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Life After Lockdown

On the news today (15th February) the date of the 8th of March is being widely reported as the date Lockdown will begin to end. Hopefully, this will be so. The main issue is that once we come out of Lockdown it must be the last time. We cannot go back into it once we have been released. Alleluia! That raises the question about a post-Lockdown life. I remember a scene from one of my favourite films, *The Shawshank Redemption*. In one scene, Red, a life serving inmate (Morgan Freeman), talks about the release of a long serving inmate. He says that after a long time in prison, the walls that keep them in end up keeping the world out. In other words, the world becomes something that the prisoners are afraid of. Prison becomes a place of comfort and security. They become institutionalised.

My fear about being in Lockdown is that it may have this kind of long-lasting impact upon us. That the walls of our house's become too comfortable and containing. Fear is a very big issue which leads to a greater sense of anxiety. Of course, we must remain conscious, but we must live and be free. Life must be lived, it cannot just be something that we exist in, we must embrace it. It is likely that the first service back in the Church will be Easter Sunday and I think it fitting, because Easter is about life not death, it is about living in freedom, it is not about merely existing. Jesus said: 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10). Life is about living, and the Gospel (which means good news) is about that. The Christian life is not about sin, death, and destruction, it is about forgiveness, life, and redemption. It is not about a past that contains us or defines us, but about embracing a future in which we are free.

I think I am trying to encourage you all to not be too comfortable in your isolation, that isn't living, it is existing. Once it is safe, we must reclaim as much as we can from this year. It takes courage to break out of our prisons, but even when the door is unlocked, we must get up and go forwards if we are to breathe the fresh air of freedom again.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!



As Burghill Parish Council, much of what we do is attending to the minor things that can make a difference to the people in our parish and environment. We tackle issues such as speeding, pollution, pavements, potholes, footpaths and the like. We are also consulted on all planning applications within the parish.

The Parish Council currently meets every month and at present has three vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and want to play a part in our changing community, please contact our parish clerk, Paulette Scholes, on Telephone number 07801 958673 or email: clerk@burghillparishcouncil.org

The position is unpaid and voluntary, but some expenses such as training are paid by the Parish Council.

Source to sea litter picks with Surfers against Sewage.

Our litter problem in Hereford seems to have increased significantly over the last year and living so close to some beautiful rivers this pollution poses a huge risk not only to our waterways but the seas they lead to. Surfers against sewage are trying to highlight the importance of the concept of 'source to sea' pollution by a number of campaigns.

If you want more information or to help clear up the pandemic pollution locally that seems to be more evident than ever please get in contact with me on: amymorton7010@yahoo.co.uk in order be provided with more details on our current 'remote' litter picks (equipment is available on loan via COVID-19 secure collection) or to join the mailing list for when organised group cleans are able to take place.

Burghill Parish Council held its monthly meeting, via Zoom, on Tuesday 9th February.

Ten Councillors were present along with the Parish Clerk and Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett, there were no members of the public present.

The Parish Council discussed three planning applications:

Planning application 204417 - Hermitage Manor, Canon Pyon, Hereford, HR4 8NR. Proposed alterations and replacement extension to house including change in number of dwellings in the main house from 4 units to 1. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections to this application.

Planning application 210123 - Land east of, Canon Pyon Road, Hereford. Reserved matters following outline approval 191770/O (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) proposal for 92 houses (with 31 affordable with all matters reserved except for access), public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections to this application but pointed out the following concerns; Community Area is in one corner of the site, this would be better more central, to make access easier; Footway is very narrow out of the site to the nearest bus stop / shop, would need widening as pushchairs and wheelchairs would struggle; Splay at the entrance needs to be looked at for access reasons; Traffic exiting the site will struggle at certain times of the day with the traffic lights so close and queuing on the A4110; Drainage is an issue near the entrance to the site where ponding frequently occurs.

Planning application 191933 - Burghill Lodge, Canon Pyon, Hereford, HR4 8NW. The proposed erection of a two bay, oak framed garage with room over to serve as a home office and store. Proposed renovation of and alterations to house to include conservatory extension. Conservation of timber frame dwelling. Conversion of north/south barn. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections and supported the comments made by Historic England.

