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## Time to Reach Out for More

A few weeks ago, late at night (I struggle with sleep), I was flicking through YouTube and I started watching something that caught my attention. It was a very normal looking church service in an American university in Kentucky. My response was not normal. As I watched, something in me rose up, like a deep longing or hushed up hope, and I found myself crying.

Six days before this at Asbury University, which sits on the edge of Wilmore, Kentucky, a town half the size of Highworth, their regular hour-long Wednesday Chapel service started at 10am and, well, didn't stop. It ended up running non-stop for ten days. Ten days of worship, prayer, silence, confession, testimony, and more worship.

Now for some of you, a ten-day church service might sound like your idea of torture, but this was different. Led with zero hype, advertising or organisation, primarily led by young people, it was



pure, authentic and, dare I say, holy. Normal life stopped, and within hours crowds were descending upon this unknown university. It's estimated over 100,000 people visited the campus service over those ten days.

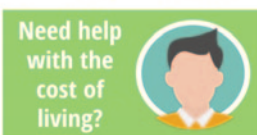
I cried because I saw a generation who have grown up in such an unstable world find stability. I cried because I saw young people who are normally caught in a whirlwind of social media, career and the ridiculous pace of society, stop. I cried

because I saw people genuinely loving and preferring one another in a generation that's all about 'me.' I cried because I saw Generation Zs finding meaning and value outside of themselves.

Today I pray that you too would be able to at least pause, find a little space, a moment to be, and remember what is of real value, and maybe even reach out for something more. I know I am already.

*Matt Ford*

*Highworth Community Church*



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## Welcome from the Editor

Didn't I tell you spring was just around the corner? And just like that – woomph! – it's here.

Spring always brings a sense of possibility. A fresh start. A clean slate. A hope for renewal. I read a quote the other day that goes like this:

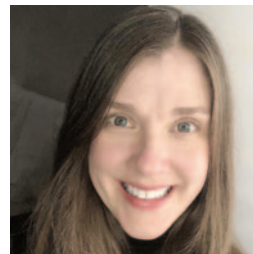
*'Become a possibilitarian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see possibilities – always see them, for they are always there.'*

Norman Vincent Peale

Here in Highworth we have an amazing band of possibilarians who work to bring a sense of togetherness and community and bring joy whatever the situation. Whether you're looking for a new friendship group, an injection of the arts, a church family, advice on finances, or want to help regenerate the natural environment, this

month's issue is full of possibilities. I've been so looking forward to May Day and the Coronation and it seems that the town is pulling out all the stops when it comes to celebrations. If you're new to the town, make sure you get all the dates in your diary as you really don't want to miss out, and if you've been here a while now you know you're in for a treat.

Will I see you there?



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## Are You Interested in Landscape Photography?

Come along to the Old Golf Course on 22 April, talk to Highworth Camera Club members, and take some photographs! We will meet at the old golf shop at 9:20am or the seventh green at 9:30am (see map) and will aim to finish by 1pm. There will be an opportunity to retreat to the Rose and Crown for lunch. The event will cost £5 to attend (not including lunch, payable on the day) and Club members can come along for free.

If you want to attend, please email us at [highworthcamclub@gmail.com](mailto:highworthcamclub@gmail.com) by 15 April. In the case of bad weather we will let you know and reschedule to 13 May.

Please bring a camera (or 'phone) and a tripod (if you have one and want to use one). There may also be a few tripods available to borrow.

We are suggesting that any pictures you are happy to share be sent to Highworth Town



Council for potential use as part of the publicity campaign on the Golf Course. Feel free to ask Club members for feedback on some of your pictures as well.

Any questions? Please email them to [highworthcamclub@gmail.com](mailto:highworthcamclub@gmail.com).

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## Cricklade Championship Cat Show

**Saturday 15 April, 12:30pm to 4pm**  
Cricklade Town Hall, High Street, Cricklade

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There really is something for everyone – not only cat-lovers!

Adults £4, concessions £2. Enquiries to Show Manager, Barbara McEwan, on 01362 562135.

## Bumps to Babies Fun Day

Bumps to Babies is a Highworth-based community group for expectant mothers in their third trimester and parents of babies from 0-9 months of age. We started with a small number of mums in 2022 in the small side hall of St. Michael's Church, but due to the popularity of the group we have moved to a bigger location.

The group runs on **Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am** during school term time only, and operates from Highworth Community Centre (Room 9). Refreshments are always available. Sessions cost £3 (payable at the start of each term) to help cover costs.

We aim to provide an environment where you are able to socialise with other expectant mothers and parents of babies (dads welcome too) and benefit from the experience of a hand-picked group of volunteers who all come from relevant child development backgrounds.

On **Sunday 30 April**, we are having a Fun Day to celebrate the success of our first year and to welcome new and expectant mums. The fun day



provides the opportunity to see what we do, meet the team, and chat to some of our alumni.

The event will run at Highworth Community Centre from 12 noon until 3pm, and the whole family is invited. Tickets cost £5 per family group (this is a donation to B2B). There will be a BBQ, soft play, arts and crafts, messy play, a raffle, and more available on the day.

If you are interested in joining the group, becoming a volunteer, or have a service that you feel would benefit this group, please check out the website <https://www.bumpstobabies.club/> or contact Jan and Keith at [ask@bumpstobabies.club](mailto:ask@bumpstobabies.club)

## Faringdon & District U3A

Faringdon and District U3A will hold their next meeting on 13 April in the Corn Exchange at 2:30pm. It will start with a short AGM and will be followed by a talk by Lynda Warren. The topic will be **Agatha Christie: her life, her books and characters, including her disappearance.**

Agatha Christie is the world's best known mystery author. Lynda will talk about her most famous characters like the retired Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, and the elderly spinster Miss Marple, an amateur detective. Everyone is welcome to attend and to enjoy the cakes after the talk. Visitors are required to pay £1.50 towards costs.

NB Please note that all attendees are required to be in good health and up-to-date with their vaccinations. If in doubt, please play it safe and stay at home.

## Highworth Historical Society

**26 April is the date for our next talk which is entitled 'The History of the Wiltshire Police Force'.**

Wiltshire was the first county force to be formed, beating Gloucestershire by less than a week. Our speaker will be Steve Bridge who is a retired Inspector.

