

December 2013



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# HAWKESBURY PARISH NEWS



## EDITORIAL

**Fiona writes:**

Christmas is almost upon us and I seem to have so much to get done between now and then, that I'm not sure where to start, but I'm determined to get into the Christmas spirit sooner or later.

Talking of which, a few weeks ago whilst leafing through various Christmas catalogues and brochures (the ones that come cascading out of every newspaper and magazine from late October onwards), trying to find inspiration for a few different presents, I swear I noticed a bottle of sprout liqueur advertised - surely the epitome of Christmas spirit! How odd, I remember thinking, wondering what on earth it might taste like and whether "Sprout Spritzers" really could take off as the ideal aperitif for Christmas Day. I've mentioned this Sprout Liqueur to a couple of people since, who just give me a wry, disbelieving look. But can I find that catalogue anywhere? Not a chance! Gone in a purge of pre-Christmas recycling. Still, perhaps it's for the best, as one of the reindeers might well take a shine to it, if a glass were left out for Santa - and then where would we be?



I hope you enjoy this month's issue, as there are plenty of events and Christmas services to get you in the festive mood. Stay warm and safe and, wherever you're celebrating it, have a very Merry Christmas!



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**Latest date for all items for the  
January magazine is 12th December.**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings take place on Mondays from 10am - 11.30am.

At Peggy Woffenden's house

Tea, Coffee and a biscuit or two for 50p. All welcome.



## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 6th December 2013, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.



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Saturday 7th December

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From 5:30pm on The Plain for the  
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The Beaufort



## Evergreens

## Christmas Lunch

Tues 10th December

at The Beaufort Arms

Eat at 1pm



## Annual Charity Quiz



The Quiz League **Annual Charity Quiz** will take place in The Beaufort Arms on **Sunday 22nd December** at **8.30pm**.

Teams of 4, £2 per head, all of which will go to the charity of the winning team's choice. A team cannot have more than 2 current members of this year's Quiz League in it.

If you would like to take part, just come along on the evening. All very welcome.

## WINTER CHARITY LUNCHES in the Methodist Hall

In aid of Macmillan cancer Support

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
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# Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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## Community Governor Vacancy

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## Staff change

Many of you will be aware that we said a sad farewell to Tracy Norris who has worked in the school office for the past 12 years. She has moved to a much bigger school, Beaconrise, as their School Business Manager. Her friendly approach, fantastic sense of humour and efficient attitude will be greatly missed by all the children and staff.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Hawker who teaches in Swallow class (lower juniors). She will be travelling in Asia for the majority of next year and volunteering for a charity.

We will be welcoming Ed Riddington as Deputy Headteacher and Swallow classteacher.

## Children in Need

Our very enthusiastic School Council did a great job planning fundraising activities for Children in Need. The children came to school in fancy dress and / or wearing a funny hat or shoes. We also filled the netball court with 1p and 2p pieces. The total raised is yet to be announced as it is taking the children some time to count that amount of coins!

## Anti-bullying week

The week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November was Anti-bullying week. During this week, the children focused on different forms of bullying, including cyber-bullying and bullying to do with difference and developing strategies to deal with it.

## Visitors

Wren and Robin class had a visit from the Sort-it team in South Gloucestershire where they had great fun completing activities focusing on recyclable materials. This fits well with our Comenius project and the children will share their learning with our European partner schools. They also had a visit from a team of 6 firefighters who came to talk to them about fire safety in the home; the children also had great fun exploring the fire engine!

## Mosque visit

Hawk class went to visit the Gloucester mosque to support their learning in religious education. The children were fascinated to explore and discuss the similarities and differences between the mosque and a Christian church.

## Christmas

As usual, we will be enjoying a full range of Christmas activities at school. Both the juniors and the infants will be putting on productions, we have booked a whole school theatre trip to watch 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe' and parties and Christmas dinner are planned.

## Coffee Mornings

Our Monday coffee mornings continue to be held at Peggy's house throughout the winter months.

Although small in number, we manage to knit and crochet several blankets, children's jumpers, hats and bonnets, etc. for charity.

I should like to thank the KIND FAIRIES who drop off wool at Peggy's, for our use. We never see you to say thank you!! This is to let you know how much we appreciate your gifts.

**Di Noble**



## Get well wishes

Our very best get well wishes go to Douglas Sims — regular, enthusiastic contributor and subscriber to the Parish News, who has unfortunately been undergoing treatment in the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

We wish him and his family well and hope Douglas will soon be back to his usual good form and keeping in touch with his friends and contacts in Hawkesbury.

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It is an exciting and busy term at pre-school with all the Christmas festivities approaching!

The children will be starting rehearsals for their nativity play soon and will be inviting the reception classes from nearby primary schools to watch as well as all the proud parents. We will also be enjoying a Christmas party on the last day of term with an appearance by a rather special person!

Look out for the Hawkesbury Christmas Tree going up on the plain too... the children are making decorations out of beads and sparkly pipe cleaners and will have a trip down to the tree to hang them as soon as it is up.

We would like to welcome our new member of staff, Gemma Burgham-Wilson who has joined the team due to the increasing success of pre-school. Gemma is currently working towards her Level 3 Diploma in Children and Young People's Workforce.

Do look out for our stall at the PTA Christmas Fair on the 7th December. This will also be an opportunity to buy your tickets for the raffle, raising much needed funds for pre-school; there are many fantastic prizes, including a hot air balloon ride and £50 Boden voucher. Tickets also available from any committee member and we will be knocking on your doors soon!

Finally, a huge thank you to all those that pulled together to help with our temporary relocation to Hillesley Village Hall whilst works were done to the boiler at Hawkesbury, also thanks go to Hillesley Village hall committee for being so accommodating. The children seemed to enjoy it as a little adventure and certainly enjoyed playing in a different playground!

If you would like to join pre-school, or for more information please contact one of our playleaders on 07989 484774. Alternatively please email us at [enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk)  
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#### Peter Barnett

Alison, William, Catherine and all the family wish to thank everyone for their great kindness following Peter's death. He loved the village and during his illness he was always cheered by words of encouragement and support he received from so many people here. It has helped us all.

#### Christmas & New Year Bin Collections

Collections will take place as follows:

w/c 23rd Dec	Tues 24th December (as normal)	Green bin
w/c 30th Dec	Thurs 2nd Jan	Black bin
w/c 6th Jan	Wed 8th Jan	Green bin

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Firstly some key dates for your diaries where you can support us in our charity fundraising:

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January: LET'S GET QUIZZICAL Pub Quiz @ The Beaufort
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: BOLLYWOOD NIGHT Curry & Disco @ Village Hall
- March 8<sup>th</sup> March: BEAUTY & THE FEASTS Mobile pop up dining in the Village



We've also launched, at the Christmas shopping evening, two products you can purchase:

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At the end of September we all wanted to hear if any of us had got a place in the public ballot for the Virgin London Marathon. The luck of the draw was definitely not with us as we had 6 fails! However this just meant we became even more

committed to our chosen charities. So we're now delighted to confirm we are running for British Heart Foundation, Macmillan, Marie Curie, Mind & Tommy's and want to raise a combined total of over £10,000 for them.