Our Community and Environment Working Group continues to work on several projects. One of the three new Community Defibrillators have been installed. When all three are operational, an article will go in the parish magazine explaining the locations and highlighting training opportunities. First Time Sewerage was discussed. It was agreed that this issue needed a full community debate and that it will therefore be discussed further with residents at the next Annual Parish Meeting. Speed Control Measures are being considered; we are still waiting for reply from Balfour Beatty Living Places about outline costs. The kerb at Leasown is ongoing, as is the parking area by the bus stop. Flooding is still a concern around Towtree Lane/Roman Road Junction, and we are awaiting action from Balfour Beatty Living Places. The Parish Council reiterated its policy of ensuring that Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty Living Places took their responsibility for public realm work.

The Parish Council agreed to explore the potential benefits of a community governance review, including a review of the number of elected members.

Footpaths, the developer next to Bredstone House has made an application to divert a section of footpath BX27. The proposal would place the path parallel with the Bredstone House boundary. Bridge to Hill Farm BX23, this is the replacement of the footbridge and is still ongoing. BX18 has been resolved with rubber piping now covering the electric fencing. It was noted that 20 steps need replacing at Badnage Woods.

Our next planned meeting is Tuesday 9th March 2021, and we will continue to use Zoom. We are taking ongoing advice on how the Parish Council should operate in these uncertain times.

*Paulette Scholes
Clerk to the Parish Council*





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Burghill Church WINTER QUIZ: the result

And the winner is Rebecca Wileman of Tillington, who received the £20 prize.

7 people got full marks. The winner was drawn at a Zoom coffee morning on February 4th.

As stated on the quiz sheet, we took spelling into account. We accepted either spelling of Plimsoll/Plimsole, but Doc Martens (en) was a common error, eliminating several people from the final draw. We think that the TV Doc Martin (in) tripped people up!

Thank you to everyone who joined in, and thanks again to Cynthia and Colin Crocker from St Andrew's Church, Devizes, Wiltshire, who allowed us to use their quiz.

The cash prize was donated. £147 was raised for church funds.

1	EXAMPLE: Keep it on – we don't like you being angry!! (5)	SHIRT
2	Chases away, usually audibly!!! (5)	SHOES
3	Watery covering (8)	RAINCOAT
4	Obstinate as these? (5)	MULES
5	Quiet, there are small insects here! (5)	PANTS
6	A fierce fire (6)	BLAZER
7	Where are they, Donald? (8)	TROUSERS
8	A specialist athlete (6)	JUMPER

9	An essential accessory.... at the moment (4,8)	FACE COVERING
10	American soldier is permitted (5)	GILET
11	Someone on the water (6)	BOATER
12	Covering everything! (8)	OVERALLS
13	Sounds as if these belong to a certain Cornish GP (3,7)	DOC MARTENS
14	They support trees (6)	TRUNKS
15	Known as the quintessential ice dance (6)	BOLERO
16	A good definition of ice skates (8)	SLIPPERS
17	These are not loose (6)	TIGHTS
18	Ignore the amendment my young man (7)	STETSON
19	A person who pursues game (11)	DEERSTALKER
20	A driver might be asked to do this (8)	PULLOVER
21	Instructors (8)	TRAINERS
22	Second class parasitic insect (6)	BLOUSE
23	Robin or Red, that is..... (6)	HOODIE
24	Division of a deck of cards (4)	SUIT
25	Dangerous to exceed this line (8)	PLIMSOLL
26	Looted (5)	STOLE
27	A singular garment (6)	ONESIE
28	Electric currents' unexpected outages (6)	SHORTS
29	Not swelling (anag) (11)	WELLINGTONS
30	Seen at Balaclava (8)	CARDIGAN
31	Decorate or adorn (5)	DRESS
32	Avenging lodgers (anag) (9,6)	GARDENING GLOVES
33	German pronunciation of this direction (4)	VEST
34	Load a computer's memory (4)	BOOT
35	An obsessive or boring person (6)	ANORAK
36	Sound very sloppy for walking in (4,5)	FLIP FLOPS
37	Go around the edge (5)	SKIRT
38	An airborne baked potato! (6,6)	FLYING JACKET
39	Citrus kat (anag) (9)	TRACKSUIT
40	This could be worn for parachuting (8)	JUMPSUIT
41	Capable labs (anag) (8,3)	BASEBALL CAP
42	Desmond (4)	TUTU
43	An atoll with a 1946 connection (6)	BIKINI
44	A watering device (4)	HOSE
45	Mistakes / Errors (8)	BLOOMERS
46	Sounds as if this warbling sound is near (6)	TRILBY
47	French train station surrounded by sand hills!! (9)	DUNGAREES
48	For securing a ship from the front? (3,3)	BOW TIE
49	On the army vehicle (4,3)	TANK TOP
50	Sounds as if this pair is meant for Dad (3,5)	POP SOCKS

