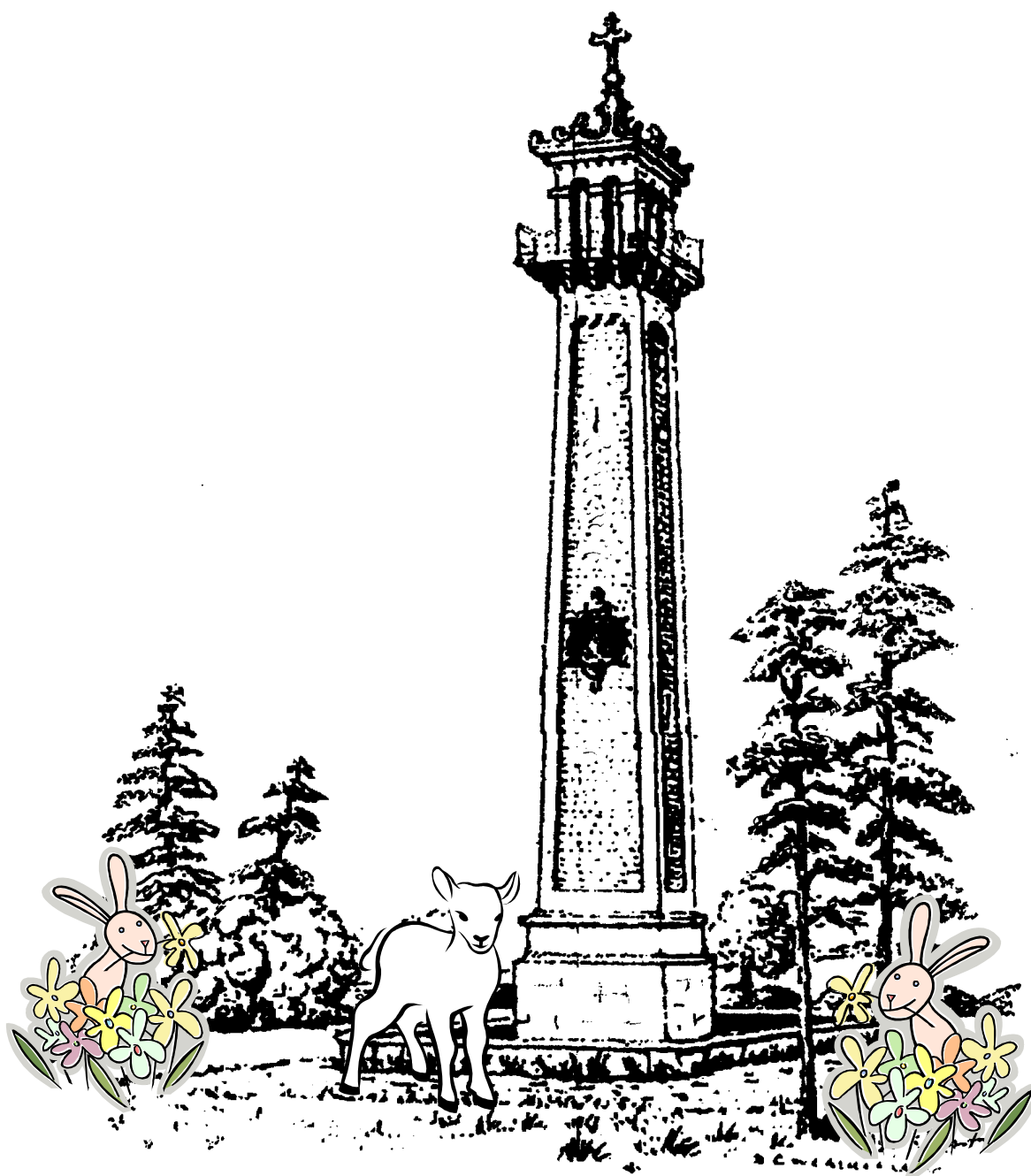


April 2011

Hawkesbury



Parish News

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EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

Welcome to the April edition of Hawkesbury Parish News.

The Hawkesbury calendar is jam-packed with events this month. In addition to the usual crop of village events, we celebrate both Mother's Day and Easter during April, as well as the marriage of Prince William to Kate Middleton - with the added bonus of a very welcome extra day off work to get us in the mood! Badminton Horse Trials also arrives earlier this year, taking place over the entire Easter weekend. I'm getting worn out just thinking about it all!

I'm pleased to say that spring really has finally arrived! The clocks have gone forward, everything seems to be growing in the garden, on the window sills and in pots and, of course, the ultimate test, there have definitely been fewer muddy paw prints in the house! (Cue April showers now that I've tempted fate!)

However, it's perhaps a time to remember that whatever life throws at us in these difficult times, we are fortunate simply to have our health and a roof over our heads. The appalling scenes following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and the desperate struggles for democracy in several nations just go to show how lucky we are.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter from all of us at the Parish News team.



**Deadline for copy for the May edition is
15th April 2011.**

Please send it in as early as you can!

Don't forget...

Mother's Day

— Sun 3rd April

**Easter — Fri 22nd to
Mon 25th April**



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**Latest date for all items for the
May magazine is 15th April.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 4th April 2011**, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Hawkesbury Local History Society

a talk on
Marianne North –
a Victorian Lady from Alderley
Friday 15th April, 8.0pm
Hawkesbury School Hall

Coffee Mornings

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

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Hawkesbury School PTA

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Annual Assembly

Monday 4th April 2011

at Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

7.30pm



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4 & 18 April



Hawkesbury Village Hall	2.35 - 3.00
Hawkesbury War memorial	3.05 - 3.20
Hawkesbury Highfields	3.25 - 3.40

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Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

March Newsletter 2011

Steve Webb visits school

Steve Webb, MP visited school to plant a tree on Friday 11th March and discuss with the eco-school team and school council how the children have begun to use the school garden. He also spent some time visiting classes and talking to the children. He was very impressed by the school garden.

French Students

During the week of 14th March we hosted two French students from KLB who worked in all the classes teaching the children some French vocabulary. It was fantastic for the children to be able to ask questions of the students about what it is like to live in France and have the opportunity to practice their French with some real French speaker.

World Book Day

This was on 3rd March and we were lucky enough to have a visit from Brough Girling, an author from the charity Readathon. He visited each class and talked to them about being an author. As a close friend of Roald Dahl, he entertained the children with stories and jokes about the author. The children also did many book related activities through the day such as 'speed reviewing', making zig-zag books and telling each other stories. Thank you to Debbie Young for arranging the visit for us. The children will be doing a sponsored Readathon during the Easter holidays.

Seeds for the garden

It is that time when the children need to start planting seeds ready to grow in the school garden. They are hoping to grow various vegetables such as carrots, beans, cabbages and pumpkins. If you have any spare seeds (half packets would be fine) then please send them into school during the next week so they can start to plant them—thank you.

Drapes, sheets and all things to make dens from

The children had great fun last year making dens from spare sheets, duvets, tarpaulin etc that parents and people from the village donated. Unfortunately the mice thought that this material made a fantastic home and so we have had to dispose of this. If you have any spare sheets, tarpaulin etc please could you donate them to school.

Boccia Tournament

All the Year 2 children visited Chipping Sodbury Secondary School to take part in a Boccia and New Age Kurling tournament, against other schools in the area. They really enjoyed the experience and have all learnt to play some new sports.

Chipping Sodbury Football Tournament

Our football team enjoyed taking part in a small tournament hosted at Chipping Sodbury school against Trinity and Old Sodbury schools. They did really well and came second overall. The occasion was made extra special as it was the first time the team wore their wonderful new kit provided by Beaufort taxis. Well done to Simon and Miss Baldam who have trained with them each week.

