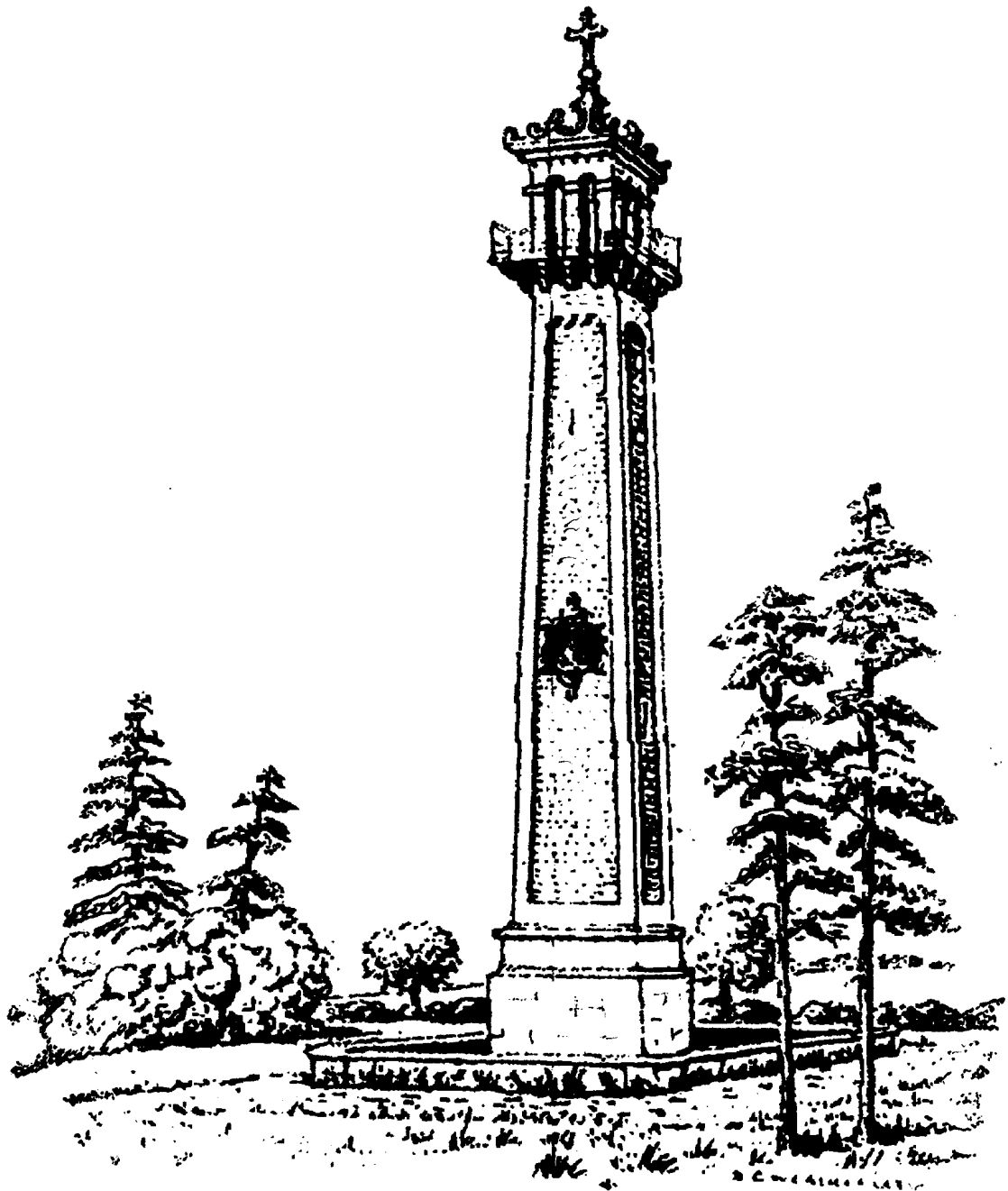


January 2010

Hawkesbury



Parish News



EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

As I write this, I am busy stocking up the freezer with delicious pies, meatballs and soups created from the leftovers of the Christmas turkey and ham (both reared by Hawkesbury producers). Not a scrap has been wasted and the resulting meals will be enjoyed over the coming months.

Apologies for the late arrival of the January issue. There are two reasons for this:

The village Christmas cards were available to be signed right up to Christmas day and, consequently, we needed to wait until after Christmas, to ensure that all signatures were included.

Additionally, due to the Christmas/New Year shut-down we were unable to get the magazine printed until the beginning of January. We hope it is worth waiting for.

Saturday 23rd January marks the **Friends of St Mary's Burns' Night Celebrations** at the village hall. In addition, the Hawkesbury Local History Society's first meeting of the year on **Friday January 15th** will feature local landlord Mark Steeds with a talk on **Bristol Pirates & Privateers**. Read on for more details.

We hope you enjoyed the festive season and look forward to a happy, healthy and prosperous 2010.

Deadline for copy for the February edition is 20th January 2010.

Please send it in as early as you can!



A very Happy New Year to ALL our Readers!

From The Hawkesbury Parish News Team,

Fiona, Vicky, Sarah-Jayne and Suzanne XXX



In Brief

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Latest date for all items for the February magazine is 20th January.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 4th January 2010**, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

HAWKESBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Fri 15th January at 8:0pm
in the Village Hall



“Bristol Pirates and Privateers”

a talk by
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Friends of St Mary's

Burns' Night Celebration



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Hawkesbury C.E VC Primary School

Happy New Year from the school to all the residents of Hawkesbury.

As I am sure you have all noticed, at long last the ramp is finished and I am sure you will all agree that it looks brilliant and has definitely been worth it. This project has taken 3 years to come to fruition and there are many people who have worked very hard to make it happen. Thank you to all the residents who have put up with the disruption outside school for the past few months.

The children had a busy December celebrating Christmas and raising money for various charities. They held an amazing talent competition in aid of 'Children in Need', led and organised by children from the school council. They raised the very impressive amount of £162.50. The children also made boxes to send to Eastern Europe and Africa for the Samaritans Purse charity, we had a total of 48 boxes, which was a brilliant effort by all.

Through December, the children were busy entertaining parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone else who was willing to watch. The infants performed a Christmas nativity using sign language, dance, drama and singing. It was an excellent production that fully involved every child in the infants. The junior children ran a 'Christmas Around the World' musical extravaganza at St Mary's church. The church kindly funded a coach to take people down and the church was full to the brim. We were entertained by violins, cellos, clarinets and guitars plus carols and songs in various languages. It was a real success and a great big thank you to the church for letting us use their beautiful building. Both events had collections for 'Children's Hospice South West' and we raised a fantastic grand total of £259.74, thank you to all those who gave so generously.

