

January 2011

Hawkesbury



Parish News

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EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

Welcome to the January 2011 issue of Hawkesbury Parish News.

I hope you have all enjoyed the festive season and are now looking forward to 2011 and whatever it may bring. Many of you sent us such kind Christmas wishes and messages of encouragement, which were much appreciated!

Yet again, the freezer is full to bursting, this time with the results of the post Christmas cooking fest. Pies, meatballs, croquettes, stocks and soups made from the leftovers are now waiting to be enjoyed in the coming months, all made from delicious Hawkesbury produce (with zero food miles!). Yum!

We have some exciting news from our recent Parish News team meeting. Full details are inside this issue. Please note that, from February, the deadline will be the **15th of the month**. This brings us into line with several other local magazines and (hopefully) should avoid the problems previously experienced with print turnaround.

I'd like to thank all our advertisers, contributors, readers, deliverers and sellers who, together, make the Parish News actually happen! Thank you for your continued support.



Happy New Year from all the Parish News team!



Fiona, Vicky, Sarah-Jayne, Suzanne & Pauline

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Latest date for all items for the February magazine is 15th January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting (AGM) will be on **Mon 10th Jan 2011, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Evergreens Meeting

Tuesday 11th January
in the Village Hall
at 2:30pm

Coffee Mornings

At Peggy Woffenden's house 10:00–11:30am

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January Newsletter 2010

All of the children have been working really hard on all subjects. However the school has had a very exciting month with all of the Christmas activities.

Cross country Races.

Hawkesbury Primary school has been very successful with their cross country racing. A little group of runners from the school have been regularly racing against other schools at Katharine Lady Barkley school, and have done well every time. The results for the last race on the 13th of November were:

Senior girls – 2nd Ellie

3rd Abi

27th Imogen

34th Cassie

37th Sophie

38th Elisabeth

51st Katie

Junior girls – No girls

Junior boys – 38th Ethan

42nd Kade

53rd Tommy

60th Seb

Senior boys – 35th Zach

43rd Kyle

50th Ziggy

69th Apollo

Fantastic results to everybody.- thank you to Miss Baldam and Mrs Norris who run the club

Christmas Parties

On Thursday 16th December there was a Christmas party for the infants and juniors. The Infants had a special visit from Santa and his elves. The older children played lots of party games and showed off their brilliant disco moves.

The Jolly Postman (Christmas Play)

KS2 (the juniors) did a fantastic play called 'The Jolly Postman'. They put a lot of effort into making it perfect for all of the parents and children to see it. Although the children put some fantastic effort into doing the Christmas play, we should all say thank you to Miss Baldam and Miss Hawker for organising the play and setting it all up for us. The wonderful Christmas play was held at the church and everybody enjoyed it!

Singing round the Christmas tree

On Friday the 17th the whole school sang around the Christmas tree in the school hall. Mrs Lovell's fantastic band played some wonderful songs for the school to sing to. Everybody had a wonderful time and would love to do it again!

Cinderella

On the 9th of December we went to the Everyman theatre to watch Cinderella. We had to walk up about 5 flights of stairs to get up to the top of the balcony, it was exhausting. It was really intimidating at first but after about 10 minutes you got used to the height of the seats on the top balcony. The show started with a BANG! Which brought the floating fairy god mother out of the smoke haze. She told us that the story was of fun, joy and happiness. Then the interactive show started. There were characters such as Cinderella, her father, the gruesome twosome sisters, Buttons and the prince. It was absolutely fantastic and we all went home with big smiles on our faces.

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It's a party (infants)

The infant's play was absolutely overwhelming. Considering their ages they spoke exceptionally well, plus their singing was very heavenly with a smile on their faces. At the end of the play the clapping would not stop, it was absolutely faultless and amazing. A story which takes you into a different land!

The Christmas fair

This was held at Hawkesbury School. There was a treasure hunt with reindeers to find and jars full sweets. There was an exiting raffle and amazing stalls. Great soups; the first soup to be devoured was the apple and bacon soup made by Kim Anderson.

Everyone got presents from Santa (mainly books). It was brilliant day.

The new football kit.

In December we got our new fabulous football kit. It is yellow and blue and is sponsored by Beaufort minibuses – thank you. There is also a new goalkeeper kit and with padding on the goalkeepers shorts so there's no excuse for diving. Its very bright and colourful so we can see them for miles.

Whizz kids cards

The Blue Peter appeal Christmas cards in aid of Whizz Kids were a great success, we raised a fantastic £50.76! All the children had to make 4 cards (not all the same!) and bring them back in the brown envelope, these were then sold. Everyone had a great time decorating them!

This month's journalists were:

Ellie, Elisabeth, Jacob and Jack from Hawk class

Louise Lewis

HAWKESBURY SCHOOL PTA NEWS



Coming soon: the annual PTA PLEDGE AUCTION – our biggest fundraiser of the year and a great evening's entertainment, whether or not you manage to bag a bargain! Put it in your new 2011 diary: **Friday 4th March.**

In preparation for the Pledge Auction, the children at Hawkesbury School have been busy writing letters to ask for pledges from far and wide – from their favourite venues for a family outing, from their sporting heroes, from famous pop stars. We've also been promised pledges for services such as cooking, ironing and babysitting, and these are always popular.

We'd now like to add find some really **unusual pledges** from within the village community - the sort of thing that money just can't buy. Do you have a fabulous vehicle in which you could offer somebody an outing? Could you take visitors behind the scenes at a venue not generally open to the public – if you work in an interesting place, for example? Do you have a special talent that you could share? Do you have a famous friend whom you could cajole to have lunch with the winning bidder?

Whatever you can offer – we'll be very grateful to receive it! The catalogue of lots will be distributed next month to give you a preview of what we'll have to offer you at the Auction!

