St. Valentine

Valentine’s Ball
Friday 22nd February 2013
8pm – 1am

Marston St Lawrence Village Hall

--- Welcome drink of fizz ---
--- Live Music ---
--- Bar ---
--- Raffle ---

Tickets £13, available from Playgroup or Sharon Froom 01295 711771
Salmon Fishing in Yemen (CERT 12A)

A comedy about fly-fishing in the desert, starring Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt

At: Marston St Lawrence Village Hall
On: Friday 8 February
Doors open 7.30pm, film starts promptly at 8pm

Tickets: £5.00 in advance from Belinda on 07956-993830 or Richard on 07765-772438; £6.00 on the door
Greatworth Golf Society

The ‘Hangover’ trophy was won by a clear margin by Alan Garrett. With the wet conditions it had to be someone used to working with water.

2013 calendar

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So make a note in your diary and remember that New Year’s resolution to enjoy yourself more, and enjoy yourselves in the company of Greatworth Golfers!

Marston St Lawrence Cricket Club

As I write this there is about 6 inches of snow outside so it must nearly be time for cricket again. But why not start off in the warm and dry? Indoor nets will run from Tuesday 19th February to Tuesday 26th March. They are at Sponne School from 8pm to 9pm and there will be a small charge to cover the cost of hiring the facilities. We have a new first team captain this year (James King) so best to get along and register your interest.

If you are new to the area and would like to play please contact the club Chairman, Mike Froom on 01295 711771

A Concert for Greatworth

Preliminary Notice - There is to be a concert here in Greatworth on Saturday 23rd March at 7 pm in the Methodist Church. The Balfour Ensemble, a quartet of musicians consisting of Rey Lear, guitarist and flautist, and Tony Swift on the keyboard plus an oboist and bassoonist will play a wide selection of well-known pieces. The price will be £6 to include refreshments. More details next month.
HS2 Update

December was a difficult month for HS2. It emerged that the West Coast Main Line, the principal line between London and Glasgow, is just 53% full during peak times, definitively discrediting arguments that there is an impending capacity shortfall on our north-south lines. It also became clear that HS2’s own forecasts show that the trains it plans to run from Leeds and Manchester to Heathrow will have just 14 passengers on them wanting to use the airport. Yes, you read that last bit right - just 14 people on a train wanting to go to Heathrow and then use the airport.

Its perhaps for these reasons that the Head of the Campaign for High Speed Rail was reported as saying that support for HS2 rested on narrow shoulders. But 2013 will be a big year for HS2. The Government will announce its plans for the second stage of the network, from the West Midlands to Leeds and Manchester later this month. It also plans to finalise later this year its decision on the compensation arrangements which will then apply for the next 20 years. Towards the end of 2013, their plans are to start the process of Parliamentary approval for HS2.

So what are our plans for 2013? To make the campaign bigger, bolder and louder.

Here’s how:
- we will step up lobbying and campaigning efforts. The core campaign messages-that HS2 is a waste of money, the wrong priority and environmentally destructive appeals to politicians of all parties. Our program of meetings, mailings and engagement to date has identified an increasing number of politicians of all parties who oppose HS2. We will be focussed on increasing that number.

- our work to fight for fair compensation for the communities impacted by HS2 will continue (more of which below)

- we will increase campaign advertising, focussing our efforts on those websites like Conservative Home, Labour List and Order-Order - which set the political agenda and are the primary information source for many in Parliament.

- we will continue our detailed research and review program to identify and highlight the inconvenient truth about HS2’s failings and work to highlight these in the press.
- we will continue to challenge the Government in the courts about HS2, if we think they have acted unlawfully.

- we will push to add more supporters to add to the thousands that joined us in 2012.

So a packed program of events for what promises to be a very important year. But we need your help too. This month you will be hearing more from us than usual because the Government is consulting until January 31 2013 on compensation.

It’s vital we get as many people as possible to respond to challenge the current proposals and also show the Government that the people still oppose HS2. Responding to the consultation couldn’t be easier – go to www.hs2aa.org you can find all the details including a prepared response form which you can post for free or send via email. Responding needn’t take more than a minute. With your help we can make 2013 a year to remember.

Best wishes
HS2 Action Alliance

PS Everything we do relies on people like you donating funds. If you haven’t done so already, please go to www.hs2aa.org/donate and download and return a standing order form today. Thanks

! New! Greatworth Painting Group

To take place in the Methodist Church Hall on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month starting on Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 10 am.