Louise Lewis

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This term our theme is growing vegetables and self-care. The children have been deciding what they would like to grow in our planter at school. Here are some of their suggestions. Jack would like to grow carrots, Rianna would like to grow broccoli, Logan would like to grow pumpkins and Esme would like to grow lettuces. We are hoping to plant them this week and the children will measure how big they are getting. We are hoping to have some of our vegetables for our snack!

We have lots of activities planned for this term. We will be busy making our mummies a surprise for Mother's Day (it's a secret!) and we will be celebrating Easter with some creative activities and an Easter egg hunt.

We are also planning some fundraising events. These include a sponsored bunny hop and a sponsored find. Each child will be given a list of things to find and will be sponsored for every one they manage to bring to preschool.

Finally, we would be grateful for any donations of ride-on toys, footballs, bats and balls etc. If anyone has any they no longer use, please drop them in to the village hall.

Sarah Green

NEWS FROM HAWKESBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

There's good news and bad news this month. First, the good news: we made a fantastic £2,800 at the **Pledge Auction** in March. A huge thank you to the many people – individuals and organisations – who provided pledges, great and small, and to those who came along and made generous bids to buy them. Thanks also to our new auctioneer, Dave Anderson, who did an expert job, moving swiftly through the lots while maximising the profits. This year, the most popular lots included a champagne lunch aboard a yacht, a hot air balloon trip and some beautiful framed original illustrations. As ever, the chance to be Headmistress for the Day attracted a flurry of bids, as did a new idea for this year – the opportunity to serve as a school dinner lady (though some bidders were disappointed to discover that for both these lots you had to be aged 11 or under to be eligible!) The money raised will all be invested in facilities for our village school.

The bad news is that £1000 of damage has been caused to the **school swimming pool** by vandals who broke into the school recently. Our children have been extremely lucky to have their own school swimming pool but it was already coming to the end of its natural life without this damage. The mindless, selfish stupidity of these criminals may have shortened its life further, as well as incurring huge costs for the school and the PTA to make. If anyone has any information that will help us identify the culprits and recover these costs from them, please do tell the school or the police.

So it is onward and upward with our fundraising – needed more than ever as the local authority cuts its budget. The next big event will be our **May Masked Ball** on Saturday 7th May, for which tickets are now available at £37.50 a head, to include a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, an excellent three course meal provided by professional caterers, a first-rate live band, and the now legendary decorations that are always rustled up by the more artistic members of the committee!

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Sunday morning between 9am and 11am.

Spring Walk Sunday 22 May 2011



Please make a note in your diary that a Spring Walk organised by the Rights of Way Group will take place on Sunday 22 May 2011.

Full details will be published next month.

The walk will start in Badminton however lifts will be available from the Village Hall.

Meet at 10.00 am (Hawkesbury Village Hall) for a 10.30 am start from Badminton.

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CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT.

By Alan C. Porter



A doctors waiting room can be a bit of a lonely place and boring too even when it's stacked to the gills with poorly patients, as I recently found out.

There are various ways to combat the tedium of the wait like reading the walls instead of climbing them, but after reading "Catch it, bin it, kill it" for the umpteenth time the novelty started to wear thin and I wondered if I could turn the phrase to suit my present situation.

"Catch it" was easy. Sitting amid the sniffers, coughers and sneezers it seemed quite likely I could catch something, known in the trade as a NHS freebie!

"Bin it" proved a little more difficult until I decided to try a magazine to take my mind off the above. Dog-eared, creased, some at least six months old, and I'm not talking about the babies, and the carriers of more germs than presently filled the air around me, the only place for those ancient relics was the bin.

Finally "Kill it" could only mean one thing as I saw my appointment time come an go and realised I was now killing time.

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Not Written Off

Although it's taken me a long time to label myself as a writer, writing has been at the core of all the jobs I have ever done - reporter, PR, marketer. But what I most enjoy writing - and reading - are letters. Among my most precious possessions are airletters penned by my grandmother when, aged 8, I lived in America for a year. (Her not-so-subtle parting gift to me was a writing case, so that I might write to her too.) I cherish boxes of letters from old schoolfriends, received when I moved to Germany at the age of 14.

So I was terribly disappointed to discover last year that I'd missed by a few days the deadline to apply for a job writing letters for Steve Webb, our local MP, responding to his constituents' enquiries and requests. For a long-term supporter of the Lib Dems, what a dream job that would have been: getting paid for writing about issues that really mattered to society and playing a small but significant part in changing our nation for the better.

My disappointment was short-lived. In the wake of the General Election, as the new coalition emerged, I decided I'd had a lucky escape. I would not have relished responding to the wrath of the disillusioned masses. I began to feel sorry for Steve Webb, even though he'd been elevated to Cabinet Minister. But I still couldn't stop myself firing off a few letters to him expressing my dissatisfaction with some of the new government's policies.

Then last week I had the chance to meet him. He visited the village school to plant a tree donated by Morrisons and I was invited to take photos for the school. My disenchantment quickly melted away. He came across as a sympathetic, dedicated representative of our community with a genuine interest in our children. Some of them will not be eligible to vote for another 14 years, so no cynical fishing for votes there. He may be a Cabinet Minister, but he gave himself no airs and graces. No formal silver spade for him - he got stuck in and muddy. And no cynical kissing of babies, either - instead he played "Rock, Paper, Scissors" with the Year 6 boys.

A little later, we spoke briefly and he asked me my name.

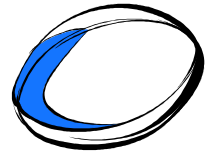
"Ah, yes, Debbie Young," he smiled. "France Lane."

My goodness! I thought. A Cabinet minister knows where I live! What stropmy message had I put in my letters to make my address stick in his mind? But really, that doesn't matter now. Next time there's an election, I know who'll be getting my vote.

Debbie Young's blog is at www.debbieyoung.info

6 Nations Rugby Competition

This year's £100 first prize goes to Bill Sparkes.



He correctly predicted every result except for France v Italy. £105 was raised for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Fund.

Thanks to all 41 of you who took part.

Mick Bendeaux

Well done to Mick for organising yet another excellent competition and fantastic fund-raiser— Ed.

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Hawkesbury Local History Society

Marianne North – a Victorian Lady from Alderley

A talk by

Gina Merritt Smith



Marianne North was a remarkable self-taught Victorian artist who, at the age of 40, began a series of trips around the world, often unaccompanied, and visiting areas virtually unknown to European travellers. Inspired by the exotic plant collections she had seen at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, she devoted the rest of her life to painting the flora of these distant countries. Her prolific, and often brightly coloured, oil paintings of flowers and their habitats provide an accurate record of species from all parts of the world. Having painted more than 900 species she offered her collection of paintings to Kew, and to build a gallery to house them. She had a year's break from travelling to arrange the wall to wall coverage of the paintings (well over 800) herself. Every inch of the walls was covered, and she even decorated the doors and friezes of the room, ensuring that the display of her paintings was as exotic as the flowers themselves. Marianne undertook her last great journey, in spite of failing health, in 1884, to Chile. She retired to the quiet Gloucestershire countryside and spent the last few years of her life at Alderley, where she died on August 30th 1890. The Marianne North Gal-

lery at Kew, originally opened in 1882, has recently undergone restoration and re-opened in October 2009.

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Hawkesbury School Hall

ALL WELCOME



South Cotswold Rotary Young Musician of the Year



A brief update on the final of the South Cotswold Young Musician of the Year Competition.