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We are now at the end of another busy term. We have enjoyed walks to the shop to buy our morning snack and we braved the cold to walk to the post office. We had a lovely time and received a very warm welcome. We bought some envelopes for 'Hawkesbury Pre-School Post Office' where we have been writing letters and selling stamps. We made a post box and the children are using it to post their Christmas cards to each other.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our trip to Westonbirt due to the extreme cold. Instead, we took a short walk around the field and the children collected some frosty leaves and twigs which we have added to our nature tray. We have had lots of activities to keep us busy this term. These have included making Christmas cards, photo frames, baubles and the children decorated old CD's for the village Christmas tree.

The rest of our new resources have now arrived and the children have had great fun trying them out. Our favourites are the arctic animals and play-mat, especially when we add 'snow'.

We only have a week left until we finish for the Christmas holiday, but we still have lots planned. We have our final performance tomorrow of 'Santa's Busy Day' and are welcoming parents and family and the children from reception class. On Monday we are accompanying school to the theatre in Stroud and on Wednesday we are joining school again for Christmas lunch. I would like to thank Hawkesbury school for allowing us to join in with their activities.

We will finish the term with our Christmas party where we will enjoy party food, games and maybe a special visit!

I would personally like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received over the last couple of months. I plan to hold an open morning in the new year, where I hope to meet more of you.

We would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year from the staff and children of Hawkesbury Pre-School.

Fund Raising

The Preschool raffle prize winners will be placed in the February edition of the Parish News.

Birthday

We have two birthdays in January, Katherine will be 4 on Tuesday the 4th and Logan will be 4 on Monday 31st. We would like to wish them both a "Happy Birthday"

For any new parents or carers in the village with babies or toddlers, you are welcome to come and join in with the pre-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.

Computing for Beginners at Didmarton Village Hall

Cirencester College will be running a Beginners' computing course at Didmarton Village Hall, starting on January 17th.

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Memorial Service for Cedric Walker

Well done to all those involved in organising the memorial service for Cedric at St Mary's on Sunday 12th December.

After a warm welcome from Canon Marchant, we were treated to memories and stories from Mandy Clarke, Martin Gardener, Richard Tyson (presented by Mary Beresford in his absence), Thelma and Jim Iles, Sue Hope and Dave Beeley.

It was a wonderful service, including hymns prayers, along with a lovely rendition of 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' performed by Pauline Setterfield and the St Mary's choir.

It was a fitting tribute, with much laughter and so many fond reminiscences. I think I can safely say that Cedric would have been very proud.



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With financial help from his friend Sir Edmund Elton of Clevedon Court, Stephens was able to develop automatic gas-lighters for the street lights of the day.

Balanced brake shoes which are the basis of the brake drums used today were also one of his many patents.

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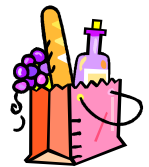
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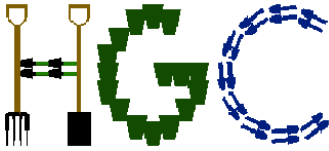
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TROWEL & ERROR

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According to 'Gardening Which' magazine it is no good throwing your snails over the hedge because they have a homing instinct. They will find their way back to your garden from up to 30 metres away. If you cannot bear to KILL them it has been proposed that you take them 100 metres away. To a nice comfortable habitat and supply them with copious quantities of forage I suppose. The mind boggles!

The same magazine casts a pall of gloom over the makers of those twee, expensive, save the planet, insect hotels and hedgyhoggy houseywousses etc. THEY ARE USELESS! Now there's a surprise!

Our November speaker, **Richard Cripps**, talked about **Pruning**. Richard invoked his bête-noir handyman-gardener called 'Bert' who, after the 'cutting-the-grass' season and the 'raking-the-leaves' season, needs a 'pruning' season to keep the money coming in. 'Bert' likes to use terms like hit-back, lob, chop, lop and hack when referring to pruning. He likes to use a hedge trimmer for everything and you usually end up with a jelly shaped or ball shaped tree or shrub. Beware if he gets out his chainsaw. This will only lead to 'combat pruning' and a massacre of the plants. If you are really lucky 'Bert' will also offer to tarmac your drive for next to nothing. Don't let this man prune anything.

Without going into detail, the essence of Richards message was to cut out dead and diseased material, be sympathetic to the plant, check visual balance and shape and always use sharp tools. There is of course much more to it but if you only follow these simple rules then you cannot go far wrong.

Richard was once again entertaining and informative at the same time. Any one who didn't learn a lot about pruning from this talk must have been asleep. Book him again Danno.

Our speaker for **Monday 24th January 2011** is **Brian Noble** who will talk about **Growing 10 Vegetables and a Different Slant on Cooking Them**.

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

WINTER

By Alan C. Porter



Tidying up the garden shed is one of those must do jobs for a crisp, Winter's day to get ready for the Spring. Having only a small shed that even when empty there's not enough room to swing a cat, no doubt a relief to all Hawkesbury moggies, it's a job that shouldn't take too much time. Unfortunately this is where theory and reality collide to form an ecological disaster.

How much clutter can be packed into one small space and still leave room for spiders the size of cricket balls is unbelievable; and where do they go in the winter?

With webs festooning the shelf at the back of the shed like dirty lace curtains and hiding its contents, that is the obvious place to start the clearout, eight legged guardians notwithstanding. It begs the question, how do they manage to get so big on what can only be described as a frugal diet. Unless they've been glugging on my home made wine, which incidentally, is the most easily accessible item in the shed...funny that! Could be they are lying on their backs on the shelf singing, Auld lang syne!

By the way, the Christmas pud I made was well worth the effort. I have since made some excellent mince pies and can now chomp my way merrily into the new year.