We also enjoyed some crazy antics down on the common. Crazy croquet was fantastic fun, and certainly crazy, unless you routinely launch croquet balls up ramps and into the drum of a washing machine?

October saw the start of the nights drawing in, training became a little less enjoyable but determination will see us through to the start line on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Your cheers and good wishes as we puff and pant by you really do help; we thank you all here because quite often speaking is beyond us.



We had a great night on the 4<sup>th</sup> November serving up hot dogs & burgers, thanks to all who chowed down at our BBQ, and a big thanks to the committee who gave us the opportunity and such a wonderful village event to enjoy.



**Used Postage Stamps**

Once again, many thanks to all those who have taken the time to collect up used postage stamps and have either dropped them through our letterbox or into the Post Office.

Our friends are so grateful to receive them for the **Hearing Dogs** charity, who provide assistance dogs for the deaf.

Please remember to save all those stamps from the Christmas cards that will be arriving over the coming weeks - it could be the ideal job for small hands during the holidays! They really are very much appreciated and do make a difference.

*Fiona Rowe, 24 Sandpits Lane, Hawkesbury Upton.*

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## Beauty and the Beasts Forthcoming Charity Fundraising Events

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#### In Sympathy

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Wyndham Perks (formerly of Hawkesbury) who passed away last month, aged 85.

Wyndham was a real character who will be sadly missed by friends and family.

Our thoughts go out to you all.

#### Festive Fun

- Q. What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?  
A. Cross Mouse Cards!
- Q. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?  
A. A mince spy!
- Q. What song do you sing at a snowman's party?  
A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!

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# HAWKESBURY GARDENING CLUB

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TROWEL & ERROR

Meetings are held at 8pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Methodist Hall in Back Street.

The EU is demanding an "officially recognised description" for every plant. Each description could run to two pages and include details such as hair lengths on stems. Needless to say it will cost a fortune which we will all pay for. Nurserymen are not at all happy and are campaigning to get it quashed. It's a wonder how these EU twerps dream up such nonsense but they do, and on a regular basis too – let's not forget the fishing quotas where perfectly good fish have to be thrown back into the sea if they are not the 'right' species on the trawler men's licence.

Our speaker for October was Paul Hervey-Brookes who gave a talk on 'Encounters with Plants'. He gave an amusing talk which included some details about his early family life and how it stirred his interest horticulture. Gin seemed to be the reason that certain aged relatives wobbled a lot and their potted plants were liberally dosed with the spirit as soon as more sober relatives hove into view. None the less these lovely people instilled in Paul a love of plants and gardening.

Paul is a noted English garden designer who has won numerous medals at Royal Horticultural Society Shows, including Gold at Chelsea Flower Show in 2013 and at Hampton Court Palace Flower Show in 2012. Paul has also created a number of show features for Malvern Spring Gardening Show.

A quiet and unassuming man he has knowledge of the secrets of SAS fishing techniques that will be of great use to me should I ever become marooned in the wild. How he came by these tit-bits I do not know and dared not ask.

That Linda and Pat managed to get such a celebrity to speak at our meeting was a coup indeed.

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th December when we will be playing skittles at The Beaufort Arms at our annual social event.

**Terry Truebody (01454 238364).**

## Changes to the Hawkesbury Horticultural Show Schedule for 2014

The following changes will be made to the schedule for 2014, mainly to remove sections where entries have been low or non-existent.

The following are **removed**;

- Pot leeks
- The Hawkesbury onion
- Spray chrysanthemums

There will be new classes for;

- A **root vegetable collection** consisting of 3 of each from round beetroot, long beetroot, turnips, potatoes, and short carrots to be displayed on a tray or black cloth with maximum dimensions of 60\* 60 cms.
- A **floral collection** consisting of 2 different vases of flowers plus a pot plant of any type. The number of flowers per vase to correspond with entries in section 3 and although there is no limit on pot size the whole collection must be within an area of 60 \*60 cms.

There will be a relaxation of the rule regarding pot sizes in the following classes and pots can be any size;

- 303 Foliage plant.
- 314 Pelargonium ( geranium)
- 326 Begonia
- 327 Cactus or succulent

The entries must, however be in total within the 50 \* 50 cms. maximum area.

*Hawkesbury Show Committee*



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### THE FORBIDDEN FOOD

By Alan C. Porter



What is your most potent image of Christmas? That iconic something that immediately conjures up the spirit of the festive season.

Is it possibly the overweight guy with the white beard and red suit with a penchant for going "Ho! Ho! Ho!" in a hearty, if not infuriating manner? Or perhaps a Christmas pud sprouting a sprig of holly accompanied by a jug of custard? Maybe carol singers braving the cold and the dark of a wintry Christmas eve?

In a detailed survey of one sober (mostly) upright (again mostly) citizen, namely myself, I can reveal it is none of the foregoing possibilities, laudable as they are, it is the humble Sprout!

This little green wrinkly thing that wallows in a pool of rich, brown gravy, rubbing shoulders with turkey and stuffing and roast potatoes is for me the epitome of Christmas.

What more could one ask for on Christmas Day? Something so versatile that on Boxing Day it can be turned into bubble and squeak and enjoyed all over again.

So everyone let's raise a glass and pull a cracker and give vent to a mighty, Ho! Ho! Ho! For the little sprout, long may it bless our plates!

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# Hawkesbury Primary School PTA News

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Firstly thanks to the Village Bonfire and Fireworks committee for enabling us to raise some funds for the PTA. I'm sure there will be lots of comments and reviews in this edition of how wonderful the village bonfire evening was. The PTA had great fun selling chocolate covered pop corn, cakes and traditional toffee apples which were very popular with the younger guests. It was a truly amazing evening. We will have to increase toffee apple production next year as we had some very disappointed younger customers, and even some tears when we ran out! A huge thanks to Caroline Pederick for the time she spent making these treats.

On Friday evening the school was buzzing with the excitement of the Christmas shopping evening. We have received praise and great feedback regarding the quality and variety of the gifts and products for sale. I believe we have had more people through the doors than ever before. There was a lovely atmosphere, and a genuine relaxed and seasonal feel heralding the start of the festive shopping season. Well done to Tamsin Magrath and Vicky Starling for organising the event so meticulously. I am looking forward to next year's already, although it will take some beating!

Our next event is the children's Christmas fayre. This will take place on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December in the school hall from 12pm – 3pm. Please note later time this year. We look forward to welcoming Father Christmas to our school so the children can submit their Christmas wish lists in person. There will be a wide variety of stalls including bauble bobbing, Smash the reindeer poo (malteser for the squeamish), traditional and soft toy tombola, guess the weight of the cake. Face painting, nail art and temporary tattoos to enjoy & many more stalls. Come along for a light lunch of homemade soup or hot dogs, followed by a mince pie and a nice cuppa. It would be lovely to see you there to join in the festive fun.