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Hawkesbury & Horton WI

Barbara Harvey took the meeting on 1 March as Liz Howard, our President, was away in Australia. This was our 81st Birthday and many visitors and guests were present. Barbara was sad to report the sudden death of one of our oldest members, Beth Hatherall. Although Beth no longer lived in Hawkesbury, she had many friends here and her vibrant personality will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Barbara reported a busy month ahead with a WI walk to Dyrham and Hinton, a quiz evening at Marshfield and a Kurling competition which members of our WI are taking part in. The informal games evenings which had been held at Barbara's house had been a great success and will be repeated in May.

Our speaker for the night was Terry Merrett Smith whose talk was entitled 'Perchance to Dream'. Terry is a relaxed and entertaining speaker and his slide show on the songs and life of Ivor Novello, with contributions from Noel Coward (and others), was very much enjoyed and provided some interesting insights into the era of 'The Dancing Years'.

As always WI members had excelled themselves with the buffet and the table was veritably groaning with a selection of sandwiches, savouries and tempting desserts. Hilary Rogers had made and iced the birthday cake before sailing off to the Caribbean on holiday and it was stunningly decorated in black and white with a musical theme. Not only did it look good but it also tasted delicious. The competition was for a photograph of a birthday party and Jenny Harris won with a faded black and white photograph of herself and other little girls wearing white ankle socks and angora boleros. The flower of the month was won by Lyn Edwards.

Our April speaker, **John Gingell**, will talk on a subject close to all our hearts – **chocolate (and its history)**. The meeting is on **5 April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall and visitors are very welcome to attend.

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Hawkesbury Royal Celebrations from the past

With the Royal Wedding coming up this month, we thought we would take a peek at Hawkesbury royal celebrations from the past...

Hawkesbury 'Brownies' visit to Filton during Silver Jubilee year



Brown Owl (Audrey Cole) with (left to right) Alison Townsend, Lucy Chancellor, Sally Cole & Sheila Norman.



The Queen and Prince Philip at Filton

Hawkesbury Silver Jubilee Celebrations — 1977



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Frank Deacon on the piano in the
Jubilee Carnival Procession





Hawkesbury Jubilee Queen, Karen Cole (centre), with attendants (left to right) Jackie Wilkins, Alison Wilkins, Amanda Parker & Alison Townsend



Hawkesbury Jubilee Carnival Procession

At time of going to press, a street party is being organised for the Royal Wedding, on Friday 29th April.

The Parish Council have applied for a street closure for the afternoon of the 29th April.

A meeting has been organised for:

**Tuesday March 29th
at 8.00 pm**

in The Methodist Chapel.

The aim is to share ideas for the celebrations on the day and to get volunteers to steward the road closure



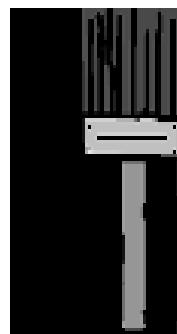
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Well here we are in April already! the sun is starting to come out and nights become longer ...so time to get out and enjoy it. It's this time when life feels just a little better, people smile more and the windows open to let in all that fresh air. Where's this going I can hear you say? open windows whilst your out are far too tempting for the likes of Bob the Burglar or light fingers Freddie. So please enjoy the spring sunshine but lets keep our wits about us with regards to home security, I have already spoken to people in the last few weeks about leaving their car's engine running whilst just popping back in to their house this provides an easy lift home for any passer by.

On a lighter note may I extend our heart felt thanks to those of you who voted for us in the Police Community Awards I am very pleased to say that we won the "BEAT TEAM OF THE YEAR" for South Glos, beating rivals in Filton, Thornbury and Staple Hill. The PCSO of the year award wasn't within mine or Richards grasp but, who knows, with your support maybe next year, though. I am equally pleased to announce that it was won by PCSO Tony Bristow from Yate beat and very well deserved. Also, the Special Constable of the year was won by your team with John Woods receiving it. John gives more than 600hrs a year of his time to assist our team and we are all very grateful.

A little before half term, I was fortunate enough to do a project with Hawkesbury school to educate drivers passing through the village with regards to speed, vehicle position and mobile phone use. I was very impressed by the enthusiasm shown and the super work done on producing the posters. A BIG WELL DONE to all involved. I look forward to serving this community in the coming year and hope with your support that we can observe, report and prevent any crime in Hawkesbury in the future.

Remember if you see it...report it!! Working together we really can make a difference. As many of you know, I can often be found in the local shop on a Saturday afternoon. If you feel you want to catch me for a chat with any concerns please feel free to come to me. I use this system in Acton Turville shop and it works well, as people are often happy to stop and speak raising concerns and local issues.

Wishing you and your families all a happy and safe spring/summer time.

Kindest Regards

Paul FORTUNE PCSO
Michael HART PC

Richard Gay PCSO
John WOOD SC

TRADING STANDARDS — ATTENTION Clothing Collection Leaflets

South Gloucestershire Council's Trading Standards officers and neighbourhood police are warning people in South Gloucestershire to be wary of door-to-door leaflets asking for unwanted clothing.

There is currently a red and white flyer asking to collect clothes for a charity called 'Breaking the Waves'. The website on the flyer does not exist and the telephone number provided does not connect. The police have some concerns and are currently investigating.

The only way to guarantee that donations benefit good causes is to deal only with charities you know are genuine, or take unwanted items direct to a charity shop.

Neil Derrick, Senior Enforcement Officer with South Gloucestershire Trading Standards, said: "Clothing collections are regularly conducted throughout the area and, although some are genuinely for charitable purposes, we have concerns that others are just done for commercial gain and that the public are being misled by false claims about the use to which their donations are put and the use of bogus company details."

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Messages from the Police:

Police are warning householders in Yate and Chipping Sodbury to be on the alert after arresting a man on suspicion of burglary.

Police were called on Monday night, March 14, after a burglary at a home in Woodchester. The family were at home when the thief sneaked in to take a handbag and mobile phone.

They spotted the theft at about 9.15pm and a family member later saw a man in the town with the missing bag. Police were called and an arrest made.

Please remind all to ensure that doors are locked even when at home. Also to remind people to keep windows closed unless they are in the room as it only takes a minute for a thief to sneak in and take a purse, wallet, mobile phone, or car keys, so keep them safely out of sight.

We also recommend registering valuables at www.immobilise.com, the free, secure, national property database, and marking items with a postcode.

If you see something suspicious ring the Police on 0845 456 7000

Village Hall Fundraisers

Many thanks to all of you who attended our recent Fundraisers.

Saturday March 5th - SoulStation. A total of £315 was raised through ticket sales, and this amount has been sent to our Improvements Fund. Unsurprisingly there was a very good sum raised at the bar (well, us menfolk have to do something while the ladies are dancing) and this will be retained in the general Hall fund. Our thanks go to Nicola and her group, who performed free of charge in exchange for some practise time in the Hall. Their act was brilliant and everyone really enjoyed the evening.

Sunday March 6th - Big Breakfast. A grand profit of £424 was realised. We believe that a record number of breakfasts were served, somewhere in the region of 100.

Our thanks go to The Village Shop, Audrey Cole, Sue Hope and Louise Roberts who all "sponsored" some of the ingredients, and of course to all the volunteer helpers.

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Considering which flower seeds to plant in spring?

Think your fruit trees could produce prize-winning fruits?

In anticipation of the new growing season, here is a list of all the fruit, flowers and vegetables classes for Cottagers (only for people living within Hawkesbury Parish boundary) and Open entrants (open to all) which will be in the 2011 Horticultural Show. Why not plant something just to show?