The early police were not popular with either the ordinary folk or the gentry. Highworth suffered from having both Lord Radnor and James Crowdy JP living locally and both these men were very against the new force.

Visitors are very welcome with a £3 charge, payable at the door. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. We meet in St. Michael's Hall on the Lechlade Road.

For more information about the talk or the Society contact Chris on 01793 764811, or visit our website at [highworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://highworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk).

## How to Save Money and the Planet at the Same Time

Highworth's CAP Life Skills Group is held at The Bridge Centre, Sheep Street. You are invited to try out these top tips and come along to their free group sessions on how to save money and live well.

Life Skills Manager, Eoli Pieri, says, 'With food prices soaring during the cost of living crisis, reducing our food waste is going to be good, both for our planet and our wallets. We've put together some of our top tips for saving money on your weekly shop.'

### Make a plan

A lot of food waste comes from buying food without considering when and how we'll use it. Planning in advance what you're going to cook can ensure you only buy the ingredients you need. Why not have a look at our low cost recipes at [www.capuk.org/recipes](http://www.capuk.org/recipes) for some inspiration?

### Make a list

Once you've planned your meals for the week, write down everything you need on a list.

### Don't shop when hungry!

We've all been there. There's nothing in the house and you're hungry. You pop to the shops to stock up, and somehow end up buying far more snacks than you planned.

### Understand the retail techniques that get you to buy more

Most shops have special offers, but not every special offer will save you money. Have you noticed that staple items like bread and milk are



often at the back of the shop, meaning you'll walk past aisles of other products on the way? However, there are some great savings that can be made by signing up for a loyalty programme, for example.

### Get clever with leftovers

Even with the best planning in the world, you'll sometimes have leftover food. Before you throw it away why not see if you can still use it? Uneaten, overripe bananas are still perfect for mashing up to make banana bread or banana pancakes.

You can find more helpful ideas like this at our Life Skills groups which are all about making small healthy changes to live well on a careful budget. Our CAP Life Skills course is free and will run again at The Bridge Centre on **Tuesdays starting 18 April from 1pm to 2:30pm for eight weeks.**

To find out more or register, contact Eoli Pieri on [eolipieri@capuk.org](mailto:eolipieri@capuk.org) or 07753 627049.

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## Ask AMS

### Do I need to pay tax on rental income?

If you have net rental income on which you'll have tax to pay, (rent minus expenses) then you must register for a Self- Assessment tax return and keep a record of your rental income and 'allowable' expenses (you can find out what they are here [www.gov.uk/renting-out-a-property/paying-tax](http://www.gov.uk/renting-out-a-property/paying-tax)).

If the rent is lower than the personal allowance of £12,570 -2022/23 (and you have no other income), you will not pay income tax. But if the gross rental income exceeds £10,000, or the net rental income exceeds £2,500, then HMRC will still require a tax return.

If you make a loss on the rental, it is still a good idea to complete a Tax Return so that you can record the loss, carry it forward, and maybe reduce your tax in a later year.

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Do you regularly 'Collapse/Submit' and give way to a partners choice or decision? Or are you in the state of 'Attach/Cry for help' clinging to the relationship, but desperate to be rescued. Is this you?

Love and relationships shouldn't cause you pain or distress in any way!

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## 1st Highworth Scouts Scarecrow Trail

The Annual 1st Highworth Scouts Easter Scarecrow Trail will be running from Saturday 1 April to Sunday 16 April. The theme for this year's scarecrow trail is 'A Moment in Time', recreating a historic event.

Scarecrow Trail sheets can be purchased for £2.50 from 25 March from Allen and Harris, The Lighthouse Bookshop, Visit Highworth, and The Saracens Head.

Please return your completed Trail sheets to Allen and Harris by the 20 April for a chance to win a prize, remembering to include your vote for your favourite scarecrow.

Many thanks to everyone who has provided a scarecrow to make the Easter Scarecrow Trail possible. The Scarecrow Trail is organised by 1st Highworth Scouts with all funds raised going to support the beavers, cubs and scouts of Highworth.

## Cameras at the Camera Club!

The focus of February's Highworth Camera Club meeting was to learn more about our cameras.

We split into different groups dependent on camera make, and the less experienced members were able to discuss camera functions and menus etc. with more experienced members. I suspect by the end of the evening everyone had learned something, however. This was very much along the 'Inform' line of the club's mission statement of 'Inform and Inspire'. Several non-members attended, which is always great to see, and hopefully some will decide to join. Everyone is welcome to two club meetings before they need to decide if they want to join.

If you are interested in photography new members are always welcome. We meet at Highworth Community Centre in The Dormers on the **second Tuesday of each month**, starting at 7:30pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

To advertise in The Highworth Link contact [deb.hodgson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:deb.hodgson@tiscali.co.uk) or visit [www.highworthlink.co.uk](http://www.highworthlink.co.uk)

## Annual Scout Quiz

There are still places available to enter the Highworth Scouts Quiz which will take place on **Friday 14 April** at the Scout Hut. A team of four costs £24. To enter please contact [david.roblin@highworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:david.roblin@highworthscouts.org.uk), and if you would like to donate a prize to the raffle please contact David at the same email address.



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Fourteen years ago, Drs Rosa and Ian Matheson went to Nepal to deliver medical clinics to remote, poor 'hill villages'. They came back having adopted an orphanage of 23 children living in dreadful conditions in Kathmandu and since then they, and the people of Highworth, have been supporting ALL their needs: food; home; education; training; medical problems (of which there have been many), and activities nurturing the heart and soul. We turned an orphanage into a home. Undoubtedly without the support of the people of Highworth, all this would not have been possible.

Numerous fundraising events have been organised over the years, from our first jumble sale in the Market Square, to annual cream teas, cheese and wine evenings, and a table top sale in the Council Rooms. We have also held numerous musical events such as Jazz in the Church, Live at the Chapel, and now Music on the Hill, all organised by Colin and Helen Curtis.

Numerous cakes, talks, musical and poetry performances, collections, dinners, and jars of jams and marmalade have helped to support the project.



We've received amazing support from community groups including the Rotary and Lions' Clubs, the WI, and Scouts. An appreciative special thanks goes to Malcolm and Sue of the Lighthouse Bookshop for selling tickets for all the different events, and a warm thanks to our Highworth LINK Magazine which has been a constant friend and supporter.

