs

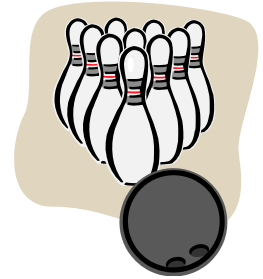


Hawkesbury Summer Skittles

The season will start in May, and there is still space for another team or two. Games are played in The Fox and The Beaufort, and the season will end in early September. If you are interested in learning more about how things run and/



or want to enter a team, why not give me a call on 238778.



GLoucestershire Wildlife Trust

Chair-making Course at Lower Woods Nature Reserve

Sunday 18 April, 10am - 4pm, £40 per person

Join us for your chance to create a chair out of wood coppiced from this beautiful Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust nature reserve. All tools and equipment supplied. Full details and direction sent upon booking - 01452 383333

Woodland Flowers and Wildlife

Saturday 24 April, 2pm, Donations welcome

Led by botanist Mike Martin, this walk will look at the spring flowers and wildlife of this ancient woodland. Walk approx 2 miles/3 hours. Please book on 01452 383333

For more information visit www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

If Tommy Cooper were alive today (part II)



My mate is in love with two schoolbags. He's bi-satchel.

I went to the doctor. I said to him 'I'm frightened of lapels.' He said, 'You've got cholera.'

I met the bloke who invented crosswords today. I can't remember his name, its P something T something R.

I was reading this book today, *The History of Glue*. I couldn't put it down.

I phoned the local ramblers club today, but the bloke who answered just went on and on.

The recruitment consultant asked me 'What do you think of voluntary work?' I said 'I wouldn't do it if you paid me.'

I was in the jungle and there was this monkey with a tin opener. I said, 'You don't need a tin opener to peel a banana.' He said, 'No, this is for the custard.'

This policeman came up to me with a pencil and a piece of very thin paper. He said, 'I want you to trace someone for me..'

I told my mum that I'd opened a theatre. She said, 'Are you having me on?' I said, 'Well I'll give you an audition, but I'm not promising you anything.'

This cowboy walks in to a German car showroom and he says 'Audi!'

Save the Children Fashion Show

Thursday 15th April 2010

John Lewis's ladies fashion adviser (Debbie Ling) will model a selection of clothes from the store's spring fashion collection. She gives helpful hints tips about coordinating outfits and how to get the best from clothes.

The event is being held in the Civic Centre at Wotton, starting at 8 p.m. (doors open 7.30).

Tickets available from Anne Hartley 0777 446 2603 or the Novel Hovel shop in Wotton.



Easter Funnies

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?
With a hare brush!

What did the rabbit say to the carrot?
It's been nice gnawing you!

How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?
Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?

What kinds of books do bunnies like?
Ones with hoppy endings!

What did the rabbits do after their wedding?
Went on their bunnymoon!

What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?
They lived hoppily ever after!

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?
Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?
To prove he wasn't chicken!



Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Exhibition

8th April - 11th April 2010

Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen are holding their Spring Show in the Market House, Tetbury.

Open 10am - 6pm

There will be demonstrations each day.

Entrance Free.

Further details

www.guildcrafts.org.uk



Badminton Horse Trials

**Friday 30th April -
Monday 3rd May
Cross Country -
Sunday 2nd May**



Some more trivia

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321

Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village".

"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

The international telephone dialling code for Antarctica is 672.

Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

In Casablanca, Humphrey Bogart never said "Play it again, Sam."

Sherlock Holmes never said "Elementary, my dear Watson."

More people are killed annually by donkeys than die in air crashes.