Robin and Wren class had some real excitement when the fire engine came to visit our school. They were given a talk from two of the firemen about fire safety and what to do in an emergency and then were allowed to explore the fire engine and ask lots of questions.

Swallow class have been studying the topic of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and enjoyed a trip to the SS Great Britain and Bristol Suspension Bridge. They will be continuing this topic next term. The oldest children in Hawk class will be studying traffic in Hawkesbury and comparing it to traffic in Bristol. PC Paul Fortune has agreed that they can use his speed cameras.

Many, many thanks to Nuala McCloughlin who has been working very hard on the school's behalf asking for donations from companies to buy school books to supplement the reading scheme. We have just ordered £800 worth of books, thanks to her sterling efforts. Thank you to those of you who have donated, the children will really enjoy our new books.

Thank you to the PTA who organised both the shopping evening and the Christmas fair. Both were a real success with a range of gifts and games. The Christmas Fair raised a record breaking total of £1,300 – thank you to the PTA who work so very hard on the children's behalf. Keep spaces in your diaries for the quiz night and pledge auction, both of which look to being excellent events.

As you may be aware, we have had a change of entrance for the school. The old school door has been renovated and fitted with an electronic opening device. It is lovely to see this historic part of the school being used again.

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With Christmas being our main topic last term everyone was busy making cards and decoration. But the children still had time to enjoy a coffee morning on Friday 20th November for "Children in need" and raised £52.21. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support.

On Monday the 30th November the children were given the opportunity to see a Fire Engine at Hawkesbury School and although the weather was appalling the children enjoyed themselves very much. They were allowed to sit inside the engine and they were also able to hear the siren and see the blue lights flashing

PC Paul has been able to visit us several times which has given the children plenty of opportunity to get to know him and ask many questions. Louise Roberts came to talk to the children about "Road Safety" and they were given the opportunity to practice crossing the road.

On Monday 7th December we were given an invitation to see Hawkesbury infants play which we all enjoyed very much. Preschool and play leaders also joined the children for a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December.

We held our nativity play on Monday 14th December, using every opportunity we could to practice. Many Thanks to all the play leaders for all their hard work and to all the children that took part they all did very well and it was a beautiful performance. We would also like to thank Mrs. Thomas who had previously been in to preschool and kindly made mince pies with the children so that we could provide everyone with a cup of tea and a mince pie after the play. We also visited Beaufort House to wish the residents a Merry Christmas and the children sang to them.

New Starters

We have three new children joining preschool in January Tristan George, Amelia Parkin and Esme Mclaughlin. We hope they will be very happy with us.

Birthday Celebrations

We would like to wish Gracie-May a Happy 4th Birthday on January 17th and Charlie a Happy 4th Birthday on January 19th.

Preschool Raffle

We will be able to update you all in next month's parish magazine with how much we raised "Thank you for all your Support". Read on for details of the prize-winners.

For any new parents or carers in the village with babies or toddlers, you are welcome to come and join in with the pres-school toddler session that is held every Tuesday in the village hall from 10am until 12 noon. This is an informal group offering craft activities, toys and refreshments.

The Beaufort Bureau

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4	Dinner for two	Egypt Mill Hotel	Randa Pember
5	Children's Gift Basket	Apple & Pears, Sherston	Ms Goatley
6	Round of golf for two	The Cotswold Edge Golf Club	Sam Kingscott
7	Sweet Hamper	Kate & Richard Bashford	Debbie May
8	2 x family tickets for Playspace	Playspace Bristol	Mr Deane
9	£10 gift voucher	Nails and Beauty, Yate	David Chancellor
10	Tesco £10 voucher	Tesco	Jennette Herd
11	Beauty gift voucher	The Edge, Wotton under Edge	Sian Kellaway
12	2 x tickets Cattle Country Adventure Park	Cattle Country Adv Park, Glos	Whitting
13	4 x Swimming tickets	Yate Leisure Centre	Maggie
14	Morrison £5 Voucher	Morrison's Yate	Natalie Lawday
15	3 pairs of tickets for Jump soft play	Jump, Cribbs Causeway	Cynthia Magraph
16	Family ticket to The Model Village	Bourton on the Water	Sarah Musty
17	Bath & shower Gels	Hazel Jones	D Riden
18	Hair cut	Headstart Studio Hawkesbury Upton	Gill Bendeaux
19	Box of chocolates	Emma Hewer	Sarah Allen
20	Family season ticket	Old Down Country Park	Liz Harber
21	Box of birthday cards		Gill Morgan
22	Day experience at Esporta Bristol	Esporta Health Clubs	Gill Bendeaux
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Hawkesbury Upton Senior Citizen's Fund

Dear All

Some of the distributors have recently been asked 'What is this fund?' and 'Whom do we thank?' I felt that it was time to include some information in the Parish Magazine.

At the present time the Senior Citizen's Fund is an account that is in place to benefit all those of pension age in the villages of Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury Upton and The Commons. It is distributed annually in December. The Royal British Legion purely administers the fund (ably managed by Fred Trinder for many years). The signatories of the account and therefore 'the committee' are Sam Allen, Tim Davies, Charlie Dix and Liz Howard.

But we need your help to ensure that no one is missed. It is difficult to know when people reach pension age (state pension). If we've missed you out, it's because you look too young! Please let us know when you or someone else reaches that age.

No one knows exactly when the fund was first set-up. From the 19th century the Parish Charities fund distributed food. This consisted of donations of Bread and Sugar. In the 1940s/50s Mr Thompson gave out the Bread in Hawkesbury and Mr Coates in Hillesley.

Those I have spoken with do not remember exactly when it changed. However, a separate fund was started in either late 1950s or early 1960s. As far as I can ascertain, it is thought that Maurice Bezar was involved. He was then a member of the Parish Council. At that time it was felt that people didn't want gifts of food. Donations of money would be more beneficial especially to the Senior Citizens. Therefore a fund was set up to give monies to the Senior Citizens of the community. General fundraising in the community would raise the monies.

The RBL records are since 1966, and in 1968 30/- (30 shillings = to £1.50 today) was paid out to 89 persons. In 2009 £10 was paid out to 197 persons.

Over the years a lot of villagers have made individual donations to the fund. It's fascinating to look back at the old records and you may find the following of interest: In the 1960s/70s there were competitions for mushrooms, pumpkin, cucumber, peas and beans. Whilst whist drives, raffles and coffee mornings brought in good amounts. Dosh Allen ran twice-yearly jumble sales between 1976 and 1990 – raising £4,099 in total. The Harvest Home / Auction was (and still is) a regular event at The Beaufort Arms and over the years has raised £4,700. Iris Starling ran Dances from 1972 to 1976 raising a total of £460. Beaufort House used to have regular garden parties and fundraising events and has donated over £2,000. Village organisations have also given generously: Cricket, Darts, Football, Skittles, RAOB (The Buffs), PCC (Parochial Church Council), The RBL and both Pubs.