VEGETABLES

100 Potatoes, round white, 101 Potatoes, long white, 102 Potatoes, part-coloured, 103 Potatoes, coloured, 104 Potatoes, black kidney, 105 Potatoes, collection, 106 French beans, 107 Kidney (runner) beans, 108 Broad beans, 109 Peas, 110 Onions, large, 6, *from seed*, 111 Onions, 6 sets, 112 Onions, small, 6, *each under 250g*, 113 Pickling shallots *to pass through 30mm ring*, 114 Culinary shallots, 115 Onion Collection - of 5 each of small onions (class 112), culinary shallots (class 114), pickling shallots (class 113), *tray maximum 45cm x 30cm*, 116 Vegetable marrows, 2, 117 Cabbage, 2 heads, 118 Cauliflower, 2 heads, 119 Round beetroot, 3, 120 Long beetroot, 3, 121 Long carrots, 3, 122 Carrots, other than long, 3, 123 Parsnips, 3, 124 Turnips, 3, 125 Round lettuce, 126 White or red celery, 127 Tomatoes, 6, 128 Cherry tomatoes, 10, *on vine(s)*, 129 Sweet peppers, 3, 130 Cucumbers, 2, 131 Collection of salad vegetables, 3 varieties from lettuce, tomato, radish, cucumber, peppers and beetroot, *box maximum 45cm x 30cm* 132 Blanched leeks, 3, 133 Pot leeks, 2, 134 Any other vegetable not previously listed, *at least 3*, 135 Collection of vegetables, 6 types, not to include tomatoes, *exhibit maximum 0.75 sq m* 136 The Hawkesbury Onion (Cottagers only) *One onion, to be judged on size, shape and quality*

FRUIT

201 Cooking apples, 6, 202 Dessert apples, 6, 203 Plums, 6, *not greengages*, 204 Dessert pears, 6, 205 Plate of soft fruit, 10 berries, 206 Any other fruit, 6

FLOWERS

301 Flowering plant, *pot 15cm or less, variety other than those listed*, 303 Foliage plant, *pot 15cm or less*, 302 Flowering plant, *pot over 15cm, variety other than those listed below*, 304 Zinnias, 5 blooms, 305 Decorative dahlias, 3 blooms, 306 Cactus or semi-cactus dahlias, 3 blooms, 310 Asters, 5 blooms, 307 Pompom dahlias, 6 blooms, *maximum 5cm*, 308 Dahlia, 1 specimen bloom, 309 Ball dahlias, 3 blooms, 311 Rose, 1 specimen bloom, 312 Roses, cluster, 3 stems, 313 Roses, HT, 3 stems, 1 bloom on each, 314 Pelargonium (geranium) *in pot up to 15cm*, 315 Fuchsia, single bloom, *pot up to 15cm*, 316 Fuchsia, single bloom, *pot over 15cm*, 317 Fuchsia, double bloom, *pot up to 15cm*, 318 Fuchsia, double bloom, *pot over 15cm*, 319 Cut flowers in vase, annuals or perennials, *minimum of 4 varieties*, 320 French marigolds, 5 stems or flowers, 321 Gladioli, 3 spikes, 1 or more varieties, 322 Pansies, 6, 1 or more varieties, not Violas, 323 Antirrhinums, 6 spikes, 326 Begonia, in a pot, 324 Spray chrysanthemums, 3 stems, 1 or more varieties, 325 Sweet peas, 9 stems, 1 or more varieties, 327 Cactus(i) or succulent plant(s), *pot up to 15cm*, 328 Hanging basket or container, *maximum 35cm, diameter to be viewed all round*, 329 Any other cut flowers, 5 stems, one variety.

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"April is the cruellest month" said T S Eliot. It forces us out of our winter lethargy into new life and growth which might not be what we were expecting. No blossom and frolicking lambs for him. I wonder what he would have made of this particular April – not so much cruel, perhaps, as a bit of a roller coaster.

Halfway through Lent, Friday April Fool's Day over, and the month really gets going with what for most people is the upbeat celebration of Mothering Sunday – once celebrated as "Refreshment Sunday", when you were allowed to break your Lenten fast and indulge yourself (but not too much!) in some proper food and maybe even a bit of frivolity. But then it's back to Lenten discipline until the euphoria and triumph of Palm Sunday morning, followed by the plunge into the solemnity of Holy Week and the Passion of Christ, with the memorial of the Last Supper and the stripping of the altars on Maundy Thursday, and the darkness of the cross on Good Friday. Then Easter Sunday bursts forth in all the glory of spring – Resurrection, new life, renewed hope, and new trust and confidence in the knowledge that whatever happens to us in the future, Christ has been there before us and knows the way through.

After that, almost anything could be anticlimax. But maybe not. After all, what better way to celebrate new hope, new beginnings, new life, than a royal wedding?

There won't be another April like this for a very long time. So "let us celebrate the feast"!

Alveen Thoresen
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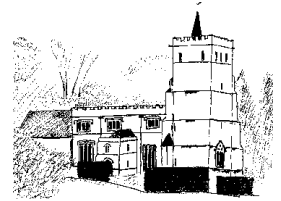
Services and Readings for April at St Mary's Hawkesbury

3 April 9.45 am	Mothering Sunday Morning Praise	Exodus 2:1-10 John 19:25b-27
10 April 6 pm	Evensong (Lent 5)	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 John 11:1-45
17 April 9.45 am	Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms Liturgy of the Passion	Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-9a Matthew 26:14-27:54
21 April 7 pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	Exodus 12:1-4,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17,31b-35
22 April 2 pm	Good Friday The Way of the Cross	readings TBC
24 April 9.30 am	Easter Day Holy Communion at Lasborough	Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18
11.00 am 5 pm	Holy Communion at Leighterton Easter Praise St Mary's Hawkesbury	[as above] readings TBC

St Mary's Church News

"If you search for him with all your heart, you will find him" -Deuteronomy 4 : 29

Churchwardens Mrs Mary Beresford 238508 and Mrs Linda Fairney 238553
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The Works - Discussions are still under way, meetings cancelled until further notice.

"GIFT A WINDOW". Two windows have been completed since January and a further window is at the workshops being restored the masonry work will not be done at this time, therefore we will not have scaffolding up. Once the weather improves we will continue with the north clerestory windows, at which time the masonry work for the south & north windows will be addressed. The design for the St Wulfstan stained glass roundels has now been approved by the Diocesan Advisory Council unless we have any objections a faculty will be granted in April, therefore we may be able to have the work undertaken in May/June 2011. I will keep you informed.

We have received further donations since my last report. In the financial total already received we have donations towards a 'Village or Community window' a Friends of St Mary's Window also St Wulfstan Window. The name of everyone who has contributed will be entered in the book which will be kept in the Church. As suggested 'THE GIFT OF A WINDOW' can be a group of people, an association, a family, a business, or in memory of a loved one, or for a special birthday or wedding anniversary. A further thought is to divide some of the larger windows, for example the side aisle windows which have three sections, each section for the sum of £895.00. And a North Clerestory window for the sum of £531.00

Our very grateful thanks for the support we have received to date.

April is a busy month this year, with **Easter** on 27th, almost the latest it can be in the church calendar. As a result, there is something special about most Sundays in the month, starting with **Mothering Sunday** on **3 April** - please join us to celebrate our mums (and dads!) - followed on **17 April** by **Palm Sunday**, when we meet at the Pool at 9.30 am to process down the hill for the service at 9.45. **Good Friday, 25 April**, will be celebrated in the afternoon, when we gather again at the Pool at 2.30 to walk quietly to the Cross, or directly to St Mary's if it's wet. The Easter service will take the form of Songs of Praise at the different time of 5.0 pm, so that the children can join us. Choose a favourite hymn, and come and enjoy singing it.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on **Sunday 10 April** after Evensong, when we hear reports about church activities during the year, and approve the accounts, both important in the life of the church, and in fulfilling our legal obligations. We shall be looking for volunteers to be readers, to swell the numbers, and for people to clean and do the flowers. This does not have to be a heavy burden, a week once or twice a year would help to fill the gaps, and take the pressure off the few who are already doing these jobs. We are also looking for more sidesmen, and new members for the Parochial Church Council, who both have to be elected.

