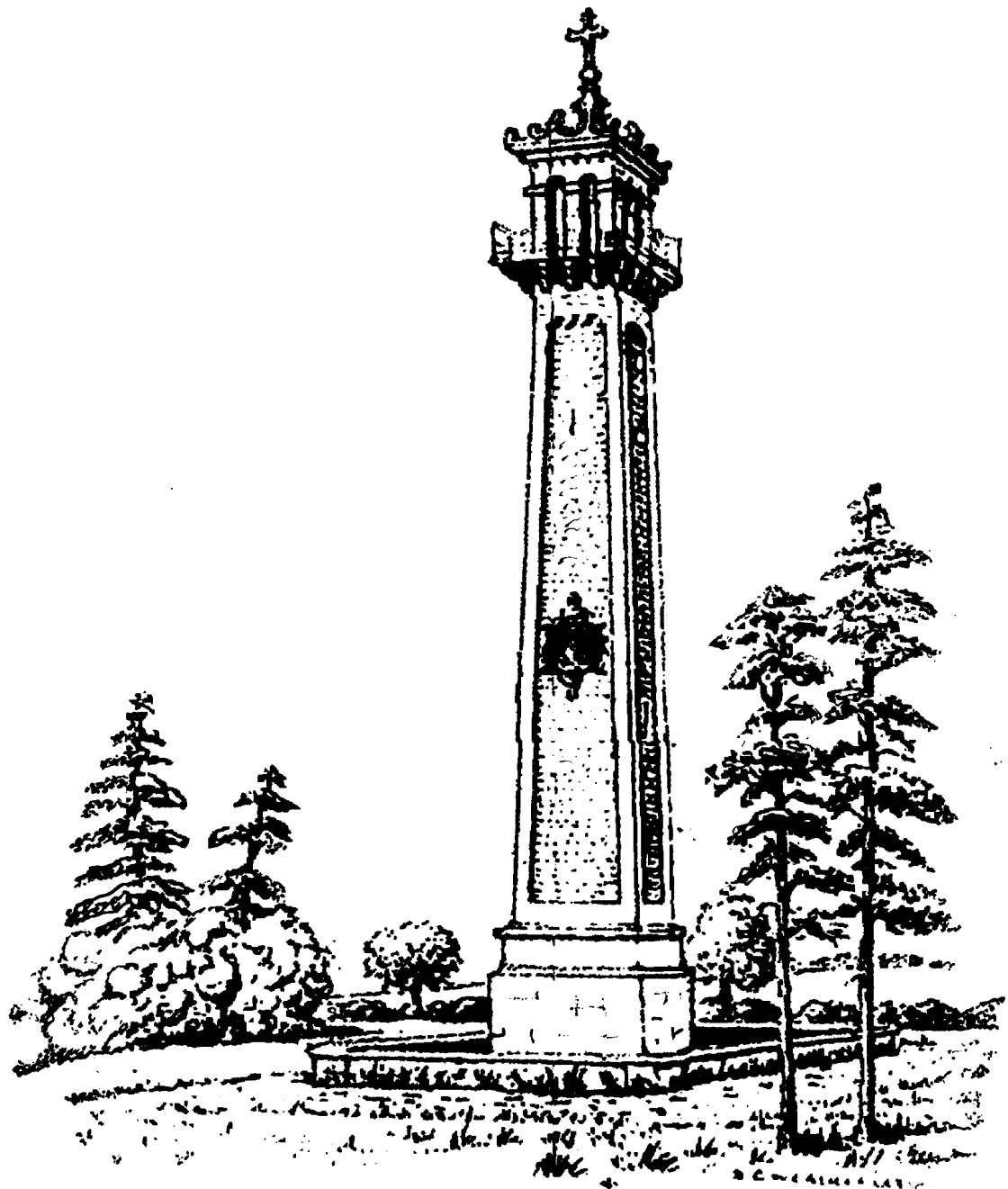


February 2010

Hawkesbury



Parish News



EDITORIAL

Fiona writes:

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the extremely late arrival of the January issue. I can honestly say that practically everything appeared to conspire against us last month. The inclusion of the village Christmas card signatures and the Christmas & New Year shutdown ensured that the issue was always going to be a little late going to press. However, a computer software crash corrupted the electronic file (just as the January issue was completed), ensuring that the entire copy had to be recreated from scratch, amidst howls of deep despair! (Bring back the typewriter!) Then came the snow...which meant that KLB (and its Reprographics Dept) remained closed. So, if we did not manage to advertise your January event in time, we are truly sorry.

Now that the snow has finally gone and the merest hints of spring are on the horizon, we hope you will find plenty to occupy you in the February issue. If the start of the Six Nations Rugby tournament isn't enough, highlights for this month are:

- the final of **Hawkesbury's Got Talent** on **Saturday 27th February**,
- a talk on **Hanging Baskets & Patio Tubs** at the Gardening Club on **Monday 22nd February** and
- the Hawkesbury School **PTA Quiz** on **Friday 5th February**.

Read on for further information on these and many other events during the coming weeks.

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

Please send it in as early as you can!

Don't forget...

Shrove Tuesday
on 16th February



In Brief

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Mon 1st February 2010, 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

HAWKESBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Fri 19th February at 8:0pm
in the Village Hall



Film Night!

"Little Films That Made Big Changes"
or "Dustbin Films"

To be screened by Jim Wilkie

Hawkesbury Gardening Club

At Hawkesbury School Hall.



Monday 22nd February at 8pm

Propagation, Seeds & Cuttings



by Victoria Logue

Monday 22nd March at 8pm



Hanging Baskets & Patio Tubs



A talk by Mr. G. Always

Hawkesbury Cricket Club presents

Hawkesbury's Got Talent

Final: 27th February 2010

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Evergreens

Tues 9th February at 2:30pm

in the Village Hall

Talk and slides

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Hawkesbury School PTA



Quiz Night



Friday 5th February

at the Beaufort Skittle Alley

Register at 7.30pm - Quiz starts 8pm

Hawkesbury Cricket Club – dates for your diary 2010

'Hawkesbury's Got Talent' Show, Village Hall - Sat 27th Feb-8pm

AGM -Tuesday 23rd March - 7.30pm The Beaufort Arms

Bluebell Walk - Monday 3rd May

Junior Egg Catching - Friday 4th June, 6.30pm at Coombe Farm

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Organised Bike Ride (details to follow) - Sun 26th Sept

Senior Presentation Evening - Sat 20th November - 7.30pm



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Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

It has certainly been a rather unusual though picturesque start to the new academic year with so much snow and the ensuing disruption to the school week. The children have had a wonderful time though, enjoying sledging and snowballing when school has been closed and continuing with the same on the field when school has been open. The school would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who came to school both weeks we were shut to clear all the snow from around school, we could never have opened without your hard work.

Inside school has also been a very busy place with the offices and new staffroom / community room being decorated, new flooring being fitted and the electrics and IT points moved. Most of the work is now finished and we now have the job of clearing up and sorting out the new rooms. School should look really bright and modern by Easter.

