



Hawkesbury Parish News

December 2018 Issue 50p



What a spectacular event the bonfire and fireworks were. The sleeping dragon was amazing and even had a snore. Well done to all who were involved in its organisation and building.

This year the Hawkesbury **Christmas Lights** will be switched on at **5:30 pm on Saturday 15th December** - don't forget to bring your own cup for mulled wine. We are trying to reduce single use plastic waste. Don't worry - if you forget, there will be cups available.

Editorial

Once again this year Father Christmas has a very special post box in the Hawkesbury Upton Post Office from the beginning of December.

The Guides poppy display on the plain was secretly installed after dark to surprise us all. And what a surprise it was - just wonderful - Well done to Louise and the Guides.

If you missed it you can see pictures of the Plain and the

Hawkesbury remembrance service on pages 23 and 23 in colour. Many thanks to Jon Wallace for letting us use his amazing photographs.

Lots on this month so don't forget to look at the diary page - page 3 - and the church news on pages 16 and 17.

All at the Parish News wish you

**A Very Merry
Christmas**

The Sleeping Dragon - The 2018 Bonfire Theme with its designer - Charlie Hurst



PLEASE NOTE!! The deadline for the January issue is Friday 14th December

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The next Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on Monday 7th January 2019
in the upstairs meeting room
Hawkesbury Hospital Hall
7.30pm



The Christmas cards
and donation boxes will be
placed in Hawkesbury Stores
and in the
Post Office on December 1st.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER
FROM 2.30 – 4pm
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Children's Christmas crafts, Christmas carols, Mince Pies

No need to borrow a book, everyone is welcome to join us for some festive fun!



8th January 2019

Bill Fairney The Romantic Poets



Please Note the meeting be
in the METHODIST HALL

Evergreens Christmas Lunch

11 December at the Beaufort Arms
Meeting at 12.00pm eat at 1:00 pm
Mandy Clarke 01454 261436



Required

donations of mince pies
for the lights switch on
Please deliver to the Parish Clerk at
2 Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton
Before 5pm on Saturday 15th December



Hawkesbury Community Library



The next Community Library is on
Fridays 7th and 21st December

2.30 - 4.00 pm in the Village Hall.
Children's crafts, tea and cakes,

Everyone welcome



This year's
Christmas Light Switch on is
Saturday 15th December 2018 at
5.30pm

Christmas Disco

Saturday 22nd December
In the Village Hall
7:30 pm until late



The Post Box for letters to
Father Christmas will be
in the Post Office from the
beginning of December

Christmas Carol Services

St Mary's
23rd December 5.0 pm Carols by Candlelight

Methodist Hall
Friday 21st December 6.30pm Carol Evening

Bethesda Chapel
Tuesday 18th 6:30pm Carol Service with tea/coffee
and mince pies



Hawkesbury Primary School PTA presents the...

Christmas Fair

Festive fun for all the family!

11am – 1pm Saturday 8th December
Hawkesbury Village Hall



This bench, a tribute to the parents of Susan, Grace and their brothers David and John, depicts a Lancashire rose and a Gloucestershire daffodil. Violet was born in Hawkesbury on 30th November 1930 to Ernest and Doris Chappell, the eldest daughter of 7 children. During hard times in the second world war and after the loss of her young mother, it became necessary for some of the children to be evacuated. Lancashire being the area Violet and her sisters, Mary and Doris (and later Sheila), were evacuated to during the war and where she later met and married Albert Edward Hilton, known as Eddie. Never forgetting her roots Violet and Eddie made frequent visits to Hawkesbury with their family where they became familiar faces, especially on show weekend.

Hawkesbury Bonfire Night – Thank you to everyone!

This year's bonfire did not disappoint, we even had coverage on BBC Radio Bristol! The fabulous 'Horned Hawkeshurst' was a magnificently built majestic beast, Charlie Hurst's entry into the design competition really stood out, including the in-depth instructions we'd been left to follow. Thank you to Hawkesbury School for participating in the bonfire design competition, we really enjoy looking at the designs each year; you don't make picking the winner easy!

Thank goodness the rain held off until later that night, it made it a little harder to take the bar and gazebo's down on Sunday; thank you to all those that helped over the following couple of days.

The bonfire team would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Bonfire night such a great success. From those involved in the preparation, during the day and on the night itself; so many of you to name, you know who you are and what you did! We simply can't make this display truly amazing without your help. Hawkesbury at its best!

What a fantastic night for all the village to enjoy! Thank you to all that came on the night too, we can't continue to put on this display without your support and donations. We hope you all enjoyed the bonfire, fireworks, food, drink and gin.



The Bonfire Team

Hawkesbury Charity Christmas Cards 2018

This is a way to wish our friends and acquaintances within our village, a Very Happy Christmas whilst supporting people who are in need.

The charities chosen for this year are the same as last year, because they are both such deserving and dedicated organisations - **McMillan Cancer Research** and **The Children's Society**. The Christmas cards and donation boxes will be placed in Hawkesbury Stores and in the Post Office on December 1st. Just write your name/s, with maybe a little festive message, and then put a contribution into the donation box - the suggested donation would be equivalent to the amount you would have spent buying cards for village friends. The money will be collected on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Cards will be left on display over the Christmas Break.



The total amount raised will be revealed in the February Parish News. Thank you for supporting this Village Fundraiser for another year.