It's time some of us retired, and made room for people with new ideas and more energy, so please consider carefully whether you could take on either of these roles in support of the church and the wider community

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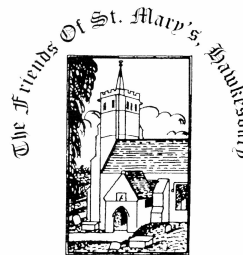
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Events like this take up an unbelievable amount of time and effort to plan and prepare, and then clear away! Huge thanks go to the committed team of helpers for making this such a successful evening.

Friday 15th April - 8pm at The Tithe Barn COMMITTEE MEETING.
FOSM Committee please note change of date and time.

Saturday 7th May – 10am Churchyard clean-up. If anyone can spend an hour helping to clear paths, gutters etc. it would be hugely appreciated. Tea, coffee and bacon butties supplied for helpers!

Sunday 26th June – Friends of St Mary's AGM and Choral Evensong, followed by drinks

Saturday 27th August – Pimms Tent at Hawkesbury Show

Autumn Ball – date tba

Saturday 28th January 2012 – for those of you who like to plan ahead **Burns' Night** returns with Piper Morse, Haggis, neeps and tatties and those wee drams of whisky to get you in the mood for the ensuing Scottish dancing.

Membership of the FOSM costs only £5 per annum for single or £7.50 joint. Life membership is £100 (£150 joint). Contact treasurer Neil Fozard (238281) if you would like to join and help preserve our beautiful, historic church.

MISSING

Carrying Case for Video Camera

Left in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 9th March after memorial service

No camera inside, but some films, camera leads,
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Church Services in April 2011
For St. Mary's and the Methodist church

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Sidesmen
03rd April	0945 am	Morning Praise	T.B.A	H. Rogers
10th April	1000 am	Methodist Church/ Sunday School		
	6. pm.	Evensong	A Craig G. Morgan	J. Oldershaw
17th April	0945 am.	Palm Sunday meet at the pond 0930	T.B.A.	S. Bishop
21st April	7. pm.	Maundy Thursday/ Communion	A. Craig M. Beresford	M. Beresford
22nd April	2. 30 pm.	Good Friday meet at the pond (If wet at Church)		
24th April	1000 am	Methodist Church/Sunday School		
	5 pm note time change	EASTER SONGS OF PRAISE	M Gardener P Bendry	H. Rogers
01st May	0945 am	Morning Praise/Communion	T.B.A.	D. Musty Mrs D

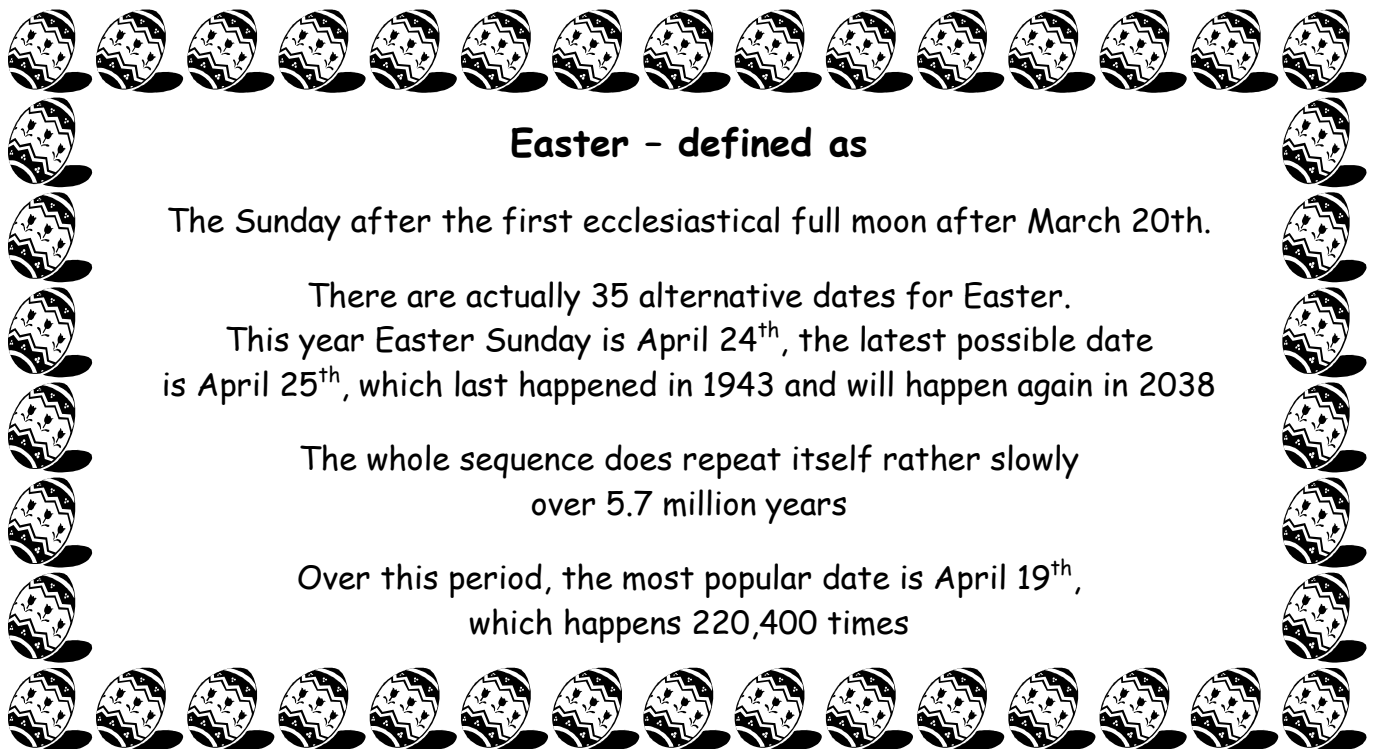
If you are unable to attend please telephone Linda Fairney: 01454 238553

Church Cleaners:

Mrs D. Musty
Help needed

Church Flowers:

Mrs M. Beresford and helpers for Easter



Easter - defined as

The Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon after March 20th.

There are actually 35 alternative dates for Easter.

This year Easter Sunday is April 24th, the latest possible date is April 25th, which last happened in 1943 and will happen again in 2038

The whole sequence does repeat itself rather slowly
over 5.7 million years

Over this period, the most popular date is April 19th,
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BETHESDA CHAPEL

PARK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON

Services for the month of April 2011

Sunday April 3rd	10.30am	Rev P Hopes [C]
Sunday April 10th	10.30am	Mr Alan Tarling
Sunday April 17th	10.30am	Mr Ray Hollister
Sunday April 24th	10.30am	Mr Mark Hearsom

Tuesdays at 7.00pm come and join us for 'ALPHA'

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BETHESDA ADVENTURERS MEET EACH SUNDAY DURING MORNING SERVICE

A story is told of a family who made an annual trip to the USA to watch the US Open. Their son, Tim, loved this trip each time. One Sunday during the 1990 tournament, Tim was waiting with his parents in an underground station when a gang surrounded them. The gang robbed Tim's father and then attacked his Mother – Tim intervened and one of the gang pulled a knife and stabbed Tim to death. Tim paid the ultimate price in trying to save those that he loved.

At Easter time we are reminded of the ultimate price that Jesus, God's beloved Son, paid for us on the cross at Calvary. He paid the price for our sin – the punishment we deserved. John writes in chapter 3 v16 – "For God SO loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life." Paul writes in Romans 6 v23 – "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus"

Why not accept this wonderful gift right now, it will change your life now, and for eternity!!