The children have started the year learning about new exciting topics. Wren class (the youngest children) are learning about winter and traditional tales such as 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Gingerbread man'. They had a very exciting week cooking gingerbread men and eating them. Unfortunately one of the gingerbread men escaped and so the children had to spend some time tracking him down – they did eventually – reading in 'The Bird's Nest', our infant library!!!

Robin class (the infant class) are learning about 'Food Glorious Food' and are having great fun exploring different fruit and vegetables – they have written some very creative shape poems about food.

Swallow class (lower juniors) are continuing their study of Brunel. They have been looking at historical fiction and watched part of an episode from 'Cranford' where they copied and then created their own partnered dance – it was like our very own 'Strictly Come Dancing'.

Hawk class are looking at traffic in and around Hawkesbury and comparing it to traffic in Bristol. They shall be using speed cameras to find averages speeds around the village – so watch out. The class have also paired with Millpond school in Bristol and will be comparing speed data from the traffic around their school.

The PTA have many exciting events planned for this term – quiz night and the ever popular pledge auction. Please support these events if you have the time, they will be great fun.

Finally a plea – we are collecting together dressing-up clothes and large pieces of material and tarpaulin that the children can use at dinner time to dress up in and create dens. If you have any spare clothes, hats or large pieces of material or curtains you don't want any more, please drop them into school where they will be well used.

Louise Lewis



A FEW MORE THANK-YOUS!!

Debbie May would like to say another massive thank-you to Diana Higgs and the rest of the Spooners Skittles team who very kindly organised a raffle during the summer skittles and donated the funds to me, which I have gratefully put towards my wheelchair fund. Thanks to everyone to contributed to the raffle.

The amount raised was fantastic and I was chuffed to bits to have received it.
Thanks Diana and the Spooners .x

Also, I'd like to say thank you to Clare Webster and Annette Trinder who passed on a collection to me. It was a lovely surprise and again gratefully received.

This has also been put towards my wheelchair fund. Thanks Everyone.x

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Preschool has settled well into the new term, although the snow has had some impact on the days we were open during January. This, however, gave the children extra time at home on their sleighs which I know even the parents enjoyed themselves as much as the children.

When we did return back the snow remained and this gave us an opportunity to spend time with the children outside taking them for a walk and watching them play. The snow did not stop us going to the school for our normal gym session.

Our trip to the Pantomime, however, was rearranged for Thursday 21st January we will let you know how we got on next month.

We are hoping to collect recipes from the children to enable us to make a book and we are also looking forward to the children bringing their favourite pet in to pre-school to show all their friends.

New Starter

We have a new starter this month her name is **Katherine Warner**, who has just moved into the village, we would like to take this opportunity to wish Katherine and her family all the very best in their new home and hope they enjoy living in Hawkesbury.

Birthday Celebrations

Firstly, we must apologise to **Seren** for missing her 4th Birthday on the 3rd of January, we all hope you had a lovely day. We would like to wish **Megan** a Happy 4th Birthday on the 25th February.

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

Making History

Many thanks for those who responded to the article on village photos. This looks like a matter for further discussion and taking forward. Anyone else interested. Please let me know.

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Didmarton Playgroup

Playgroup opened its doors for 2010 on 4th January and then promptly had to close them again (albeit only for one day!) on 7th January. The children, undeterred by the weather, have had great fun in the playground building snowmen. Our staff have done a fantastic job in keeping Playgroup open throughout the difficult weather conditions. The topic this half term is pets. There will be cats, dogs, guinea pigs and goldfish to name but a few and the children will be doing craft, songs and stories to tie in. Alongside this, there is a designated shape each week and the children are encouraged to bring in an object which fits the shape for the 'interest table'. We are also lucky to have Kerry Cook joining the staff this term.



The Christmas term closed with a concert and party for the children. Lots of parents attended and were entertained with Christmas songs, complete with actions and even an unexpected solo! The children were visited by Father Christmas while their parents enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies. A lovely morning was had by all.

The charity Christmas Bazaar ran at the end of November. We did manage to raise a respectable amount of money, despite a disappointing turnout. The charitable thing would be to say that this was due to the awful weather that Saturday.... We are hoping to run the Bazaar again at the end of 2010, with some more enticing stalls, so it would be wonderful to see a few more people there next time.

Didmarton Playgroup is based in the Village Hall, in an idyllic location adjacent to the village playing fields. We have received a good Ofsted report and welcome children aged from 2 - 4. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 - 1.00pm. If you need more information, please ring the playgroup phone on 07707 688 399.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The mother and toddler group has been started up again for the New Year. It will run in the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons, from 1.30 - 3.00pm. All pre-school children and their carers are very welcome for play and refreshments.

Village Hall AGM

This will be held in the Hall on
Monday 8th February 2010 at 7:45pm
and is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Looking at the original Constitution from 1951 the Committee comprised representatives from the following Groups:-
Parish Council, WI, Mother's Union, School, Girl Guides & Youth Club,
PCC, Congregational Chapel, Cricket Club, BUFFS, British Legion,
Football Club, Show Committee and the Cycle Speedway Club.

It would be nice to have representatives from all the Village Groups once more.

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The committee meets on the 2nd Monday each month
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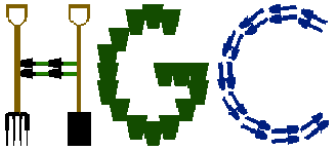
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TROWEL & ERROR

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

There seems to be a lot of moles around at the moment. For some reason I thought that they hibernated but clearly they do not. Even during the recent freeze and heavy snow fresh mole hills were to be found all over the place. They must be tough little critters to burrow their way through frozen ground. Fortunately we have no evidence of them in our garden but I'm told that some local allotments have been attacked. Does anyone have any interesting ways of deterring them? Shoving a radio tuned to Jonathon Ross or Steve Wright down a mole burrow is supposed to work but I have my doubts. Just a thought! When moleskin coats and trousers were all the rage were moles bred for the purpose? There is a restaurant in Kent that serves squirrel pie so I wonder if they might do the same with moles? I expect they taste like chicken so they might already be doing it. 'Filling up the sausages with this and that' as sang the Landlord in Les Miserables. You would never know would you?

Our next meeting is on Monday 22nd February when our speaker Victoria Logue will talk about Propagation, Seeds & Cuttings. Then on Monday 22nd March 2010 our speaker Mr. G. Always will talk about Hanging Baskets & Patio Tubs.

If you are not a member but would like to hear a speaker that takes your fancy then come along as a guest – fee £2.50. For further information contact Terry Truebody on 01454 238364



A Writer's Blog: Red is the Colour

What is it about the winter that makes one want to turn out cupboards and tidy shelves? In a frenzy of rationalization, I've spent the day reorganising my study, adding more and more items coloured the bright red of a certain fast-food outlet.