Mary Beresford

Parish News Annual Subscriptions for 2018 are now Due.

If you receive this magazine through your door, you will know that it's nearly time to pay your subscription in order to continue to receive your copy for the next 12 months. It helps our great band of volunteer distributors if all subs are paid by the end of January, please.

Subs are once again £5.00 for the whole year

(That's a saving of £1.00 for you, as 12 copies at 50p each would normally cost you £6.00!)

Please pay your distributor when they call, or drop in cash or a cheque, payable to "Hawkesbury Parish News" to me, Vicky Rispin, "Coombe View", High Street, next to the village hall car park, *not forgetting to include your name and address so I know who has paid J*

If you currently buy your Parish News from Hawkesbury Stores or the Post Office, but you would like the convenience of having the magazine delivered to your door each month, please contact any member of the Parish News team, contact details on the back page of the Parish News, and it will be arranged.

Happy reading in 2019!

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Merry Christmas



REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR SUE HOPE, COTSWOLD EDGE WARD

Planning

Radical changes to the Planning Decision making process, came into place on the 1st November, making it more difficult to get planning applications to committee, with the restructuring of Committees. All site visits must be requested by the committee and third parties and applicants are not allowed to speak at site meetings. This is part of the Councils' cost cutting exercise. For more information please get in touch.

The Joint Strategic Plan has now been published for consultation outlining all the areas for future development. This means delays in the production of the Local Plan – which will not appear before the elections next May. However, the Council will shortly be publishing online the 400 responses from land owners regarding areas for development; this comes with a health warning that these areas have not been sanctioned nor supported by the Council for future development. The Planning process is a long and convoluted one, and I am sorry to say not at all simple – we see the results of the policies when planning decisions are made. If I can encourage you to engage in the process at the early stage,

please do so. www.southglos.gov.uk. The papers should be available under “consultations”.

Police

A New Community Beat area will include Sodbury, Horton, Hawkesbury and Wickwar; PC Ken Hill is the beat officer, ably supported by PCSO Sian Rollins. Beat surgeries have been organised - The next one is at Wickwar on 12th December.

Cotswolds Area of Outstanding National Beauty

The Glover review of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) has called for evidence. Submissions are invited from individuals and organisations by the 18th December 2018 and the link to the related on line survey can be found here: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/landscapes-review-call-for-evidence/>

November is “Men’s Health month” especially mental health The Council has been actively raising the profile of men’s health - for more information www.letsgetreal.uk to find out more about the local campaign to raise awareness of men’s mental health.

GATEWAY PROJECT

Thanks to the walking club for suggesting and walking two walks – out of the many around the parish. These will be advertised on the notice board near The Fox. The paths will be given clear signing and advertising our local hostellers and shops. I have been told that work on Farm Pool is to start soon – I am sure we all look forward and are grateful to the Cotswolds Wardens for undertaking this task.

The Pool is registered Common Land belonging to the Badminton Estate

MAF grants are available to village groups or organisations. Please get in touch to discuss with me first.

Could I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Cllr Sue Hope

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Hawkesbury Parish Council

Planning Applications received

PK18/4661/F	23 Sandpits Lane Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of rear conservatory	To take into consideration neighbours' comments-no objection to the planning application
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Note new Planning Decisions made by South Gloucestershire Council – full details of their decision can be found on SGC's website

PK18/4234/TCA	Hillbert The Plain Hawkesbury Upton	Works to fell 2 no. Ash trees situated within the Hawkesbury Upton Conservation Area	No Objection
PK18/2929/F	Wood Cottage Chase Lane Ingestone Common	Erection of single storey rear extension to form garden room	Approve with conditions

**This year's Christmas Light Switch on is
Saturday 15th December 2018 at 5.30pm**



Required - donation of mince pies Please deliver to the Parish Clerk at 2 Fox Close, Hawkesbury Upton Before 5pm on Saturday 15th December 2018

A New incentive for this year's event, Councillors would like to encourage you to bring your own cup for the mulled wine. Reducing single use plastic waste. Please note cups will still be available during the evening.

**Councillors would like to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council's Meeting is being held on Monday 7th January 2019 in the upstairs meeting room, Hawkesbury Village Hall, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton at 7.30pm.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

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Parish Clerk

2 Fox Close

Hawkesbury Upton

GL9 1EQ

Tele: 01454 238074

hazeljones@hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk

Website <http://hawkesbury-pc.gov.uk>



Hawkesbury Upton Post Office

Look out for our new range of *Cotswold Botanicals* which happily sits alongside our established *Cotswold Lavender* products.

Also, the brand new *Alex Clark* 2019 calendars are now in stock, this year featuring Dogs, Cats and Country Life.

The normal Christmas staples are already available - wrapping paper, cards, gift tags and tape, and loads of stocking fillers for kids, even the old kids!! (See *Sub Postmaster for older kid!*)

Why traipse around town when you can shop local? Come in for a browse!

Don't forget to check last posting dates for overseas parcels and cards, as well as the UK ones. Remember - posting early is much better than worrying at the last minute!

Dick Blundell & the Post Office team

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all our customers!