The PTA will also be organising the Infant Christmas parties providing a party lunch and helping the teachers with party games.

As always thanks to everyone in the village who supports the PTA and therefore helps to make our village school a wonderful environment for our children to learn and play. We welcome new members and any feedback you may have on past and future events, a little help goes a long way, and you don't have to attend meetings or be a member to get involved. If you have any thoughts, suggestions or comments please email me [angelajanewalker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angelajanewalker@yahoo.co.uk).

## RAOB Monument Lodge Picture Quiz... an Update!

Following on from the RAOB Monument Lodge photos printed in the November issue, several villagers popped into the Post Office with details of the Buffs pictured. An update for both photos is below. All were identified in the bottom picture. There are still gaps for the older top picture. Thank you for your help to-date.

### Top picture

#### Back row:

*Middle (light jacket) - Arthur Starling Snr*

*Last on right - Charlie Dix Snr*

#### Front row:

*1st from right - Ken Townsend 2nd from right -*

*Fred Thompson Snr 3rd from right - Ted*

*Perks Snr 4th from right - Albert Stinchcombe*

### Bottom picture

#### Back row (from left):

Terry Gardener Bob Baker Ernie Payne Fred Payne

Robin Stinchcombe George Pearce George Stinchcombe

#### Front row (from left):

Reg Pearce Eric Townsend Charlie Gardener Bert Hutton

Godfrey. Niblett

### Christmas Reindeers

According to the Alaska Dept of Fish & Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be female.

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## 2013 Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to all the poppy collectors and to all those in the village and commons who have given so generously. Thanks to Tim Davies, Jenny Harris and Sam Allen for helping to count the money in the tins.

An especial thank you to Hawkesbury Guides who donated **£86.35** raised from the excellent World War II display in the Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday.

### House to House collections

Sandra Bishop	High Street from Plain to Beaufort House & Biker's w/e at village hall	£121.23 £52.63
Doreen Bezar	High Street from Beaufort House to the Pool	£88.17
Sam Allen	Back St, Park St,	£212.76
Liz Howard	Inglestone Common, The Pike, Petty France	£153.23
Sybil & Gilb Tizzard	Sandpits Lane	£68.82
Dave Hives	France Lane, Hawkesbury Grange, 6 Cottages, Britton Bottom	£133.38
Eric Mortiboys	Birgage Road & Hunters Mead	£87.78
Pat Sherry	Highfields	£60.78
Mary Davies	Hawkesbury Common	£98.14

### Static Collections

Beaufort Arms	£52.57
Fox Inn	£31.56
Hawkesbury School	£18.92
Bodkin House Hotel	£14.41
Hawkesbury Shop	£108.06
Severn View Farm	£19.33
Out of the Blue shop	£57.91

This makes a total of **£1,372.14** to date (not including church collections and donations for wreaths)

The Poppy Appeal year will run from October 2013 – September 2014, so the total collected continues to rise over the next 12 months.

Last year, Hawkesbury's final total was a record **£1,896.26**. This included, as well as the collecting boxes, money from the wreaths, a raffle and £41 of Gift Aid.

The total for the whole 2012 Poppy Appeal was just over **£36.9 million**. For more information on how the money is used go to: [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

### **Liz Howard, Poppy Organiser**

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(Robert Herrick c.1591-1674)

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Look out for details of our varied new programme for 2014 starting in January, in the meantime:

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**



### THANK YOU FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY FIRST AID

A big thank you to Jane Bleaken and Helen Keogh for coming to my daughter Laura's rescue when she fainted at the village Remembrance Day service on the Plain. As I was at the back of the congregation, and Laura was at the front with the other Guides, I couldn't see her becoming unwell. Jane's quick action saved Laura from keeling over completely, making the whole incident less traumatic than it might have been, and Helen helped diagnose and treat her as she sat recovering on the park bench. We think it was completely unrelated to her diabetes, which was everyone's initial assumption - it was just due the effects of standing very still for a long time in cold weather with the sun in her eyes. Thanks to the many other villagers who came to offer their help and support. You were all so kind. Laura recovered very quickly and was well enough to go to the panto rehearsal in the afternoon, so no lasting damage done! When I posted a note about it on Facebook that afternoon, and was inundated with further good wishes and support, a friend in London remarked that the comment thread was a great indicator of what a fine community we live in - and I have to agree!! Thank you.

Debbie Young

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At the Annual Meeting President Barbara Harvey said sadly she was standing down as president due to personal commitments. She said she had enjoyed her two years in office and thanked the committee for making it so much fun. On behalf of the membership Barbara was thanked for doing such a great job.

Gill Truebody our Treasurer presented the audited accounts and said this year had seen a surplus on our balance sheet while last year there had been a deficit. This was good news indeed! The report was adopted and Gill was thanked for all her hard work.

Liz Howard congratulated Diane Deacon on running a good raffle to also boost income.

In her Secretary's Report Carol Blaken covered the busy year with events and speakers. However with a full programme already planned for 2014 members were reminded there were still places to fill on committee to take this forward.

Our speaker for the evening was Kath Aldom: MBE: founder of Paul's Place. Kath gave us a very inspiring talk on the charity which began in 1995 and now has a much-needed purpose built unit in Coalpit Heath where the charity is based. Here they run a day facility to support physically disabled adults. Providing them with a safe environment to develop life skills for a more fulfilled life-style in which exercise plays an important part. They now have a Boccia team playing in the national league.

The charity also have a Carers' Support Group run by a qualified social worker, because as Kath says – by supporting the carer you are supporting the whole family.

A vote of thanks was given by Pauline Cochran.

The proceeds of our Bring and Buy Sale and raffle were donated to the charity.

Competition for Flower of the Month was won by Melanie Gibbs with a penstemon.

### Dairy Dates

**3rd December** In House Christmas Meal with Entertainment by Members  
Competition – Table Decoration

**11th December** Christmas Meal at the Beaufort Arms

**7th January** Reforming Women – Mark Steeds

**Betty Salthouse 01454 238410**

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of one of our greatest, if not the greatest, of our noble band of fund raisers, that of Vera Bright, sometimes known as 'Vee', 'Mrs Brightness' or just plain old 'Lady Hyacinth'.

I can't remember when Vera wasn't doing her bit for the Beaufort and helping out with all of our fundraising activities, BBQ's for PROPS, LJST, HOGS and a host of others along with the masses of produce she made, not just for our Harvest Home but also those for the Evergreens and the Fox and Hounds, Active Turmoil.

Her ploughmans and bread-and-butter puddings were legendary and always raised a mint.

Vera was always the life and soul of the party and the Beaufort couldn't have been more pleased than when she eloped with Mr Brightness to form their happy union – comedian Johnnie Cowlin couldn't get over it either.