One boy is a trained electrician, one a carpenter. Another is now working in IT, as well as running his own little business creating CVs and reports. One girl is married with her own little one and has a lovely home of her own. One boy is training as a repair technician for computers/mobiles. Three girls are studying to be nurses. Two are at college, one studying law, the other art and graphic design. Another boy wants to be a chef.

Big thanks, Highworth. You are all truly appreciated. Feel good. Feel proud. You have done an amazing job. Let's have more fun together.

*Particular thanks: Anne and Mike Fisher; St Michael's Church; Highworth Methodist Church; Highworth Town Council; Bryan Elkington of the URC; Colin and Helen Curtis; Wendy Smith; Anya Shortland; Denise and Peter Arnell, and Terry Williams.*



### Hedgehog Tip

Hedgehog Friendly Highworth would ask everyone to consider downloading the 'Hedgehog Street' app. It has lots of tips, advice and pictures to help protect our prickly friends. Please remember hedgehogs make nests from deciduous leaves. They need fresh water and piles of logs in a corner. How about making a 13cm hole in your fence to allow them to move freely?

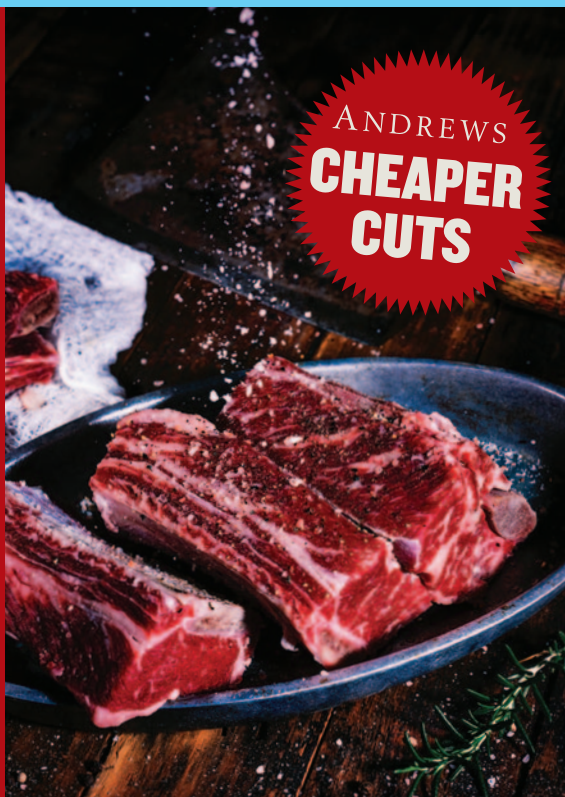
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**Sunday:** Food Fairies for Street Dogs & Cats – Fun Dog Show – Alvescot Ukulele Players

**Monday:** Food Fairies for Street Dogs & Cats – Fun Dog Show – Highworth Silver Band

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## Upper Thames & Ridgeway National Trust Association

This is a local group which supports the work of the National Trust with members covering the Upper Thames and Ridgeway area.

14 April 2:30pm, The Highworth Community Centre, SN6 7PQ

'Managing Our Heritage' – Richard Watson is the Countryside Manager for the area and is an experienced manager, consultant and leader in environment and heritage sectors and is passionate about encouraging people to engage with their local environment.

Visitors are always welcome.

The UTRNTA holds a series of winter talks with outings and a holiday (Derbyshire) in the summer. All National Trust members are welcome to join the group. For more information please contact Gillian Miller (membership secretary) at [millerwrde@icloud.com](mailto:millerwrde@icloud.com).

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## Michael 'Mike' Quick: 1934 – 2022



**Mike Quick, who passed away on 20 November 2022, will be remembered by many for his involvement with several organisations in Highworth: As a founder member of the Rambling Club; a member of the Highworth Historical Society (later becoming Chairman); a Scout leader; a member of the Camera Club, and the Wine and Beer Circle.**

He was born and raised in Bath and, after leaving school, took on a variety

of jobs as a postman, a cabinet maker, and later at the Admiralty with Customs and Excise.

Mike met and married Rosemary and the couple lived in a flat in Bath before moving to another house in the town. Later, Steven was born in 1959, and David in 1962.

In December 1972, with the introduction of VAT, Mike became a VAT Inspector and the family moved

to Crane Furlong in Highworth where the couple stayed for the rest of their lives.

He was a man of varied interests with many talents. He continued to use his skills, learned from his apprenticeship, by enjoying woodturning and he and Rosemary were a team providing wedding cakes. In retirement, they made use of their bus passes travelling around Wiltshire, particularly enjoying trips to Avebury and Devizes, and their favourite place was Bibury.

Sadly, Rosemary passed away in 2013.

Mike adored his family and was delighted by the arrival of his four grandchildren, and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.



Here is what Richard Morris, from The Bridge Centre, had to say; 'I was sad to hear of Mike's passing recently. For some years he came along to a small group I organised in The Bridge. He was always cheerful and had a great sense of humour, and I'll always remember him as a true gentleman and a lovely person to be around.'

*Mair Huband*

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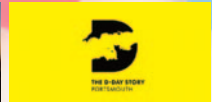
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## The White Horse Folk Club (WHFC)

We are a local folk club of enthusiastic singers and musicians who currently meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road, Highworth. Musicians and non-performers are always welcome.

The club has existed since 1974 when Mervyn Penny and some friends required a Highworth venue in which to practise. The White Horse Inn in Lechlade Road was chosen and the club operated as a singaround. It has moved from venue to venue over many years and has only recently moved to the current place.

I have only been attending the club regularly since June last year but was made to feel welcome and enjoyed the atmosphere. It was nice to start playing again in front of an appreciative audience. My partner and I both play ukuleles and we sing a variety of folk and pop songs. A friend visited the club last time and said, 'I thoroughly enjoyed that. I was impressed by the range of local talent.'

A fee of £2 is requested on the night to cover the

use of the hall. The MC for the night will generate a list of performers and each performer will do one or two songs. This runs from 7:30pm until all have performed. After a short break, the performers sing another song if they so desire. The music/songs vary in type and are not just folk. (The piano that is on the stage is an instrument we would like to see being used more often.) There is no amplification, and therefore no microphones, and it is all done in a supportive and respectful way. If you don't want to perform, you can just come along and listen to this great showcase for a wide variety of local musical talent.