But...The person who has raised an amazing £11,500 since 1990 is ... Prim Curtis.

She has raised this amount via her annual Garden Party and ongoing collections in the Post Office. Many, many thanks Prim and also to all your valiant helpers.

At the moment the fund is reasonably healthy. But each year we will continue to need fundraising events and donations to enable us to continue with this great tradition - which is what makes Hawkesbury what it is – a caring and sharing community.

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TROWEL & ERROR

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

The RHS and Wildlife Trusts have opened a new website called 'wildaboutgardens.org' which wild things have found it to be particularly user friendly and have so have given it a 5 star rating.

A gardening magazine has called for the Royal family to give up some of its land for allotments. We understand that this is not going down well at Highgrove. Mr. C. Wales was heard to mumble 'Veggie allotments on Highgrove? Bah! Humbug! Let 'em buy 'em from me shop'. Is that a tumbrel I can hear?

Our November speaker, Dr. Mike Martin, talked about The Flora of Lower Woods. He explained that Lower Woods are considered to be 'ancient' woodland and that they contain specimens of 28% of Britain's indigenous flora. To try to cover here what he said would be impossible. He is clearly an enthusiast for the woods and, being a botanist, he has an in-depth knowledge of the fine detail which could easily have gone way over our heads. Fortunately, he has a way of conveying information to his audience that leaves the listener feeling that every detail is clear and easy to understand. We came away enlightened.

As the year drew to a close we had a skittles evening at The Fox. This year the teams were The Leeks and The Sprouts and the front pin was decorated with a giant strawberry. As an incentive, if the strawberry was struck with the first ball, an extra point was added to the score. The highest score for the evening came, as usual, from a lady who rarely plays the game but she did seem to have an unhealthy grudge against strawberries. The Leeks gave The Sprouts a good drubbing but in their defence, sprouts don't usually play skittles, they would rather play squash. If you don't like this joke, I don't carrot all.

Our next meeting is on Monday 25th January when Brian Noble will tell us how to Grow and Show Dahlias. Then on Monday 22nd February, our speaker will be Victoria Logue who will talk about Propagation, Seeds & Cuttings.

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

Couch Potato



By Alan C. Porter

What's the matter with being a couch potato? The end of the year has just been celebrated with the bestowing of gifts and seasonal conviviality. The start of the New Year has been welcomed in with much gusto, perhaps a little too much gusto and now it's couch potato time.

January and February are admirably suited for the more sedentary lifestyle and should, in my opinion, be welcomed with open arms. Time enough for the frantic attack on the garden. Let thoughts of mowing the lawn and slapping wood preservative on the fence panels remain as a distant nightmare to come.

Grasp this time of doing nothing with both hands for it will not be long before you're grasping a spade or a paint brush. Revel in the unique pleasures of afternoon TV.

The couch potato days are only with us for a few weeks and then it's off to Wyevale for the "start" of the year with its accompaniment of blisters and backache.

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WOTTON SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS EARN ENVIRONMENTAL BADGE WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

A day of hard graft in blustery weather conditions ended in celebration last Sunday (22 November) when Wotton-under-Edge Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all received their Environmental Partnership badge in recognition of the hard work they have put in assisting Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in making its new Nind Nature Reserve a better place for wildlife.

In celebration of their Centenary year, over 4 sessions of volunteering the group have 'done their duty' to the community (a key Scouting principle) and made significant progress at the site, repairing bridges, felling small trees, clearing scrub, creating a beetle loggery and an artificial home (or 'holt') for otters. Their work has greatly enhanced the site for invertebrates, water voles, otters, kingfishers and snipe to use.

The Environment Badges were awarded to the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts by the Scout Group's Honorary President, 86 year old Wilf Chappell. Wilf has been associated with the local Scouts for over 70 years, first joining as a lad himself in 1938. He is also a Trustee of the Scout Group's property 'Conygres' adjacent to the Trust's Old London Road Nature Reserve in Wotton-under-Edge, which the Trust and the Group have been working closely together to develop.

Following the presentations, Mr Chappell commented:



"The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, their leaders and members of the Trust have achieved some excellent work at the site during 2009. It is good to see the youngsters being occupied outside and learning about and being directly involved in caring for the environment around us."

In recognition of the partnership, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust staff members, Tom Burditt and John Field, who have managed the project, were also awarded a badge for their efforts!

Nature Reserves Development Manager, Tom Burditt said:

"The youngsters have mastered carpentry skills, tool use and the safe handling of bonfires; and we have even roasted sloes to make them edible. They have also learnt to find and identify a range of wildlife like spawning brown trout banks, scarlet tiger-moths and crayfish, aided by Kathy Meakin from Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society."

John Field, Water Vole Project Officer added:

"Wotton-under-Edge Scout Group have been an enormous help in restoring suitable water vole habitat to what was a heavily overgrown degraded site - The amount of work undertaken during their four sessions has been phenomenal. Tom and I are both looking forward to working with them again next year."

The site was once the old trout farm and is owned by Ben and Anna Read, who are currently working with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to maximise its potential as a wildlife haven and nature reserve.

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I would like to give an update on the fundraising for the charity which provides support for our wounded servicemen and women.

In August 2009, the Hawkesbury Open Golf Championship managed to donate a magnificent £1000.00. Many thanks to Vernon, Ross and the HOGS committee. Ben Fowler ran the Bristol Half Marathon and raised £560.00 in sponsorship from the village, a great effort Ben, and not a bad time either. Well done!

Further donations, barbecues, and ancillary extortion added more than £1000.00 to give us a total raised for the year of £2590.25. I hate to mention names, due to the fear of missing someone out, but thanks to all in the village who have helped and contributed to such a fantastic total. A fantastic total from a fantastic village.

Footnote:

The daily news from Afghanistan only serves to remind us that our help will be needed more than ever in 2010. If anyone is interested in purchasing any Help For Heroes merchandise, T-Shirts, cookbooks, tea towels, wristbands, car stickers, etc. then please contact me on 238 897 or email richardb@inmanselectrical.co.uk.

Dick Blundell



A Village Record



Prompted by the sad passing of Geraldine Cox, one of our real village characters, and before we move into the second decade of the second millennium I would like to start to make a visual record of the houses and residents throughout the parish. The idea occurred to me ten years ago, but was not carried through.

The general idea is to have a photograph of the front of the house, with all the family, plus pets (if wished) outside. This will be a record of the house as it is now, plus who lives there. Some people may not wish to be recorded, but a record of the house could be made.

Many people have digital cameras, which should make it easier, and could probably take their own photos, but I will need help with this project.

If there is anybody who has the time, skills or would like to help in any way, please get in touch and help make history!