Always game for a laugh, modesty prevents me from saying what she was going to do with cricketer 'Sid' Lawrence and she knew lots of other celebrities as well. She also had a soft spot for the Ghurka's ("I like those little men") and helped raise money for them, Frenchay Cardiac Support Group and a host of others.

Even though poorly she carried on helping others right to the end, God Bless Vera, to say we'll miss you is an understatement.

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13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

*Dear Mark & Fiona*

It was lovely to see you Mark for the cheque presentation last week. Thank you so much for your amazing donation of £5,047.38 raised from your Gromit Unleashed fundraising. Together with the funds raised from the Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club Along the Edge with Gromit walk the total raised is £7,500.00. This is an incredible amount to raise over the 10 weeks and we are really grateful to you for your support of our project and Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal. We really hope that you enjoyed being a sponsor of Gromit Unleashed, it sounds like the whole community really got behind your fundraising and enjoyed having Harmony in the village.

We are thrilled that we raised £2.3 million at the Gromit Unleashed auction for Bristol Children's Hospital. The money raised from the auction and the fundraising events which took place over the 10 weeks will greatly benefit Bristol Children's Hospital to help support sick children and babies.

We are currently raising £3.5 million to support the expansion of the Children's Hospital. Between now and 2014, the hospital is expanding to incorporate new clinical specialities, burns, neurosurgery, neurosciences and major trauma, to create one of the leading children's hospitals in Europe. All funds raised will be used to help support the hospital expansion providing state of the art equipment, comforts, family facilities and arts enhancements.

It is only with the support of local communities that we are able to continue to support the world-class facilities and care available at Bristol Children's Hospital and Special Care Baby Unit at St Michael's Hospital.

Thank you once again for your support, we have really enjoyed working with you and we hope to work with you again in the future.

*Best wishes*  
*Sarah*  
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**A Bright Star**

On behalf of the Parish News and our readers, we send sincere condolences to Dave and family on the sad passing of Vera Bright.

So many people will know Vera from her involvement in countless activities and fundraisers in the village, despite the fact that she and Dave lived in Acton Turville!

Johnny Cowling can take the credit for aptly christening them both "Mr and Mrs Brightness", as they both brought a sparkle and a laugh to any function. If there was a raffle, Vera was first in line to buy raffle tickets and donate a prize. On Show Day, Dave and Vera were there on the gate, no prompting required. On Evergreens trips she provided a giggle and invariably returned with a comical hat, especially in the run up to Christmas!

Vera's monumental efforts to support the annual harvest home in aid of the Senior Citizens were truly staggering, from cakes to crumbles, bread puddings to pies, not to mention the legendary "ploughman's suppers" — they would arrive by the tray-load — something that some of us could only aspire to. Not to mention the barbecues in the Beaufort garden, which over the years, raised enormous sums for numerous charities and organisations.

Vera will be remembered for a belligerent, no-nonsense attitude to life, a wicked sense of humour and fun, a glass of wine and a smoke, a game of crib and skittles, and a mischievous glint in her eye.

Mrs Brightness, there's now, definitely a bright new star in the sky and long may it continue to shine.

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## Vera Bright (aka Lady Hyacinth)

The Hawkesbury Open Golf Society would like to offer our sincere condolences to Dave Bright and all the family at the sad news of Vera's passing.

Vera, wine in hand, fag in the other has been a mainstay of the Hawkesbury Open Golf Day for many, many years. She and Dave have run our barbecue every year, keeping us up-to-date with the cricket scores, as well as helping us to raise thousands of pounds for our charities over the years.

In recent years, Vera (doubling up as her alter ego Lady Hyacinth) has also been our official starter, launching a coastguard-frightening rocket every year at 10:00am to signal the start of the annual madness. (Vera always liked a big one!)

There are few certainties in a round of golf but Vera's smile and infectious laughter welcoming us all back to the Beaufort garden each year was always one of them. Vera was as irreplaceable as she was unforgettable and we can only be thankful that she was part of our lives for so long. On behalf of us all, thanks for the memories.



## Bonfire Night- many thanks to all!

Wow what a night!

HMS Hawkesbury set sail for the last (and only...) time, defended by Long John Silver. Then viewed by- well, at least the whole of the South West of the UK, she sailed off into the fiery sky!!

I hope you will agree that both the bonfire and the fireworks were outstanding this year. This can only be down to the tremendous hard work put in by so many.

Especially as we were rather blighted by the weather- wet and windy don't make for good Bonfire night celebrations. So with fingers crossed for Saturday- then Sunday- we finally hit it right with a clear and calm Monday.

We had people taking time out of their day to help finish the bonfire (with the odd one or two becoming TV celebrities...), put gazebos up, get the food and drinks in place, then serve, marshal, light fireworks. Then over the following week some sterling work was been done in clearing of the bonfire (now re-seeded), lots of people helped litter picking, and cleaning, and putting away of the gazebos. So many of you- too many to mention by name, you know who you are, we salute you- and we can't do it without you!! **THANK YOU.**

And guess what- a **big thank you** to all who came along on the night and celebrated, eating, drinking and generously donating- so we may put on Bonfire Night another year.



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Victim, elderly male.

Victim was sitting in his living room watching TV when he heard a noise coming from his kitchen; upon looking into the kitchen he saw a reflection in the kitchen window of a male. Victim challenged male who said "We are looking for a large sum of money that has been delivered to this house". The victim told him there wasn't any money. The male stepped out of the back door and the victim quickly shut the back door and locked it. Once police arrived it was found that the male had been upstairs and stolen items of jewellery from victim's bedroom.

Suspect:- W/M, 30 yrs, 5'9", medium build, clear skin, no particular accent, pointy or angular features, stooped or not stood upright, wearing a navy blue waterproof suit made of shiny plastic material, hood up and drawn round face

Please be extra vigilant, keep an eye on the more vulnerable in your community and if concerned by a caller, call the Police immediately on the 999 number.

*As we approach Christmas also be extra vigilant as there are those who prefer shopping in your homes as opposed to paying for their presents. If you go out leave a light and a radio on (tuned to a speaking programme), just to give an impression that someone is in. Lock your doors even when you are in the house.*

*Ensure that you do not leave presents or other valuables on view in your car.*

Please try and not make yourself vulnerable over the Christmas period

From all on the Neighbourhood Watch Team we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year

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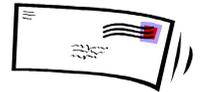
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**Hawkesbury**

**Hawkesbury Cricket Club — 300 Club**

**Prize winners for October 2013**

WIN	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	105	Louise Roberts
£50	280	Howard Bradley
£20	35	Josh Vaughan
£10	220	Karen Bezar
£5	55	Keith Bergham
£5	174	Matt Galvin
£5	21	Beano Blackwell
£5	225	Phil Frankland

**Prize winners for November 2013**

WIN	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	164	Sally Honeybourne
£50	41	Michael Bleaken
£20	286	Vicky Rispin
£10	229	Dick Blundell
£5	75	Mike Gardener
£5	269	Mary Phillips
£5	27	Mick Bendeaux
£5	206	Karen Cole

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## Match Report for The Gentlemen of Hawkesbury vs Staple Hill

# BIG BEN STRIKES AS SIMMONDS CLOCKS UP SOME TIMELY RUNS

The day began with the sight of grown men weeping in the changing room. At the Village Show, not one rosette had been awarded to our eleven: our bread was too crusty; our onions shriveled; Victoria sponges flat and as for our balldahlias: they had wilted in the heat. Could we fare better in our final fixture of the season against Staple Hill?