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The result was surprising. Some things I remembered as if they were yesterday, but others I'd completely forgotten. Parts of my year I barely recognised. I wasn't the only one taken aback. Some friends were startled to find that Facebook appeared to think they'd spent the whole year watching telly or boozing.

My Year in Status experience made me realise (a) how quickly a year goes (b) how short life is (c) that to achieve a more favourable Year in Status for 2011, I'd better start planning it now. So here is how I hope it might read, if all goes according to plan.

"Debbie Younghas finally eradicated dandelions and couch grass from her my garden, making way for a bumper crop of home-grown vegetables ...has just completed her first half-marathon within her target time (so the very thorough training paid off)feels calm and refreshed after her daughter's 8th birthday partyhas renewed her acquaintance with the bottom of the ironing basketearned a fine collection of rosettes in this year's Village Show ...has a house so clean and tidy that there's absolutely no more housework she can do ...has completed her Christmas shopping before the end of Augustfeels younger and fresher with every passing yearis very pleased with her new pet: a flying pig"

Happy New Year, everyone – may 2011 bring you your heart's desire.

Debbie Young's blog is at
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CHRISTMAS TREES

There will not be a dedicated Tree Shredding day this year but please take your old Christmas Tree to the Compost Site when you are ready to dispose of it.

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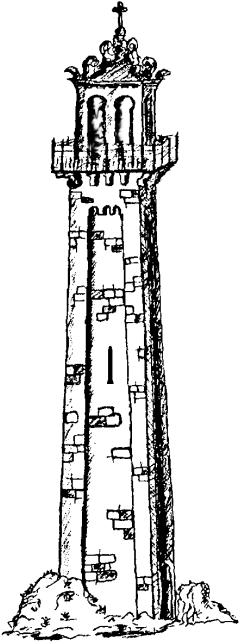
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HAWKESBURY WRITERS

*Sam Allen, Bill Fairney, Jenny Harris, Liz Howard,
Betty Salthouse, Debbie Young, Anne Weaver*

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.

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Hawkesbury & Horton WI

A Happy New Year to all from President Liz and members of the WI!

We are looking forward to a full programme of events this year including a trip to the Houses of Parliament hosted by our local MP Steve Webb.

At our Christmas meeting we enjoyed a mini panto of Cinderella and had fun with a crossed wires radio drama. The refreshments were kindly provided by Melanie who had recently celebrated a special birthday. However the weather was still bad at the time and so numbers were down because of

it. But at the time of going to press we are still looking forward to our Christmas meal!

The Christmas Limerick Competition was won by Margaret Plummer.

Flower of the Month was won by Betty Salthouse with an hibiscus which had survived the shocking weather protected by a mahonia bush.

Gill Truebody won the annual competition for Flower of the Month.

Judy Wilkie tied with Betty for the annual competition winner.

WI members collect Yorkshire Tea tokens which are used to plant Trees for Life. So if anyone in the village has any spare ones please could they pass them on to a member.

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

Diary Dates

Jan 4th - Guide Dogs For The Blind

February 1st - My Gap Year With Jane Robertson

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410



New Year – New Walk Saturday 29 January 2011

Your next opportunity to get to know the rights of way around Hawkesbury is on Saturday 29 January 2011. Please meet at the Village Hall Car Park at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start on what will be a beautiful winter scenic circular walk of about 5 miles. Our route takes us from Hawkesbury Village to Hawkesbury Church, over the Sands below Hawkesbury Knoll to Orange End, then touching Inglestone Common and by field paths to Hillesley, returning to the village via Mear's Plantation, Splatt's Barn and the Monument. For more information please contact Liz Howard (238417), Gef Lucena (294266) or Jane Jones (238633)

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A WORD OF CAUTION...

At the end of November, unfortunately after the December issue went to print, we received an email from Rachael Claridge. Rachael recently moved into Back Street with her boyfriend, and wanted to let us know about an attempted theft on Back Street. This follows-on from a van break-in on Sandpits Lane. So, please stay alert and report anything suspicious to the police on: 0845 456 7000 non-emergency or 999 for crime in progress.

Unfortunately on Friday night someone tried to steel one of the alloy wheels from my Nissan Navara pickup truck which was parked on back street just up from our cottage near the Post Office.

I only found this out when I was towing my two horses in my trailer on Saturday.

I slowed at the Cross Hands junction to turn left towards the M4 from Acton Turville on the way to Hartpury College at 08.00hrs. The truck did not brake as quickly as it normally does, which I put it down to wet road conditions.

However, when I slowed at the traffic lights at the Cross Hands on the way home at 18.30hrs the truck slid and made an odd noise. I then stopped the vehicle and it smelt hot. When my boyfriend opened the car door, he checked the tyres and all seemed ok but a loud knocking could be heard under the truck at the back left and the car felt uneven.

I unloaded the horses, parked the trailer and carefully returned to Hawkesbury Upton.

Adam took the truck to Roman Camp Garage yesterday and today they found out that all wheel nuts had been loosened and the alloy wheel was about to fall off.

I am obviously very relieved that no-one was hurt on Saturday because it's not worth thinking about. This theft has cost us over £100 and I have now ordered locking wheel nuts in case it happens again.

I'd appreciate it if something could be mentioned in the parish newsletter because I read that someone had their car broken into on Sandpits Lane.

kindest regards

Rachael Claridge

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Did you know...?

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The term 'the whole nine yards' comes from World War Two. A .50-calibre machine gun ammo belt measured exactly 27 feet (or 9 yards) before being loaded. If a fighter pilot fired all of it at once, the target was said to have received 'the whole nine yards'.

Twenty percent of all road accidents in Sweden involve an elk.