Last Recommended Posting Dates 2019

International Standard and all International Tracking and Signature Services

Tue 4 Dec	Africa, Middle East
Fri 7 Dec	Cyprus, Malta, Asia, Far East, Eastern Europe (except Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia)
Sat 8 Dec	Caribbean, Central and South America
Mon 10 Dec	Greece, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand
Fri 14 Dec	Canada, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland and USA
Sat 15 Dec	Finland, Sweden
Mon 17 Dec	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Tue 18 Dec	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg

International Standard HM Forces Mail - British Forces Post Office® (BFPO)

Mon 26 Nov	Operational HM Forces
Fri 14 Dec	Airmail to HM Forces

UK Postal Services

Tue 18 Dec	2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For®
Thur 20 Dec	1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For® Royal Mail Tracked 48®
Fri 21 Dec	Royal Mail Tracked 24®
Sat 22 Dec	Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed®

Letters to Father Christmas

Once again this year, Father Christmas' very special post box will be in **Hawkesbury Upton Post Office** from the beginning of December.

Letters are collected daily by the elves and each one receives a personal reply from Father Christmas.

You need to include your name and address on your letter, as Father Christmas' magical sat. nav. is not set up until just before Christmas Eve and the elves may struggle to deliver your reply.



Happy writing!



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Hawkesbury Preschool

In the last month we celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, learning how Rama saved his wife Sita from the 10 headed demon, Ravanna. We made salt dough diyas (tea light holders), rangoli welcome mats using coloured sand, and we had curry, naan bread and poppadums for snack.

The children have made poppy pictures to remember all the brave soldiers in Remembrance week.

If you are considering Preschool options currently please do get in touch:

hawkesburypreschoolg19@gmail.com



Hawkesbury Toddlers

It's been another exciting month at toddlers, and wonderful to see so many people coming along – every Monday morning the Methodist church is full of happy little people! Thank you to everyone who has shown their support and made this happen.

During December we'll be doing lots of Christmassy activities, culminating in the Toddler Christmas Party on 17th December. Come along and join the fun, we'd love to see you.

We meet on Monday mornings 09.45-11.45 in the Methodist Hall.

Come along for a cuppa, a chat and play. £2.50 per family with children's snacks provided. Suitable from bump upwards. Do join our Facebook group for more details on the sessions.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our renowned Christmas raffle is back this year with superb prizes – tickets to Badminton, Highgrove Gardens, the Arboretum and not to mention local pub meals, horse riding lessons and Tracklements goodies. Tickets are **on sale now** from Hawkesbury Stores and the Post Office. The draw will be taking place on the evening of Wednesday 12th December at the Beaufort Arms.

Summer Skittles

Presentation Night was well attended, thanks to all who came.

The singles competition was won by Mike Williams (Hornets)
and the doubles by Alex Powell and Dave Lowe (Cream Teas)

On the suggestion of the Beaufort Pingars (for whom he played) it was decided that the trophy for winning the league would now be inscribed and known as the

Gordie Bezar Trophy

The donations to local charitable causes this year went to

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows £100 each

Hawkesbury At Play £300

Since we decided to do away with giving trophies at the end of each season
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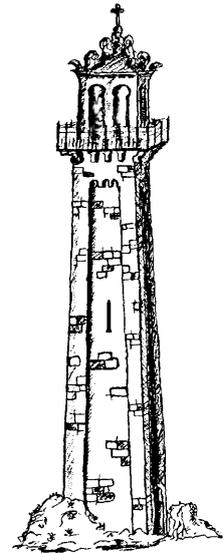
'A Monument to Hawkesbury' - £3.50

'A Monument to Hawkesbury –The Next Generation' - £5
and 'A Monument to Hawkesbury - The Way We Were' - £5

Copies can be posted for a small extra charge.

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All proceeds to village organisations.



Didmarton Rural Cinema

The Village Hall

Friday, 14th December 2018

Swimming with Men

His job is a drag, his wife may be cheating on him, and he's not getting any younger. Accountant Eric (Rob Brydon) is simply treading water when he discovers a newfound sense of purpose thanks to an unexpected source: a group of similarly stuck-in-a-rut guys who have found camaraderie and self-worth through synchronized swimming. Sure, they may be a bit paunchy, but they're determined to prove they have what it takes to be a whirling, twirling, scissor-kicking aquatic dream team.

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Hawkesbury Neighbourhood Watch

Hello,

Well we're back into the dark mornings and early evenings and not quite sure what winter might bring with extremes of weather around the globe.

Let's hope it doesn't find our community!

With regard to dark evenings, obviously it's a gift to burglars who will soon identify when we are not at home because our homes are in darkness also. Do what you can to make it look occupied if you can. Between dusk and around 6pm, when most have returned from work, are the most the vulnerable hours.

I'm still receiving calls regarding elderly residents receiving nuisance and 'threatening' telephone calls. Please hang up on them. Below is some information that might be helpful. Inform and reassure your elderly neighbours if you can.

BT Call Protect

BT Call Protect proactively monitors nuisance calls and automatically prevents them

getting through. BT will identify nuisance calls on the BT Blacklist which will automatically send them to your junk voicemail. You can also create your own personal blacklist to send all future calls from unwanted numbers to your junk voicemail.

How to add numbers to your personal blacklist?

BT Call Protect makes it very simple to divert nuisance calls.