It didn't look too promising to start with. Our fearsome pace bowler, Ben Cullen, was unable to charge in at full throttle, as he was suffering from a mysterious headache. It was Joss White's testing spin that brought about the dismissals of both openers. Ed Riddington managed to find the edges of the bats of both numbers 3 and 4, but the ball was soon finding the middles as well. Matt Mitchell, making his debut for the Gents, teamed up with Sam Beeley in a bid to break the third wicket stand that added 77 in 14 overs. Beeley made the break, and went on to take two more wickets. It was, however, his fielding that provided the highlight of the innings. Bill Cullen's first over provided Beeley with the simplest of catches, which he managed to spill, before falling backwards. Then, realising that the striker was now at the non-striker's end, he pelted the ball metres wide of the stumps for four overthrows. 99 times out of 100, he would have caught the ball. 9 times out of ten, he would have hit the stumps. 999 times out of a 1000 he would not have ended up on his knees, head in hands, with everyone else in the team bent double in fits of laughter. The Gents recovered from this episode and - thanks to tidy spells from Cullen and Adam Hanney - went to tea with the score on 171 for 7 after 40 overs.

Martyn Foster and Sean Hopson strode out to bat after their sandwiches and cake and, seven overs later, strode back for some more. This brought together the pairing of Ben Cullen and Dean Simmonds. Cullen looked confident from the start, going forward to each ball, finding the pitch and playing firmly within the V. Simmonds, whose bat had had a sabbatical since last September, finally found the form that he so desperately craved. Scoring runs can boost the confidence of any player. For Simmonds, his high octane innings went straight to his head, quite literally. As the runs began to flow, his head swelled to such an extent that he had to take his helmet off: it had simply become too painful to wear it anymore.

The pair both scored fifties, putting on a remarkable 148 for the third wicket, thus ending a memorable summer by securing our sixth win out of 10.

From the pen of our cricketing correspondent Ed Riddington

If you would like to play cricket at this level next season please ring either Bernie Evans (294202) or Dean Simmonds (238327)

## Junior Cricket Nets

Hawkesbury Cricket Club will be holding an Indoor Cricket Nets 6-week course once again for juniors.

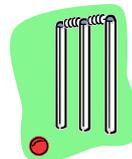
These sessions have proved to be very useful in preparing our young players for the forthcoming season.

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**Dates:** January 4th/11th/18th 2014  
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extra virgin olive oil
- ◆ *Carpaccio con Funghi*  
Beef Carpaccio marinated with orange,  
served with caciocavallo cheese,  
rocket salad, mushrooms and balsamic  
vinegar reduction
- ◆ *Raviolo all'Astice*  
Home-made Raviolo stuffed with  
lobster, aubergine and ricotta cheese,  
in seafood sauce
- ◆ *Agnello ai Frutti di Bosco*  
Local lamb pan fried, finished with  
forest fruit demi-glace, vegetable and  
potato fondant
- ◆ *Spigola grigliata con finocchi  
e lenticchie*  
Fillet of sea bass grilled served on top  
of lentils, stewed fennel and crispy  
pancetta

## DESSERTS

- ◆ *Pasticcini Mignon*  
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- ◆ *Insalata di Manzo e Patate*  
Diced slow-cooked beef, mixed with roast potatoes,  
ice-berg salad, parmesan shavings and pickled  
cucumber
- ◆ *Crostino Funghi e Gorgonzola*  
Toasted bread topped with sautéed wild  
mushrooms, sweet onion, gorgonzola and  
mozzarella cheese
- ◆ *Caprino Gratinato*  
Thick slice of goat's cheese served on top of a mini  
potato pancake, topped with grilled aubergine,  
pesto and a touch of mint oil

## MAINS

- ◆ *Filetto al Barolo e Mele*  
Diced beef fillet cooked in Barolo wine, with sweet  
apple and toasted almonds, served with mash  
potatoes and vegetable
- ◆ *Pollo Asparagi e Prosciutto*  
Chicken Supreme, stuffed with asparagus, Parma  
ham and smoked cheese, on top of butternut  
squash puree with a touch of white truffle oil  
(recommended by the Chef)  
Served with scalloped potatoes and vegetable
- ◆ *Paccheri Cinghiale, Ricotta e Rucola*  
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cheese and rocket salad
- ◆ *Spigola alla Giuse'*  
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# Friends of St Mary's



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We were very sorry to have to cancel our Ball in October, but sincerely hope you will support our Burns' Night on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. If you have never attended a Burns' celebration, I can strongly recommend it – it's really not such an "offal" evening with stuffy speeches, but an evening of great fun, where everyone lets their hair down and takes to the dance floor for some very dodgy Scottish Dancing after some usually quite raucous toasts. Tables of 10 may be booked. See advert.

The Friends are currently looking at different means of fundraising from outside the village, to help keep St Mary's in good condition, but the truth is we need to raise thousands to help fund the next set of repairs to the tower and the chancel roof. So although our events are great social occasions for the village (NOT JUST MEMBERS), our objective is to raise sufficient money to assist with repairs to what is a magnificent building. Without your support, the church would not be in use today. The Friends of St Mary's is not an elite club. Anyone who cares about the building, whether worshipper or not, can sign up. Your subscription will really help us in our efforts to keep St Mary's in good repair for the next generations of weekly services, baptisms, weddings and funerals. If you have had any link at all to St Mary's, **please** do consider becoming a member or just come along to our events to support our fundraising. You are all most welcome.

Thank you.

Pauline Setterfield – Hon Sec 238307

## Friends of St Mary's

Forthcoming events

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 at 6pm**

### Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury

The Friends host a mulled wine and mince pie reception in the grounds of The Old Vicarage following this traditional Christmas service of readings and carols for choir and congregation. Everyone is welcome.