I know that red is an energising colour. Surrounding yourself with it is meant to speed up all your activities, including the demolition of fast food in their case. I'm hoping it will have the same effect on my writing assignments. (Or at least give me the energy to change out of my pyjamas on the right side of lunchtime.)

On my most recent trip to said fast-food outlet, made at the insistence of my small daughter, I discovered it now offers free Wi-Fi. A smart executive type sat discreetly in one corner tapping away at her laptop, apparently undisturbed by the numerous small children noisily enjoying their tea and free toys - and the rather bigger children seeing how much they could swear before the manager would evict them.

This new development must surely increase the average dwell-time of the customer, against all the usual business principles of such places. I suppose the one thing that can be guaranteed is that it must be a very high-speed broadband connection. When our rural exchange hits one of its frequent slow patches, maybe I should head out for a burger. Better slip some wet-wipes in my laptop bag – there's only so much I want to oil the progress of my writing career.

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The Gloucester Journal

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20th November, 1896



THE CURSE OF THE WEB

By Alan C.Porter



I blame the internet for our expanding waistlines. I tried to blame it on Mars bars, Jaffa cakes and some particularly nice, fresh cream filled apple turnovers, but no, it's the curse of the web and the dreaded online shopping.

Before the web it was down to Tesco's, carrying, stretching, fighting with trolleys that always wanted to go in the opposite direction to you and then loading the car. It was all exercise that helped keep "jelly belly" and "muffin tops" at bay. Now, as the electronic age takes over, what sort of waist reducing exercise can be done sitting in a chair prodding a keyboard? Supple fingers I suppose coupled with repetitive strain injury.

Then to make matters worse they give us televisions with remote controls so we don't have to get out of the chair to turn them on or change channels. I feel we are on the slippery slope to figure perfect disaster.

But it's not all doom and gloom, one still has to get up and walk to the fridge to get the cream cake.

Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal

Thank you Hawkesbury for your generosity. The Sunday Lunch Soup Kitchen, raffles, tombolas and stalls raised over **£2500** - the final figure is yet to be confirmed.

Special thanks to all those soup makers, washers up, dryers up, clearers up, sellers of tickets, stall holders and providers of vittles. All working together helped to raise this amazing sum of money for the Disaster Fund.

If you missed the event, and would like to add to the Hawkesbury total, further donations can be made to Mike Bendry, who has kindly agreed to act as temporary Treasurer. (01454 238773). The event is registered with the Disaster Emergency Committee, (DEC) Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal and Gift Aid Forms are available.

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5 January	Rowe Veterinary Group Short History & Q & A's <i>Brian Hildick-Smith</i>	1 June	OPEN MEETING Talk on Tristan de Cunha <i>Richard Grundy</i> Photograph of an island
2 February	Just Wills <i>Derek Cleverdon</i>	Competition	
2 March	Visit to Wotton Electric Cinema. Film and nibbles	6 July	Garden Party Hillesley Village Hall
23 March	BIRTHDAY PARTY	August	No Meeting—Village Show
Competition	Artefact from 1920's	7 September	American Crafting & Quilting <i>Penny Lacey</i> Unusual sewing implement
6 April	Folk Songs & Tales <i>Gwilym Davies</i>	Competition	
4 May	Resolutions Meeting The History of Hats <i>Glynis Tyrell</i>	5 October	Professional Toast masters <i>J. Macleod & B. Maggs-Macleod</i>
Fire Drill		2 November	Poems, Recitals & Stories <i>Paul Evans</i>
		Fire Drill	
		7 December	CHRISTMAS MEETING In house party games Christmas limerick
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Diary Dates

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

Betty Salthouse 01454 238410



On behalf of the **Children's Society**, may I thank all the "Hawkesbury Box Holders" for their support in 2009.

The total raised was £325.30 which is excellent. However, unfortunately this is £61.05 less than last year, but as everyone is feeling the pinch, it was not totally unexpected. On the bright side, as part of the Christmas Card collection is going to the Children's Society,

the total will, I'm sure, be up!

If anyone would like a collecting box (great for all your loose change) or to make a donation at any time, please give me a ring on 238279.

Thank you all once again, and a special one for Anne and Neil at the **Hawkesbury Shop** for changing up the bronze and small silver – a tremendous help.

Gill Morgan
Local Secretary

THANK YOU

Joan and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support enabling the celebration of Mum's life to go ahead on such an atrocious day, she would have been proud and honoured to see so many of you attending.

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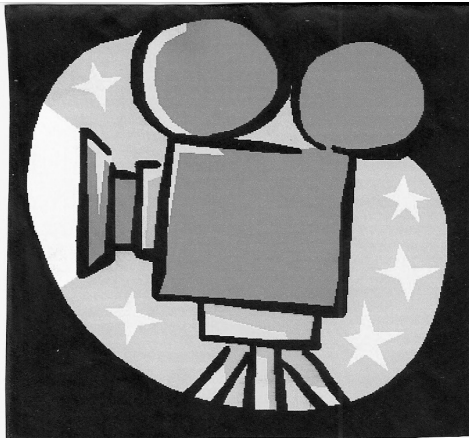
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PTA Quiz Night



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Friday 5th February at the Beaufort Skittle Alley

Register at 7.30pm ~ Quiz starts 8pm

£10 entry fee for teams of 5, payable on the night

No advance booking is necessary, but it would be helpful if you could register your interest beforehand by contacting Vicki Parker on 01454 238008 / vmp3764@btinternet.com.

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Reducing the opportunity for crime



It's a New Year and reputedly a new decade, but regrettably crime goes on regardless of the year or the time of year. The longer nights give the thieves a better level of cover, but the warmer days and the need for people to open their windows, means there is easier access to property. There is a limit to what we can do to combat those situations, but there is plenty you can do in other respects. This is just one message I received from the Police

"Elderly male victim.

An unknown caller said he was there to check the water pipes because there had been a lot of frozen pipes in the area. The male was allowed into the address and spoke to the victim about the weather and taps not running properly before leaving the address.

Offender: white male, c.25 years, 5' 6", medium build, short fair hair, round face, local accent.

Stolen: Personal items and cheque book.

Always check the identity of callers, if in doubt/concerned contact the Police."