If you receive a nuisance call, hang up the phone, dial 1572 and follow the simple instructions to add it to your Personal black-list. You can manage your settings and personal blacklist at bt.com/btcallprotect. Simply you log in using your BT ID. Alternatively you can dial 1572 free from your home phone. BT Call Protect is free to all BT home phone customers. You won't be charged to call 1572, where you can manage your settings and add numbers to your personal blacklist.

How to get BT Call Protect?

If you are a new or existing customer you can find out

more and order the service at bt.com/callprotect. BT Call Protect will automatically be provided to customers with either of these products between Dec- March. If you haven't already received the product and you want it sooner, just go to bt.com/callprotect to order. By having BT Call Protect with BT Answer 1571 or Call Minder you'll also benefit from two additional features.

If you are with another network provider, check with the company as they are likely to have similar options to limit this growing menace. The NHW Hawkesbury What's App is gathering momentum but room for more good souls so we get the whole are represented.

Stay sharp!

Graham Chamberlain
NHW coordinator
Inglestone1@gmail.com
0778 606 4803

Happy Days!



Badapple Theatre Company-Thankful Village

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event, I think it was a great success and a very poignant end to Remembrance Sunday.

I covered the hall hire (£165) with the raffle and refreshments money as well as my table top sale money (£60.80), managed to give Badapple all the ticket sales money (£615) and made £41.80 for Hawkesbury Guides!

Thanks to everyone who made cheese straws, helped set up and clear away, Charene who did the raffle, Jane on the door and to Celia who helped Greg behind the bar-you've all stars in my eyes because I definitely wouldn't have managed without you, and you all volunteered!

Louise x

Tis the Season to Do What, Now?

In the retail trade, buyers plan at least a season ahead. While we're Christmas shopping, they're planning their stock for the spring.

I share their sense of being out of step with nature's calendar. Today, for example, the deadline of the Parish News's December issue, I launched my latest novel, *Springtime for Murder*. I wrote it in the summer months, edited it in the autumn, and it's set at Easter. Now I'm about to start writing a novel that takes place in May. No wonder I have to stop to think what month it is in the real world.

It doesn't help that I can't rely on the weather to give me a natural steer on the seasons. With it often so unseasonably hot/cold/wet/dry, a glance out of the window can be misleading.

Taking a break from my desk to go grocery shopping does nothing to put me straight. Why are supermarket shelves still full of fresh summer fruits in the winter? Every time I go to Waitrose lately, there are punnets of strawberries reduced for quick sale, because the shop has more than it can sell. Still, at least I'm full of Vitamin C to guard against winter colds.

Thank goodness for the manmade visual clues around the village. Impressively carved pumpkins dotted around the village heralded Halloween. Mid-November, the poppies on the Plain and in St Mary's ensured we remember the date we should never forget. Now the Christmas lights will soon be upon us.

Even so, if you see me shivering in a summer dress in December, now you'll know the reason why: I'll have simply lost the plot. Which really shouldn't happen to an author. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Debbie Young

Hawkesbury Upton Lit Fest News - Saturday 27th April 2019

As we continue to prepare a lively and interesting programme for the next Festival, we're pleased to confirm two more prestigious guest speakers to add themes with a distinct international flavour to our 2019 programme:

Katherine Mansfield

Dr Gerri Kimber will be travelling from her home in France to speak to us about why New Zealand's most famous writer, Katherine Mansfield, is still important and fascinating today. If you aren't already familiar with Mansfield's work, this will be the perfect introduction, and if you already a fan, this will be a great opportunity to meet a leading international scholar and authority on her work. Dr Kimber is Chair of the Katherine Mansfield Society, a Visiting Professor in the Department of English at the University of Northampton, and a speaker at numerous Mansfield conferences around the world, including not only the UK and New Zealand, but also Japan, Switzerland, Slovakia, Belgium, France, and Germany. Next stop: Hawkesbury Upton!

Spanish civil war

Historical novelist David Ebsworth is coming from Wrexham to give an illustrated talk on the Spanish Civil War, which is the setting for his series of gripping thrillers about a journalist, Jack Telford, reporting from the front line. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about this international conflict that fell between the two World Wars, including some extraordinary little-known facts that inspired Ebsworth's novels. He has also written historical novels set in the Zulu Wars and at the Battle of Waterloo, and will be happy to talk about those too.

Opportunities for local writers & artists

There will also be plenty of opportunities for local writers and artists, who should apply online via the Festival website, using the form on the Speakers page (www.hulitfest.com/speakers/) before 15th December. Applying does not guarantee selection as a speaker or exhibitor, but we promise you an interesting programme and a high standard. The complete line-up will be announced at the beginning of January. In the meantime, if you would like to receive Festival news updates in your email inbox, please sign up for our mailing list at the Festival website, www.hulitfest.com.

Debbie Young, Festival Founder

The Oxen

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock
now they are all on their knees,
an elder said as we sat in a flock
by the embers in hearthside ease

we pictured the meek mild creatures
where
they dwelt in their strawy pen
nor did it occur to one of us there
to doubt they were kneeling then

so fair a fancy few would weave
in these years! Yet, I feel
if someone said on Christmas Eve
come see the oxen kneel

in the lonely barton by yonder coombe
our childhood used to know
I should go with him in the gloom
hoping it might be so

Some of the readers of this magazine may enjoy this poem by one of our greatest and most underestimated authors, Thomas Hardy. We used to have teams of oxen here, particularly in the 1914-18 War, when so many horses were requisitioned. We still have Bartons and Coombes here in Hawkesbury.