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm**  
**Hawkesbury Village Hall**

### Burns' Night Celebration

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**Benefice services in December**

Sundays	1st December	8th December	15th December	22nd December	29th December
<b>Readings</b>	Advent 1 Isa 2.1-5 Matt 24. 36-44	Advent 2 Isa 11.1-10 Matt 3.1-12	Advent 3 Isa 35.1-10 Matt 11.2-11	Advent 4 Isa 7.10-16 Matt 1.18-end	Christmas 1 Isa 63.7-9 Matt 2.13-end
<b>Great Badminton St Michael</b>					
<b>Little Badminton St Michael</b>		1115 Matins Richard Thomson		1115 Matins Richard Thomson	
<b>Sopworth St Mary</b>	6pm Evensong Celia Carter		1115 BCP HC Richard Thomson		
<b>Didmarton St Lawrence</b>	1115 Matins Richard Thomson	4pm Christingle Richard Thomson	8.30 BCP HC Alveen Thoresen	6pm Carol Service Richard Thomson	
<b>Acton Turville St Mary</b>	9.45 Fam serv Mary Beresford	8.30am BCP HC Alveen Thoresen	6pm Carol service Richard Thomson	8.30am BCP HC Richard Thomson	
<b>Boxwell St Mary</b>					1115 BCP HC Sung Merbecke Richard Thomson
<b>Leighterton St Andrew</b>	3pm Advent Service Alveen Thoresen	11am Matins Rev Celia Carter	1100 CW Communion Alveen Thoresen	6PM <b>SAT EVE</b> carols Richard Thomson	
<b>Hawkesbury St Mary's</b>	6pm Advent carols Richard Thomson	4pm Toy Service Alveen Thoresen	9.45 All age Mary Beresford	6pm Friends Carols Alveen Thoresen	
<b>Lasborough St Mary</b>	9.30 Matins Alveen Thoresen	9.30 BCP HC+PCC Richard Thomson	6pm West'bt Carols Alveen Thoresen	9.30am CW HC Alveen Thoresen	
<b>Oldbury-on-the-Hill St Arild</b>					

Christmas	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Christmas	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
<b>Great Badminton St Michael</b>		1115 Carols + HC Richard Thomson	<b>Boxwell St Mary</b>		
<b>Little Badminton St Michael</b>			<b>Leighterton St Andrew</b>	1130 Midnight Mass Alveen Thoresen	
<b>Sopworth St Mary</b>	6pm Carol service Rev Celia Carter		<b>Hawkesbury St Mary's</b>	4.30pm Lighting the light Mary Beresford	1030 CW HC Alveen Thoresen
<b>Didmarton St Lawrence</b>	1130 Midnight Mass Richard Thomson		<b>Lasborough St Mary</b>	6pm Carol service Richard Thomson	9am CW HC Alveen Thoresen
<b>Acton Turville St Mary</b>	4.30 Christingle service Richard Thomson		<b>Oldbury-on-the-Hill St Arild</b>		

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## FROM THE VICARAGE December 2013

On Christmas Eve, when the snow was all white,  
I sat on the floor with a letter to write.  
Before I began, I thought what to say  
I'd like Santa to leave for me on Christmas Day.

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas season is almost upon us with its intoxicating concoction of colourful lights, nativity story, carols, turkey, presents and of course Santa Claus.

It is with regard to the last of these that I wish to write today, Santa Claus. The magical story of a present-clad Father Christmas clambering down the chimney on Christmas Eve is one that has always filled me as a child and as an adult with a sense of excitement. Presents are always welcome and especially so when tinged with magic. As a child my Grandmother told us that her garden had a fairy godmother and in the morning we would write our letters and put them under a tree. When we returned a few hours later, there would be little presents addressed to each of us- as if by magic.

Christianity is a physical religion. Bread and wine are at the heart of our religious rituals, churches are placed all around are countryside. These things are physical expressions of an inward and spiritual faith embedded within the soul of the Christian. Without the spiritual part, they are superficial and barren of meaning. As is the story of Father Christmas, carols and all the magic of Christmas without celebrating the gift of the holy child.

And yet, as the Archbishop said recently, giving and sharing at Christmas is not always something that needs to be expensive. Indeed, we should not try to buy love. It can in some cases, lead to debt and family rows. I hope you can find ways to express the joy and magic of what Christmas means, with your children, without spending too much and getting yourself into trouble. At the heart of it is the most sublime story- our maker being born into the world as a small and vulnerable child surrounded by the poverty of a stable. God found an imaginative way to show us that He is with us, can we find magical ways of expressing the Christmas spirit as well?

Have a good festive period and hope to see you at one of our many Christmas services,

With my best wishes for a Happy and special Christmas,

Richard Thomson, Vicar

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### Midweek services (suspended 26th Dec till 8th Jan)

	Morning Prayer 8.45 am	Evening prayer 4.30pm
Tuesday	Hawkesbury	Leighterton
Wednesday	Acton Turville	Lasborough (Radio 3) NB 3.30pm
Thursday	Boxwell	Didmarton
Friday	Sopworth	Lt Badminton

## Christmas Hamper Prize Draw



***The Hawkesbury Shop Christmas Hamper Prize Draw starts Saturday 19 th October. For your chance to win all you have to do is spend £10 or more in one transaction and we will automatically enter you into our draw. The more times you spend with us the more chance you have of winning! The draw will take place on Saturday 21<sup>nd</sup> December @1pm.(content may vary subject to availability)***

**Church Services in December 2013**  
For St. Mary's Church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
01st Dec	6 p.m.	Advent Carol Service	W. Fairney B Stephens		M Davies
08th Dec	4 p.m.	Toy Service	T.B.A.		B Salthouse
15th Dec	0945 am	Morning Praise	E Riddington D Musty		P Bendry
22nd Dec	6 pm	Friends of St Mary's Carol Service	T.B.A.		A Craig
24th Dec	4 . 30 pm	Light of thge world			H Rogers
25th Dec	1015 am	Christmas Day Morning Praise- Communion			L Fairney
29 th Dec	6 pm	B.C.P. Communion	M Bendry		D Musty
5th Jan	0945 am	Morning Praise Communion	J O'Brien		J Oldershaw

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

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### The Christmas Present (& Past)

**I must admit I am a lazy wrapper.**

Not for me the creative approach of an old flame who tried one year to make Christmas extra interesting by disguising all his gifts as something else. A bit of a challenge when his present to me was an LP. (Yes, I am that old.)

His plan backfired. Presented with a box several inches deep, I was expecting much more than a record. Disappointed to find the only thing in the package apart from Wings' "Band on the Run" was air, I kept the LP but ditched the relationship.

As for me, I keep gift-wrapping simple. The last few Christmases, I've mostly given books as presents - so easy to wrap!

But lately I've realised I've been missing a trick: give an e-book as a gift, and you don't have to wrap it at all.

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But hey, by saving all that money on wrapping paper, you'll be able to afford an e-book or two for yourself, and have time to read them too – result! Merry Christmas!

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## St Mary's Church News



Churchwardens Mrs Linda Fairney 238553 & Mrs Mary Davies 238657  
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“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.” John 3 :16

This month's news is nearly all about Christmas to remind you of all the services and other activities, something for everyone, leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago.

We start with an Advent Carol Service on Sunday 1st December at the changed time of 6.00pm. This will be followed on 8th December by a Toy Service at 4.00pm – an occasion for the children to bring toys to give to children less lucky than themselves who might not otherwise have a Christmas present. The Friends of St Mary's Carol Service takes place on Sunday 22nd December at 6.00pm and on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm we shall have our traditional Light of the World and Crib Service, when the church is lit by masses of candles. We shall celebrate Christmas Day at 10.15am with Morning Praise Holy Communion for the whole family.