M. C. Coates [Chapel Secretary]

OPEN MORNING at ROSE HILL WESTONBIRT SCHOOL:

Saturday May 14th 2011, 09:30am – 12:30pm.

For further information please visit www.rhwestonbirt.co.uk or call 01666 881400.

Rose Hill Westonbirt School is a day school near Tetbury for boys and girls aged 3 to 11. It is a full member of the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) and a member of Allied Schools. The school's idyllic setting in 210 acres of beautiful rural park and woodland (shared with Westonbirt School, an independent boarding and day school for girls) allows pupils the freedom to play and explore in a safe and natural environment, further developing imagination and confidence.



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BACK STREET, HAWKESBURY UPTON



Services for April 2011

Sunday April	3rd	10.30 am	Joining with Bethesda
Sunday April	10th	10.00 am	Rev Paul Edwards <i>Sunday Club for children attending</i>
Sunday April	17th	9.45 am	Morning Praise at St Marys
Sunday April	24th	10.00 am	Rev Hilary Cooke - Holy Communion <i>Sunday Club for children attending</i>

Substitute

A man who lived far out in the country bought his clothing from a mail-order catalogue. At the bottom of the printed order form he noticed this statement: "If we do not have the article you ordered in stock, may we substitute?"

The first time that he wrote "yes," they sent him something that was worth double the price of the article he had requested. The company explained, "We are sorry we do not have the article in stock which you ordered. We are sending you something better at our expense."

After that, the man said he always printed out much more boldly the word "yes" at the bottom of the order blank. He knew he would not be disappointed by the substitution.

So too, when we pray to God, it is good to tell Him that we are quite willing to let Him take our weak prayers and answer them according to His will. Too often we pray and do not see our requests answered because we selfishly "ask amiss" (James 4:3).

Instead, we need to examine the motives of our hearts and trust Him to give us exactly what we need.

We can be sure that when we do He will send us something far better, yes, "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). —Henry G. Bosch

I'll trust the Lord to do good for me
Whatever He deems best;
I know His answer will exceed
The hope in my request.

God's answers are often wiser than our prayers.

*Paul Edwards
Methodist Minister*

"Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the National Debt." Herbert Hoover

"As we get older, our bodies get shorter and our anecdotes longer." Robert Quillen



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Rose Hill
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SCHOOL

Science works magic for pupils at Rose Hill Westonbirt School

Rose Hill Westonbirt pupils were left amazed after spending time travelling through the human digestive system on Thursday, February 17th, all thanks to the Explorer Dome.

The dome – a large silver inflatable that resembles a gigantic planet – invites pupils to crawl and spend time inside, learning about science in an innovative, interactive way. Exciting experiments and theatrical displays left the pupils (and teachers!) engaged and thoroughly interested in the topic. With grotesque visuals projected onto the inside of the dome, along with convincing sounds effects and added props (including substitute mucus, stomach acid and intestines) the dome allowed Rose Hill Westonbirt pupils to gain an understanding and be suitably in awe of the happenings inside the human body.



Year 5 pupils after exploring the Dome

Cauliflower, broccoli and mature cheddar gratin

Serves 2 (ready in 30 minutes)

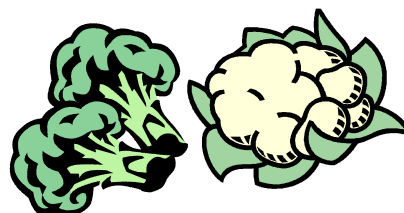
Give traditional cauliflower cheese a contemporary twist to create a quick, simple supper. Try adding bacon or mushrooms for added variety.

Ingredients

- 250g broccoli, cut into florets
- 250g cauliflower, cut into florets
- 100g half-fat crème fraîche
- 50g mature cheddar, grated, plus extra to grill
- a small bunch chives, chopped

Method

1. Steam the broccoli and cauliflower until just tender, about 5-6 minutes. Mix the crème fraîche, cheese and chives and toss with the veg.
2. Pile into 2 small ovenproof dishes and top with a handful more cheese. Grill until golden.





Electric Picture House

"Best Market Town Project"
South West Market Town Awards Scheme 2006

Brighton Rock, Cert 15, 111 mins

Updating the story from its original 1930s setting to the mid-1960s world of mods and rockers, the film charts the headlong fall of Pinkie (Sam Riley), a razor-wielding disadvantaged teenager hell bent on clawing his way up through the ranks of organized crime. At the heart of the story is the anti-hero Pinkie's relationship with Rose (Andrea Riseborough) – an apparently innocent young waitress who stumbles on evidence linking Pinkie and his gang to a revenge killing that Pinkie commits.

A love story between a murderer and a witness; can Pinkie trust Rose or should he kill her before she talks to the police?

Full details <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/BrightonRock.html>

Friday 25 March 7:45pm Thursday 31 March 2:00pm, 7:45pm

Gnomeo and Juliet 3D, Cert U, 84 mins

The greatest love story ever told, starring...garden gnomes? Shakespeare's revered tale gets a comical, off-the-wall makeover, showcasing both classic and original songs by Elton John. Two garden gnomes, Gnomeo (voice of James McAvoy) and Juliet (voice of Emily Blunt), try to avoid tragedy and find a happy ending to their star-crossed love affair when they are caught up in a feud between neighbours. But with plastic pink flamingos and thrilling lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness?

Full details <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/GnomeoJuliet.html>

Sunday 27 March 2.00pm Saturday 02 April 4.30pm
Sunday 03 April 2.00pm Wednesday 13 April 2.00pm
Thursday 21 April 2:00pm

Never Let Me Go, Cert 12A, 104 mins

Kathy (Carey Mulligan), Tommy (Andrew Garfield) and Ruth (Keira Knightley) live in a world and a time that feel familiar to us, but are not quite like anything we know. They spend their childhood at Hailsham, a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. When they leave the shelter of the school and the terrible truth of their fate is revealed to them, they must also confront the deep feelings of love, jealousy and betrayal that threaten to pull them apart.

Full details <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/NeverLetMeGo.html>

Tuesday 29 March 7:45pm Saturday 02 April 7:45pm

True Grit, Cert 15, 110 mins

Fourteen-year-old Mattie Ross's (Hailee Steinfeld) father has been shot in cold blood by the coward Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin), and she is determined to bring him to justice. Enlisting the help of a trigger-happy, drunken U.S. Marshal, Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), she sets out with him — over his objections — to hunt down Chaney. Her father's blood demands that she pursue the criminal into Indian territory and find him before a Texas Ranger named LeBoeuf (Matt Damon) catches him and brings him back to Texas for the murder of another man.

Full details <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/TrueGrit.html>

Saturday 26 March 7:45pm Wednesday 30 March 8:45pm
Friday 01 April 7:45pm Thursday 07 April 2:00pm
Sunday 10 April 7:45pm

The King's Speech, Cert 12A, 110 mins

Prince George (Colin Firth) has been afflicted by a debilitating stammer since childhood. When he unexpectedly becomes king after his brother Edward VIII (Guy Pearce) abdicates and war looms on the horizon, he reluctantly takes the advice of his wife (Helena Bonham Carter) and turns to unconventional speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush).