Remember to bring your own drinks as there are no kitchen or bar facilities.

If you want to find out more please contact:

Derrick and Chris Beer (organisers) at [canddbeer@gmail.com](mailto:canddbeer@gmail.com), or Geoff and Maria Davies (treasurers) at [whfczoom@gmail.com](mailto:whfczoom@gmail.com)

*Charlie Foster*

[www.whitehorsefolkclub.co.uk](http://www.whitehorsefolkclub.co.uk)

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## Visit Highworth Activities

There are so many lovely activities coming up this spring at Visit Highworth. Pop in and book your place.

### Wildlife Walks

Now that spring is here, book your Wildlife Walk with photographer Neil George to spot and photograph local wildlife.

### Town Tours

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### Spring Craft Fair

Come on **Saturday 1 April, 10am to 4pm**, when Visit Highworth will be holding its Spring Craft Fair in St. Michael's Church. We look forward to greeting you.

### Ceramics Evening Workshop

**Tuesday 18 April** is our Ooh Lovely Ceramics evening workshop, making pinch pots.

### May Day

**Saturday 29 April** is May Day and we will have a FREE children's crown making workshop in time for the Coronation Celebrations. Drop in throughout the day.

### Art and Prosecco evenings

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These evenings have proved extremely popular, and our next event will be on **21 June**. Pop in to Visit Highworth to book to avoid disappointment.

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## Big Birthday for Forget Me Not



### Funds raised for Leukaemia Research

A recent musical evening arranged by Hang Fire and The Brewery Street Buskers at St Michael's Hall raised £350 for Leukaemia UK. Thank you for your support!

Highworth's Forget Me Not Café has turned three! Even Covid couldn't hold us back and, despite a stop-start of a beginning, we've been meeting in the Community Centre since February 2022.

Thank you to all our volunteers and to Steve from the Lions Club who continues to provide transport to our cafés.

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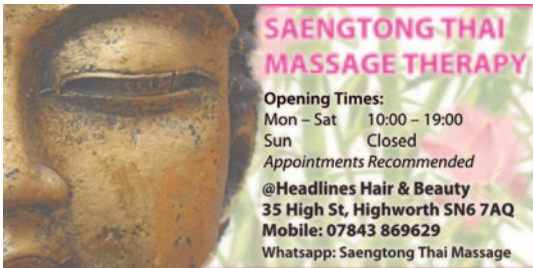
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Bangon Armitage, nickname M, has achieved massage certifications both in Thailand and UK



and has, this year, achieved her ambition to open her own business.

Those customers who have already visited M will testify to the warm welcome and great service offered, so

what are you waiting for? Alternatively, for anyone struggling to find a present for a special event then why not purchase a gift voucher and treat someone to a massage?

Opening hours are **10am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday**, and appointments should be booked in advance by calling M on 07843 869629. You can also email [saengtongthaimassage@gmail.com](mailto:saengtongthaimassage@gmail.com), or message via WhatsApp.



## Emma's Ewesful Acres

Emma set up Emma's Ewesful Acres in 2016 and rears all her lamb, hogget, mutton and beef from her own progeny. All the animals are grazed on conservation land and are 100% grass fed. Her farm is Farm Assured, it has a 5\* Food Star rating and she has won several Great Taste Awards for her meat including 2\* for her Lamb Leg and Lamb Shoulder and 1\* for her Beef Rump steak. She has also won some Great British Food awards as well.

Emma is passionate about her business and strives to produce quality meat which is competitively priced and she delivers locally for free in the Swindon area for any orders over £30. Attending the local Highworth market every first Saturday of the month, Emma also sells her meat via her website on [emmasewesfulacres.com](http://emmasewesfulacres.com). For special orders or any catering events (Emma can do BBQ's or lamb hog roasts) please either email her on [emmasewesfulacres@gmail.com](mailto:emmasewesfulacres@gmail.com) or phone her directly on 07708 649047.

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## WHO WE ARE

We are a local charity who have a passion for supporting many families within and around our local community.

We are mainly focused on those who are living with a Dementia diagnosis or other cognitive impairments which can be caused by Stroke or other similar illnesses.

At the beginning of 2020 we launched our monthly Memory Café. This February's Café we celebrated three years of our Charity! We had the most amazing cake from Helen at Dumbledart's, who always provides many of our delicious cakes each month, together with some cakes and savouries from some lovely local ladies too. We had a wonderful time celebrating and feeling so grateful for everything Highworth Forget Me Not has achieved in those three years.



### Monthly Memory Café

Every 4th Wednesday 2-4pm  
Highworth Community Centre



### Friendship Fridays

Every week 10am-12  
Highworth Town Council Community Room  
just along from the Library & Co-op



### Dementia Friendly Choir

Meeting every 2nd & 4th Friday 12:30-2pm  
starting with sandwiches & drinks  
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More recently we are also focusing on connecting people who are living alone or isolated and local people who just need to connect and form new friendships and give a reason to get out and meet up with others on a regular basis.

We have recently increased our trustee numbers to six with experience from all angles of the Dementia journey from carer to cared for. We are all very committed to supporting our attendees and will walk the journey with them and help them to live as best as they can do at each stage. We aim to bring lots of smiles across our rooms.

We now have grown to running four different groups and have just taken on our new allotment project too!



For more info contact us at: [forgetmenot.hi](http://forgetmenot.hi)



## OUR VOLUNTEERS

We really value the amazing support from the Community Centre Staff and Highworth Town Council, who highly value Highworth being known as a Dementia Friendly Town and support us in so many ways.

Our regular volunteers are amazing and we couldn't do it all without them. We are always ready to welcome new volunteers who share our passion.

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## OUR GROUPS

Our lively Monthly Memory Café provides an afternoon out for both carers and loved ones with musical entertainment as our main focus and quizzes, various table activities and in an afternoon tea style cafe setting. We have regular supportive guest speakers too. We can arrange a Lions minibus pick up too if you haven't got transport

We launched Love to Move seated exercises session in May last year which helps all of us, especially as we are getting older, to keep moving and uses cognitive stimulation inbuilt into the exercises, together with music and fun. Annamaria is our trained deliverer of the session and encourages us to join in within our individual abilities and range of movement – it is a very interactive session with lots of fun and smiles and we'd love to see you come along to join us each month.