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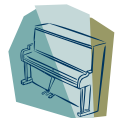
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A RURAL PICTURE

To the Editor of the Mercury and Post

SIR - Will you kindly allow me to insert the following word picture in your excellent and widely read journal? It was on a splendid Sunday evening in the queen month of the year that a beautiful babe was sleeping, laid in a homely cradle in one of the cottage homes of England. The church bell was tolling for evening prayers. A clean, industrious, and pretty young wife was leading the other little children a little way from the cottage to take a little air while baby was sleeping. She was followed by a fine young man - her husband - whom she was entreating to stay at home with the children and allow her to go to church. That man was going to the public-house, to come home towards midnight stupefied - a practice he had followed for several years past. This scene was witnessed by the writer in a village near Bristol; May 8th, 1881. What a boon the Sunday closing would be to such wives and mothers as these!

Yours respectfully

HOPEFUL,

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Thanks

Marlene and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support following the death of Glyn. So many cards and letters!

Thank you for all donations which are going to Liver research at Kings College Hospital, London, where Glyn spent a great deal of time. (Total not yet known).

Glyn put up an amazingly brave fight right to the end, he never gave up!

He would have been honoured to see so many at his funeral and at the Beaufort Arms after.

Lee's Lights

It was lovely to see so many people for the switching on of Lee's lights on Saturday December 12, the weather was very kind to us all.

For us it always a very special night, seeing how much the children enjoy seeing all the lights being switched on, and remembering how much Lee loved Christmas, and how he would have loved the lights.

It was lovely also to hear people say how much a part of Christmas Lee's Lights have become. Thank you again.

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If your organisation works with **older people, people with sensory, mobility and/or dexterity impairments, people with learning difficulties, people who are socially isolated, people who have English as a second language or people who have experienced mental health problems** then you may want to contact The Care Forum to:

- Receive free training the trainer sessions for you to pass on information to your staff and service users about the switch, why it is happening and what (if anything) people need to do to prepare for it if they want to continue watching their TV. Grants are available for running your own events to cascade this information.
- Arrange for a member of their Community Digital team to speak at your events, meetings or activities in order to explain the switchover
- Obtain more information about the government Help Scheme set up to assist eligible vulnerable people with this transition

To find out about arranging training events, receiving information and/or getting trained yourself please telephone The Care Forum on 0117 965 4444 or send an email to digitaloutreach@thecareforum.org.uk.

Village Hall

Will all regular users who make periodic payments please ensure that all fees are paid up to date as soon as possible as our Financial Year ends on 31st December.

Payments can be made to either the Treasurer, Mick Bendeaux or the Booking Secretary, Terry Gardener

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**Thanks to Charlie Barker, we now have a newer Digital Photocopier.
Consequently we now have a spare photocopier in good working order which we will donate to any local good cause.
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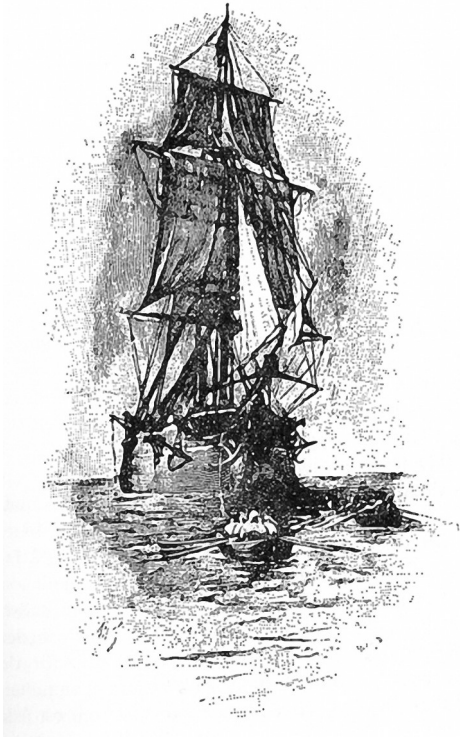
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Hawkesbury & Horton WI

At our December meeting our President welcomed old friends and new. Then we were entertained by larger than life Pantomime Dame Tim Mayo and were amazed to discover there could be as many as twelve or thirteen costume changes in a performance. Tim took up back-stage and we were treated to a hilarious make-up demonstration with lots of tips for luscious lips and enhanced eyebrows that registered a permanent look of surprise! So if you see any ladies around Hawkesbury looking particularly striking - you will know they belong to the WI!

Tim has played many parts from Nurse Gladys Glucose in Babes in the Wood to this year's Wolf in Red Riding Hood and feels it is amateur productions that are keeping the true spirit of pantomime alive in the

true tradition.

Congratulations to Gill who won the competition "Earrings for a Pantomime Dame" with her recycled drinks cans! Members also enjoyed an excellent Christmas Meal at the Beaufort Arms.

The coming year is expected to be a particularly busy one with our 80th Birthday Celebrations.

Please remember Resolutions will be voted on at the January meeting.

Diary Dates

5th Jan – our Speaker will be a vet from the Rowe Group.

2nd Feb – the talk will be on wills and estate planning.

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410

Peggy Woffenden

would like to thank

Sandra and Vicky,

plus all the Hawkesbury Volunteer Transport drivers,
for all their kindness to me in the last few months.

A happy and successful New Year to you all!



Quiz League

Quiz League at the Beaufort returns
Sunday 10 January.

Thanks to all who supported the Charity Quiz
which raised £150 for the Alzheimer's Society!



2009 Poppy Appeal



Final total raised through the
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Many thanks to all who helped and contributed

Liz Howard, Poppy Organiser



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Should anyone wish to contribute a home made cake for the tea party please contact Alan on **0797 206 5496**. All contributions gratefully received.

Everybody is welcome, and if you need transport to attend please contact Sandra or Vicki on **0797 206 5665**.

If you want to find out a bit more about becoming a driver or a passenger, or perhaps you have passed that 60th birthday and haven't yet got your diamond travel card, or even if you just fancy a cup of tea and a slice of cake, drop in and meet the co-ordinators, drivers, passengers and supporters.

The table below has shows the accomplishments so far.

Year	2007 Aug-Dec	2008	2009 to Nov	Total to Date
Journeys	108	274	216	598
Miles	2398	5831	5100	13329
Diamond Cards	13	24	21	58

Earlier this year HVT was fortunate enough to be offered a Community Transport vehicle supplied and supported by South Gloucestershire Council. The vehicle is a red Citroen Berlingo, that we will operate in line with our current rules and regulations, a. A number of our drivers now use this vehicle in preference to their own car.

If anyone wishes to join HVT as a driver, or wishes to enquire about becoming a passenger or the issue of a Diamond Travel Card, please contact either Sandra or Vicki, our two coordinators, on **0797 206 5665**.