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU

Whatever the time of year this sort of sneak thief will have an excuse to get into your house and take your treasured belongings, steal your identity and, if accessible, your money. If the caller doesn't have an appointment and you don't know him/her then check for identification and if they haven't got any then do what the Police say – give them a call

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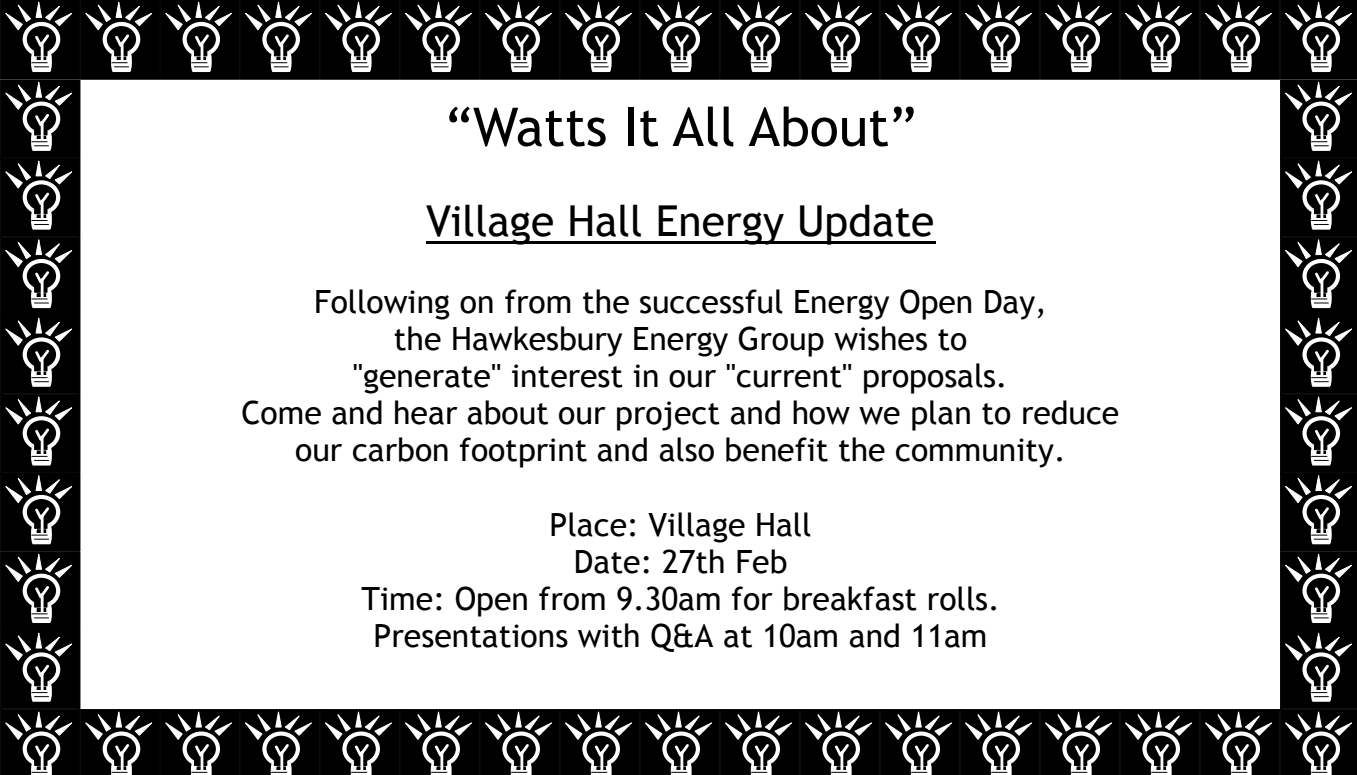
When pressed further, the caller has said that the refund was for overcharges that the Bank has made for (for example), bounced cheques or overdraft facilities. In one case, the resident was advised that 'today is the last day to claim your refund'. This resident did give out some information before becoming suspicious. When they called their Bank, it confirmed that it was nothing to do with them, and as a result a new Bank card and PIN had to be issued.

Don't get caught out by these crooks. Remember, a legitimate Bank query:

- may ask you for certain security information to ascertain that they are speaking to the Account Holder (e.g. Mother's maiden name);
- will not need any of your account details from you if they have initiated the call – they will have all this to hand;
- will be happy to provide a telephone number for you to call back on. Even better, call the advertised Bank number and ask for whichever Department claims to have contacted you.



Don't be caught out by these scammers!



“Watts It All About”

Village Hall Energy Update

Following on from the successful Energy Open Day, the Hawkesbury Energy Group wishes to "generate" interest in our "current" proposals. Come and hear about our project and how we plan to reduce our carbon footprint and also benefit the community.

Place: Village Hall
Date: 27th Feb
Time: Open from 9.30am for breakfast rolls.
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Article No. 2 ~ RESOURCE MATTERS: OIL AND GAS ~ MORE PRECIOUS THAN DIAMONDS

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

I learnt over the New Year that some (actually 'the majority' according to my wife) think that I am intolerant. Apparently the fact that nobody at the 16 strong New Year party disagreed with the statement meant that they agreed (didn't Hitler use similar logic?). The word intolerant in the Oxford English dictionary means "lacking respect for practices and beliefs other than ones own".

This came as quite a shock or did it? With all this talk of global warming, you would have thought experts and decision makers would be clear on the way forward regarding our energy and environmental policy after all this issue has been around for many years. This is not a political statement purely a matter of fact. Decision making clearly needs to consider all of the facts so, put simply, why does the UK have oil and gas fired power stations?

I will now explain why this is such a fundamentally important question. Clearly we all need to do our part to reduce our personal energy consumptions both in terms of (and most obviously) fuel to heat and power the home, our vehicles but also down to what might be considered smaller considerations such as where the food you buy has to be transported from. You are no doubt aware that this is known as your personal carbon footprint. We should immediately aim to reduce our own personal carbon footprints by 50% (not to mention your place of work). In this way it will be possible to reduce the impact on World Resources.

FACT: 50% of all known oil and gas reserves have been used in the last 70 years. With emerging countries such as India and China demanding their own share in addition to our own ever increasing energy demands it is not difficult to see that the remaining oil and gas reserves will not last another 70 years. The point is, whether its 40, 50, 70, 100 or even 200* years because of some new technological improvement, then for your grandchildren or maybe your great grandchildren there will be no more oil and gas. [*The planet is 4.6 billion (4,600,000,000) years old, so does it matter to be precise?]

SO WHAT?! It is known (but not by many) that the average person in the UK actually handles over 100 different items within 24 hours that contain oil and gas. These are not just plastics (eg televisions, computers, mobile phones, plastic packaging, cling film, many components of your car, windows in your home and many other items for which there is no substitute material), but many other things such as fertilisers, drugs and even foods. It is clear therefore that to preserve the use of such materials through making products last longer would have an impact (my youngest daughter who is 14 has to my knowledge had 4 mobile phones already in her life). Doesn't it strike you that it is crazy to be burning oil and gas just to create electricity when there are so many other alternatives?

Gas and oil and all products made from gas and oil should be being treated like gold dust! Unfortunately, successive governments have got themselves into a position whereby economic alternatives such as coal have been rundown. However, when things become clear one would hope that someone will choose the right path and invest in clean coal technology! I call on everyone to try to be vocal when speaking to friends and relations in the hope that this plainly ridiculous policy of burning oil and gas in such a way in power stations can be stopped in 5 years rather 25 years. We can't wait for economics to work to drive oil and gas prices higher; this will only happen when people become aware and unfortunately at present people are just so ignorant!

Finally, following the logic of my wife, then unless I hear to the contrary from you, then by saying nothing you 100% agree with me! Oh yes, and maybe we should all be a little more intolerant when it comes to energy, environment and resource matters!