**Winner of a Golden Globe and 6 BAFTA's including Best Film, and nominated for 12 Oscars.*

Full details <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/KingsSpeech.html>

Sunday 27 March 7:45pm

Tangled 3D, Cert PG, 100mins

Tangled (Nathan Greno, 2010) When the kingdom's most infamous outlaw, Flynn Rider (Zachary Levi), takes refuge in a secret tower, he's taken captive by Rapunzel (Mandy Moore), a spirited teen with 70 feet of enchanted hair. The improbable duo soon

embarks on an action-packed escapade, complete with a super-sleuth horse and a chameleon sidekick. Disney animated fun for all the family. "A smart, snappy and sparkling tale with appeal to both kids and adults" Radio Times

Full details <http://www.wottoneph.co.uk/FS/Tangled.html>

Saturday 26 March 4.30pm

Coming Soon (and available for booking online):

NEW FEATURE - World Cinema Night

The Time That Remains, Cert 15, 105 mins - 3 April, 7:45

West is West, Cert 15, 103 mins - from 5 April

Inside Job, Cert 12A, 108 mins - from 6 April

Exit Through the Gift Shop, Cert 15, 87 mins - from 3 May

Simon Rattle & The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra

A Musical Journey In 3D, PG, 105 mins - 9, 12, 17 May

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WHAT'S ON AT WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM...

Westonbirt Wednesdays - half price admissions every Wednesday during April and May

Willow Structures for the Garden - Workshop Friday 1 April 10.30am - 3.30pm

Spend an enjoyable day creating your own willow structures to support and enhance your garden. You can expect to make three or four large structures so leave plenty of space in your car for the journey home. All tools and materials supplied. Delegates to provide their own lunch or use the facilities on site. Cost £60 for the day.

Booking essential: contact Norah Kennedy on 01453 751010 or email norah.k@virgin.net.

www.norahkennedywillowworker.co.uk

Barking Mad - Guided Walk Sunday 3 April 2 - 4pm

Discover the remarkable variety of tree barks at Westonbirt and their incredible stories. Free after admission

Easy Access Week - Gowrings Mobility Matters Roadshow Tuesday 5 - Thursday 7 April 10am - 5pm

Gowrings Mobility will be demonstrating their wheelchair accessible vehicles in the main car park. Contact Gowrings Mobility on 0845 608 8020 for free admission details, or visit www.gowringsmobility.co.uk/events/westonbirt

Easy Access Week - Nordic Walking Tuesday 5 - Thursday 7 10.30am - 3pm

Taster sessions on the art of Nordic Walking Free after admission

Specialist Wood Sales Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April 10am - 1pm

Held on the second Sunday of every month: all manner of wood and sawn timber is available, produced from the routine pruning and thinning of specimen trees within the arboretum. Proceeds go to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum (only cash or cheques are accepted) Free after admission

Conifer Capers Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 April 10.30am - 4pm

Explore our magnificent trees and discover the remarkable world of conifers. From the oldest to the tallest, biggest to some of the rarest. Join our conifer capers to find out more! Then have a go at creating a family of cone creatures. Free after admission

Dorothy House Hospice - Charity Event Sunday 17 April

Enjoy the beauty of Westonbirt and support regional charity Dorothy House Care Hospice who care for families affected with life threatening conditions. Contact Katrina Sudbury on 01225 721480. www.dorothyhouse.co.uk

Easter Challenge Thursday 21 - Monday 25 April 10.30am - 4pm

With spring in full swing why not venture out with us this Easter as we spring forth to discover the awakening forest - from buds bursting, and rising sap to colourful blooms and wildflower carpets. Solve our Easter challenge for a sweet reward and enter our Easter prize draw. Free after admission.

Discover Westonbirt - Exhibition and talks The Great Oak Hall

Friday 22 - Monday 25 April 10.30am - 4pm

Go behind the scenes of Westonbirt Arboretum to discover its botanical treasures and how the tree collection is cared for. Free after admission.

Beginners Digital Photography - Workshop

Friday 29 April 10.30am - 3.30pm

For those who have a digital camera but not familiar with the settings and controls. Take the mystery out of the various settings and get guidance on image composition, lighting and capture. Tea/coffee provided throughout the day. Delegates to provide their own lunch or use the facilities on site. Numbers are restricted to 10 delegates. Cost £55.00 Booking essential: contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk.

Budburst to Bare Trees - Guided Walk

Saturday 30 April 10.30am - 12.30pm

People have followed the seasonal rhythms of nature for thousands of years - come and discover its importance. Free after admission. Booking essential. Call 01666 880220

Silk Wood Spring Fair Friday 29 April - Monday 2 May 10am - 5pm

Displays and sales of natural products made from working woodlands: including chunky oak, stick furniture, plant supports and timber flooring and wood sculpting. Demonstrations include cleft oak gate making, hurdle making, timber framing, tree and timber milling and pole lathe turning. Westonbirt wood sales will also take place. Free after admission

Contact Brian Williamson or Ruth Goodfellow on 01453 790666, brian.hurdles@virgin.net or rgoodf@hotmail.com

Westonbirt Concerts 2011

Fri 17 June —

Simple Minds

Tickets cost £35.00
(plus £3 booking fee).

Sat 18 June —

Erasure

(support—Sophie Ellis-Bextor)

Tickets cost £34.50
(plus £3 booking fee)

Sun 19 June —

Scouting For Girls

Tickets cost £28.00
(plus £3 booking fee).

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Just announced...

Friday 15 July —

Bryan Ferry

Tickets cost £36.50
(plus £3 booking fee).

Sat 16th July —

Westlife

Tickets cost £37.50
(plus £3 booking fee).

Sun 17 July —

Texas

Tickets cost £33.50
(plus £3 booking fee).

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

**Avon Wildlife Trust
Coffee Morning and Book Sale**

Saturday 9th April 2011

10am-12noon

The Baptist Church, High Street,
Chipping Sodbury

You are most welcome to come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of home made cake and have a browse through our varied selection of books that we shall be offering for sale.

All monies raised will go to wildlife conservation projects in the Avon Valley area. If you can provide any books or cakes for this day, please contact Malcolm on 01454 310328.

Organised by Southwold Local Group of Avon Wildlife Trust. www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

**The Vintage And Handmade
Easter/Spring Fair**

Saturday 9th April 2011

10am-4pm, Chipping Sodbury Town Hall

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**The 28th Nailsworth Festival
21 May 2010 to 29th May 2010**

Highlights include:

Saturday 21 May 8pm Hank Wangford and the Lost Cowboys, Town Hall, £12

Sunday 22 May 6pm Fauré Requiem, Christ Church

Monday 23 May 7.30pm Talk - *The Naked Gardeners*, Town Hall, £6

Tuesday 24 May Andy Cutting, the Richard Valentine memorial folk concert, Ruskin Mill, £12

Wednesday 25 May 7.30pm Katona Twins - classical guitar duo, Christ Church, £12

Thursday 26 May 7.30pm Bristol Gasworks Singers, St George's Church, £6

Friday 27 May 7.30pm 'Tom Jones', Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Town Hall, £10

Gifts & Craft Fair

Tetbury - 9th April

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**Music from Fauré's France
Saturday 2 April 2011 - 7.30pm,
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This concert is the last in the new series to be held in St Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge.

The great Requiem by Fauré, his much loved Pavanne and the Cantique de Jean Racine are in striking contrast to Poulenc's dramatic and magnificent Concerto for Organ Strings and Timpani. Acclaimed Gloucester cathedral organist Ashley Grote and BBC Chorister of the Year Laurence Kilsby join the Bristol Ensemble and the St Cecilia Singers in a programme conducted by Benedict Hoffnung.

Aiming to encourage and entertain all music lovers, the series will promote a broad range of orchestral music, solo recitals and choral offerings of a quality generally associated with larger towns and cities.

Tickets - £25, £20.

Booking Office 01453 843144 (8am to 8pm) or "at the door" - until sold out

Visit www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk for more information.

**The Badminton Horse Trials
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Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale

The Wotton Gardening Club are holding a Spring flower show in the Town Hall.

The event is open to the public at 11.00 am.
Schedules can be obtained from Mary Lennox
(01453 842538).

There will also be a grand plant sale
and teas and cakes will be sold.