[ghworth@gmail.com](mailto:ghworth@gmail.com) or Ruth 07970 543423

Our Friendship Fridays is a very well attended weekly group meeting for coffee, biscuits, crafts, picture bingo, friendship and chatting and our new Touch Screen Tablet funded by the Thomas Freke and Lady Norton Charity is proving to be a great benefit to all our lovely attendees. We'd love you to make it a weekly date in your calendar. With local transport pick ups with the Lions minibus on Fridays too.

February saw us launching our new Dementia Friendly Choir and it was a joy to see twenty six people come and join our launch session. Our fabulous musical directors Karen Owen & Jane Smale bring joy and familiar songs to ring out in the beautiful acoustic church setting. We'd love you to join us twice a month and enjoy a good sing! We begin with sandwiches and our launch food was provided by Rob at the Old Bakery and in March it's The Highworth, a great opportunity for all the local cafes and food pubs to support us twice a month – come and join the Rota!



## AND SUPPORTERS

The Coventry Building Society chose us as their community partners this year and are fundraising and volunteering their time too.

We are also supported by Home Instead's Community Engagement Office Cat Attewell and the Highworth Lions with their minibus and drivers, with support workers from the Alzheimer's Society and we link into the staff at the GP surgery and Memory Clinic too, as well as many other supportive organisations.

## WEAR ARE OUR NAMES



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## Highworth Artists' Society

Our Spring Exhibition is fast-approaching and Highworth Artists' Society warmly welcomes all visitors to see the work that has been produced over the winter months. As usual, there will be a varied selection of paintings and cards available for you to buy. The exhibition runs from 22 to 29 April in the Council Offices Community Room on Gilberts Lane near the Co-op, from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free – please come along and enjoy a cuppa at the same time.

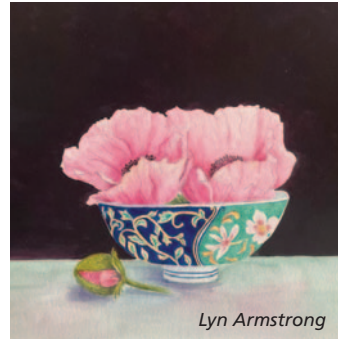
Our chosen charity this year is Gloucester House in Highworth and proceeds from refreshments will be donated to them in support of their activities.

If you are interested in joining Highworth Artists' Society please get in touch with us – the exhibition is an ideal place to do this! Alternatively, you can contact us via

highworthartistsociety@gmail.com. Some painting experience is necessary as members work independently, however everyone is supportive of new members and can give guidance if wanted. We meet on Tuesdays for a morning and/or afternoon session in the Council Community Room.



Pam Hague



Lyn Armstrong

## Highworth Community Cinema



Highworth Community Cinema is an independent voluntary organisation run by Highworth residents since 2006, which aims to bring world-class films to Highworth. We will be showing the final film for this season on 28 April. We will then be spending the summer putting together the programme for the next season which starts in September.

Friday 28 April, 7.45pm  
**Fisherman's Friends: One and All**  
 St Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road, SN6 7HQ

Picking up where the first film left off, this tale is based on the events that saw the real band perform at Glastonbury Festival alongside Beyoncé in 2011.

After the highs of performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury, the group struggle with their second album. During a divisive tour of South Australia, they will trace their ancestors, embrace a new community and discover their musical DNA.

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### Behind the Glass

*She enters on cue.  
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 Directing groups towards the final act.*

*Now behind glass,  
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John Williams





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## Lechlade Occasional Choir Concert

The Lechlade Occasional Choir will be giving a concert in the Highworth Methodist Church on Friday 28 April at 7:30pm.

The concert will include a broad spectrum of styles with hopefully something to suit all tastes. There will be an opportunity for some audience participation. Entrance will be free of charge, and the retiring collection will go towards church funds.

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Greetings from HADS!

Following on from the sell-out success of our recent murder mystery, 'Movies Can Be Murder!' we are keen to get started on our next venture and we would love to recruit some new members. Whether you're interested in appearing on stage, or you'd prefer something behind the scenes, even just helping out with 'front of house' on performance nights, please contact us via email at [hadshighworth@gmail.com](mailto:hadshighworth@gmail.com), or on our Facebook page (HADS – Highworth Amateur Dramatics), and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.



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# The Wild Escape at Kelmscott Manor



Be part of The Wild Escape, a major new national project led by Art Fund, by joining us at Kelmscott and exploring the natural environment around the Manor that so inspired William Morris. Help us bring Morris's designs back to life as the creatures inside them return to the wild!



Join artist Kay Adamson to stitch a creature inspired by William Morris's bedspread.

**Saturday 15 April – Incredible insects!**

Discover the creepy crawlies all around us and craft your own with our learning and outreach team.

**Saturday 22 April – Earth Day Celebration**

Celebrate nature with us as part of this national event!

Throughout April we will be running a series of free\* family activities where you can come along and be part of this nationwide project. This will culminate in celebrating Earth Day on the 22nd April. Inspired by the Strawberry Thief thrush, the most iconic design and creature associated with the Manor, families will be invited to make a Strawberry Thief to be part of our visitor produced art installation.

**Saturday 8 April – Bed Bugs embroidery workshop**

\*Entrance to the grounds and to take part in activities is free but a ticket is required for entrance to the house.

Visit us from April to October, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:30am to 5pm.

See our website, [www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk](http://www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk), for more information



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## Highworth and District Lions Club

We were delighted to be invited by Highworth's Town Mayor, Julie Murphy, to attend her civil church service on Sunday 19 February to recognise volunteers in Highworth, and were grateful for the opportunity to stand up alongside other fantastic local charities to talk about our charity.

On Thursday 23 February, we attended the Swindon fire station to present trauma teddies to the firefighters to give to children they come across on their callouts to car accidents and house fires; we hope the teddies can bring comfort to children at a distressing time. We would like to thank Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue for taking the time



to have us at their Swindon station for the presentation.