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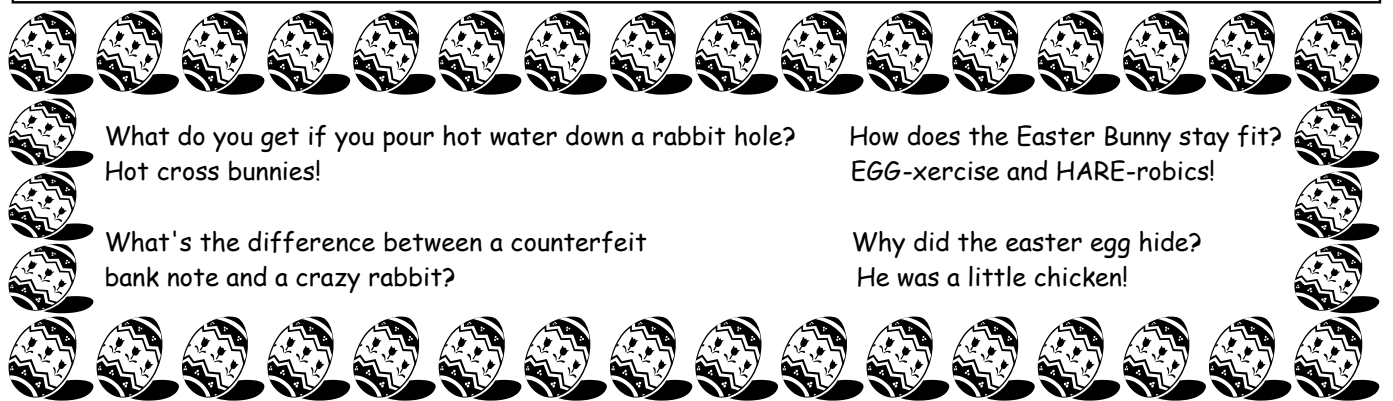
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Why did the easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken!



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30-Mar-10	Tuesday	19:45	Crazy Heart	15	112
31-Mar-10	Wednesday	20:45	Invictus	12A	133
01-Apr-10	Thursday	14:00	A Single Man	12A	101
01-Apr-10	Thursday	19:45	A Single Man	12A	101
02-Apr-10	Friday	14:00	The Railway Children	U	109
02-Apr-10	Friday	19:45	Crazy Heart	15	112
03-Apr-10	Saturday	16:30	Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief	PG	119
03-Apr-10	Saturday	19:45	A Single Man	12A	101
04-Apr-10	Sunday	14:00	The Princess and the Frog	U	97
04-Apr-10	Sunday	19:45	The Last Station	15	113
06-Apr-10	Tuesday	19:45	A Single Man	12A	101
07-Apr-10	Wednesday	14:00	The Railway Children	U	109
07-Apr-10	Wednesday	20:45	Crazy Heart	15	112
08-Apr-10	Thursday	14:00	Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief	PG	119
08-Apr-10	Thursday	19:45	The Last Station	15	113
09-Apr-10	Friday	19:45	A Single Man	12A	101
10-Apr-10	Saturday	16:30	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
10-Apr-10	Saturday	19:45	Crazy Heart	15	112
11-Apr-10	Sunday	14:00	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
11-Apr-10	Sunday	19:45	Micmacs	12A	102
13-Apr-10	Tuesday	19:45	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
14-Apr-10	Wednesday	14:00	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
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17-Apr-10	Saturday	16:30	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
17-Apr-10	Saturday	19:45	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
18-Apr-10	Sunday	14:00	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
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24-Apr-10	Saturday	16:30	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
24-Apr-10	Saturday	19:45	Alice in Wonderland 3D	PG	108
25-Apr-10	Sunday	14:00	TBC		
25-Apr-10	Sunday	19:45	The Last Station	15	113
27-Apr-10	Tuesday	19:45	TBC		
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Woodchester Mansion Trust

The following gives details of open days
at Woodchester Mansion in April.

April	2	3	4	5
			11	
			18	
			25	

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Gala for St. George

- a celebration of all things English



An opportunity to celebrate being English and patriotic! Concert in aid of The Friends of Tetbury Hospital, on the
23rd April, starting at **7 p.m.** at St. Mary's Church, Tetbury. Tickets are unusual - rent a pew for the night for £20
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CHAPEL ARTS CENTRE

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morial Hall Lower

Here's a selection of what's coming up at the Chapel Arts Centre over the next few weeks.