Fashion Show

at The Dolphins Hall, Tetbury
8th April - 7 p.m. for 7-30 p.m

A Fashion Show in aid of The Willow Trust (Freedom for the disabled on the water) supported by Tetbury Lions Club and Stroud & Swindon Building Society.

Tickets £8 available from The Willow Trust 01285 651661 or from Stroud & Swindon Building Society Tetbury or Cirencester branches.

Complimentary canapes and welcome drink included.

District Councillor Report

Council Tax

South Gloucestershire Council agreed to freeze the Council Tax. The Council welcomed government funding for a council tax freeze. The funding, equivalent to a 2.5% rise in Council Tax, is being provided to Councils who freeze Council Tax, to help them meet demand for services without having to pass the burden on to local people. This is also supported by £2.3m from the Council's reserves. As yet – the full details of the Council budget are to be announced.

Frome Vale Area Forum

Small grants were awarded, at the last Forum meeting; Hawkesbury Youth Club received a grant of £1500 towards their running costs, however it was clear that this could not be relied upon in the future.

The local priorities were agreed from the Traffic Management Task Register for jobs under (£50k). Weight limits on local Hawkesbury and Horton roads are to be considered.

Other traffic management schemes which I have discussed with officers are the signs for directing Heavy Freight traffic and progress with a safer walking route to school; the latter will be on the Task Register; however the suggested works are over £50,000 and I have asked officers to consider a phased approach to this work.

Good News on the **recycling** front – after pressure from residents, the Council will be supplying free recycling bags to store cardboard. These will be available from nominated sites in the summer – they will not be delivered to each home.

There are big changes planned for all public services. Health protection and promotion will return to the Local authority umbrella. South Gloucestershire Council is currently consulting on a Health Strategy for our area - this concentrates on children and young people – especially combating the rise in childhood obesity. It is likely that Bristol could have a locally elected Mayor; this would impact on South Gloucestershire. There are also plans to have an elected police Chief Commissioner by 2013 for our area.

Handy Van Help

The over 60s and those of any age with disabilities can have minor household repair jobs done at a reduced rate by South Gloucestershire Council's Handy Van service. The idea is to help people maintain their properties so that they can enjoy living independently for as long as possible.

The Handy Van service is available to do a wide range of small jobs around the house – the sort of jobs that will take less than three hours. Labour is charged at a subsidised rate. Materials are charged for as necessary. They can carry out:

Odd jobs around the home such as:

- fitting curtain rails
- hanging pictures,
- laying floor coverings
- moving furniture within the property

Plumbing jobs such as:

- taps
- washers
- leaks
- blocked sinks

Carpentry jobs such as:

- door repairs
- putting up shelves
- fixing sash cords
- assembling flat packs
- window repairs

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- pointing and plaster repairs
- washing lines
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District Councillor Report (continued)

The **Cotswolds Conservation Board** held its Annual Forum in Witney. The theme was around localism and The Big Society and the possible role the Conservation Board could play in this new initiative.

Some people will remember **Community Action**, the Community Council for the Avon area. I was a trustee of the charity, and it is very sad to report that the business had to be wound up because of lack of funding. The Parish has benefitted in many different ways from the organisation's help – with the first Housing Needs Survey, support for the youth choir, advice and help to village halls, support to village shops and our community transport scheme as well as being supportive with funding for the Parish Plan. Currently there is no other organisation offering this sort of help and support to those in rural areas.

Parish Elections – if you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, nomination forms are available on the website and the local parish clerk has full details. Nominations have to be in by the **4th April**.

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Hawkesbury Parish Council



Would like to invite you to their

Annual Assembly on

Monday 4th April 2011

To be held at

Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

At 7.30pm

With Guest speakers

Tea and Coffee will be available

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During the meeting the following applications were discussed.

App. No.	Address	Description	PC's comments
PK11/0409 /PNA	Inglestone Farm Chase Inglestone Common Nr Badminton	Prior notification for the intention to construct a vehicular access track utilising existing field gate.	The Councillor's comments " no objection " to the planning application
PK11/0462 /F	Queens Hive Cottage, Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Erection of replacement garage.	The Parish Council has no objection with the planning application although concerned about the size and scale of the garage. Also please take notice of the neighbour's comments regarding the removal and reinstating of the dry stone wall.
PK11/0157 /F	Malthouse Cottage, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Amended plans drawing number 10/12/02A to supersede 10/12/02.	The Parish Council comment " no objection " to the planning application.
PK11/0158 /lb	Malthouse Cottage, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of single storey rear extension to facilitate WC and utility room.	The Parish Council comment " no objection " to the planning application.
Planning Decisions received			
PK10/3051 /F	The Cottage, The Plain Hawkesbury Upton	Replacement of existing garage frontage with timber board.	Decision – PERMIT subject to conditions.
PK10/3321 /ADV	The Fox Inn High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Display of 1no. Externally illuminated fascia signs, 5no. Non illuminated fascia signs and 1no. Externally illuminated hanging sign.	Decision – CONSENT subject to the Standard conditions.
PK11/0110 /TCA	30 Back Street Hawkesbury Upton	Works to reduce height of 1no. Conifer tree by approx 3m (top near to power cables) also re-shape as necessary. Works to reduce 1no. Brambley Apple tree by 25%. Trees situated with Hawkesbury Conservation Area.	The Council does not propose to serve a Tree Preservation Order at this time. The Council has no objection to the works as specified in the submitted details.

Please Note Monday 4th April 2011

Annual Assembly will now be held at Hawkesbury Primary School at 7.30pm and not the Methodist Hall as previously advertised in last month's Parish News.

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**Do you care about your community?
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Then why not come along to the next Safer Stronger Community Group (SSCG) meeting for your area? SSCGs influence how services are delivered locally, establish longer-term plans to improve areas, help prevent future problems, and deal with current local issues.

There are 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups across South Gloucestershire for residents to attend and raise local issues that concern them. They can give their views on possible improvements to further strengthen their communities and keep these safe places to live and work.

The meetings are also attended by partner agencies, including South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Fire and Rescue Service, NHS South Gloucestershire, Town and Parish Councils and other local organisations. These organisations work together on the issues raised and often involve the community in implementing solutions.

Some of the issues raised and tackled have included creating positive activities for young people, anti-social behaviour, school crossing concerns, speeding and parking. Community grants through the Safer Stronger Communities Initiative Fund have helped support initiatives raised at the meetings, such as Community Speedwatch groups, community garden work, youth engagement activities, park improvements, activities for older people, and equipment for walking buses to schools.

**Next meeting for Chipping Sodbury and the Cotswold Edge Group is:
Thursday 21st April, 2pm
Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church, High Street, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6AH**

***This is an opportunity to raise local community issues followed by an interactive workshop on
Community Sentencing by Avon and Somerset Probation Trust at 3pm***

If you are unable to attend a meeting, or would like to read more about the work of your local group, each group has its own e-group page at <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk>.

Here, you will be able to view your group's annual report, minutes and agendas from past meetings, and find other useful information for your area. You can also become a member of the e-group which will ensure you receive the minutes and agendas directly via email.

Alternatively, you can speak to a member of the Safer Stronger Communities Team on 01454 864625, or email directly to sscg@southglos.gov.uk.

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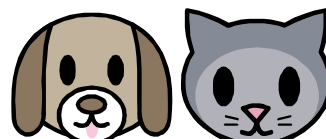
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Catherine Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	16yrs old. Available for baby sitting and dog walking.
Charlotte Carnegie	60 Highfields 01454 238918	18yrs old. Available for baby sitting, dog walking and pet minding.
Ciaran Ainsworth	01454 238052	Raising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

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

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

Answers to the March quizzes:-

'Easy'

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

'Not so Easy'

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

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