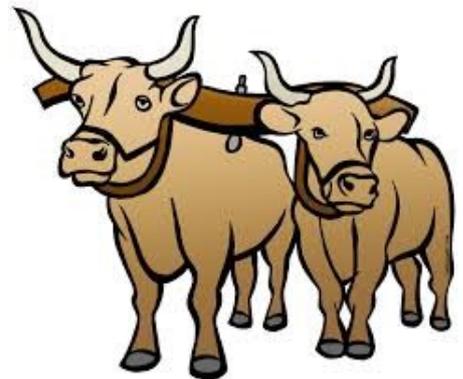
I remember in 1927 at the Christmastide, the year before Hardy died, my great-uncle taking me across to Dorset to see Hardy, who read aloud to us, this and a few other poems of his. I, a young lad, sat on the edge of a horsehair sofa drinking raspberry cordial and eating seed cake.

More than thirty years later, our first Christmastide in Hawkesbury, our dear late neighbour and friend, Mrs Jack Blakeney, grandmother of Danny and Jimmy Blakeney, reminded me of this charming legend or 'fancy'. So I found an old copy of this poem and read it to her. I sat in one of her armchairs and drank a glass or two of her parsnip wine and ate a slice or two of her fine fruit cake, whilst the rain beat on the windows and the wind howled down from the Knoll and Long Hill.

Perhaps this charming legend or 'fancy' may strike a chord in some of our older folk's memories. Please keep it alive and pass it on to the young people, such as I was in 1927. It would be a blessed thing if it never completely died out in Hawkesbury.

Douglas Street December 1980

Douglas Street and his family lived on the Commons in Hawkesbury in the latter part of the twentieth century and he and his wife Dorothy are buried in St. Mary's churchyard. Douglas Street, a writer and poet, served in the Second World War and his poem on what he witnessed at the battle of Monte Cassino was used in GCSE syllabi in the 1980s. He was a regular contributor to the Parish News.



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Candy floss

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*Apple juice made by the
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CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported my fundraising, outside the shop and in both pubs - £224.01 in total! Shop - £191.26.

Guess how many sweets – 145 - won by Keith player who guessed the exact amount.

Raffle - William Southwell - chocolate bear, Dick - blush bear, Peter Issac - keyring, Marina - bracelet

Cakes/cookies - thank you to the bakers - Pam, Brian, Ish, Angharad and Jill and to all those who bought them.

Thanks to Kate and Kath for letting me have everything there.

Pubs-

Beaufort - £10 Terry G won £10 with Count Duckula (thanks Sarah for getting people!)

Fox - £22.75 - Scott won £10 with Chewquacker and insisted in putting his winnings back in,

Thanks to Stuart & Shanti for doing the game



Collecting for the Homeless

Hello Hawkesbury friends and neighbours,

It is heart-breaking that there are people using broken cardboard boxes as mattresses , trying to keep warm in this freezing weather, We can't provide homes and beds but we can help to provide simple things that we take for granted on a daily basis.

Please look through your cupboards. Perhaps you have blankets that you thought would come in handy, remaining in your drawers or a coat you haven't worn for the last few winters; any contribution would be greatly appreciated. As well as the Bosh Winter Wishlist, we are collecting toiletries (roll on deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, make-up, wet wipes), books, instant hot chocolate, cup-a-soup.

I can also take kettles, toasters, freeview boxes, small tv's etc for when people move on to hostels/accommodation. Thank you very much in advance.

Lucy @ Stonelea
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St. Mary's Church services for November 2018



Date	Time	Service	Readers	Readings	Sidesmen
02nd Dec	09.45 am	Choral Morning Praise Advent Sunday - Holy - Communion	A Gray Clergy	1 Thes Ch 3 V 9 - 13	H Rogers
09th Dec	5.00 pm	Evensong	J O' Brien P Bendry	Mal C 3 v 1 - 4 Lk C 3 v 1 - 6	M Bendry
16th Dec	6.00 pm	F.O.S.Ms 9 lessons & Carols	T B A		H Rogers
23rd Dec	5.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	T B A		L Fairney
24th Dec	4.30 pm	Tree Festival & Live Nativity	TBA		P Broad
25th Dec	10.30 am	Family service Christmas Morning Communion	T B A		M Davies
30th Dec		NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S			
6th Jan 2019	09.45 am	Morning Praise Holy Communion	M Bendry Clergy		H Rogers

If you are unable to attend please telephone

Linda Fairney

01454 238 553

Any inquiries please refer to the Churchwarden.