Please bring your own painting equipment, all media welcome. Come along and work on your own projects: landscape, floral, cartoon, portraits or whatever inspires you!

This group is open to all age groups and will be led by the members. All are welcome whatever the level of expertise.

Dates
Tuesday 10am
12th February
26th February
12th March
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Greatworth Gardening Group

January’s meeting was our AGM, where our new committee was proposed and elected - we welcome 3 new committee members joining our ranks! A round up of last year’s events, outings and talks, made us aware that despite it being the wettest drought (!!) we’d had a very entertaining and productive year! A huge thank-you to last year’s committee for working together to produce a varied calendar of talks and visits and some delicious refreshments after our talks.

After the formalities of electing committee roles, we turned our hand to some lighter entertainment, in the form of a quiz (many thanks to Rosemary for arranging), washed down with some wonderful mulled wine and mince pies (many thanks to Carol and Lydia). Several rounds later (not just in drinks!), our various ‘garden-themed’ teams were sorted out by a tricky picture round and the overall winners were “The Weeds” who were rewarded for their efforts with more edible delights!

Greatworth Garden Group meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Greatworth Primary School at 7.30pm and welcome new members. Next month’s meeting will be on Tuesday 12th February and we welcome Barry Smith who is head gardener at Stowe Landscape Gardens; he will talk to us about the history of Stowe Gardens and their restoration.

Visitors are always welcome (£2). We are arranging a visit to Kew Gardens in April and would like to open the invitation to the rest of the community as follows:

KEW GARDENS
trip Saturday 13th April 2013 for members and non-members
£12.70 adult entry, £11 Senior Citizens and juniors (under 16) are free.

A landbus tour available, which is a hop on/off tour for an extra £3. As well as all of the usual attractions, David Nash, one of the UK’s most productive sculptors, is exhibiting his work at Kew Gardens until Sunday 14th April.

The exhibition includes sculptures, installations, drawings and film in place throughout the Gardens, glasshouses and exhibition spaces. From April to September 2012, Nash worked at Kew on a ‘wood quarry’, creating new pieces for the exhibition using trees from the Gardens that had come to the end of their natural life.
Visit the website to have a look at the exhibition on www.kew.org/visit-kew-gardens/whats-on/david-nash/index.htm The visit will be on Saturday 13th April – we need to pay 10 days in advance to receive 15% discount as a group so payment to Greatworth Garden Group before Wednesday 3rd April please. Anyone interested please contact either Lydia Elkington on 710815 or email: lyd_elk@btinternet.com or Jenny Griffiths on 712546.

Families welcome and we are hoping to book coach and will have an idea of pricing when we know how many would like to join us.

GREATWORTH PLAYGROUP - FEBRUARY 2013

Birthdays
Happy Birthday to Holly Mills this month, we hope you have a lovely day.

♥ Valentine’s Ball ♥

DON’T FORGET YOUR TICKETS!

Marston St Lawrence Village Hall on Friday 22nd February, 8pm – 1am. Come and enjoy an evening of live music and dancing. Tickets are £13 and are available from Sharon Froom 01295 711771 or Playgroup

Marston St Lawrence Village Hall - Fundraising evening
The next fundraising event will be on Saturday 16th March featuring The Nutty 2 Tones(AKA Terry Butcher!) so all you fans of Madness, Specials etc book your tickets now for an evening of great fun and 70’s 80’s music. (Must get training......) £10 each from Richard Gale 711267. Licensed bar. More details next month.

Marston St Lawrence Coffee mornings
The coffee mornings are good social occasions and over the course of the year raise about £1200 for Village Hall Funds so if you would be interested in hosting one this year please contact Richard Gale. The dates this year are (last Saturday of month) March 30th (Yes Easter Saturday) May 25th July 27th September 28th November 30th
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1st and 3rd Tuesday of Month
January 1st - 15th
February 5th - 19th
10:00am from the square. With tea or coffee in the
Methodist School Room at Approx. 11.00am
More info from Colin Hull 01327 322337

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WHO IS PILATES SUITABLE FOR?
Pilates is suitable for men and women of all ages and abilities. Participants can be first time exercisers, those looking to enhance general fitness or enhance your current fitness plan. It is of great benefit for those wanting to help prevent injury, especially for those who suffer with lower back pain, neck problems and recurrent injuries.