Thursday 08 April Lee Hurst and Tom Craine Double Bill

Expect laughter galore with this brilliant double bill evening featuring Lee Hurst and Tom Craine. Probably best known for
his appearances in TV's They Think It's All Over, Lee Hurst was voted one of Company magazine's '100 Millennium Men'
and is rightly famous for his ability to delight almost any audience. **Web tickets:** £14, **Door:** £14.

Thursday 15 April The Johnny Cash Roadshow

The No.1 Johnny Cash tribute, The Johnny Cash Roadshow featuring Clive John as the 'Man In Black', celebrate the music of
one of America's greatest songwriters and performers, delivering an energetic and entertaining show for all to enjoy,
whether you're a Johnny Cash fan or not. Clive and the band passionately present their tribute to Cash without trying to
impersonate him - after all there was only one 'Man In Black' **Web tickets:** £13, **Concessions:** £12.50, **Door:** £14.

Saturday 17 April John Smith

John Smith is quietly becoming recognized as one of the most exciting voices on the British Folk scene. He has spent several
years solidly on the road, touring with folk legend John Martyn and accompanying Davy Graham on his final UK tour. He has
also supported John Renbourn, Martin Carthy, Jools Holland, Martin Simpson, Tunng, and has shared the stage with Cara
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Why does the Easter Bunny
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puff is on the other
end!



WHAT'S ON AT WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM...

WESTONBIRT WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday throughout April, half price admission prices apply. Adults £4, Concs, £3.50 Children £1.50. Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

INTERNATIONAL GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION

The International Garden Photographer of the Year Exhibition will be displayed on out on the northern most path on the Downs. It will feature, for the first time ever, the collected images from the trees category of this prestigious international award from the last two years. 1 April to 31 May (inclusive).

Free after admission. Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt or www.igpoty.com

EASTER CHALLENGE - Family Event Monday 5 – Friday 9 April

Can you find all the creatures that lay eggs at Westonbirt and solve our Easter riddle for a sweet reward? Then create your own Easter crafts. All participants enter our Easter prize draw. 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Free after admission. Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt



WOOD SALES Sunday 11 April

Specialist wood sales held on the second Sunday of every month from 10am to 1pm. All manner of wood and sawn timber is available, produced from the routine pruning and thinning of specimen trees within the arboretum. Proceeds go to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum and so only cash or cheques are acceptable. Free after admission. Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt



AWAKENING WOODS – Family Event Monday 12 – Friday 16 April

With spring in full swing, why not venture out with us as we spring forth to discover the awakening woodland – from buds bursting and rising sap, to colourful blooms and wildflower carpets – we'll be exploring the changes that occur amongst the trees at this time. Then create your own spring crafts. 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Free after admission. Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

WESTONBIRT HERITAGE DAYS Monday 12-Tuesday 13th April

A rare and exciting opportunity for visitors to discover the whole historic Westonbirt estate with access to house, gardens and arboretum. Tree team demonstrations, propagation tours and family activities take place at the arboretum, whilst free access to the gardens, tours of Holford House, guided walks and cream teas greet you across the road.

Free entry after admission. Access to Westonbirt house and gardens will only be available via shuttle bus.

Transfers will run at regular times between the two sites from 10am on both days. The last bus to Westonbirt School will be at 15.00, last return bus to arboretum from school at 16.30.

Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

MIDWEEK WILDFLOWER WALKS Wednesday 14 April 10.30am

Discover the wealth of wildflowers growing at Westonbirt. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: not suitable for children under 10. Dogs under close control

Free after admissions. Telephone: 01666 880220. www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt



BEGINNERS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE – Workshop Thursday 15 April

The beginners' workshop is aimed at those who have a digital camera but are not familiar with the settings and control and as a consequence shoot everything in Auto mode. Graham will help to take out the mystery of the various settings available, give guidance on image composition, lighting and capture. He will do this by taking delegates around the arboretum following an introductory presentation in the Great Oak Hall.