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She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as, together; they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My Mum made me wear 'em.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

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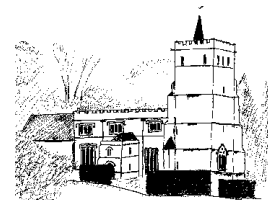
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St Mary's Church News

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him'." Lamentations 3 : 22-24



Churchwardens Mrs Mary Beresford 238508 and Mrs Linda Fairney 238553
Keys for cleaners/flowers/church sitters please contact Mary Davies (238657)
if possible the day before to arrange for collection of church key.

The Works – 4th Feb. 2010 7 – 8.30pm at the School Hall. Last session was cancelled due to snow and school closure. Enrolment forms will need to be filled in, a £1.00 subscription plus 50p for the session. Please contact Mary Beresford if your child would like to join so that we can prepare the correct amount of craft items for each child.

The Churchwardens & PCC would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to maintain the life of the Church and the building during the year. Organists, sidesmen, lay people, treasurer, church cleaners, flower arrangers, church sitters, readers and choir members. We would also like to thank Ricia & Michael Banther, Jean & John Peckett, Catriona & Richard Tyson, Mandy, Countess of Tyrone for their continued support and Sir John Jenkinson for the use of the field for parking. A very sincere thank you to Rev Elizabeth who has supported us so well during the year, she has given over and above her hours, visiting and encouraging the children at school, preparing the candidates for Confirmation, visiting where necessary throughout the village and being there for the Churchwardens and PCC members, we appreciate all that she does.

The Friends of St Mary's, what would we do without you all! You help in so many ways. Yew tree cutting, cleaning gutters and area around the Church, Neil Fozard who made and fitted snow boards to the church gully, this protects the roof, the existing ones had rotted, what a good job they were replaced prior to the snow! The Masonry work and lower guttering has now been completed and we are so grateful for the financial help received with this project. Once again your fundraising this year has given great pleasure to all who have attended, and has raised a considerable amount, we are aware that this does not happen without a great deal of planning and hard work. All of this help is so invaluable, we as a PCC would not be able to maintain the repair to the building, the cost of running the Church gets more expensive, insurance, heating, lighting and general expenditure leaves us struggling each year. Attendance at our services has improved this year but we are still a small group in relationship to the size of building. So thank you all. Thank you also to a number of people who have given private donations.

Last but not least the people from the village who give their time to maintain the cemeteries and cut the grass in conjunction with South Gloucestershire Council, it is really a credit to you.

Church Maintenance. Our project this year is to repair a number of windows. We will be sending out a letter to everyone in the village to explain the 'Gift a Window' proposal with the hope that we may be able to get some assistance with this work.

Church cleaning / flower arranging rota. We have received a number of offers to help, but we still have some months, which are not covered, please contact one of the Churchwardens if you can assist.

Bible Study

A very warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for our monthly bible study on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Our next two meetings will be on Wednesdays 24 February and 17 March at Dunkirk Farmhouse (on A46). Coffee at 7.45 for 8.00 pm start. For Further details please contact Alastair Craig on 238237.

Dates for Diaries

Flower Festival - 18th 19th 20th 21st June 2010. We are hoping to have Open Gardens at this time, but at homes on the Commons and not Hawkesbury. We are aware that visitors do not have time to visit all the gardens and therefore if a great deal of preparation has been given in order to open, it is disappointing when no visits are made. If you would consider opening your garden please contact one of the Churchwardens.

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Dear All,

I hope that you all enjoyed Christmas as much as we did. After our services on Christmas morning we went of to be with our family. Then for our post Christmas break we went for a cruise on the Danube, starting at Budapest and them cruising up the Danube to Linst. New Years Eve was spent watching the fireworks at Vienna, quite a sight. New Years Day we went to a Viennese concert (not the famous one) which was very enjoyable.

Recently we have the sad news of the terrible earthquake in Haiti, but also a little good news when people have been pulled from the rubble after many days. The Logistics of looking after so many people is a massive one and one prays that all the Aid will get to the right places to help these people through such a terrible time. Our prayers should also be for all those involved in helping and distributing the Aid.

A prayer for Haiti

Loving God of creation, at this time of devastation we hold before you the people of Haiti.

When the damage is unimaginable, and the suffering seems overwhelming, remind us that every person affected is loved, honoured and precious in your sight.

We remember all those who have been hurt; all who have lost their homes, livelihoods and loved ones.

Work through us to bring healing to broken and distorted lives,

peace to those who have been thrown into despair, light to those in darkness, and hope to those who fear.

We ask this in the name of Jesus in whom all life and grace is found.

Amen

On 31st January Bishop John is coming to baptise and or confirm nine young people and two adults. We rejoice that these people are willing to commit themselves to a full life within the Church and we hold them in our prayers.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Elizabeth Nichols

Forthcoming readings for February 2010:

Sunday 31 January	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	1 Corinthians 13, Luke 2. 22-40
Sunday 7 February	2 nd Sunday before Lent	Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end, Revelation 4, Luke 8. 22-25
Sunday 14 February	Sunday next before Lent	2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2, Luke 9. 28-36
Wednesday 17 February	Ash Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, John 8. 1-11
Sunday 21 February	1 st Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26. 1-11, Romans 10. 8b-13, Luke 4. 1-13
Sunday 28 February	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13. 31-end
Sunday 7 March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55. 1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9.

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During the service the restored **West Window** was dedicated to the memory of Diana Mattock, who, with her husband Tony, had long been a Friend of St Mary's. It was good to have Tony with us to read one of the lessons, and the Friends thank him sincerely for his most generous donation.

After the service there was a jolly reception of mulled wine and mince pies, served by a welcoming brazier in the grounds of the Old Vicarage – many thanks to Richard and Catriona Tyson for hosting this – and the raffle of a load of logs, kindly organised by Michael Cox, raised a good sum. It was won by Deb and Roger Turner formerly of this parish, now of Bath. The logs will be wending their way to them down the A46.

A report on Burns Night will follow in the March edition. Meanwhile we continue to actively recruit new members to the ever growing Friends of St Mary's. Our beautiful church is in need of a substantial amount of money to restore the masonry and windows, so if you would like to help support us to keep this listed building for future generations to use, please contact **Pauline Setterfield (secretary) on 238307**.