In addition to the services, there will be a demonstration of Christmas floral decoration at The Malt House, with a chance to take home your own creation on Saturday 7th December from 11.00am – 3.00pm. The cost is £20 to include coffee and lunch. Further details are given elsewhere in The Parish news. Remember also to come to the charity lunches in the Methodist Hall on the three Thursdays in December – 5th, 12th and 19th at 12.30pm. Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

It is with great regret that the Parochial Church Council has accepted the resignation of Sharon Gray, due to pressure of work, and we would like to thank Sharon for the valuable work she has done with the children and as our representative at Deanery Synod.

And finally, we have a new Christmas card for sale at £2.50 for 5. They are available at St Mary's

**Jennifer Oldershaw**

### Dates for your diary

1st December	6.00pm*	Advent Carol Service *(NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)
7th December	11.00am – 3.00pm	Christmas Floral Decoration at The Malt House
8th December	4.00pm	Toy Service
22nd December	6.00pm	FOSM Carol Service
24th December	4.30pm	Light of the World & Crib Service
25th December	10.15am	Morning Praise Holy Communion

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH

BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



### Services for December 2013

Sunday December 1st	10:30 am	Joining with Bethesda
Sunday December 8th	10:00 am	Rev Debra Chidakwa - Holy Communion
Sunday December 15th	09:45 am	Morning Praise at St Marys
Sunday December 22nd	10:00 am	A Dixon

Carol singing around the village will take place on Tuesday 24th December. Meet at Farm Pool at midnight and there will be a break for a drink and mince pies at the Methodist Church on our way round. A warm welcome to all who would like to join us.



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# BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

## Services for the month of December 2013

Sunday December 1st	10.30am	Rev. Colin Halstead [C]
Sunday December 8th	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes
Sunday December 15th	10.30am	A visit of the Puppet Theatre Company, with a Christmas programme
Sunday December 22nd	10.30am	Have your choice of carols
Monday December 23rd	6.30pm	Carol Service followed by tea, coffee and mince pies
Tuesday - Christmas Day	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes
Sunday December 29th	10.30am	Service of Praise
Sunday January 5th 2014	10.30am	Rev Philip Hopes [C]



### BETHESDA ADVENTURERS MEET DURING THE SERVICE

Tuesday 3rd December 7.30pm – A Time of Worship / Prayer

Other Tuesdays 7.30pm Bible study / prayer

Thursdays at 2.00pm – A time of Prayer for Revival



Church members were going into their neighbourhood giving away light bulbs door to door offering to show God's love in a practical way. At one house they heard a father and son having a heated conversation – the son had recently come to Christ and was eager to bring his dad to the Lord too. Dad was getting irritated! He needed to go shopping, list in hand he had his hand on the door knob. The father said "I am not going to listen to you Christians until you show the love of God in a practical way instead of just talking about it! Then the door bell rang and standing there was a young lady with a light bulb in her hand, saying "We would like to give you this light bulb to show you Gods love in a practical way!" The first item on Dad's list was.....a light bulb!

The old hymn says....."Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine". Jesus came to not only show us God's love but to offer us new life in Him. Jesus said, "I have come as a light into the world, and that whoever believes in me should not abide in darkness" John 12:46

**M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]**

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## Planning Application received :

App. No.	Address	Description	
<b>PK13/3543/F</b>	Collyns Mead Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Internal and external alterations to facilitate erection of first floor rear extension. Resubmission of PK13/1918/F	The Parish Council was confused as to what the amendments are; they are not happy with the bi-folding doors being back in. Their comments remain as PK13/1918/F
<b>PK13/3569/LB</b>	Collyns Mead Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Internal and external alterations to facilitate erection of first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension. Resubmission of PK13/1919/LB	As above additional comment made about the size of the drawings sent (A4) no planning or drawing numbers on the correspondence
<b>PK13/3464/RVC</b>	The Stables Sandpits Lane Hawkesbury Upon	Variation of condition 2 of PK12/1031/F dated 22 June 2012 to allow livery to be carried out on site	The Parish Council does not want the condition removed to allow livery to be carried out on site
<p>This application was discussed in full by the Parish Council. The condition is already being breached as they are already running a livery. Eventually the decision was put to a vote and the outcome was as followed;</p> <p>Condition to be withheld and not removed      2 votes            To remove the condition                              1 vote            Abstained    4 Councillors</p> <p>Therefore the response to SGC planning department "not to remove the condition" as above</p>			

## Planning Decisions :

<b>PK13/3046/LB</b>	2 Dunkirk Cottages Tetbury Road Hawkesbury Upton	Internal and external alterations, including installation of dormer window and demolition of flat roofed storage extension	<b>Approve with conditions</b>
<b>PK13/3045/F</b>	2 Dunkirk Cottages Tetbury Road Hawkesbury Upton	Internal and external alterations, including installation of dormer window and demolition of flat roofed storage extension	<b>Approve with conditions</b>
<b>PK13/1580/F</b>	Flexor Farm Orange End Inglestone Common	Change of use of land from agricultural to residential. Erection of single storey side and front extension to form additional living accommodation	<b>Approve with conditions</b>
<b>PK13/3071/LB</b>	6 The Stable Yard Petty France Badminton	Installation of flue	<b>Approve with conditions</b>



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## *Hawkesbury Traditional Christmas Lights Switch on*

*Will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013*

*At 5.30pm*



*Donations of mince pies are required*

For Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013

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### **Parish Council Meeting**

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#### **Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:**

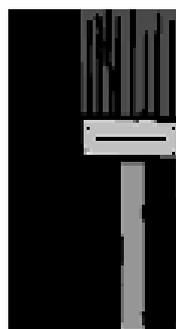
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## NEW MANAGEMENT SOUGHT FOR WOTTON CINEMA

The one-hundred year old cinema in Wotton-under-Edge is looking for a new manager.

Volunteer Chairman Jeff Walshe and his wife Janet are to retire after eleven years saying there must be change, if the popular local venue is to survive. A slight downturn in business and 'unfair' domination by multiplex cinemas are said to be concerns for the future of the Wotton Electric Picture House.

Although the cinema is used by many hundreds of regular customers each month, it's claimed a small but significant decline in business in recent months has meant tough decisions must be made.

"This could be down to many factors, including the availability of new films at home via digital TV and large home entertainment systems and perhaps lack of demand for the films currently on the big screen". Said Mr Walshe "But most of all, we continue to have our hands tied by a film distribution structure that conspires against us in favour of the big multiplex cinemas. Major film distributors demand that we show major releases for long periods and won't allow us to show popular films for a shorter period. We're a one-screen cinema and cannot show the same film night in, night out. To sustain our business, we must be allowed to show a variety of films".

Currently the cinema operates as a community run cinema, staffed entirely by volunteers. Surplus money it makes is pumped back into community projects and charities.

The intention was to have grown the business sufficiently in order to employ a full time paid manager.