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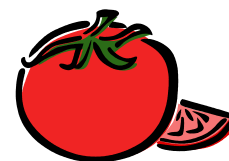
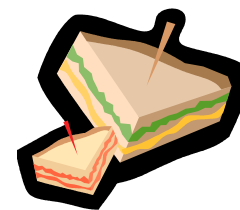
We wish each other a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and we hope that the collections raised will give help and hope.

Mary Beresford



PETER KAY'S UNIVERSAL TRUTHS

- 1) Triangular sandwiches taste better than square ones.
- 2) At the end of every party there is always a girl crying.
- 3) Sharpening a pencil with a knife makes you feel really manly.
- 4) Nobody ever dares make cup-a-soup in a bowl.
- 5) The smaller the monkey the more it looks like it would kill you at the first given opportunity.
- 6) Its impossible to look cool whilst picking up a Frisbee.
- 7) Driving through a tunnel makes you feel excited.
- 8) Old ladies can eat more than you think.
- 9) Its hard to respect a man who carries a little dog.
- 10) You've turned into your dad the day you put aside a thin piece of wood specifically to stir paint with.



And finallyknowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad!

Article No. 2 ~ MISSING THE POINT!

It's me again, Jessie Rooster. I feel that I should provide an insight over the coming months into the world of energy. Mine is but one view but comes from over quarter of a century of experience in the energy field.

On matters of energy and the environment are you a zombie (walking round with a bag over your head, arms out-stretched) or just a lemming (simply copying Mr Average Guy)?! If so it's not your fault of course as even now nobody in 'POWER' seems to be saying how serious things really are and if they try to, they are still totally missing the point! Those in 'POWER' are starting to talk of 'Climate Change' but to do so they show their ignorance, as from a longer term or higher perspective 'Climate Change' is not the problem!

To explain: Even if average world temperatures were 2, 3 or even 50C higher, the planet will still be here. Humans (loads of them) will still happily roam around. There will be plentiful supplies of electricity. Sure, there would be lots of disruption but in the grand scheme of things, not a world ending effect.

However, our world will be massively affected, not because of 'Climate Change' but due to lack of resources. Resources! That is the problem! It's RESOURCES not 'Climate Change'! The sooner people focus on this the sooner we can all change.

So, until the message becomes clearer lets concentrate on what people are talking about now. There is much talk of 1) renewables, 2) turning things off and 3) recycling. Taking these three things one at a time:-

1. Recycle

For hundreds of years the human race has recycled (let alone 'reduced' and 're-used') – just ask your Gran! For some reason when the human race desperately needed to recycle (because there was so much more to recycle) it hasn't bothered!! Oh, we do a bit but we are still the disposable society. That's what we are, what YOU are. Nice bits of packaging. It's the way things 'look' that seems important not the substance. Just ask shopaholics. It's so false, so unnecessary, but we just don't see it!! We are used to it. The 10-60 year olds are the worst. Only the under 10s can now optimise (word chosen carefully) the worlds resources, so that people over the world have a chance and we have to hope they don't totally despise the previous two generations of their family. For years, we have become used to this luxurious, wasteful way of life. It has become 'normal' (a bit like the Romans killing elephants and lions for sport – at that time this was 'normal' and totally logical – see article No.1).

2. Turn Off

Anyone in their right mind would turn something off if they were paying for it let alone to preserve the worlds resources. For example would you leave the car engine running all night just in case you need it in the morning? You see, energy is still so cheap. Even at ten times the price would you make the effort to get up and turn the TV off at the switch (yes, the switch!) rather than leave it on standby?

3. Renewables

In the UK the best potential is wind power. Of course we need to use renewable energy – over half of the potential for wind power in the whole of Europe is in the UK. Currently wind power represents less than 1% of electrical generation in the UK. The reason is simple! To get the capital investment back takes on average 5 years. Only Government with a solid strategy can make the cost per kW of production low enough and therefore generate a big enough volume to make a notable impact - at long last there are moves in the right direction. The same should apply to the use of LED lighting and many other technologies Tungsten bulbs will be taxed out of production. Even the basic alternative, energy efficient lamps, should be given out free to everyone ~ why aren't people adequately considering the bigger picture? What the heck if some lights take a minute to get bright – it's time to get real about the long term alternative!

Finally, for those of you who know me you may think that I am largely a hypocrite (and you'd be right) but 'what can one man do', right?

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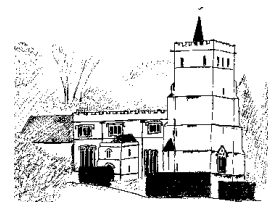


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St Mary's Church News

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart: I will glorify your name for ever. For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave." - Psalm 86 : 11-13



Churchwardens Mrs Mary Beresford 238508 and Mrs Linda Fairney 238553
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if possible the day before to arrange for collection of church key.

The Works

7th January 2010 - 7 – 8.30pm at the School Hall. This is the first session of the new year enrolment forms will need to be filled in, a £1.00 subscription plus 50p for the session. 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.

Carol singing

The evening went well even though not many children from the works were able to come, thank you to all adults who came along and to everyone who donated, the collection will be divided between MacMillan Nurses and The Children's Society.

7th January 2010 - 9.45 am at St Mary's Church Presentation of the Kings

During the Light of the World Service on Christmas Eve paper crowns were given to children, so that they could take them home colour and decorate them and then return with them at the Morning Service on the 3rd Jan. The service will be based on the Presentation of the Kings, readings and other activities will include any child who would like to return with their decorated crown. Please try to come to celebrate with us.

Children at Services

I think the best part of Christmas for Churchgoers is to share the services with the young. We were so delighted that the children from Hawkesbury School came to St Mary's for their Christmas Production, there was singing, verse and musical accompaniment, and I think everyone who was there really enjoyed the evening. At the Friends of St Mary's 9 lessons and carols a group of children read the 7th lesson and we also had a number of young children in the congregation, tonight there was a carol service at Bethesda and young people played in the small orchestra and also delighted the congregation with song, also at the Methodist Church Children from the Sunday School take turn in reading lessons from the Bible. I would like to congratulate them on behalf of us all for the courage they show in a situation, which can be quite daunting to Adults – Well done to you all.

Bible Study

A very warm welcome to 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 27 January and 24 February at Dunkirk Farmhouse (on A46). Coffee at 7.45 for 8.00 pm start. For further details please contact Alastair Craig on 238237.

Hawkesbury Advent Lunches

Thank you to all who supported the Advent Lunches, we raised £170.63p after expenses.

Special thanks for Hobbs House Bakery who supplied the rolls and the Ladies of the Yoga Group who put up the tables for us - such a help.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

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Dear All,

Christmas has come and gone. I hope that you had time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas and had an enjoyable time with family and friends.