Numbers are restricted to 10 delegates so early booking is essential. The workshop runs from 10.30am to 3.30pm and tea/coffee is provided throughout the day. Delegates to provide their own lunch or use the facilities on site.

Cost of £50.00. To book, contact Graham directly on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk. See www.abbeyphotoschool for further details and dates.



GLOBAL GARDENERS EXHIBITION Thursday 1 April - Wednesday 2 June

A travelling display of illustrations from plant collectors of the past. Westonbirt Arboretum has strong historical connections with the Global Gardener's exhibition. The tree collection benefited greatly from the work of prolific collectors of the Victorian era. Contributors such as Gloucestershire-born Ernest Wilson and the Veitch nurseries, run by Cornish brothers William and Thomas Lobb, introduced many species to Westonbirt from North and South America, Indonesia, India and the Philippines.

Plant collecting is still carried out in various parts of the world, for research and conservation reasons. Westonbirt regularly works alongside the Millennium Seed Bank on expeditions. On display in the education centre and open to the public to see whenever the building is not in use for a booked school group. Free after admission.

Contact: Jacqui Channon, RAMM Offices, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter EX4 3LS T: 01392 665384

F: 01392 421252 jacqui.channon@exeter.gov.uk

FEED THE CHILDREN – Walk Sunday 25 April

From 11.30am to 3.30pm.

No admission charge for those talking part; spectators pay admission. Further details from Gill Edwards on 07833 601579. Email gedwards@feedthechildren.org.uk

District Councillor Report

The Core Strategy – The new Planning Framework

The South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet agreed the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Publication Draft and supporting Sustainability Appraisal- new words for what was The Local Plan. Although the formal consultation will not start until after the election, the documents are available on the website www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy

The document includes new policies on the Green Infrastructure – our green open spaces, parks, public rights of way etc. and renewable and low carbon energy generation as well as identifying areas of future growth, maintaining economic prosperity, and providing housing for all. Provision has been made for a major mixed use development of up to 3000 dwellings and employment opportunities in North Yate.

The rural areas policies are to protect and conserve the distinctive character, beauty, wildlife, landscape, biodiversity and heritage of the countryside, as well as protect valuable agricultural land and opportunities for local food production. It is proposed to encourage contributions to appropriate new communication technologies. It is intended to maintain the settlement boundaries around rural settlements for the first 5 years of the Core Strategy, and reflect any change in approach to rural housing distribution, after further consultation with local communities.

Parishes are being asked to consider how they would like to consult with their communities on this document which will provide the planning framework for the next sixteen years.

Bus fare increase

Although we don't see any First Buses out in our part of the world, those who use their services, may be interested to learn that they are putting up fares from the 4th April. Adult single fares will be increased by 10p, return fares 5p. Child single and return fares will be increased by 10p. The Council has written to First expressing concern on how this will impact on bus patronage. Remember those Over 60 are entitled to a concessionary bus pass for free travel after 9.00 am.

Road Speed Review

As part of a national review, there has been a speed review on all Class A & B roads. This seems to have been done without any local consultation, and although I have pressed for further information, this does not appear to be currently forthcoming. The A46 is a very busy road, which has had a high number of accidents and local people fighting for speed reductions. It will be interesting to see what has been recommended for this road, and I will pass on this information when I receive it.

Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) for The Commons.

At the recently held meeting for Rights Holders and Graziers of the Commons, there was agreement to go ahead with forming a Rights Holders Committee which would feed into how the grazing would be managed in line with Natural England's guidance. South Gloucestershire Council has agreed to sign the HLS agreement on the understanding that the Commons would be grazed up to the required levels in the Plan. It may be necessary to fund a hayward to help with the local management and this also received general agreement. Work will go ahead on creating the agreed processes so the HLS can be delivered. Please contact me if you require further information.