Trivia was a Roman goddess to whom sacrifices were offered at crossroads. Because travellers often engaged in idle gossip at crossroads, Trivia's name (referring to three roads coming together) came to be associated with the sort of information exchanged in such places.

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However, in order to maintain this service we do need additional drivers. No matter how limited your availability please contact us if you can set aside a few hours each week to help us provide transport for villagers with medical appointments. Your fuel costs are reimbursed, or, if you prefer you can drive the community car supplied by South Gloucestershire Council.

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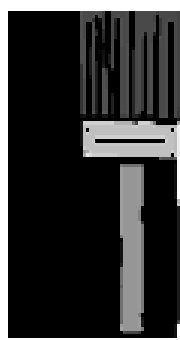
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Early January, 12 days after Christmas, and we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Make the most of it – it won't be long until Lent!

In England it seems many people have forgotten the Epiphany, but throughout most of Europe it is still a major festival – at least as important as Christmas. And the festive season doesn't end there either, for there is still Candlemas at the beginning of February.

Perhaps it is inevitable that, in this northern hemisphere at least, we should lighten the darkest time of the year with feasts celebrating the coming of the Light, especially in what is for many people an especially dark and uncertain time. In such times it is easy to be seduced by the darkness, to give way to the gloom that is ever present even in the midst of the celebrations. Always, lurking behind the joy of Christmas, there is the reminder of the massacre of the Innocents – the grief of bereft parents, the pain and loss of refugees fleeing for their lives to a foreign country, the fear and dark-heartedness of corrupt rulers and the armies they command. Indeed it can sometimes seem as if the season of the Nativity reminds us that, as The Prayer Book says, "in the midst of life we are in death".

But I have always believed The Prayer Book has it the wrong way round. For what this season really teaches us is that among the darkest of shadows, even in the midst of death, we are in life. The feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of the sudden, clear and glorious manifestation of the light of God's oneness with us, *all* of us, not just a chosen few, wherever we are and whatever our circumstances. To celebrate Epiphany is to rejoice in the realization of God's presence with us *now* and an awareness of the unfathomable riches of Christ.

"Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, a Light no darkness can quench."

May the light, peace, joy and love of Christ bless and enfold you this Epiphanytide and throughout this new year.

Rev'd Alveen Thoresen
St Mary's Hawkesbury

January Readings for services at St Mary's Hawkesbury

2 nd Jan 9.45	Epiphany praise/Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
9 Jan 6 pm	Evensong	Psalms 46,47 Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-end
16 Jan 9.45	Morning Praise	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Mark 1:14-20
23 Jan 6 pm	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matt 4:12-23
30 Jan	Joint service with Leighterton and Lasborough	Time/venue TBC

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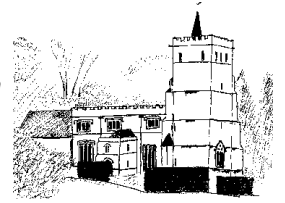
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St Mary's Church News

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." - John 3 : 16-17



Churchwardens Mrs Mary Beresford 238508 and Mrs Linda Fairney 238553

Keys for cleaners /flowers/church sitters please contact Mary Davies 238657 if possible the day before to arrange for collection.

The Works - I have just returned from the December session to which 5 children turned up, I put a note in last month magazine about changing the night, I have only heard from 1 family, it would help considerably to have some feedback, also if any other children would come if it was held on a different night so I will copy this again.

We are considering changing the night, and are thinking about the Wednesday evening instead, would this prove to be a suitable day, please let us know your feelings.

I have not put the date in for January, as the magazine notes need to be in tomorrow and I have not had time to discuss the situation with the other helpers. We need to have more children attending on a regular basis to make this viable.

I would be grateful for comments please give me a ring on

01454 238508.

"GIFT A WINDOW". As mentioned last month we now have 16 windows repaired, and we will commence work again on the 6th January when we will work on 4 or 6 windows, the masonry work will not be done at this time, therefore we will not have scaffolding up. Once the weather improves we will continue with the north clerestory windows and possibly the Wulfstan stained glass panel which will be placed in the window next to the Vestry Screen.

We have received a further £1205.00 this month for which we are extremely grateful. In the total already received we have donations towards a 'Village or Community window' and a Friends of St Mary's Window and St Wulfstan Window. The name of everyone who has contributed 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 side aisle windows which have three sections, each section for the sum of £895.00. And a North Clerestory window for the sum of £531.00

January is a quiet month for us all, after the excitement of Christmas and New Year, and the church is no exception. However, we are looking forward to a Christingle service on 31 January, at 9.45 am. Christingle is the biggest fundraising event organised by the Children's Society in aid of their work in support of children in any kind of danger, and the service is for people of all ages, but of course especially for children. There will be a workshop to make the Christingles (details to be announced). They take the form of an orange, representing the world, God's creation, with a red ribbon round the middle, which shows the love and blood of Christ. Stuck in the orange are four cocktail sticks with dried fruit and sweets, which symbolise the four seasons and the fruits of the earth, God's gifts to us, while in the top of the orange is a candle, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. There will be a Christingle for everyone, so come and join us in celebrating the love of God, and in supporting the valuable work of the Children's Society.

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St Mary's Church News (continued)

We extend to everyone our warmest wishes for 2011. We live in difficult times, and much will be asked of us, but if we can be there for one another, to support our neighbours who are in trouble, we will survive together and live to see better times!

Hawkesbury is a lively, supportive village, and the church is very much part of that informal, supportive network. Don't forget that you can call on us whenever you need us, even if it's just to have a rant

Friends of St Mary's

Happy New Year!

2010 was another great year of fundraising for the Friends, beginning with Burns' Night (which will return in 2012), a Boules Tournament, the Pimms Tent at the Show and the Rainbow Ball. The Friends also play an important role in helping with regular clearing sessions of the church paths and grounds and of course with the cutting of our beautiful yew trees.

Thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly over the years for the glory of God, and to everyone who has supported the Friends events in the past twelve months.

The Rainbow Ball took place on 27th November, and was yet another hugely successful evening, enjoyed by all. Our sincere gratitude to Linda Fairney who masterminds these events with such panache. The hall looked quite fabulous!

Saturday 12th March 2011 – A Night at the Raj

Join us for an Indian Banquet in the village hall – curries for all tastes, including vegetarian. Put the date in your diaries now! More details next month.

It is still not too late to donate to the restoration of the Friends' Window at St Mary's. Please ring treasurer Neil Fozard on 238281.

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Date	Time	Service	Readers	Sidesmen
2nd Jan 2011	0945 am	Morning Praise / Communion	T.B.A.	J Oldershaw
9th Jan	10 am	Methodist Church Sunday School		
	6 p.m.	Evensong	M. Bendry Mrs P Setterfield	M. Bendry
16th Jan	0945 am	Morning Praise	T.B.A.	D. Musty
23rd Jan	10 a.m.	Methodist Church Sunday School		
	6 p.m.	Evensong / Communion	A. White D Musty	H. Rogers
30th Jan	** 4 p.m.**	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	T.B.A.	P. Broad
6th Feb	0945 am	Morning Praise / Communion	T.B.A.	S. Bishop

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Mrs B. Salthouse



The Children's Society

As you all know, I collect the boxes for the above in the first week of January.

Unfortunately, this year I won't be able to, as, due to a Hip Replacement operation, I'm unable to drive.

I would be most grateful if you could bring them to me (or Andrew if easier). If this is a problem for anyone, please ring me on 238279 and I will arrange for someone else to collect them.

Thank you all for your continued support for such a worthwhile cause and a very happy Christmas to you all.

Gill Morgan



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APRIL	Replacement needed	Mrs D Musty Mrs D Wareham
MAY	Mrs Jane Robertson Mrs Ella Wells	Mrs J Gardener Mrs V. Rispin
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	Mrs.L.Fairney Mrs H Rogers
SEPTEMBER	*Replacement needed	Mrs.J.Chancellor Mrs. Harding
OCTOBER	Mrs.M.Davies *Replacement needed	Mrs.S.Herod Mrs.L.Starling
NOVEMBER	Mrs A Cole	Mrs.Deacon Mrs A Barnett
DECEMBER	Mrs M Beresford ** HELPERS NEEDED	Mrs G Bendeaux Mr.A.Craig

**** Helpers desperately needed. 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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Sunday January 16th	10.30am	SONGS OF PRAISE
Sunday January 30th	10.30am	Family Service – Mr Mike Hawkins
Sunday February 6th 2011	10.30am	Mr Brian Smith [C]

Tuesday 4th January – Worship / Praise 7.30pm

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What now? The Head said, “In this book are things you would rather forget, I’m sure – and he threw the book into the flames. He said “Now we can start the new year with no charge against us!” What cheers went up!

We too can start the New Year with all our guilt cleansed away if we turn to Jesus who alone can forgive our sin. In John 1 verse 9, we read “If we confess our sins, He (Jesus) is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Let’s start the New Year afresh with Him!

M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]

Speedy Recovery

We would like to pass on our best wishes to Gill Morgan following her hip replacement operation.

We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her out and about very soon.

Parish News Team

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Sunday January 16th	10.00am	Morning Praise at St Marys
Sunday January 23rd	10.00am	Rev Paul Edwards Sunday School for children attending
Sunday January 30th	10.00 am	Mr Malcolm Read Sunday School for children attending

Being Born

In the early 19th century, a war-weary world was anxiously watching the march of Napoleon. All the while, babies were being born.

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People's minds were occupied with battles, not babies. Yet nearly 200 years later, is there the slightest doubt about which made the greater contribution to history—those battles or those babies?

So it was with the birth of Jesus. The Bethlehem crowds had no inkling that the Son of God was asleep in their little town. Only a few shepherds came to see Him, and they left glorifying God.

Oh, how we need to recapture some of the marvel and wonder of that infant child coming into the world! He came into this war-torn world of selfishness and sin for one purpose—to die as a sacrifice for our sins.

The forgiveness He offers will satisfy the deepest need of our hearts. Truly, Jesus is a gift for all ages.

Have you by faith received that gift?

He did not use a silvery box
Or paper green and red;
God laid His Christmas gift to me
Within a manger bed. —Prentice

Paul Edwards
Methodist Minister



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South West Market Town Awards Scheme 2006