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

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Sidesmen
07.02.10	0945 am	Morning Praise/ Holy Communion	Mr M. Wareham	Mr P Broad
14.02.10	1000 am	Methodist Church Sunday School		
	6.00 pm	Evensong	Mr M Bendry Mrs D Musty	Mrs M Davies
21.02.10	1000 am	Morning Praise	Mr E Riddington	Mrs H. Rogers
28. 02. 10	1000. am	Methodist Church Sunday School		
	6.00 pm	Evensong/ Holy communion	Mr P. Barnett Mrs B Stephens	Mr A. Craig
07.03.10	0945 am	Morning Praise/ Holy Communion	Miss J Oldershaw	Mrs S Bishop
14. 03.10	1000. am	Methodist Church Sunday School		
	6.00 pm	Evensong	Mr W. Fairney Mrs P Bendry	Mrs L Fairney

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Services for the month of February 2010

<i>Sunday Feb 7th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Mark Hearsom [C]</i>
<i>Sunday Feb 14th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev C Halstead</i>
<i>Sunday Feb 21st</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Rev. P Hopes</i>
<i>Sunday Feb 28th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Mr Robert Simpkins</i>

Tuesday 2nd February – A Time of Worship / Prayer at 7.30pm
Other Tuesdays – Bible Study / Prayer at 7.30pm

A man who was distressed about sin wrote to Luther. Luther replied, "Learn to know Christ and Him crucified. Learn to sing to Him and say – Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you, what was mine; you set on me, what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not."

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians – "For our sake [God] made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor 5:21

"Why not link up with Jesus, the 'Living Lord', by faith and the great exchange is fulfilled. Through Jesus' atoning death, God accepts you as righteous and cancels your sins. This is justification, forgiveness and peace"

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Services for February 2010

Sunday Feb 7th	10.30 am	Joining with Bethesda
Sunday Feb 14th	10.00am	Rev Paul Edwards – Holy Communion Sunday School for children attending
Sunday Feb 21st	9.45am	Morning Praise at St. Mary's
Sunday Feb 28th	10.00am	Mrs C Lees Sunday School for children attending

TODDLERS PRAISE meets the last Wednesday in each month from 1.45pm to 2.15pm, when we are delighted to welcome any Mums, Dads or carers with children under school age.

COFFEE MORNINGS are held each Monday from 10.00am to 11.30am. Do call in and have a warm drink and a chat. If you are walking the dog we have no objection to him/her coming as well!

It's Not Man-Made

The gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. --Galatians 1:1

A popular British magazine printed an article a few years ago titled "Create Your Own Personal Religion."

The author wrote, "I just cannot understand how people can devote themselves to a single religion and expect it to answer all their prayers and cater to all their needs.

I do not doubt that Jesus was the Son of God, but I think there were also many other sons—and daughters—of God." She concluded, "I've become a sort of theological magpie, taking bits from different religions which happen to suit my needs."

In the early church, the Galatian Christians knew the true gospel, but false teachers perverted it by claiming that a person must keep the Mosaic Law to be saved.

The apostle Paul said that such a claim was a man-made, false gospel. He sought to remedy its detrimental effect on believers by defending the authority of the true gospel (Gal. 1:6-9).

And what is the true gospel? Paul made it clear in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. He said it is the truth that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.

You cannot create your own way of salvation.

Make sure you've put your trust in Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14:6).

There aren't many ways into heaven;

The Bible says there's only one:

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Advent Lunches / Lenten Lunches

I have received the following letter (written 24th December 2009), which I would like to share with you all – and at the same time, give advance notice of the Lenten Lunches which will start on **February 18th** for 6 weeks. Helpers and contributors please come forward!

Contact Genevieve Thomas on 238707 or me, on 238657

Many thanks,

Mary Davies

HAWKESBURY VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT GROUP



Dear Mary

Very many thanks to you and all the helpers, soup makers and roll and fruit suppliers for the donation of £170.63 from the funds raised at the Advent Soup Lunches.

The addition to the HVT coffers is much appreciated and will go towards the general running costs that arise from providing the volunteer transport service. It is particularly nice to receive such support from the village for the help given to those who need assistance getting to medical appointments.

On behalf of the HVT volunteers and passengers, I wish you and all those involved in the organization and supply of the Lunches, a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Bishop
Treasurer/co-ordinator of HVT

Refuse Collection Latest News

All collections will be returned to the normal collection days
from Monday 25th January 2010

Also SITA have agreed clear all side waste i.e. extra black bags left by the side of the wheelie bin, on the black and green bin collections rounds that will have been delayed

In case you can't remember what is our 'normal' collection, here is the list from the South Glos Website.

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
Green Bin, Box & Bag	Tuesday	26/1/2010
Black Bin	Tuesday	2/2/2010
Green Bin, Box & Bag	Tuesday	9/2/2010
Black Bin	Tuesday	16/2/2010
Green Bin, Box & Bag	Tuesday	23/2/2010



MIND & BODY MATTERS

PILATES: Monday: Didmarton Village Hall 7.30 - 8.30pm

Tuesday: Westonbirt Sports Centre 6 - 7pm

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What a start to 2010, snow, snow and more snow with yet more forecast. Lets hope that it finishes soon, and that we don't have to cancel too many more journeys.

Apologies to anyone who turned up for the January HVT open meeting to find it had been cancelled.

Due to various difficulties, including the weather, we had to postpone the meeting and it wasn't possible to reach everyone with this news.

It is now our intention to hold it at the end of March or beginning of April. We will make sure all passengers receive an invitation giving details of the venue, date and time, so look out for this in March.

Thank you for all those who kindly sent Christmas cards and donations to HVT, and a special thank you to the Lent Lunch ladies for their splendid contribution to our funds.

Alan Shewry



WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

INVITATION TO PUBLIC EVENTS AT WESTONBIRT SCHOOL (February 2010)

At the time of writing (late January), more snow is forecast – but for the staff and pupils of Westonbirt School, it will be business as usual, whatever the weather. We opened up our boarding facilities to local day girls enabling them to complete their important January examination schedule without a hitch, thanks to careful management by Examinations Officer Mrs Briony Holland (pictured). Mrs Holland also became a temporary boarder herself to ensure the girls' studies would not suffer. At Westonbirt, all day girls may stay overnight one night a week free of charge and for optional extra nights on request, making it the ideal choice (and an economical one too) for parents who want their children to enjoy all the benefits of a full boarding school without having to send them further afield. Of course, Westonbirt is not only a school but also a venue for select public events which all are welcome to attend, such as those listed here:

IMPERIAL WINDS CONCERT (27 February)

There will be a rare opportunity to hear London-based musicians in concert at Westonbirt School this month, when the highly acclaimed university wind band Imperial Winds gives a recital on Saturday 27th February at 7.30pm. They will play a wide programme of well-known pieces and a very high standard of performance is guaranteed. Please do come along to support this young talent. Tickets are now available from 01666 880333 (office hours) at £5 for adults, £3 for under 18s, and will also be on sale on the door at £6 and £4 respectively.

LITERARY LECTURE (12 March)

On Friday 12th March the internationally renowned academic Dr Gerri Kimber, who chose Westonbirt for her own daughter, will speak on the ground-breaking early 20th century short story writer Katherine Mansfield and her relationship with the Bloomsbury Group. Dr Kimber is Chair of the Katherine Mansfield Society, of which best-selling children's novelist Dame Jacqueline Wilson is patron. Admission to Dr Kimber's lecture is free of charge and there is an optional post-lecture supper, bookable only in advance, at a cost of £15 per head. To book supper tickets, please call Eileen Galbraith on 01666 880333 during office hours.