Our charity shop continues to be very popular. We have a constant flow of customers throughout each day so we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have been supporting our shop over the years – we are extremely grateful. Without your support with donations and purchases we would not be able to help those in need within our community.

Our donations for February were:

Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal	£1000
Prospect Hospice	£200
Highworth Bumps to Babies	£250

We have some vacancies within our charity shop, so if you'd like to volunteer a few hours please get in touch for more information.

We are also looking for new members to join our club so please get in touch for more information.

*Melanie Davenport*  
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### A Nod to Bob

Before 1984, Highworth didn't have a running club. The London Marathon had only been launched three years prior and running was perceived as an eccentric pastime back then. But by pounding Highworth's pavements, Bob Wood was unwittingly paving the way for a much-celebrated and beloved township of those similarly afflicted, for his generation and the generations that followed him.

A chance conversation with fellow Highworthian Brian Legge, who he'd spotted out running, formulated the idea for a Highworth-based running club. Recruitment ensued with posters pinned around the town and an advertisement placed in the local paper. By December, the Highworth Running Club had been formed with members aplenty and



a committee. By 1986, the club had hosted its first race and the rest, as they say, is history.

Whilst the member base and committee inevitably changed throughout the decades, Bob regularly appeared on race days to help out, say hi, and recollect on the prosperity of the club. It was, therefore, with great sadness that, in December last year, the club learnt that Bob had passed away. Our thoughts, of course, remain with his family, but his legacy can be seen in the town every Wednesday evening as discipulus enthusiasts pound the very same roads and pavements as Bob all those years ago.

Thank you Bob for starting us all off.

[www.highworthrunningclub.co.uk](http://www.highworthrunningclub.co.uk)  
Jason Daniels

### Highworth Phoenix Diving Club

Six Highworth divers won a total of four medals in Southampton on 12 February. They found themselves competing against divers from much bigger clubs from Southampton and as far afield as Southend and Aberdare.

As always, the young divers were a credit to the club, and for one it was their very first taste of competition. For young coach Alice, it was also her first step into judging. Several of the younger divers are now training hard for their next event which is the South East Skills competition in Crawley in May. This is a qualifier for the National Skills Final in Leeds in July.

Our older divers, aged 16 and over, are looking forward to the National Masters competition in Southend this month.

We are always looking for new members, so if you'd like to join us, young or old (our oldest is 80) then give us a try. We meet on **Monday evenings from 7:15pm** at Highworth Rec.

Irene Aldridge  
Lead Coach



## Highworth Town Football Club

HTFC continues to fight against relegation as the season entered its last third in March.

With 13 games to go, nine of which are at home and fixtures against all the teams around them, all is not yet lost. Support is always welcome, as are new members. Please follow our social media sites for details.

[www.highworthtownfc.com](http://www.highworthtownfc.com)  
Derek Lloyd

## Swindon Croquet Club

The grand reopening of Swindon Croquet Club's lawns is on Saturday 1 April when members will be keen to start competing again, both socially and competitively. 'Bring a Friend Day' is on Sunday 2 April when members will introduce their friends to this intriguing game.

Anyone is welcome to come along on this day and give croquet a try; members are very friendly and are always enthusiastic with regards to explaining the game and demonstrating how to use the mallet. All equipment is provided, tuition is free, and refreshments will be served! If you're interested, more information can be found on our website or just turn up on 2 April from 1pm. You can find us at Cheney Manor Industrial Estate, Swindon.

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Snow drops and bunny hops

## Swindon and District Motorcycle Club

With the floods cancelling January's Klindt Trials, the Brian Freegard Trials brought bikes back to Bydemill Brook for the first time this year in February. In only four weeks, the astonishingly high water levels had abated and the old Hannington Station took on its more familiar appearance allowing 47 entrants to test themselves once more over ten tricky sections.

With a variety of ages and abilities balancing their bikes over, under, and around obstacles, each face wore a mask of concentration as challenges were tackled belying the fun being had within. On Section 8, I watched a very experienced trials rider upturn his motorbike exiting the brook and part the water with his backside before emerging like the monster from the deep and waggishly asking the official, 'Am I still on for three [penalty points]?' To a rapturous applause from onlookers the answer from the official was a playful, 'No, you're not.' On chatting to a mother whose children were making their competitive debut, she commented on how at ease the club had made her children feel and how it didn't really matter if they opted out of a particular section; it was all about enjoying the day. The day did, of course, end with recognition for those incurring the least penalty points in each category, all of which can be found in the results hosted on the club's website. If anyone is interested in taking a Sunday morning walk and a peek at the skills on show, the bikes are scheduled to be back in Hannington in July and October.

[www.sdmcc.org.uk](http://www.sdmcc.org.uk)  
Jason Daniels



## Wrag Barn Golf Club

Ian Ridsdale, Director of Golf at Wrag Barn Golf Club, has much to celebrate after winning the 'Most Improved Partner of the Year' award at the prestigious TGI Golf Partnership annual awards. The ceremony, staged at the Double Tree by Hilton, Harrogate, was attended by PGA Professionals from across the UK and Ireland as well as leading figures from the golf industry.



*Ian Ridsdale*

Ian saw off the challenge from more than 474 other PGA Professionals to scoop the award which was decided by a panel of experts from the TGI Golf Partnership, golf's leading retail services group. 'I am completely honoured and humbled to win this

award,' said Ian. 'It has been a rollercoaster couple of years in the golf industry and we have all had to adapt our businesses and the way our businesses work, probably for the better.'

The TGI Golf Partnership has been instrumental over the last 14 years in advising me on how to improve my business. I would especially like to thank the TGI Partnership team and my Pro Shop team who are always working hard to further the success of the business.' The awards are decided by a panel of experienced judges, who said, 'Ian has worked incredibly hard over the last 12 months to enhance the presentation of his shop, from the layout and signage to pricing, point of sale and traffic flows – he has really upped his game.'

His marketing has moved up a level too with high engagement with his members through his email marketing and social media presence. According to his Retail Consultant, he has connected all the dots of his business to ensure an outstanding 2022 and a brighter future.'

*Matthew Millard*  
TGI Golf Director of Communications  
[www.tgigolf.com](http://www.tgigolf.com)

## Supermarine Rugby Club

The Supermarine men's rugby team sprang into the new year with two confident victories over Cricklade and league leaders, Chippenham Thirds.