Date	Day	Time	Film	Certificate	Mins
28-Dec-10	Tuesday	19:45	Made in Dagenham	15	113
29-Dec-10	Wednesday	14:00	PRIVATE BOOKING		
29-Dec-10	Wednesday	19:45	The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest	15	148
30-Dec-10	Thursday	14:00	Megamind 3D	PG	96
30-Dec-10	Thursday	19:45	Another Year	12A	129
31-Dec-10	Friday	19:45	CLOSED		
01-Jan-11	Saturday	16:30	CLOSED		
01-Jan-11	Saturday	19:45	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
02-Jan-11	Sunday	14:00	Megamind 3D	PG	96
02-Jan-11	Sunday	19:45	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
04-Jan-11	Tuesday	19:45	The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest	15	148
05-Jan-11	Wednesday	20:45	Made in Dagenham	15	113
06-Jan-11	Thursday	14:00	Another Year	12A	129
06-Jan-11	Thursday	19:45	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
07-Jan-11	Friday	19:45	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo	18	153
08-Jan-11	Saturday	16:30	Megamind 3D	PG	96
08-Jan-11	Saturday	19:45	The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest	15	148
09-Jan-11	Sunday	14:00	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
09-Jan-11	Sunday	19:45	The Girl Who Played with Fire	15	129
11-Jan-11	Tuesday	19:45	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
12-Jan-11	Wednesday	20:45	Made in Dagenham	15	113
13-Jan-11	Thursday	14:00	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
13-Jan-11	Thursday	19:45	The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest	15	148
16-Jan-11	Sunday	19:45	The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest	15	148
18-Jan-11	Tuesday	19:45	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –Part 1	12A	146
20-Jan-11	Thursday	19:45	The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest	15	148
21-Jan-11	Friday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
22-Jan-11	Saturday	16:30	The Kings Speech	12A	110
22-Jan-11	Saturday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
23-Jan-11	Sunday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
24-Jan-11	Monday	20:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
25-Jan-11	Tuesday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
26-Jan-11	Wednesday	20:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
27-Jan-11	Thursday	14:00	The Kings Speech	12A	110
27-Jan-11	Thursday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
28-Jan-11	Friday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
29-Jan-11	Saturday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
30-Jan-11	Sunday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
02-Feb-11	Wednesday	20:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
04-Feb-11	Friday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
08-Feb-11	Tuesday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110
10-Feb-11	Thursday	14:00	The Kings Speech	12A	110
10-Feb-11	Thursday	19:45	The Kings Speech	12A	110

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Megamind (2010), Cert PG, 95 mins

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WHAT'S ON AT WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM...

Specialist Wood Sales

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 January 10am - 1pm

Held on the second Sunday of every month: 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 (only cash or cheques are accepted). Free after admission



Dog Days Weekend

The popular Dog Days weekend returns to Westonbirt Arboretum, 26 and 27 February 2011

Westonbirt, The National Arboretum, which is managed by the Forestry Commission, will welcome back its canine companions on 26 and 27 February, when it hosts the popular Dog Days weekend.

This year, the search will be on for the prettiest and most handsome pooches when the Scruffts crossbreed dog show returns.

Two guided walks around Westonbirt's dog-friendly Silk Wood will take place each day, hot drinks and food will be on offer and visitors will be met with stalls, demonstrations, arena displays and specialists providing expert advice on dog nutrition and wellbeing.

Other event favourites include the Swifts flyball display, the Westonbirt Dog Show and the Cani-cross race. The Tailwaggers Club will host the dog Olympics and the Tailwaggers Club display.



Admission is £7 for adults, £6 concessions and £3 children. Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum go free.

Just announced at Westonbirt for 2011...

Fri 17 June — Simple Minds

Tickets cost £35.00 (plus booking fee).

Sat 18 June — Erasure

Tickets cost £34.50 (plus booking fee)

Sun 19 June — Scouting For Girls

Tickets cost £28.00 (plus booking fee).

Tickets are now on sale from the Forestry Commission box office tel. 03000 680400, or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music.



CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT



Date: Friday 18th Feb 2011

Venue: Yate International Academy

Start Time: 7:30pm

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Sodbury Players present Sleeping Beauty

14th-22nd January

(no performance on Monday 17th January), Town Hall, Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury

Our Pantomime for January 2011 is Sleeping Beauty by John Morley, which is being directed by Julian Hinton (assisted by Kayleigh Rose).

All tickets are priced at £8.

Call the Box Office on 0845 1260859 or email tickets@sodburyplayers.org.uk for a booking form.

Please note that Friday 21st January has sold out!

www.sodburyplayers.org.uk

Swing From Paris - Jazz

Saturday January 15th

at Under The Edge Arts in The Chipping Hall 8pm

Specialising in the French Swing of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, this four-piece jazz ensemble bring their own sound to jazz and swing classics, while evoking the sounds of the streets of Paris.

Music full of style, energy and infectious swing rhythm. Swing from Paris have performed internationally, from sell-out crowds at the Brecon Jazz Festival, to the Cheltenham Jazz Festival and the New Mexico DjangoFest. Featuring Fenner Curtis on violin, Andy Bowen on lead guitar, Steve Laming on rhythm guitar and John Vickers on double bass.

To book call 07791323869

Disney's Beauty and the Beast in Dursley

Saturday 15 to
Saturday 22 January 2011

Leading local theatre company the Dursley Operatic and Dramatic Society, better known as DODS, will be bringing its fairytale interpretation of Disney's classic tale of Beauty and The Beast to Lister Hall this January 2011.

Directed by Darren Kitchin, the production follows the story of the Beast and his love for the beautiful Belle.

Packed full of memorable songs and impressive dance routines, organisers promise the show is not to be missed.

In fact, with numbers such as 'Be Our Guest' and 'Belle' on the bill, this heart warming tale is said to contain everything that the original Disney version had to offer along with the added excitement of a live performance.

Tickets cost from £9 to £10, with concessions for children, families and groups.

The Lister Hall
Long Street
Dursley
GL11 4JB

Tel: 07890 203318

Comedy Night



Friday January 21st

Under The Edge Arts, Chipping Hall 8.30pm

Mark Olver returns to Under The Edge Arts with another great comedy line up. Headliner John Robins will be joined by some of the best new comedy acts in the country.

To book call 07791323869

www.utea.org.uk

What's on at Westonbirt School

Friday 21st January 2011 at 7:30pm, Westonbirt School

'The Ministry of Food' by Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall

This lecture promises to be a fascinating insight into how the British public adapted to food shortages during the Second World War, learning how to be both frugal and inventive on the 'Kitchen Front'.

Admission Free. Optional post-lecture supper: £15 per head (book by 14th January).