Grants

Congratulations to two village organisations who received grant funding from the South Gloucestershire Council Local Area Small Grants - Hawkesbury Stallions Football Club (£700) and Hawkesbury Youth Club. (£1500). The next round of small grants opens in May.

If you require help or further information – please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cllr Sue Hope

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Hawkesbury Parish Council

During our meeting the following applications were discussed.

App. No.	Address	Description	PC's comments
PK10/0367/ F	The Bartons, Newhouse Farm Lane, Hawkesbury	Erection of three storey front extension to provide additional accommodation. Erection of detached garage. (Resubmission of PK095817/F)	No objection to the extension or to the size. Parish Council would like to draw the planner's attention to the Public Right of Way adjacent to the new extension.
Planning Decisions received			
PK09/6066/ OHL	St Agnes, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Application for consent by Central Networks West under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for overhead line diversion within 30m tolerance with replacement support within 110% of original support.	The Council has no objection to the works as specified in the submitted details
PK09/6087/ F	Granary House Park Street, Hawkesbury Upton.	Erection of rear Conservatory.	Permit
PK10/0119/ TCA	8 Hunters Mead Hawkesbury Upton	Works to remove 8no. Leylandii Trees and reduce by up to three metres 3no. Leylandii trees in the Hawkesbury Conserva-	The Council has no objection to the works, as specified in the submitted details.
Planning Applications Withdrawn			
PK10/0059/ F	Land off Park Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of 1no. terraced dwelling with access and associated works.	Application withdrawn

Allotment Holders meeting Monday 15th March 2010

The Parish Council held a meeting with allotment holders to discuss the rent increase from £15.00 to £20.00 and the proposed new tenancy agreement. We would like to thank everyone for attending the meeting we appreciated seeing so many of you and it gave everyone an opportunity to raise their comments.

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Hawkesbury Parish Council (continued)

The Parish Clerk will be writing to you all in due course regarding any amendments with the new agreement. Currently all the allotments are in use, and there is a waiting list for any vacancies.

Water Works on The Commons

Hazel Bleaken represented the parish council at a meeting with Bristol Water and Council officers regarding the new pipeline the Water Company would install to maintain the water supply across the Commons. It is likely the work will take place any time from July to October and last about 6 weeks. It appears that the works will involve the road between the two commons being closed for a short time; however residents will be kept informed of any developments. If you would like to know more about the project – please contact Hazel Bleaken 01454 299277

Dates for your Diary

Annual Parish Council Meeting

This will take place on Thursday 1st April 2010 and will be held at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. All are welcome to hear the Parish Reports.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

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

Hawkesbury Parish Council *Dates of Future Meetings – 2010/2011*

Parish Council Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month
Venue: Hawkesbury Village Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room Time: 7.30 p.m.

January 2010 to December 2011

2010	2011
04 January 2010	10 January 2011
01 February	07 February
01 March	07 March
01 April [Annual Parish Meeting]	04 April [Annual Parish Meeting]
10 May [AGM]	09 May [AGM]
07 June	06 June
05 July	04 July
02 August	01 August
06 September	05 September
04 October	03 October
01 November	07 November
06 December 2010	05 December 2011

Relevant parties will be notified immediately in the event of any change to date, time or venue of the above meetings. Changes will also be posted on the Parish Notice Board

<p style="text-align: center;">Please Note</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Meetings scheduled for April / May might be subject to change.</p>

Amendments to Meetings

1. Please note that; at the discretion of the Chair, items on the Agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting may be taken out of order to accommodate public speakers.
2. Please note that; at the discretion of the Chair, items on the Agenda of the Monthly Parish Council meeting may be taken out of order to accommodate District Councillors, invited speakers, and/or their reports which may be relevant to current or ongoing Parish matters.

Parish Clerk
11th February 2010

This list supersedes all previous lists issued.