Church Cleaners:

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Church Flowers:

All services are at different times in December

St Mary's Church News

Our service of Remembering our Loved Ones (officially All Souls Day), was well attended, quiet and thoughtful, a good opportunity to remember the people who meant so much to us while they were still with us

The Festival of Remembrance, commemorating one hundred years since the end of the Great War, or World War I, was a fitting occasion. The school visited in the morning, with the reading of two poems and some very moving prayers. The children then carried two poppy crosses out to the graves of the two soldiers who died after they returned to Hawkesbury at the end of the war

In the evening, and in spite of atrocious weather, we held the main Festival of Remembrance. There was singing, and music, and poetry, as well as hymns and prayers, with major participation by the Guides, who remembered in particular the horses and mules who died in the war in huge numbers, like the men

Looking ahead now, we have a busy programme ahead with all the activities around Christmas, starting with a service of choral Holy Communion on Advent Sunday, 2 December, followed by the Friends of St Mary's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on 16 December. On Sunday 23 December there will be Carols by Candlelight, then on Christmas Eve the Tree Festival and Live Nativity. On Christmas morning Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury will take a service of Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIMES OF ALL THESE SERVICES BELOW

Dates for your diary

2 December – **9.45 am** – Advent Sunday – choral Communion

23 December – **5.0 pm** – Carols by Candlelight

24 December – **4.30 pm** – Tree Festival and Live Nativity

25 December – **10.30 am** – Christmas Communion

Jennifer Oldershaw

PS. Apologies for the mistake in the time of the Festival of Remembrance in last month's Parish News – I hope no-one had a fruitless journey

Bethesda Chapel Park Street

Sunday services for the month of December 2018:

Sunday 2nd 10:30am Mr Munir Din C
 Sunday 9th 10:30am Mr Alan Tarling
 Sunday 16th 10.30am Rev P Hopes
 Sunday 23rd To be arranged
 Sunday 30th Open Service



Tuesday 4th 7:30pm Worship and Praise at Bethesda
 Tuesday 18th 6:30pm Carol Service with tea/coffee and mince pies
 Tuesday 25th 10:30-11:00am Our short Christmas Day service
 Thursdays 2pm Prayer for Revival

Shah Abbas was a Persian monarch who loved his people very much. To know and understand them better he would mingle with his subjects in various disguises. One day he went as a poor man and sat beside the fireman that tended the furnace. When it was meal time the monarch shared his coarse food and talked to his lonely subject as a friend. Again and again he visited, and the man grew to love him. One day the shah told him he was the monarch, expecting the man to ask for some gift from him. But the fireman sat gazing at his ruler with love and wonder and at last spoke: "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to eat of my coarse food, to care whether my heart is glad or sorry. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself, and it only remains for me to pray that you never withdraw the gift of your friendship."

1 John 4:9 says "This is how God showed His love among us; He sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him."

M.C. Coates (Chapel Secretary)

Methodist Church News - December 2018

Services for December 2018

Sunday 2nd December 10.30am at Bethesda
 Sunday 9th December 9.45am B Isherwood
 Sunday 16th December **6pm** St Mary's Carol Service - No morning service
 Friday 21st December 6.30pm Carol Evening
 Sunday 23rd December 10am K Thomas
 Sunday 30th December 9.45am Songs of Praise service
 Sunday 6th Jan 10.30am at Bethesda



Christmas Eve carol singing around the village starting at Midnight from Farm Pool. There will be a break for refreshments in the Methodist school room, then continuing until 3.30am.



Hawkesbury Hospital Hall – Information



Weekly events		
Monday - Friday	Hawkesbury Preschool 8.45-12.30*	Louisa Tooker 07989 484774 www.hawkesburypreschool.org enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk
Monday	Hawkesbury School of Dance 2:30 – 6:15*	Eve Brewer eve_brewer@yahoo.co.uk
Monday	Karate 6:30 – 7:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
Tuesday	Youth Club 7 - 8:15* (except 1 st Tues in the month)	Mark Francom 01454 238720 markfrancom@gmail.com
Wednesday	Private Badminton 8 – 9:30	Dave Hives 01454 238567 davidhives@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday	Karate 6:30 – 7:30*	Maria Marfleet maria.sensei@btinternet.com
Thursday	Badminton Club 8 – 10	Roy Townsend roy.townsend3@btinternet.com
Thursday	Bufs 8 – 10	Peter Webb susan.peter@uwclub.net
Friday	Community Library 2.15 - 4.15 (alternate weeks only)	lizhowardconsult@aol.com
Friday	History Club 8 – 10 (3 rd Friday in the month)	Barrie Hope 01454 238673 hope.poolfarm@btinternet.com
*School term time		
Dates for your Diary		
30/11&1/12	Drama Production	webbfamily@waitrose.com
22/12/18	Christmas Disco	Mel 07788752689 stoner610@hotmail.com
<p>After a number of years our Booking Secretary, Lorraine Rutter, is retiring from the role and we thank her for all her support not just in the booking but helping out at numerous events especially the Hall breakfast, but we welcome Jackie Sandy who has taken over the role and we wish her every success. Her contact details are on the back page of the magazine</p> <p>Lots of exciting things are happening in the Village Hall in the build up to Christmas so please check through the Parish Magazine to make sure you do not miss out.</p> <p>Good news that the Youth Club has a new lease of life and hopefully this can be a success going forward.</p> <p>There is also good news on the Play Park development in that more money has been received to help the new developments that are planned so good luck with progress there.</p> <p>However, we have to hope that any new developments are treated with a bit more respect than the Skate Park. This was intended to be a new initiative for all in the village especially the children, youths and young at heart who wanted to enjoy using scooters, bikes or skate boards. However, as can be seen by the pictures opposite the half pipe has been vandalised and now appears to be being used as a den, for what purpose we cannot be sure, but those using it have no idea of cleaning up after themselves. Parents we would ask you to establish where your children are and we would warn that there has been some suspicious activity noted that necessitated us calling the Police to investigate. Your children may have every innocent intent but be sure that they are not being pulled into something that could be a problem.</p> <p>The Hall now has CCTV so we can track certain activities – be warned.</p> <p>The insulation measures necessary to reduce the noise from the half-pipe have been compromised and some of the funds raised for the new play park will now have to be directed to resolving the damage caused to the skate park – what a waste!</p> <p>Visit our website - http://www.village-hall.org/</p>		