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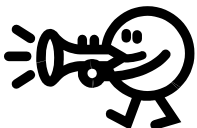
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03-Feb-10	Wednesday	20:45	An Education	12A	100
04-Feb-10	Thursday	14:00	Me and Orson Wells	12A	114
04-Feb-10	Thursday	19:45	Harry Brown	18	103
05-Feb-10	Friday	19:45	Me and Orson Wells	12A	114
06-Feb-10	Saturday	15:30	Avatar-3D	12A	166
06-Feb-10	Saturday	19:45	Nowhere Boy	15	97
07-Feb-10	Sunday	14:00	Where the Wild Things Are	PG	101
07-Feb-10	Sunday	19:45	Glorious 39	15	125
09-Feb-10	Tuesday	19:45	Me and Orson Wells	12A	114
10-Feb-10	Wednesday	20:45	Nowhere Boy	15	97
11-Feb-10	Thursday	14:00	TBC		
11-Feb-10	Thursday	19:45	Harry Brown	18	103
12-Feb-10	Friday	19:45	TBC		
13-Feb-10	Saturday	16:30	TBC		
13-Feb-10	Saturday	19:45	TBC		
14-Feb-10	Sunday	14:00	TBC		
14-Feb-10	Sunday	19:45	Me and Orson Wells	12A	114

Nowhere Boy (Sam Taylor Wood, 2009) - Liverpool, 1955: the teenage John Lennon (Aaron Johnson) finds his loyalties divided between his restrictive guardian, Aunt Mimi (Kristin Scott Thomas) and his liberated biological mother, Julia (Anne-Marie Duff) and finds escape in rebellion and his growing passion for music. Biopic covering Lennon's early life, pre-Beatles.
"We are glimpsing a major talent in waiting" Empire

An Education (Lone Scherfig, 2009) - 1960's London: 16-year old Jenny (Carey Mulligan) is pretty, naturally talented and hard working and her father is intent on grooming her for Oxford. But her life is turned upside down when she is introduced to the glamorous and sophisticated world of David (Peter Sarsgaard), a man more than twice her age. Romance soon blossoms but, as Jenny learns more about David, she begins to question whether this new exciting life really is better than the one she is leaving behind.

"Deserves all the prizes it will undoubtedly win" Times

Avatar (James Cameron, 2009) - Inhabiting the body of an alien 'avatar', disabled ex-soldier Jake (Sam Worthington) has to question his loyalties when he finds himself in the middle of a battle between the native people of the planet Pandora and the humans who want to exploit its resources. 10 years in the making, this epic fantasy adventure from the director of Titanic uses groundbreaking technology to take 3D filmmaking to a whole new level.

"A huge Wow!" Telegraph

Where The Wild Things Are (Spike Jonze, 2009) Feeling rejected and alone, Max escapes to an island inhabited by monsters who crown him as their king. Fantasy adventure for all the family from the book by Maurice Sendak.

"It'll make your inner child run wild" Empire

Me And Orson Welles (Richard Linklater, 2008)

New York, 1937: Student Richard Samuels (Zac Efron) obtains a part in Orson Welles' (Christian McKay) production of 'Julius Caesar' and experiences firsthand the giant ego, charisma and unpredictable mood swings of the young genius whilst romancing his assistant (Claire Danes).

"Never before have I seen a theatrical production so brilliantly re-created" Observer

Alvin And The Chipmunks 2: The Squeakquel (Betty Thomas, 2009)

The world famous singing chipmunk trio return to contend with the pressures of school, celebrity and rival female music group, 'The Chipettes'. Animated fun for all the family.

Harry Brown (Daniel Barber, 2009)

A modest, law-abiding citizen, Harry Brown (Michael Caine) is a retired marine and widower living alone on a run-down housing estate. When his best friend Leonard is killed by a gang of thugs and the police fail to make progress, Harry feels compelled to dispense justice in his own way, bringing him into conflict with DCI Frampton (Emily Mortimer). Don't miss what is likely to be Caine's last ever starring role.

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Information is correct at time of going to press. Please call for the latest information.

WHAT'S ON AT WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM...

Summer Concerts 2010

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

Keane — Friday 18th June (£32)

Simply Red — Sat 19th June (£38)

Status Quo — Saturday 17th July (£33)

James Morrison — Sun 18 July (£31)

(Tickets subject to booking fee)

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Dog Days 2010 at Westonbirt Arboretum

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

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

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

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



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

Entry Adult £7, Conc £6, Children £3.



WILDLIFE WEEK – Family Event

Monday 15 to Friday 19 February



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CHAPEL ARTS CENTRE

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Here's a selection of what's coming up at the Chapel Arts Centre over the next few weeks.

Wednesday 10 February Sarah Gillespie

Singer-songwriter Sarah Gillespie delivers a mix of urban-folk and middle-eastern blues. Emotive ballads & raucous gypsy swing incorporating pre-rock elements of blues & vaudeville. Sarah performs regularly on the London circuit @ diverse venues inc Ronnie Scots, the Borderline, the 606 Club, the Vortex, Pizza Express Dean St as well as Arts Centres, festivals and venues across England. Her dynamite band features internationally renowned Israeli-born jazz artist, Gilad Atzmon on accordion, clarinet and saxophone, Ben Bastin on double bass and Asaf Sirkis on drums. **Web tickets: £12, Door: £14.**

Friday 26 February Courtney Pine Band

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District Councillor Report

Snow & Services

By the time the February Parish Magazine is circulated, it is hoped the Rubbish Bin Collection will be back to the usual collection times. The bad weather really played havoc with the collections, with much of the work put on hold. As from the week starting 25th January, collections revert to the usual collection times. This means black bins collected week starting 1st February with green and recyclables on week starting 8th February. Let's hope we have seen the end of the snow.

The snow also put all road repairs on hold. Several rather large pot holes have appeared in the area, and many of these have been reported, and assurances have been given they will be seen to as soon as possible. The poor state of Chase Lane has been reported to Gloucestershire County Council.

Thanks must go to the Streetcare team who kept the main roads open and also managed to keep the well used salt bins topped up, and ensure Church Hill was well gritted for a local funeral.

Planning

This month, South Gloucestershire Council's Cabinet will agree the Core Strategy Development Plan for public consultation. This will outline some of the areas for future development as well as some of the areas to be protected and maintained – the Green Infrastructure. It is anticipated that the area East of Sodbury will not be included as one of the areas for development.

During the consultation last year, on the Options for the Core Strategy, opinions were sought about the growth of the villages; if they should all stay the same; if some villages would like the opportunity to grow, or if villages should have agreed criteria on which to grow. This may be the time to explore these options at a more local level and have a wider local debate about the future of the village. When the SGC consultation document is published, it could provide the opportunity to revisit and test the actions reported on in our own local Parish Plan.