Parish Clerk Mrs Hazel Jones
2 Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton, Badminton, South Glos GL9 1EQ
Tel; 01454 238074 email h.jones07@btinternet.com

Hawkesbury Parish Council Competition

As you may be aware I have recently taken over as Parish Clerk and I am enjoying my new role.

Having written several letters on behalf of Hawkesbury Parish Council I felt that the paperwork was lacking a "Hawkesbury Logo" that would link to our Parish and Hawkesbury Parish Council has agreed.

We have decided to hold a competition open to everyone in the Parish with no age limit. The entry must not be larger than A5 as it will be reduced in size to fit the header. The closing date is the 30th April 2010 and the winner will be notified shortly afterwards.

We have a fantastic prize of a family ticket to the 125th Hawkesbury Horticultural show in August.

Please forward your entry to:

Mrs Hazel Jones
Parish Clerk
2 Fox Close
Hawkesbury Upton
Badminton
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GL9 1EQ

Please quote your name, address and contact details.

Good Luck to Everyone and I look forward to receiving your entry soon.

Hazel



I had the misfortune to witness one of the poorest bits of driving I have seen in a career of 15 years with an average of 40K a year behind the wheel. Driving a silver Vauxhall Corsa (the male driver was around 17/18) with 5 people onboard, the car came along France Lane at speed behind me and tried to overtake on a strip of 30 MPH, truly a foolish manoeuvre that put himself, his passengers, me and my passengers and that of any pedestrians in danger.

I duly blocked the manoeuvre (safely, I might add, as I saw it coming), so please if anyone knows this driver (as I'm guessing he is fairly local) have a word in his ear, as if he keeps this up he will, without doubt, cause a very serious accident.

(Name and contact details supplied to Editor.)

We were dismayed to see the Parish Magazine being used as a soapbox to air grievances relating to what should be a private matter and certainly not a public one. Naming parish councillors who have supported a planning application is to castigate those councillors who did not! Indeed, to thank villagers who supported is to publicly create animosity towards those who did not!

It is our feeling that the Parish Magazine should never be used in this way and we will therefore not be renewing our subscription for the magazine.

John & Jan Treasure

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The R. A. Lister Company in Dursley and the Bicton Park Botanical Gardens in Devon

The R.A. Lister Company was founded in Dursley in 1867 by Sir Robert Ashton Lister (1845 – 1929) to produce agricultural machinery. Robert Ashton became known as Ashton and went to school in Dursley. The company expanded in later years making sheep shearing machinery, milking machines, milk churn and barrel making, wooden garden seats, tubs and vases. Ashton Lister was always interested in the welfare and value of his staff. In 1910, the works closed for the day, so everyone could travel by charter train from Dursley to Weston-super-Mare for a day trip to the seaside.

In 1914, Lister's made petrol engines, lighting sets and munitions components. Women workers replaced men who fought during the 1914 – 1918 war. In 1926, the autotruck was introduced and made until 1973. Robert Ashton Lister died in 1929 age 84. In 1931, the Duke of York visited Lister's and toured the works. In 1939, many workers were called up to the services. In World War 2, Lister's made engines, agricultural machinery and shell cases. Queen Mary made a visit to Lister's in 1940.

The R. A. Lister works have made a large range of products during its lifetime. In 1965, the company was taken over by the Hawker Siddeley Group and was no longer a family owned business.

My late uncle Douglas Elliott from Hawkesbury Upton worked at Lister's for over 40 years from the 1940s to 1970s. He travelled to and from Dursley on his Ariel Red Hunter motorbike for many years before getting a car lift to work with Jack Hodges who lived in Sandpits Lane. It would be interesting to know if anyone living today in Hawkesbury Upton or nearby can remember the names of the men and women who worked at Lister's during the 1939 – 1970 years. I believe Bob Millard, Ella's husband worked there. Maybe a list of names with memories could be listed and published in a future edition of Hawkesbury Parish News.