As I write this the climate conference has just ended in Copenhagen without any real commitment as to what should be done in order to secure a long term future for our planet. We have been blessed with a very beautiful earth. However we feel about climate change God gave us the task to look after our earth. This means we should not be greedy and take more than we need, we should take good care of it and share the gifts which we derive from it in an equitable way. I hope that at any future conferences a way forward may be found where we will be able to do this.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New year.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Elizabeth Nichols

Forthcoming readings for January 2010:

Sunday 3 January	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6 , Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday 10 January	Baptism of Christ	Acts 8. 14-17, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22
Sunday 17 January	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 62. 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11, John 2. 1-11
Sunday 24 January	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a, Luke 4. 14-21
Sunday 31 January	4 th Sunday of Epiphany	1 Corinthians 13, Luke 2. 22-40
Sunday 7 February	2 nd Sunday before Lent	Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end, Revelation 4, Luke 8. 22-25

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

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Sidesmen
3.01.10	9.45am	Morning Praise – Presentation of the Kings with crowns	TBA	Mrs H Rogers
10.01.10	10.00am	Methodist Church Sunday School	-----	-----
	6.00pm	Evensong	Mrs B Stephens	Mrs S Bishop
17.01.10	9.45am	Morning Praise	Naomi Couzin- Short	Mrs D Musty
24.01.10	10.00am	Methodist Church Sunday School	-----	-----
	6.00pm	Evensong / Holy Communion	Mrs P Setterfield Mrs W Peacock	Mr A Craig
31.01.10	9.45am	Baptism and Confirmation Service Lead by Bishop John from Tewkesbury	Mrs P Setterfield Mr J O'Brien	Mrs L Fairney Mrs M Beresford
7.02.10	9.45am	Morning Praise / Holy Communion	Mr Wareham	Mr P Broad

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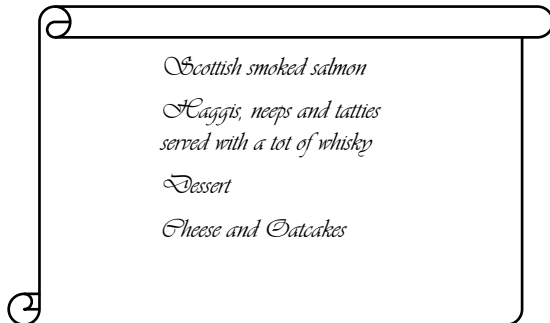
Saturday 23rd January 2010 7.30pm

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Month	Flowers	Cleaning
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FEBRUARY	Mrs J. Chancellor Mrs W. Peacock	Mrs S. Bishop Mrs N. Round
MARCH	Mrs M. Davies * replacement needed	Mrs S. Couzens-Short Mrs P. Craig
APRIL	* replacement needed	* replacement needed
MAY	* replacement needed * replacement needed	Mrs J Gardener * replacement needed
JUNE	Mrs G. Dix Miss J. Oldershaw	Mrs J. Harris Mrs P. Fisher
JULY	Mrs Sabier * replacement needed	Miss J. Oldershaw Mrs G. Dix
AUGUST	Mrs L. Fairney * replacement needed	Mrs L. Fairney * replacement needed
SEPTEMBER	Mrs G. Thomas Mrs A. McCarthy	Mrs J. Chancellor Mrs Harding
OCTOBER	Mrs M. Davies * replacement needed	Mrs S. Herod Mrs L. Starling
NOVEMBER	Mrs M. Beresford * replacement needed	Mrs Deacon Mrs Dixon
DECEMBER	Mrs M. Beresford HELPERS	Mrs G. Bendeaux Mr A. Craig

**** As you can see, we are urgently in need of helpers. If anyone can help, even if only for one or two times a month, or just to clean the brass, we would be very grateful.
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BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of January 2010

<i>Sunday Jan 3rd</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev. P Hopes [C]</i>
<i>Sunday Jan 10th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Steve Pigeon</i>
<i>Sunday Jan 17th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Brian Smith</i>
<i>Sunday Jan 24th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Alan Tarling</i>
<i>Sunday Jan 31st</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Chris Wilmott</i>

Tuesdays at 7.30pm as announced

There is much preparation going on right now for the 2012 Olympics – building the stadium and the preparation of training facilities etc. The athletes are already in training, physically and mentally building up to the big event! They have to be fit and ready to compete.

We have just celebrated the greatest and joyous event in the history of the world; the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. John wrote in chapter 1 v.14 "The Word [Jesus] became flesh and made his dwelling among us. The shepherds, Luke 2, heard the "good news of great joy" and went to see the Christ Child, The Bible also tells us that Jesus will come again, not as a babe but as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When? – the Bible does not tell us. On His return to heaven after His resurrection, the disciples were told in Acts 1 v 11, "This same Jesus, who has been taken into heaven, WILL COME BACK in the same way as you have seen him go into heaven. Each of us needs to be ready – and preparation begins right now for that great day!

M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]

The dangers of driving...



Two very elderly ladies were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard.

As they were slowly but carefully making their way along the road, they came to a junction. The traffic light was red but they just went on through.

Vera, in the passenger seat, thought to herself, 'I could have sworn we just went through red light.' After a few more minutes they came to another junction, the light was red, and again they drove right through.

This time, Vera was almost sure that the light had been red, but she was also concerned that she might be seeing things. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention.

At the next junction, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they drove right through it.

Vera turned to her friend and said, "Mildred! Did you know that you drove through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh no!.....am I driving.....?"

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



Services for January 2010

Sunday Jan 3rd	9.45am	Morning Praise at St Mary's
Sunday Jan 10th	10.00am	Rev Paul Edwards – Communion Service Sunday School for children attending
Sunday Jan 17th	9.45am	Morning Praise at St Mary's
Sunday Jan 24th	10.00am	Rev Paul Edwards Sunday School for children attending
Sunday Jan 31st	10.00am	Mrs B Isherwood Sunday School for children attending

COFFE MORNINGS will recommence on Monday January 4th from 10.00am to 11.30am. Do come along and join us for coffee or tea and a chat.

TODDLER'S PRAISE will be held on Wednesday 27th January from 1.45pm to 2.15pm when we have songs, activities and lots of fun.

Does He Want To Use Me?

God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.

1 Corinthians 1:27

The work of God is not done by great people but by ordinary people who are committed to Him. We may say to God, "I am nothing. I have no gifts. I often fail miserably.

Do You really want to use me?"

The answer to that question is found in God's Word. He used the hesitant, inarticulate Moses to lead Israel to freedom (Ex. 3:13; 4:10). He used men of the herds and flocks, as well as fishermen and farmers to accomplish His work and record His words. A simple carpenter and a peasant girl raised His Son.

That's still the way God works. Although we have "mega-methods," mass media, and superchurches, it is ordinary people who do God's extraordinary work.

A grandmother prays faithfully for her 14 grandchildren and talks to each one about trusting Christ. A clerical worker witnesses to everyone in his office. A Christian takes a meal to her unbelieving neighbours when their baby is hospitalized and assures them of her prayers.