BENEFITS OF PILATES
Pilates improves ‘core stability’ by concentrating on strengthening the muscles of the trunk. This increases the support of the spine, which in turn improves posture, co-ordination and balance. The body becomes strong and flexible without overdeveloping major muscle groups. Stomach muscles are flattened and arms and legs are streamlined. If any of the exercises are too difficult due to a previous injury, exercises can be adapted to suit your specific needs.

Term Time Only
Friday at Culworth Village Hall 9.30am to 10.30am

Tuesday at Middleton Cheney Hall
10.30am to 11.30am

Wednesday at Culworth Village Hall
7.30pm to 8.30pm

Everybody welcome. If you require any further details, please contact Julie Russell on 07778 673677

St Peters R&I

We had a marvellous start to New year raising £205.05p. Thank you to all concerned especially Gracie and Michelle for giving me a hand. It was a very busy morning. Thank you to Mrs Betty Hunt for baking the enjoyable ginger cakes.

Sat 9th February 10am, coffee morning will be hosted by Mrs Margaret Coppen, Bay Cottage, South close. The R&I AGM will be at ‘Upfield’ Feb 11th at 8pm.

Whist Drive will be February 27th 7.30pm at Hazel Hall, 3 Peveril Road. It is coming around to the Easter Fayre. Hopefully to be held on Saturday 23rd March 10.30am. We would like to see everyone as usual but any newcomers willing to hold a stall are welcome, contact Tina on 711552.

Thank you, Tina

Greatworth Christian Aid Group

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Floral Art
Children under 12
Greatworth past and present
Hills and mountains
Old and new
All the fun of the fair
New life
Light and shade
for the show...

and the winner will feature in the Greatworth Calendar.

for ‘A photograph of Greatworth past and present’ (taken by entrant)

We have agreed with Walter Stageman that there will be a category

sponsored an advertisement before but would like to do so this year

away!

still the treasurer of the group and

A big thank you to Janice Webb

and did the work so willingly.

who trudged from house to house

Noreen the volunteer collectors

Dorothy, Iris, Jenny, Nicky and

Thanks are due to Annette, Di,

people. This sum included

the generosity of Greatworth

response, which says much for

£754.22. A truly wondrous

The total collected in Greatworth

earned rest in July as it is the fete, so

The R&I Committee are having a well

Morning. £136 was raised. Also we

Thank you to Jenny Sarton and

The Show Committee

Greatworth Christian Aid Group

Pam Carpenter

Thanks are due to Pat Bussey

who now lives in Brackley, but is

a previous winner of the ginger

cake and the winner will feature in the Greatworth Calendar.

Happy Christmas and New Year from all the officers of the group.

A big thank you to Tina for her efforts and to all those who ran

the raffle and who purchased. £205.05p was raised.

Thank you to Eve who won the ginger cake and the winner

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WEA

The WEA is a charity which runs adult educational courses nationally. The Banbury branch runs numerous courses each year and would like Greatworth residents to be aware of them:

Place names, landscape and settlement in Banbury the Region
Fundraising event for the charity.
What do place names mean and more importantly what do they tell us about early settlement? This talk will explore these issues. The talk will provide vital funds for the charity. If you would like to donate more to the charity it will help with our vital work in the community. Refreshments will be provided at the event.
Speaker:
Deborah Hayter
Timetable:Thursday 18th April 2013.
Starts at 7.30pm – 8.50pm
Fee: £12
Location:
Hanwell Fields Community Centre, Rotary Way, Banbury, OX16 1ER

History/Art/ Calligraphy - The History of Celtic Knotwork - A practical drawing Course

Ever wanted to know about the history of Celtic knotwork and be shown how to do Celtic knotwork; then this is specialised course for you?

This Calligraphy Art Day school focuses on Celtic Knot work. We will explore the history of knotwork; the styles and the hidden meanings within knot work. The drawing workshop will examine how to draw knotwork and techniques will be demonstrated, so that you are able to make your own beautiful pieces of Celtic knotwork. The course is suitable for a range of abilities. There will be opportunity to draw your own design. The course will appeal to a wide range of people; anyone interested in Celtic History/art, people who would like to learn this art form.