Tel: 01666 880333, email: lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

For further information visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Friday 4th February 2011, 7.30pm

MUSIC AT WESTONBIRT presents '4-MALITY'

4-MALITY is one of the world's most compelling and innovative percussion quartets. It was formed by Adrian Spillett, the first percussionist to win the prestigious BBC Young Musicians' Competition. The 4-MALITY artists have command of over eighty drums, gongs, cymbals and tuned percussion. The music and performance is unique. Defying categorisation, it is visually spectacular, physically demanding and presented with the skill and artistry of dedicated chamber musicians.

4-MALITY have performed in many prominent venues and at world renowned festivals including the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, The Berlin Philharmonie and The Edinburgh Fringe. International tours have taken the group to Australia, Taiwan, Turkey, France, Spain, Ireland, Belgium and Finland and we are delighted to be welcoming them to Westonbirt School.

Tickets: £16 on the door or £14 in advance, £6 for children (under 18) and students.

Please call: 01666 880333

or email: lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

District Councillor Report

As we get towards the end of the year – there appears to be no shortage of Council/Government reading matter being produced- just to keep us busy over Christmas!

The South Gloucestershire Core Strategy is a large tome (1000+ pages), and as this only arrived the other day, I am afraid I must own up to not having worked my way through it. This is the framework for future planning for our area and is the response to the consultation document in the summer. (Full document can be found on www.southglos.gov.uk)

Policy CS34: The Rural Areas recognises the value and distinctiveness of the villages, and how they differ across the area. The lack of affordable housing is regarded as a significant problem, with a decline in local services and facilities, combined with poor public transport. The aim of the policy is to set out an integrated approach to balancing the conservation and enhancement of the countryside with sustaining and promoting local rural communities and the rural economy.

The policy indicates the Council's intention to review the approach to the distribution of development in the rural areas in the future and to see the rural areas make a positive contribution to the generation of renewable energy and healthier lifestyles.

There are many references in this Strategy to the forthcoming **Localism Bill**. The publication was anticipated on the 9th December, but at the time of writing, is now anticipated before Christmas. The “**Community Right to Build**” initiative, which is part of the Localism Bill, could impact on the distribution of housing in the rural areas. It is anticipated that the Localism Bill will have a big impact on how local government works and I am sure we will hear more about this in the near future.

Many will have heard of “**The Big Society**”, which is part of the Localism Bill; people are still grappling with what this means for the voluntary and community sector. There are three core components to the Big Society and we can expect to learn more about them in the coming weeks.

- **Empowering Communities**

- Giving more power to councils and local people to take decisions and shape their area.
- Planning reform
- Right to buy and right to bid and run community assets

- **Opening up public Services**

- The Government's public service reforms will enable charities, private companies etc to compete to offer people high quality services.
- Promoting employee owned co-operatives, encouraging the creation of more social enterprises and innovative voluntary organisations.

Promoting Social Action

- Encouraging and enabling people from all walks of life to play a more active part in society and promoting volunteering and philanthropy.
- Reducing red tape
- The Big Society Bank; encouraging higher levels of social investment.

At a recent Big Society Debate with local M.P.s many of the community groups which are currently providing valuable services in the area voiced concern about the continuation of funding in uncertain times and the challenges this would give to providing these services.



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South Gloucestershire Grants. Applications are now invited for Revenue Grants, with a closing date of 4th January. Guidance notes and application forms are available on the council website www.southglos.gov.uk
The Council also has access to **GRANTnet** which helps organisations search for funding for their organisations. Funderfinder is also available for personal grants (People in Need).

Need Health Services? The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) is open at Yate, Monday to Friday 8.30am – 7.30 am (inc. Bank Holidays) and Sat & Sunday 10 -2

You can drop in without an appointment. There is an x ray facility on the site.

The MIU treats:

- Sprains and strains
- Cuts and grazes
- Arm, lower leg and foot injuries
- Bites
- Minor burns and scalds
- Minor head injuries
- Broken noses and nosebleeds
- Eye problems such as scratches, foreign bodies in the eye.

The MIU does **NOT** treat minor illness such as sore throats and colds. You could go to your GP or contact **NHS Direct 0845 4647**

Survive - Domestic Violence Helpline 0117 961 2999
National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247

The Commons Update – the HLS bid was not successful in attracting immediate funding. It is hoped funding will be available in April 2011.

Please note that for **STREETCARE** reporting potholes etc. The TXT service is no longer available.

If anyone wants further information on any of the above, or any other help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Season's Greetings and here is to a happy new year to everyone,.

Sue Hope

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Councillor Cotswold Edge Ward, South Gloucestershire Council

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Parish Council Meetings 2011

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

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Hawkesbury Parish Council

During the meeting the following applications were discussed.

App. No.	Address	Description	PC's comments
PK10/3081 /TCA	Hawkesbury Home Farm High Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Works to fell 1no. Poplar tree situated within Hawkesbury Conservation Area.	The Parish Council has No objection to the planning application if the tree is on the applicants land.
PK10/3184 /F	2 Orange End Chase Lane Inglestone Common Badminton	First floor extension, ground floor extension and new vehicle access/drive	The Parish Council has no objection to the planning application, as long as the neighbour's comments have been considered and permission has been obtained from the right sources.
PK10/2947 /LB	The Manor House Petty France Badminton South Glos	Installation of ground to first floor staircase.	The Parish Council has No comment regarding this planning application.
Planning Decisions received			
PK10/2369 /F	France Lane Farm, France Lane, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of 1no. Agricultural workers dwelling with associated works.	REFUSE to permit
PK10/2633 /TCA	Templars Lodge, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Works to remove 1no. Prunus Avium tree and 1no. Woodii tree, reduce 1no. Syringa tree and reduce 1no. Prunus Avium tree by 20-30% all in the Hawkesbury Conservation Area.	The trees have been inspected and the Council does not propose to serve a Tree Preservation Order at this time. The Council has no objection to the works as specified in the submitted details.