When we ask, "Does God really want to use me?" the answer is clear. God chooses "the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty" (1 Cor. 1:27).

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WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

INVITATION TO PUBLIC EVENTS AT WESTONBIRT SCHOOL (January)

As the staff and pupils of Westonbirt School enjoy their end of term festivities, we look ahead to welcoming the general public to various events in January.

WINTER ANTIQUES FAIR

Organised as ever by Cooper Antique Fairs (www.cooperevents.com), we will be providing the venue for their Winter Antique Fair on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd January, from 11am until 5pm (admission £5 per adult).

EQUESTRIAN EVENING

Spend An Evening with William Fox-Pitt on Saturday 16 January from 7pm. This outstanding sportsman's wins include The Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials and he was six times European Team Gold Medallist. The evening will begin with a mulled wine and mince pie reception at 7pm, before his talk at 7.30pm. The proceeds of the evening will be split between the Eloise and Katie Memorial Trust (www.eloiseandkatie.com) and the Westonbirt Lacrosse Tours Fund, which will be taking the School's top lacrosse players on a tour of New England at Easter 2010. Tickets are priced £20 (adults) / £12.50 (under 18s) / £8 (Westonbirt pupils). There will also be a cash bar open, signed books for sale and a small auction – so don't forget your purse! Booking forms and posters are downloadable from the school website's Public Events page.

PUBLIC RECITAL BY SCHOOL'S TOP MUSICIANS

Music students preparing for their Trinity Recital Certificate will provide a public recital on Wednesday 20 January at 7.30pm in the Great Hall. A high standard of performance is guaranteed! Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the School Music Appeal. The girls will also present their first informal, free lunchtime concert of the Spring Term in the Great Hall on Friday 22 January from 1.30pm until 2pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

BURNS NIGHT DINNER & DANCE

The Friends of Westonbirt School invite you to join their hugely popular traditional Burns Night celebrations in the wonderful setting of Westonbirt House on Saturday 23 January at 7.30pm. There will be a white wine reception followed by traditional Burns Night three-course dinner (with an alternative to haggis available for the squeamish!) and dancing to the music of Harvie Sharp's Reel Time Band (with caller). This is always a sell-out event This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it so book now by calling the School Office on 01666 880333 during office hours. Tickets are £30 for adults, £15 for school-age children.

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Royal visit from The Duchess of Cornwall

The Duchess of Cornwall only had to pop down the road from her Highgrove home when she paid a Royal visit to officially open Rose Hill Westonbirt Preparatory School on 30th November.

The new school has been formed following the merger between Querns Westonbirt and Rose Hill schools. Rose Hill Westonbirt is a co-educational day school for boys and girls aged from 3 -13 years and shares the idyllic 210 acre parkland setting and many excellent facilities with Westonbirt School.

The Duchess was welcomed by the Headteacher, Mr Neil Shaw and Head Girl, Grace Grundy. She toured the school stopping to chat with pupils in their classrooms. She then listened to the school choir and met staff and governors before unveiling a commemorative plaque.

Mr Shaw said: "Today has been a great experience and the children loved every minute. The Duchess is part of our community, she lives just across the road, so it's great to have that support and she knows the school well".



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Date for Your Diary - 16th January 2010 9.30 – 1pm



Hawkesbury Energy Group update.

Following on from the successful Bright Ideas and “Watts it all about” day in October last year, we are having another open day in January.

The theme for the event will be “Turning Ideas into Actions”

More details in next month’s mag, but make a note to come along for breakfast rolls, teas & coffee and find out what our proposals are.

5 reasons not to mess with children.



A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that the Bible said that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

The teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother

had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mum, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A loud whisper was heard from the back of the classroom 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

One lunchtime, the children were lined up filling their trays at the food counter. Half way along the counter was a large pile of apples. A dinner lady had made a note and posted on the apple tray- 'Take only ONE apple-God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the counter, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'



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03-Jan-10	Sunday	14:00	Where the Wild Things Are	PG	101
03-Jan-10	Sunday	19:45	A Serious Man	15	105
05-Jan-10	Tuesday	19:45	Glorious 39	15	125
06-Jan-10	Wednesday	20:45	The Men Who Stare at Goats	15	90
07-Jan-10	Thursday	14:00	Glorious 39	15	125
07-Jan-10	Thursday	19:45	A Serious Man	15	105
08-Jan-10	Friday	19:45	Avatar-3D	12A	166
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Sun 17th Jan Kairos Quartet

Saxophonist Adam Waldmann, pianist Rob Barron, bassist Oli Hayhurst and drummer Jon Scott are the Kairos 4tet, a back to basics, saxophone-led jazz group. Waldmann's compositions provide enough substance to fuel these four fine musicians into a creative rapport that makes you think you're listening to one of the great jazz quartets. Web tickets: £8, Door: £10.

Wed 20th Jan The Spare Room (The Visit) - Hammerpuzzle Theatre

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Fri 22nd Jan Empirical

This young band has taken the UK jazz world by storm. This is their first non-festival appearance in Bath. Two sets will see them explore new material and pieces from their album inspired by Eric Dolphy's music. A rare chance to see them up close and personal. Empirical blazed into the limelight in 2007 with an album produced by Courtney Pine, winning the Jazzwise and Mojo album of the year awards. Web tickets: £12, Door:£14.

Sat 23rd Jan The Amazing Street Cred Band

Amazing Street Cred Band - Veteran singer, songwriter, guitarist and poet Richard Ingham leads this blues and early rock & roll outfit in a celebration of earthy music and words. With Torsten Jensen, keyboards, Michael Graves, lead guitar, Scott Barter, double bass, and Matt Swanson, drums. Web tickets: £7, Door:£8.

Check out the website for more details and online bookings:

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Just announced at Westonbirt Arboretum 2010

The summer concerts at Westonbirt Arboretum are gradually being announced and tickets are currently on sale.

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James Morrison — Sun 18 July (£31)

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Dog Days 2010 at Westonbirt Arboretum

Sat 20th and Sun 21st February 2010, 10am - 4pm



The 2010 Dog Days event will once again see the Kennel Club giving Good Citizen Testing, Dog display and Dog Olympic Games from Tail Waggers, plus a display from the Swifts Fly Ball team who proved to be very popular in 2009.

Canix will be here on the Sunday, so if you are feeling energetic you can go for a 2.5km or a 4km run through Silk Wood with your dog. We also have the Scruffiest Crossbreed Dog Show, where you could find yourself at the national final in Earls Court, London.

No need to register in advance for Scruffts, just visit the Westonbirt Information stand on the day.

We will also have Lynne Davies from the BB3 Dog Borstal television programme, giving a dog training display and advice on dog behaviour.