 **Saturday 22nd December** 

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Come along and join us for an afternoon of Jigsaw fun at the Horton Jigsaw Race. Teams of 4 will compete to see which team can complete a 500 piece jigsaw in the shortest time. Why not make up a team and test your jigsaw skills. Single entries are welcome, we will put you with others to make up teams of 4; it will be a great opportunity to make some puzzle enthusiastic friends.

Your ticket entitles you to a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious piece of cake and an afternoon of puzzling fun. Further refreshments and bar will be available.

We will be raising funds for our village hall and for HorseHeard, a charity that encourages emotional and behavioral change in young people and other vulnerable groups in society through experiential intervention with horses.

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Diamond cards

Almost 30% of the villagers who are registered with H.V.T have not given us recent details of their Diamond cards. We need the expiry date and last 8 digits of the code number, so if you fall into the aforementioned group please call Alan Shewry or we will be unable to offer subsidised medical journeys and full price will need to be paid.

Driver responsibilities

Users of H.V.T. are reminded that the drivers (because of insurance requirements) are only allowed to take and return people to medical appointments and not to offer any assistance when the venue is arrived at. If you need help please take a relative or friend, we shall be happy to take them along.



OPENING TIMES

Mon - Sat: 7.00am-6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am-12.30pm

Bank Holidays: 9.00-11.00am

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Christmas Orders
 Our Christmas order booklet is now available so remember to pop in and pick one up. It contains a small selection of the things we can provide so if there is something you really want, but it is not in the booklet, just let us know. We'll do our best to help.
 Equally, if you would like to place an order but would struggle to collect it, we are trialling a delivery service. Maybe you are just a bit too far away to carry a heavy load, or are not able to drive, let us know if we can help.

Tasting event
 Our tasting event was well supported on 10th November, despite coinciding with a sale in the Hall and awful weather. Many thanks to everyone who turned out to support us. The event marked the launch of our Christmas brochure and many of the new products that we will be stocking in the run up to Christmas.

Shares
 Looking for ideas for those awkward people? How about a share or two? The gift that keeps on giving! Contact Pauline Dixon for full details or pick up a prospectus from the shop. Shares are £50 each. Tel: 01454 299236 or email pcdixon@waitrose.com

New Products this Month
 The Summerdown mint chocolate thins and creams, are delicious. There are still a few left so get them while you can. They are on a par with Bendicks and cheaper too. We also have Heather's handmade chocolates which make great stocking fillers. You can order these to be sure of getting what you want.

Christmas Opening Times
 Saturday 22nd – as normal;
 Sunday 23rd – 8.00am till 2.00pm
 Monday 24th – 7.00am till 1.00pm
 Tuesday 25th – CLOSED (Merry Christmas!)
 Wednesday 26th – 9.00am till 11.00am
 Monday 31st – 7.00am till 12.30pm
 Tuesday 1st January – CLOSED (Happy New Year!)
 All others days as normal

Christmas Hamper
 Once again we are running a draw for a rather splendid hamper of Christmas goodies. The hamper can be seen on the counter in the shop. You will automatically be entered into the draw if you spend £10 or more in one transaction. So the more times you come in and spend £10, the more chances you have to win. The draw will take place on Saturday 15th December.

Offers and Bargains
 This month we have some excellent Christmas essentials – ie boxes of beer, lager, coca cola, and chocolate! You'll find them right in front of you as you come into the shop. We are very competitively priced. Cheaper than some supermarkets even.

**Dates for your Diary: Christmas orders need to be in by 30th November (pies)
 12th December (everything else)**



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Apologies that this is brief, as usual I'm on deadline day for the magazine!!

We hope you enjoyed the poppy display that we put up on the Plain - we wanted it to be a surprise to you as you support us so much with all our events...although the noise we made, undercover of darkness could probably be heard all around the village, it was very exciting!

Of course, we only put the display together, all the poppies (apart from those knitted by us) were made by so many lovely people-Jill, Jackie, Barbara & her sister, Iris, Penny, Diane, Fiona, Debbie, Karen, Jane, Hazel and her Mum, Mrs Vardon, Vicky, Karen and Jane's mum-in-Law Pam. I know there are others, and I apologise if I missed you out...I'll remember once I've sent this to the Ed!!

I also must thank the W.I. members, Penny, Gill and Lyn who gave up 3 Thursdays attempting to teach us to knit...patience and saints spring to mind!!!

Jon Wallace a fab photographer, one of the Guides dads, very kindly recorded the poppies & the service with some beautiful photographs, in this magazine.

We're deciding what to do with them, maybe postcards, copies printed for people...we'll let you know (money would be split between Guides and another charity)

And last but not least, Joan and Hannah, who are my willing helpers, who seem to go along with whatever hair brained idea I come up with-thank you. X

We also hope you enjoyed our display in the village hall, after the Remembrance service, thank you for coming along. Once we'd paid hall hire(£37) all the rest went to the Royal British Legion, about £90 if I remember correctly-thank you.