A score line of 83-10 in a 13 try crushing of the local rivals saw them start 2023 with a bang in a contest they dominated with the [Super] Marine backs dictating the full 80 minutes – number 10, Brad Reeves, in particular. In a much more tightly contested game against the Chippenham Thirds, Marine started the faster, taking a 20-0 lead at half time. However, Chippenham looked dangerous in the second half and looked to mount a comeback with two quick tries, though Marine held on to the ball well and put the game to bed with a couple of tries leaving them with a 32-15 victory. At the end of February, Supermarine sat top of the table and put themselves in a great position to push on in the league.

If you're a lady and are into rugby, Supermarine Ladies are recruiting! They welcome all abilities and ages to join them. For more information, please contact them via email.

*Image courtesy of Facebook  
[supermarinegirlsrugby@gmail.com](mailto:supermarinegirlsrugby@gmail.com)  
Josh Fisher*



*Rugby jubbly*

## Shrivenham Park Golf Club

April is here and it's the start of a new year at Shrivenham. Memberships are due now and the new captains for the ladies' and the men's sections have begun their year. There are many competitions for all. We are always hoping new ladies will come and join our ladies' section, which is currently very small. Helping you start to learn and play a new game is never a problem so don't be shy! Call in at the club and meet us any Thursday for ladies' day.

Please look at our website to read about mixed, senior and junior opens that are being played – hopefully you will be keen to join in. There are numerous good deals available throughout the week with food and refreshments as well. We welcome everyone. You do not have to be a golfer to come and enjoy the ever-changing beautiful scenery or to enjoy the hospitality.

Is there a greenkeeper out there in need of a job? We have a vacancy. Please contact the club on 01793 783853 and ask for details. We have a

junior section and junior coaching – all children are welcome. Contact Carole, our junior organiser, by text on 07774 348614 and she will be delighted to provide you with details.

Finally, Parkies Pals are holding their meeting on **3 April** and having a guest speaker with slides showing the nature reserve, an SSI site, which adjoins the golf course. This meeting is at the usual time of **10am until 12 noon**. There will also be the annual Shrivenham social putting meeting, plus Parkies Pals and a splendid tea, on **Friday 14 April 2pm to 4pm** – this takes place during National Parkinson's Week. Please come and join us. The cost for putting and tea will be £3.

Carole Lee



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## Highworth Soap Business Opens First High Street Shop



Cabin & Cowshed Soap Co opened the doors to its first retail shop at the beginning of March. Located down a quaint passageway in between the Highworth Hardware shop and The Old Bakery, you will find a range of

handmade soap and bath products every Friday and Saturday, 10am to 4pm. The shop also contains a selection of giftable items made by other small indie businesses.

'When I first started making soap, I never intended on selling it; it was just a lockdown hobby that I enjoyed and which allowed me to learn new skills. I created an Instagram account to share photos of my creations and track my progress and, within a month, I had gained 500 followers and had people asking to purchase my soap bars. I launched my website in September 2020 and have successfully traded at a number of events and markets. Over time, I have dreamed of opening my first retail shop and when I saw the unit I knew it was the one,' said Jess. 'I hope I have created a warm and inviting space where people can come and browse for themselves as well as for gifting to loved ones. The building has some gorgeous quirky features and there is even a room for my workshop where I can create all my products moving forward.'

Cabin & Cowshed Soap Co aims to provide bath products which not only smell incredible but are made using skin-loving ingredients. All products are handmade entirely from scratch and have

been carefully formulated to include base oils, butters, essential oil blends and a variety of clays, herbs, teas, spices and botanical infusions. They contain no detergents, synthetic fragrances, or artificial colours.

'I am so excited to join the Highworth High Street community and can't wait to bring something unique to the

town. I'll be stocking a selection of handmade products from other small businesses which I haven't seen in any shops nearby – I don't think there is any other shop in the surrounding area like this,' said Jess. 'The people of Highworth have always been incredibly supportive of my business over the years by ordering online and visiting me at my markets and I look forward to catching up with regular customers as well as hopefully meeting lots of new faces.'



*Jess Falding, Founder*

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## Shrivenham

### Shrivenham & District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club is running a coach trip to the Malvern Spring Show on **Sunday 14 May**. There are still some places on the coach, so if you are interested in coming with us please email shrivenhamdgc@gmail.com.

Just a reminder that on **Saturday 13 May** we will be holding our usual Annual Plant Sale outside the Memorial Hall from 9am.

## South Marston

### South Marston Gardening Club

**Monday 3 April**

Speaker: Lynda Warren, 'A Spoonful of Herbs'.

Following a quick introduction on the history and geography of herbs, Lynda will explore why we should all be growing our own and how a beginner can get started with little cost and effort. From tools to sowing and planting out, she'll cover herbs in general with a more detailed look at four specific varieties. The second part of the talk covers harvesting and preserving,

including drying and freezing herbs, as well as how to make herb oils, vinegars, and butters, with some samples for the audience to try for themselves. Lynda will bring handouts including a schedule for work to do throughout the year.

**Monday 8 May**

Speakers: Pete and Bob Biggs, 'Early Summer Colour'.

Pete and Bob are local and from Wanborough. This father and son team run Wanborough Herb Nurseries and are experts at growing herbs. They have visited us a few times and talked about various themes. They will bring with them lots of flowering plants and all the plants will be on sale at the end of the evening.

All our events are held in South Marston Village Hall from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, unless otherwise stated. Parking is available on Old Vicarage Lane, next to the school.

£3 entry fee on the door or join the Gardening Club for £12 (annual membership). Refreshments included, Optional raffle. A warm welcome awaits you.

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**Highworth Spring Craft Fair**

Featuring Local independent Artists and Makers showcasing original handmade Arts & Crafts.

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Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023  
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St Michaels Church,  
Highworth  
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# YOUNG JOURNALISTS

## Easter Interview

My sister Blythe (who is five years old) loves Easter so much that I thought that I would interview her and ask her some questions about Easter and why she loves it!



**What is your favourite thing about Easter?**

I really like it when we find the Easter eggs.

**Why do you like eating chocolate eggs?**

Because they are so nice and I like how they melt in my mouth, very chocolatey.