M4/J18 – Park & Share Site

I was very disappointed that the bid made by myself and supported by Tormarton Parish Council to increase the size of the Car Park at the motorway junction has not got past the first hurdle, partly because of lack of co-ordination between Council departments. However I have been assured that this will be pursued later in the year.

New Badminton Road Offices, Yate

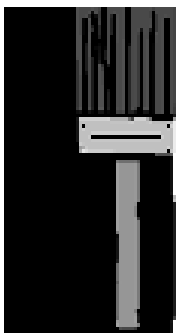
Many of you will have seen the large new Council offices being built on the outskirts of Yate. As well as newly introduced parking restrictions in the area, there is a Green Travel Plan. This is suggesting enhanced bus services in the area including to our own 686 service. Unfortunately, at the moment it doesn't include extra services from Yate to Hawkesbury Upton in the late afternoon; however I am pursuing this, as I am well aware of this gap in the service.

Southmead Hospital

Work starts on the new Southmead Hospital in the spring, with the building ready for occupation in 2014. Work has already started on investigating bus routes to the new hospital. The Health Scrutiny Committee hopes to have a report in the near future on the status of Frenchay Hospital.

Other Health Matters

There are proposed changes to where people with serious burns will be treated in the region, together with reviews on breast cancer services. There is also to be a report on the need for water fluoridation in our area. If you would like more information on any of these matters, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations to Amanda Deekes, South Gloucestershire Council's CEO who received an OBE in the New Year's Honours, for her work in formulating the West of England Partnership and achieving 4* status for the Council.

Cllr Sue Hope

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Hawkesbury Parish Council

During our meeting the following applications were discussed.

App. No.	Address	Description	PC's comments
PK09/6066/H	St Agnes, High Street Hawkesbury Upton	Application for consent by Central Networks West under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for overhead line diversion within 30m tolerance with replacement support within 110% of original support.	No Objection But the Parish Council's Preference would be to have the wire underground.
Decision received			
PK09/5766/LB	Ingleside, The Barton, Ingleside Common, Badminton	Internal and external repairs and alterations to include replacement doors and windows.	Consent.
PK09/5701/F	Hawkesbury Home Farm, Hawkesbury Upton	Erection of Potting shed	Permission

At the last meeting the Parish Council agreed to:

Streetcare

The Parish Council will be contacting streetcare to request;

- Additional salt bins within our parish
- SGC to consider gritting more of the minor roads during bad weather.
- The repair of a pot hole in Starveal Lane.

A drain has collapsed and the road is subsiding on Chase Lane by Chase Hill Farm, this is being reported to Gloucestershire council.

Some dates for your diary:

Upper Kilcott Road Closure — This road will be closed from **8th February until 5th March 2010**.

The **Big Spring Clean** weekend will be **March 27th /28th 2010**. Further details will follow in due course.

Next Parish Council Meeting

This will take place on Monday 1st February 2010 and will be held at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Contact details for Hawkesbury Parish Council via:

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CALLING ALL CHAIRPERSONS

A few of us met this week with the idea of looking at ways to prevent duplication in the busy Hawkesbury Calendar and to avoid stepping on each others toes when it comes to fund raising.

After a remarkably short meeting it was decided that we would look to set up a village calendar and a central Chairs contact list complete with both telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

If by the time you read this Martin Gardener (Cricket Club) has not contacted you we would be grateful if you could give him a call (238526) or e-mail (martin.gardener@cemex.com) with you and your clubs details. This will be a separate list to the Hawkesbury Contact List in the Parish News with the sole intention of allowing clubs to communicate with each other.

Our next and hopefully final meeting is scheduled for 8:45pm on Monday 8th February upstairs in the village hall. Obviously every Club (Chair or representative) is more than welcome.

Thanks

Howard Bradley (Tennis)

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February Sudoku

Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated:-

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EASY !!

NOT SO EASY !!

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Answers to the January quizzes:-

'Easy'

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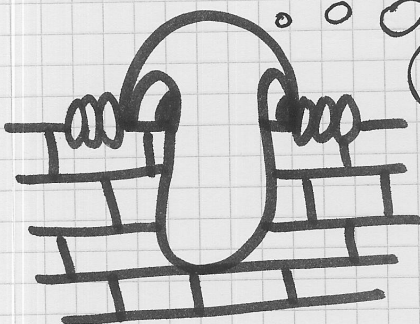
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Hawkesbury After School Club

SCHOOL DISCO

6th Feb Village Hall



WOT - JUST FOR GROWN UPS??

tickets £6 each

8pm to Late

More tickets!

Call Kim 238799 For tickets!

Hawkesbury Contact List

1st Hawkesbury Upton Guides	Louise Roberts Jane Bleaken	238628 232993	
After School Club	Louisa Tooker	238629	(term time 3.00pm – 6.00pm)
Badminton Club	Mike Hall	238560	
Bethesda Chapel	Mervyn Coates	01453 843771	
Brownies	Liz Howard	238417	
Chipping Sodbury Police Station	PC Mike Hart (voicemail)	0845 4567000 0117 945 5942	michael.hart@avonandsomersetpolice.co.uk
County Councillor	Sue Hope	238673	
Cricket Club	Martin Gardener	238526	martin.gardener@cemex.com www.HawkesburyCricketClub.com
Dancing	Debbie Nash		
Evergreens	Mandy Clarke	01454 261436	
Friends of St Mary's	Pauline Setterfield	238307	
Gardening Club	Terry Truebody	238364	www.hawkesbury-gardening-club.org.uk
Hall Booking Secretary	Terry Gardener	238331	email bookings@village-hall.org
Hawkesbury Horticultural Show	Vicky Rispin	232910	hawkesburyshow.org
Hawkesbury Hotspurs Junior Football	Alwyn Vaughan	01453 844940	avaughan@sula.co.uk
Hawkesbury Primary School	Louise Lewis (Head)	238629	hawkesburyuptonprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk
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Hawkesbury Stallions Football Club	Simon Warren	01454 238070 07800844935	
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Local History Society	Barrie Hope	238673	
Methodist Church: Schoolroom	Mrs M Coates	238479	
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Neighbourhood Watch	Chris Rispin	232910	
Parish Council	Sue Hope	238673	
Parish News	Vicky Rispin (copy) Fiona Rowe (copy) Sarah-Jayne Ainsworth (ads)	232910	vicky@the-hollies.co.uk hawkesburynews@hotmail.co.uk sj.ainsworth@talktalk.net
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Rainbows	Louise Roberts	238628	
RAOB (Bufs)	Chris Webster	238078	
Royal British Legion	Sam Allen	238417	
Senior Citizen's Fund		238775	
St Mary's Church	Mary Beresford	238508	
Tennis Club	Ella Wells	238677	
The Vicarage	Rev Christopher Mulholland	218427	www.badmintonbenefice.org.uk
Theatre Group	Jenny Harris	238411	
WI	Gill Truebody	238364	www.hawkesburyandhortonwi.org.uk
Youth Group	Kathy Harkness	238717	

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