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District Councillor Report

Planning for the Area

Early in February, we will see the publication of the consultation on the Core Strategy, which will replace the Local Plan; this contains all the planning policies which frame all future development in our area. If you are interested in what will happen in the future in our area, it is important that you get involved in this consultation. Work has started and Parish Councils have already been asked to identify recreational and open space land in the parish and take a view on if they think the current facilities are adequate. I have also been asked to comment on the availability of employment land – we have very little in Hawkesbury Parish. I will of course pass on any details when they become available, but they will be published on the South Gloucestershire Council website:

www.southglos.gov.uk

Frenchay Future

The future of Frenchay is still under discussion, but it does look increasing like this site will be providing rehabilitation for patients and be a site for extra-care housing. A paper is to be published in January.

The Commons

At a recently held Commons meeting held, rights holders learnt what a Higher Level Scheme would look like and what Natural England would be asking of the graziers. This scheme would provide monies for the land management of the Commons; there was a discussion about how this would be administered. South Gloucestershire Council, who manage the Commons, has agreed to be the applicant to bid for the monies, it is hoped to set up a committee, with parish council involvement, with the membership of those with Commons rights and especially those who turn out cattle as they will be key to the future management. Thanks to Jenny Phelps, who has been working with those involved in turning out. The details of process are yet to be finalised.

Avon Wildlife Trust is carrying out a survey on fields in the area, and will be working with local land owners once they have been identified.

The Hawkesbury School Travel Plan is beginning to take shape, and it is hoped an open session will be held in February. Dates and times are to be advertised.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns. 2010 looks like being a very busy year.

Cllr Sue Hope

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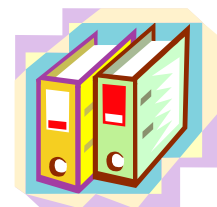
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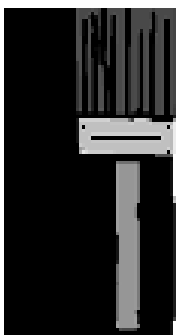
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Hawkesbury Parish Council

During our meeting on the 18th November the following applications were discussed.

App No	Address	Description	PC's Comments
PK09/5687 /F	Willow Cottage, The Barton, Hawkesbury Upton.	Erection of two storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation.	No objection , but requested condition that extension to be finished in same natural stone as existing materials. To take into consideration the neighbour's comments.
PK09/5701 /F	Hawkesbury Home Farm, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton.	Erection of Potting Shed.	No Objection
PK095629 /CLE	Oxleaze Farm, Oxleaze Farm Road, Inglestone Common, Badminton	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of land as residential curtilage	No Objection
PK09/5765/F	Ingleside, The Barton, Inglestone Common, Badminton.	Erection of detached Garage and installation of gate, Access and House repairs.	No Objection
PK09/5736/F	Old Police House, France Lane, Hawkesbury Upton.	Erection of three storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Erection of two storey side extension to form porch and stairwell. Erection of single storey side extension to form utility area.	Objection on the following grounds: 1. Over development of the property - 2. During construction, there were concerns raised about the access from the carriage way on and off the A46 because outside the property is a single passing space, the thoroughfare. 4. Consider the neighbour's concerns raised. 5. The plans show that they will be replacing the pond with a shed, have they carried out a biodiversity plan?

During the 7th December meeting the following applications were discussed.

PK09/5893 /O	42 Highfields Hawkesbury Upton	Demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate the erection of 4no dwellings (outline) with access and layout to be determined. All other matters to be reserved. Resubmission of PK08265/0	At a site meeting The Parish Council had a split vote on its comments on this application. The objections raised were with regard to the neighbours residential amenity, and access to the site, and reference to comments on the recent application on this site. (PK08/2695/O – Overdevelopment of back land site; Over worked sewage system in the area; Land is still agricultural and not brown field site). As the outline application deals with layout there was objection to the siting of the pair of garages backing onto the adjacent garden and consideration should be given to re-siting them. The Parish Council agreed that as this site is adjacent to the Conservation Area if development takes place, the height of the buildings should not be more than the adjacent Quarryfield House. The site is situated with a public right of way running along the eastern part of the site, another public right of way on part of the north east of the site, together with a permissive path running along the northern boundary of the site.
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PK09/5817 /F	Newhouse Farm lane.The Bartons Hawkesbury Common	Erection of a three storey rear extension, to provide additional accommodation. Erection of Garage	No Objection. But the council trust the Public right which is not noted on the plans will be protected
PK09/5701 /F	Hawkesbury Home Farm, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of Potting shed, the Council received revised proposals	No objection
PK09/5521 /F	1 Petty France Cot- tages, Petty France, Badminton	Erection of two storey front and single storey side exten- sion to provide additional living accommodation	Being considered by the Development control committee. This was noted
The following Notice of Decision was also received			
PK09/5497 /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 diver- sion within 30m tolerance with replacement support in excess of 110% of original support.	SGC raised objection to the works.
PK09/5385 /F	Old House Farm, Newhouse Farm Lane, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of single storey rear extension to garage to facili- tate conversion of self con- tained annexe ancillary to main dwelling. Erection of replacement stables and do- mestic garage. Erection of workshop ancillary to main dwelling	Permit with conditions.

Other News

Streetcare

Just in case we receive any bad weather we can confirm that all the salt bins within our Parish have been filled. SGC have been notified of the road condition in Highfields Lane, and they will be dealing with this in the New Year.

Digital Switchover

As you all may be aware the digital switchover will be carried out in March 2010. We are concerned that we may need to do more within our Parish to ensure everyone is ready to switch over. If anyone needs advice or help please do not hesitate to contact us. (see separate item).

Christmas lights

It was so nice to see so many people out on Saturday to see the Christmas lights be switched on by Saskia Pember, Emily Clements and Jasna Nickells. We would like to thank everyone who donated the mince pies, to the choir for singing the carols, and to The Fox and Beaufort for the mulled wine.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be held on the 4th January 2010 at 7.30pm at Hawkesbury Village Hall.

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January Sudoku

Neil Fozard

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EASY !!

NOT SO EASY !!

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

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

Answers to the December quizzes:-

'Easy'

5	2	6	8	1	7	9	3	4
8	1	3	4	9	6	7	5	2
4	7	9	3	5	2	6	1	8
6	9	5	7	3	8	2	4	1
1	8	7	2	4	9	3	6	5
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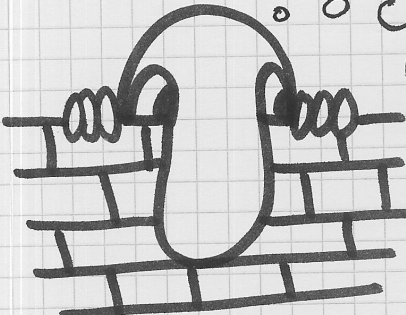
'Not so Easy'

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

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