Date for your Diary

Thursday 20th January 2011 at 7.30pm; The Safer Stronger Community Groups next meeting is being held at Chipping Sodbury Old School Rooms, High Street, Chipping Sodbury BS37 6AD.

The Safer and Stronger Community Groups have been set up in South Gloucestershire as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Model and South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative. The Groups members include South Gloucestershire Council, the local police, Avon Fire and Rescue, health visitors, the Town and Parish Council's, local organisations and anyone who lives and works in Chipping Sodbury and Cotswold Edge.

This meeting will include a short Welfare Advice Partnership presentation from the South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

Hazel Jones
Parish Clerk
2 Fox Close
Hawkesbury Upton
GL9 1EQ
parishcouncil@hawkesburyupton.com



Your local Safer Stronger Community Group needs you!

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups are all about working together to improve your local community. The groups also enable you to have your say about the services that your community needs and receives.

These groups have been set up as part of the South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative and the Neighbourhood Policing Model. Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, the local Police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Health Authority, the Town & Parish Council and other local organisations. The aim is to:

- work together to ensure that local communities are safe and pleasant places to live, work and play
- give local people a greater voice and influence over local decisions and the priorities of the service providers

support actions and initiatives that meet local needs

**The next meeting for the Chipping Sodbury and the Cotswold Edge Group is:
Thursday 20th January 2011, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Chipping Sodbury Old School Rooms, High Street, Chipping Sodbury**

For meetings in other areas please visit, <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk> to find out the dates. Here, you will be able to become a member of your local e-group, view agendas and minutes from meetings and gain access to more information about the issues and projects in your area. Alternatively, you can contact your Safer Stronger Communities Officer on 01454 868760.

Till Scam — Beware

This one is worth remembering !!!!

CHECK YOUR RECEIPTS BEFORE LEAVING THE CHECK-OUT

I bought a bunch of stuff, over £150, & I glanced at my receipt as the cashier was handing me the bags. I saw a cash-back of £40. I told her I didn't request a cash back & asked her to delete it. She said I'd have to take the £40 because she couldn't delete it.

I told Her to call a supervisor. Supervisor came & said I'd have to take it.. I said NO! Taking the £40 would be a cash advance against my Credit card & I wasn't paying interest on a cash advance!!!! If they couldn't delete it then they would have to delete the whole order. So the supervisor had the cashier delete the whole order & re-scan everything! The second time I looked at the electronic pad before I signed & a cash-back of £20 popped up. At that point I told the cashier & she deleted it. The total came out right. The cashier agreed that the Electronic Pad must be defective.

Obviously the cashier knew the electronic pad was defective because she NEVER offered me the £40 at the beginning. Can you imagine how many people went through before me & at the end of her shift how much money she may have pocketed?

Just to alert everyone. My co worker went to Milford , Sainsburys last week. She had her items rung up by the cashier. The cashier hurried her along and didn't give her a receipt. She asked the cashier for a receipt and the cashier was annoyed and gave it to her. My co worker didn't look at her receipt until later that night. The receipt showed that she asked for £20 cash back. SHE DID NOT ASK FOR CASH BACK!

My co-worker called Sainsburys who investigated but could not see the cashier pocket the money. She then called her niece who works for the bank and her niece told her this. This is a new scam going on. The cashier will key in that you asked for cash back and then hand it to her friend who is the next person in the queue.

Please, please, please check your receipts right away when using credit or debit cards!

This is NOT limited to Sainsburys; they are one of the largest retailers so they have the most incidents. I am adding to this. My husband and I were in Sainsburys and paying with credit card when my husband went to sign the credit card signer he just happen to notice there was a £20 cash back added. He told the cashier that he did not ask nor want cash back and she said this machine has been messing up and she cancelled it. We really didn't think anything of it until we were sent this.

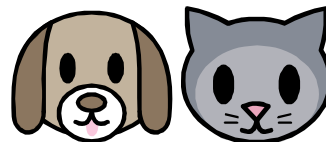
I wonder how many "seniors" have been, or will be, "stung" by this one????

To make matters worse ...THIS SCAM CAN BE DONE ANYWHERE, AT ANY RETAIL OR WHOLESALE LOCATION!!!

BEFORE LEAVING THE CHECK-OUT.....**CHECK YOUR RECEIPT!!!!**
THIS COULD HAPPEN ANYWHERE. CHECK YOUR RECEIPT BEFORE LEAVING THE STAND.
I'VE SEEN PEOPLE DO JUST THAT. NOW I'LL START!
PASS THIS ON TO YOUR FRIENDS, KIDS, LOVED ONES.



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.
Caroline Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	12yrs old. Available for dog walking.
Catherine Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	16yrs old. Available for baby sitting and dog walking.
Charlotte Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	18yrs old. Available for baby sitting, dog walking and pet minding.
Ciaran Ainsworth	01454 238052	Raising money to take part in World Challenge, so anything considered: pet sitting, baby sitting, lawn mowing, car washing.
Ellie Roberts	01454 238628 07912 937312	I am 18 years old. Available for babysitting, day time child care (CRB checked) and dog walking.
Katie Munro	01454 238 174	I am 14 years old with some experience of babysitting. I am reliable, trustworthy and enjoy the company of young children.
Libby Musty	01454 238118	I am a reliable, family friendly 14 year old who enjoys looking after young children. I get on well with all animals, particularly dogs! I am available during most weekday 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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January Sudoku

Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated:-

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

EASY !!

NOT SO EASY !!

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

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				1	8			4
	4		6	8	5			9
	5							
	9		2	7	1			8
				2	3			1
		9	8				3	
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Answers to the December quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

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