I visit Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, East Budleigh, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, EX9 7BG many times and was pleased to have met Frederick William Lister, a grandson of the late Robert Ashton Lister. Fred Lister is the curator of the Countryside Museum at Bicton Park Botanical Gardens. In the museum there is a fine collection of traction engines, vintage machinery, traditional tools, tractors and domestic memorabilia that traces the history of rural life at Bicton and elsewhere in Britain over the past 250 years. Bicton Park Botanical Gardens and the Countryside Museum are well worth a visit to see and enjoy beautiful historic gardens, museum, railway and children's play areas. Open all year. Website. www.bictongardens.co.uk

Best wishes to all readers of the interesting Hawkesbury Parish News.

Douglas Sims. Exeter. Devon.



WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

NEWS FROM WESTONBIRT SCHOOL – FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We wish you a very happy Easter and hope to welcome you to some of the following public events during the spring and summer.

On **SUNDAY 11th APRIL** the Holfords of Westonbirt Trust has an open afternoon in the gardens. This will be an opportunity to see the start of the restoration in the Italian Garden, admire the anemones and talk auriculas with Mary Keen. Several varieties of auricula will also be available for purchase. Admission to the gardens is £4.00.

This event is quickly followed by two Westonbirt Heritage Open Days on **12th and 13th APRIL** when visitors will have a rare chance to experience the whole estate, with access to the house and grounds included in the price of admission to the Arboretum, please note that visitors must first visit the Arboretum where the tour starts. If you would like further information please contact Westonbirt Arboretum on 01666 880220.

On **SATURDAY 24TH APRIL** Bath Light Operatic Group will once again be performing "Songs from the Shows" in our Orangery Theatre. This highly popular event starts at 8.00pm and is organised by of the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum. Tickets are £9.00 and are available either from Maureen Gobbett, 0117 9564769 or from the school, 01666 880333.

Our next school OPEN DAY, when prospective pupils and their families are most welcome to visit and see the school at work, is on **SATURDAY 8TH MAY** from 9.30 am – 12.30pm. The Headmistress, teachers and pupils will be on hand to show you round the school and answer your questions. This is also Open Day at our prep school, Rose Hill Westonbirt, and families wishing to view both schools should allow two hours for their visit, no appointment is necessary.

FRIDAY 21ST MAY is the date of our Summer Term Lecture. This undoubtedly fascinating presentation by Major General Peter Williams, "Shaken, not Stirred; Life as a Cold War Spy", is a look back at the extraordinary military liaison missions operating in East Germany after the Second World War and his involvement in them. Admission to the lecture is free, no booking is required. There is also a post lecture supper which must be booked in advance and tickets for this are available from Eileen Galbraith on 01666 880333

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MIND & BODY MATTERS

PILATES	Monday Didmarton Village Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
	Tuesday Westonbirt Sports Centre	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Wednesday Wickwar School Hall	7.00 - 8.00pm
CIRCUIT TRAINING	Monday Didmarton Village Hall	8.30 - 9.30pm
LBT (legs, bums, tums)	Wednesday Didmarton Village Hall	9.00 - 10.00am
	Wednesday Wickwar School Hall	8.00 - 9.00pm

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April Sudoku

Neil Fozard

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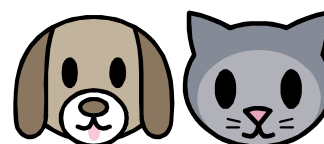
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Babysitting, Dog Walking and Pet Sitting



Beth Stanbridge	01454 238591	I am available for babysitting and pet care - including horses. I am 15 years old.
Ciaran Ainsworth	01454 238052	Raising money to take part in World Challenge, so anything considered: pet sitting, baby sitting, lawn mowing, car washing.
Libby	01454 238118	I am a reliable, family friendly 14 year old who enjoys looking after young children. I am available during most week-day evenings and at weekends. For further details, rates and availability, please call Libby.
Sian-Elise Ainsworth	01454 238052	Aged 18. Raising money to go to university, so anything considered: baby sitting, flute tuition, cleaning, etc.

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