Don't forget our Bake Off competition is in the new year (February 9th)-open to everyone look out in next month's Parish News for details & entry form.

Friends of Guiding Jumble Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported this event in October, over £600 was raised. A fantastic amount!

The money will be used Guiding groups in South Cotswold Division. We have already given £100 to a Wick Guide who is going on an international trip in the new year, £100 to a new Rainbow unit opening in Abbottswood and £100 to Dyrham Rangers towards a flag.

See you next year-we will be having a coffee morning in Chipping Sodbury in April, so watch this space.

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Hawkesbury and Horton WI

Our Annual meeting began with a rousing singing of Jerusalem, accompanied by Julia Sainsbury at the piano. Julia is also our new Treasurer and thanked Gill Truebody for all her support before presenting the audited accounts.

Secretary Carol Blaken summed up an enjoyable and busy year, and high-lighted the progress of the skittles team in its first year. It was clear what fun everyone was having taking part, even if they aren't top of the league!

After four years as President, Betty Salthouse stood down. She said how much she had enjoyed her duties and thanked a strong committee for all their support and team work, and the membership too. She said a special thank you to Louise Roberts for organizing a successful "Plastic Soup" campaign event in the Village Hall in the summer. Also, she said it was nice to draw on village talent for some of our speakers who regularly donate their fee to charity. The present committee: Carol Blaken, Jean Shewry, Diane Deacon, Lin Robinson, Hilary Rogers, Louise Roberts, Julia Sainsbury, Janet Porter and Betty Salthouse, were re-elected and will be joined by Wendy Weaver. Betty passed on her good wishes to the newly elected President, Janet Porter.

A Crafty Christmas got off to a good start with Pat Bell demonstrating the techniques needed to print our own Christmas cards and after a "Hands On!" session it was very rewarding to have something special to take home! There was a big thank you to Pat for a much-enjoyed evening.

Jonathan Ionides joined us for the evening and judged a competition set up by him to design a new compliments slip. It was won by Louise Roberts and Jonathan is arranging for it to be printed. Flower of the Month Competition was won by Gill Truebody with a Chrysanthemum.

Diary Dates

4th December Food Quiz: Cheese and Chutneys Courtesy of Drew and Karen Morgan's Farm Shop
Competition What to do with the Remains of the Turkey
10th December Christmas Meal at The Old Royal Ship at Luckington
8th January 2019 Bill Fairney : "The Romantic Poets" - Note: meeting will be in the Methodist Hall

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

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410

The War Horse Memorial

Thank you to everyone who bought purple poppies from the shop and display - £61 was raised. Apologies if you wanted one but I'd sold out. This year is the first year, so the charity had a limited budget but also didn't realise how popular they would be. I'll have more next year though.

The charity has some Christmas cards on sale, £6 for 10 and these are available in the shop (please have the correct money to put in the tin).

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Used Stamps

Please continue to collect and save up any used stamps from letters, parcels and postcards. They are gratefully received and are sorted and sold in aid of the *Hearing Dogs* charity.

Stamps are welcome all year round, so please feel free to drop them in to me at: 24 Sandpits Lane or to Dick at the Post Office.
Fiona Rowe

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A Word from the Woods

If you wander down to Lower Woods today you will be rewarded with great views as the now naked trees allow you to see much further into the woods and last season's birds' nests can now be seen in the hedges, bushes and trees.

The winter visitors have all arrived from northern Europe and Russia including flocks of Fieldfares and Redwings gorging themselves on the great crop of berries. If you are lucky you may flush a Wood Cock, these well camouflaged birds rest in the woods by day and can be seen flying at dusk as they go in search of worms in the damp soil. Jays can be seen and heard as they bury the last of the acorns along the Trenches. They can bury hundreds in a day and many 'lost' acorns take root. The area known as the 'Grubbings' is a completely Jay planted wood!

Look out in our famous mud for tracks of deer, their regular paths are known as 'racks'. The size of deer prints varies in size from the tiny Muntjac to the mighty Fallow. Also listen out for the territorial and alarm 'barking' of the Muntjac and Roe.

You may notice this season's winter work is underway with me and my band of volunteers kept busy with the restoration of 'Abrahams Walk'. This ancient ride runs along the northern bank of the Little Avon River and was known locally as 'Adder bank' due to amount of adders that used to be seen there. By removing scrub and trees along this section we hope to make the site more suitable for light loving species to move more freely around the woods.

I now have so many people on our Thursday volunteer that I have started a new group on Tuesday. We meet at 9.00 am at the Lodge and carry out all manner of practical tasks that vary throughout the year. If you are interested in joining us just turn up with your workwear and packed lunch, all training and tools are supplied.

Neil Lodge



Evergreens

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DOG FRIENDLY

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Pub Opening Hours

Monday - CLOSED - open to B&B residents only
 Tuesday - 3pm - 11pm
 Wednesday - 3pm - 11pm
 Thursday to Saturday - 12pm to 11pm
 Sunday - 12pm - 9pm

Kitchen Opening Hours

Monday - CLOSED
 Tuesday - 5pm - 9pm
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December Sudoku

By Neil Fozard

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Answers to the November quizzes:-

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