Jo Murphy is a Fine Artist, Designer Maker and Art Tutor. I also run two drawing classes in Warwick. As a professional artist I have studied and produced Celtic Knotwork designs and find the history of this beautiful art-form fascinating I enjoy teaching students how to produce their own designs.
Tutor: Jo Murphy
Place: Hanwell Fields community Centre, Rotary Way, Banbury, OX16 1ER
Date: Saturday 2nd March 2013, 10am to 4pm
Fee: £ 24

Antiques & Collectables Day School
The day school will cover an overview of antiques. We will look at style, recognition from the 1750s to 1930s and 20s.
During the day we will look at furniture from C1750 to 1920s and 30s; construction and dating.
We will also explore ceramics, the various makes, dates and definitions. During the course we will look at the top 40 of collectable items.

Course Tutor: Peter Edwards  
Timetable: Sat 16th March 2013  
Time: 10am to 4pm  
Location: Hanwell Fields Community Centre  
Fee: £ 24

Family History Course in More Depth  
You will be shown how to use a variety of sources of information to trace your ancestry or genealogy. These range from home and family sources and names to Civil and Parish records, censuses, wills and probate. The course looks more closely on these sources of records. The course builds upon the Introduction course that has already run in 2012.

Philip Morris is a retired teacher. He has lectured for the WEA for over twenty years, teaching a variety of courses, including several family history courses.

Tutor: Philip Morris  
Date and Time: Thursday 23rd May 2013, 10.15 -12.15pm for 5 weeks.  
Location: The Mill Arts centre, Spiceball, Banbury  
Course fee £39.50

Spring Herb Walk in Bodicote  
A talk by local practicing medical herbalist will discuss hedgerow herbs, flowers and ‘weeds’ and their medicinal properties. There will be an opportunity to make simple remedies and a walk to discover and identify healing plants.

Rhiannon has been a practising medical herbalist in the area for over 20 years and worked in agriculture science for several years. A founder member of the Ethnomedica (Remembered Remedies) domestic medicine archiving project based at RBG Kew, she is a Fellow of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists.

Course Tutor: Rhiannon Evans  
Timetable: Sat 15th June 2013  
10am to 1pm (Approx. end time)  
Location: Church House, Bodicote  
Fee: £14  
£4 material charge per student

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The Three Villages Show

We will produce the schedule for August and if you have not sponsored an advertisement before but would like to do so this year please contact Lydia Elkington on 01295 710815.

We have agreed with Walter Stageman that there will be a category for ‘A photograph of Greatworth past and present’ (taken by entrant) and the winner will feature in the Greatworth Calendar.

A reminder of some of the new categories in this year’s show below.

- Photography
  - Signs
  - Light and shade
  - Credit crunch
  - New life
  - All the fun of the fair
- Transport
  - Old and new
  - Hills and mountains
  - Greatworth past and present
- Children under 12
- Clouds
- Floral Art
  - Arrangement in a thimble
  - Purple haze
  - Berried treasure
  - Tied posey
  - Dining table arrangement with a candle
  - Arrangement in a recycled container
- Men only
  - A scarecrow/bird scarer

The Show Committee

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3rd 10.30am Rev. J. Jackson, United Covenant Service
10th 10.30am Mr. W. Lishman
17th 10.30am At Marlborough Road
24th 10.30am Pastor B. Lawless

March
3rd 10.30am Rev. R. Anning
ST. PETER’S & ST. LAWRENCE

3rd – Presentation of Christ
10:45 Sung Eucharist
Marston St.Lawrence

10th – Sunday before Lent
09:30 All Age Worship
Marston St Lawrence

Wednesday 13th – Ash Wednesday
7.30pm Holy Comm + Imp Ashes
Marston St Lawrence

17th – Lent 1
10:45 Sung Eucharist
Thenford
10:45 Mattins, Greatworth

24th – Lent 2
10:45 Sung Eucharist, Greatworth

March
3rd – Lent 3
10:45 Sung Eucharist
Marston St.Lawrence

DIARY

DATES

February
4th Greatworth Parish Council
7th Free Bus
8th Marston Movies
9th R&I coffee morning
11th R&I AGM
12th Greatworth Gardening Group
12th Greatworth Painting Group
22nd Greatworth Playgroup
Valentines Ball
26th Greatworth Painting Group
27th R&I Whist Drive
March
23rd Methodist Church concert
23rd Easter Fayre

Every Monday
Drop in at Methodist
Schoolroom 10-12

HALSE MISSION

2nd Sunday Communion
4th Sunday Evensong
At 6.15pm
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