**What happens at Easter in your house?**

I play games and I have lots of fun with my sister looking for Easter eggs, we like it when the Easter bunny hides eggs and sometimes we always find them.

**Why do you think Easter is the best?**

Because we love looking for Easter eggs and I like to do fun things with my mummy and daddy, playing games with my family.

**Thank you for letting me interview you, Blythe.**

**Happy Easter Highworth!**

*Constance Davenport*

## Spring Word Search

*from Sophie Nolan*

I hope you have some fun completing my word search this month!

How many words can you find?

APRIL	EASTER	FOOL
LENT	LAMB	JOKE
EGG	CHICK	SPRING
DAFFODIL	CHOCOLATE	TULIP
PALM SUNDAY	HIGHWORTH LINK	
BLOOM	BUNNY	

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Looking for new interests, new faces and great company during the day

Guest Speakers Luncheon Club

**Come to Highworth Afternoon WI**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month @ 2.15pm

The Town Council Community room

Refreshments Celebrations Outings

**EASTER ACTIVITIES**

Easter Saturday drop in and egg hunt  
- 8th April 10am to 12pm

The Three @Easter - a family event to explore the Easter story through craft, songs and prayers. 16 April 3pm

Children to be accompanied by an adult.

St Michael's Church Highworth

# HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Due to the Council elections in April the Mayor's article will follow after the elections



**Highworth Celebrates  
The King's Coronation**  
Saturday 6th May 10am to 4pm  
The Recreation Ground

The King's Coronation displayed live

- Falconry Display
- Ferret Racing
- Petting Farm
- Dancers
- Inflatable Assault Course
- Inflatable Dinosaur 3D Castle with slide
- Air Cadets Simulator
- Food Vendors (BBQ/Jacket Potatoes/Cakes/Sweets)
- Licensed Bar
- Fun Fair
- Face Painting and more....

We hope you can join us in celebrating this historic occasion, check our website & social media pages for more details nearer the date



**Highworth May Day**  
Saturday April 29th 2023  
10am to 4pm  
The High Street, Highworth

We invite you to join us for a day full of fun

- Food Vendors
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- Music Bands
- Face Painting
- Dancers
- Punch & Judy
- Animals
- May Pole Dancing

Competition: "Best Dressed King/Queen"  
Look out for more information nearer the date on our website & social media pages

## Would you like to promote your Club or Charity etc?

If you are a Charity, Craft Club, Sports Club or Support Group etc, did you know our Podium area is available free of charge every Saturday at the Highworth Market?



If you would like to book the Podium, then get in touch with us and we can book you in!



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Songs Prayer Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am Film clips

## St. Michael's Church

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

### Sunday Service

Every Sunday, 10:15am, held in the church and live streamed on Twitch and YouTube. [www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth](http://www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth) or on YouTube by searching 'St. Michael's Church Highworth'

### Holy Communion

First Sunday of the month, 8:45am

### The 3 (Family Service)

Third Sunday of the month, 3pm

### Easter Services

**6 April Maundy Thursday Service**  
Highworth, 7:30pm

**7 April Good Friday Services**  
Highworth, 10.30am  
Blunsdon, 2pm

**9 April Easter Day Holy Communion Services**  
Sevenhampton, 9am  
Blunsdon, 10am  
Highworth, 10:15am  
Hannington, 10:30am

Please see our website for more details of what's on, including Midweek Church, Tuesday Meet Greet Eat, and our Monday Toddler Group. [www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk)

As a family church of many generations, we come together on the first Saturday of each month from

10am to share time like any family. We offer a variety of activities you can join, whether it's chilling out together over coffee and the morning newspapers, crafts, challenging others to board games, or tucking into a bacon butty or pastries. All are welcome.

### Saturday Morning at St Michael's

*For April only*, Saturday Morning has moved to Saturday 8 April and will celebrate Easter. Everyone welcome.

### Saturday Coffee Morning

*For April only*, we will hold the coffee morning on 1 April Saturday morning drop-in has moved to 8 April. Usual Saturday coffee morning for the remainder of April, 10am until 12 noon in the Church Room. All welcome.

### We remember those who love and miss

Christine Sutton  
Doris Cove  
Shelley Beer  
Dennis Reynolds

### Praying for the roads in the town

2 April Fitzgerald Avenue, Folly Close  
9 April Folly Crescent, Folly Drive  
16 April Folly Way, Gilberts Lane  
23 April Gilmore Court, Glebe Place  
30 April Goodson Lane, Grange Close

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## St. Leonard's Parish Church, Stanton Fitzwarren

**2 April Palm Sunday: Morning Praise, 9:30am**

**9 April EASTER SUNDAY: Holy Communion, 11am**

**16 April Team Family Service, 11am**

**23 April Holy Communion followed by APCM, 9:30am**

**30 April Team Service at St. Margaret's Stratton, 10am**

Swifts, those graceful birds that fly around the village in high summer, are in trouble! One way to help them is to provide nesting places to replace those lost in modern building and roof repairs. We plan to provide the communal nesting sites they

need with nesting boxes in the church tower. We already have funding for the materials needed and expert advice.

Is there anyone out there who has the skill and is able to volunteer to make and fit the boxes in the tower? Contact Roger Hillman at [postmaster@stantonchurch.info](mailto:postmaster@stantonchurch.info) if you can help.

The church building will be open on every Wednesday in school term time from 9am to 3pm, or phone 01793 762935 to organise for the building to be left open for you to visit safely.

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Gerry and Marcus

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Love you. Lyn, Ruth, Patrick and all of your family x

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Please send all church lighting requests to St Michael's Church Office, Vicarage Lane.

### IMPORTANT SUBMISSION UPDATE:

Please note the submission to the Church Office date is changing to ensure floodlighting requests can meet the Link deadline. We now need submissions **by the last Friday of the month, 2 months prior** as any submissions must be with the Link on the 1st of the previous month with no late submissions now possible. It's hard to get that in writing so please do contact the Church Office on 01793 762702 if you need clarification.

Submission date: **31st March for the May 2023 publication.**



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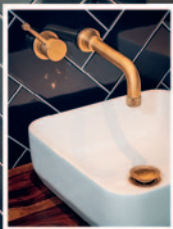
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