"There's no concern financially at this stage as we have plenty in the pot but the future of the cinema must be made soon" said Jeff. "We have a team of fantastic, hard-working volunteers who serve extremely supportive customers each week. We're hoping somebody out there can take on the cinema and ensure it has a future for the next one-hundred years".

Since the re-opening in 2005 the Cinema has shown 800 films at 3,500 shows to 138,000 customers.

The Wotton Electric Picture House recently celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, with well-wishers including Sir Michael Caine, Dame Judi Dench and Dame Helen Mirren.

# South Gloucestershire District Councillor Report

As we go to Press –the Inspector' Report on the Core Strategy will be published. This will form the Planning Framework for South Gloucestershire.

Outline permission for over 2,500 houses, together with schools, shops, transport routes and community facilities has been granted at North Yate. Work is now starting on the more detailed planning applications. The development will take place over the next 14 years. Further strategies are being prepared for the 3000 houses being built in the Patchway/CribbsCauseway area. This will go some way to providing the 24000 houses required for South Gloucestershire over the next few years.

Work has also started on Town Centres, District Centres and large shopping areas as part of the Core Strategy. Parish Councils have also been asked to respond with views on how they see their villages developing or not.

## COUNCIL BUDGET

The Council has started its Budget Consultation and will be holding roadshows around the area, as well as holding information sessions at the Area Forums encouraging people to have their say. Over the last three years, the austerity measures have seen £30 million of Council savings, millions of pounds of savings are still required in the future. Have your say in how future services priorities. Visit the Council's website for further information. [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk)

## Health Choices

The Health Scrutiny Committee will be considering the future of Frenchay shortly– this comes together with the development of reablement and rehabilitation services for older people for our area. The case of the 68 interim beds at Southmead which was referred to the Secretary of State has been sent to the Independent Review Panel for them to report back to the Minister by the 10th December

## Seen the Signs

The Council is currently consulting on reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph on the A46 between the Cross Hands and Petty France. The A46 is one of the most dangerous roads in South Gloucestershire – have your say on the website, or please contact me with your comments.

## Street Lights

A faulty piece of equipment was the reason for the street lights not adjusting to the clock going back at the end of October causing problems across the whole area. Hopefully things have been put right, but let me know if there are still any problems.

## Streetcare

Don't forget that you can report fly tipping, potholes, unlit street lights etc directly to South Gloucestershire Council on the website [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk) or by ringing 01454 868000

Thanks to all those people who have contacted me over the past year, and may I take the opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Should you require any help of information on any matters - Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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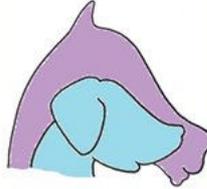
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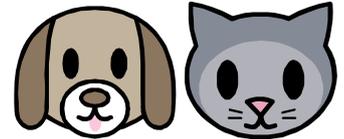
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### NEW CHARITY BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR

To raise money for research into Type 1 Diabetes, local author Debbie Young published a new e-book on World Diabetes Day (14 November), called: "Coming To Terms With Type 1 Diabetes: One Family's Story Of Life After Diagnosis".

With an excellent foreword by BBC Radio 4 presenter Justin Webb, whose son has Type 1 diabetes, the book is a useful guide as to how the diagnosis affects daily life, practically, physically and emotionally. An early review from medical journalist and broadcaster Dr Carol Cooper describes it as:

"A lovely uplifting little book, full of insight, wit, and practical know-how... to appeal to anyone with Type 1 Diabetes and their family. Health professionals would also find it useful. The book is beautifully written. A little treasure as well as a ray of hope."

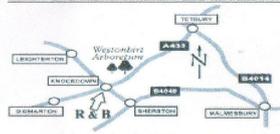
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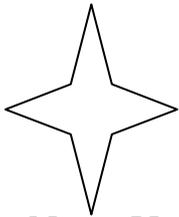
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A jubilant, heartfelt musical about the power of home, the hearth, family and love. It is the tale of one tight-knit family, and the three couples bound to it, as they experience the joys and heartache that punctuate all relationships. And they do it all while singing to the euphoric music of The Proclaimers.

Thursday, 28th November	14:00	Friday, 29th November	19:45
Tuesday, 3rd December	19:45	Thursday, 5th December	19:45

## Captain Phillips (2013) (Cert 12A) Running time: 133 mins

A multi-layered examination of the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by a crew of Somali pirates. It is — through director Paul Greengrass's distinctive lens — simultaneously a pulse-pounding thriller, and a complex portrait of the myriad effects of globalization. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips and the Somali pirate captain, Muse (Barkhad Abdi), who takes him hostage. Phillips and Muse are set on an unstoppable collision course when Muse and his crew target Phillips' unarmed ship; in the ensuing standoff, 145 miles off the Somali coast, both men will find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control.

Thursday, 28th November	19:45	Saturday, 30th November	19:45
Wednesday, 4th December	20:45	Thursday, 5th December	14:00

## Philomena (2013) (Cert 12A) Running time: 97 mins

The moving, funny and at times shocking true story of one woman's search for a lost son. Falling pregnant as a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena was sent to the convent of Roscrea to be looked after as a "fallen woman". When her baby was only a toddler, he was taken away by the nuns for adoption in America. Philomena spent the next fifty years searching for him but with no success. Then she met Martin Sixsmith, a world-weary political journalist who happened to be intrigued by her story. Together they set off to America on a journey that would not only reveal the extraordinary story of Philomena's son, but also create an unexpectedly close bond between Philomena and Martin. The film is a compelling narrative of human love and loss that ultimately celebrates life, showing that there is laughter even in the darkest places.

Friday, 6th December	19:45	Saturday, 7th December	14:00 / 9:45	Tuesday, 10th December	19:45
Wednesday, 11th December	20:45	Thursday, 12th December	19:45	Saturday, 14th December	14:00
Sunday, 15th December	14:00	Wednesday, 18th December	20:45	Thursday, 19th December	14:00
Saturday, 28th December	19:45	Thursday, 2nd January	14:00		

## Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 2D (2013) (Cert U) Running time: 90 mins

Inventor Flint Lockwood's genius is finally being recognized as he's invited by his idol Chester V to join The Live Corp Company, where the best and brightest inventors in the world create technologies for the betterment of mankind. Chester's right-hand-gal - and one of his greatest inventions - is Barb (a highly evolved orangutan with a human brain, who is also devious, manipulative and likes to wear lipstick). It's always been Flint's dream to be recognized as a great inventor, but everything changes when he discovers that his most infamous machine (which turns water into food) is still operating and is now creating food-animal hybrids - "foodimals!" With the fate of humanity in his hands, Chester sends Flint and his friends on a dangerously delicious mission, battling hungry tacodiles, shrimpanzees, apple pie-thons, double bacon cheespiders and other food creatures to save the world again!

Saturday, 23rd November	14:00	Sunday, 1st December	14:00
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# December 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 !!**

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

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

**Answers to the November quizzes:-**

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

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