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Worship continues online and all our services will be published on Sunday at 11.00am.

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EASTER SUNDAY

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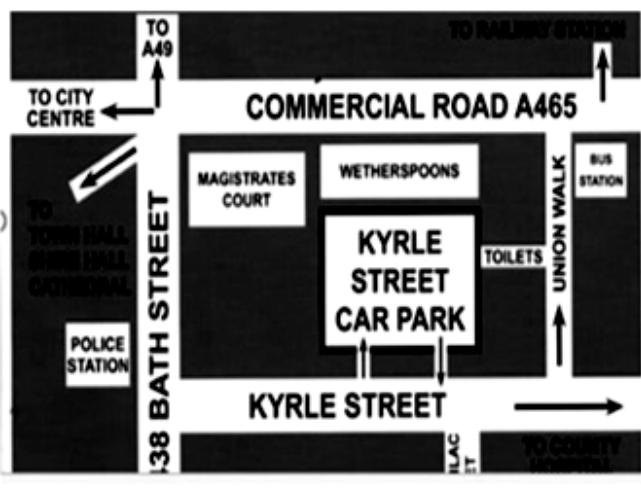
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Spring Pruning of Roses

Good rose pruning will increase your crop of flowers, remove unsightly and unproductive old wood and keep your bushes compact and well-shaped. March is a good month for pruning most rose types.

With Hybrid Tea roses, Floribunda roses, miniature bush roses and shrub roses pruning consists of a fairly severe 'haircut' with secateurs, shears or even a hedge trimmer. Edwardian gardening books used to recommended careful selective pruning of Hybrid Tea roses to an outward facing bud and the removal of spindly shoots around the lower part of the bush. In fact however, modern research has found this is not only unnecessary, but the removal of spindly growth actually retards performance.

Shrub roses and miniatures can usually be taken down by between a third and half their height. If the bushes are fairly young and vigorous, a Hybrid Tea or Floribunda bush can be reduced as far as 8" (20cm) from ground level. Old plants which have built up thick woody growth, however, are better treated with a little more restraint. In all cases, the odd woody stem can be selectively pruned away at the base to make room for newer stems.

'Modern Climbers' are climbing roses which have a permanent framework of stems. Many of this type originated as climbing forms of Hybrid Teas or Floribunda roses and these types can actually turn back into bushes if repeatedly hacked back indiscriminately.

So first check the framework of trained stems: if any are getting very woody and unproductive, cut these out at the base and tie in new young stems formed last year in their place. Then just shorten back last year's side shoots coming off these to about three buds.

An exception to this pruning method is rambling roses where old flowered growth should be removed. Wichuriana types, such as 'Dorothy Perkins' or 'Francois Juraville' need to be cut right down after flowering in late summer from about four years old onwards. The replacement growth they form will bear the following year's flowers.

To reap the full benefits of your pruning, do follow it up with a good feed this month of a suitable rose fertiliser such as Fish Blood and Bone, well-rotted farmyard manure or Vitax Q4.

Happy Gardening!

Sue Watts-Cutler (for Burghill and Tillington Gardening Club)



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Community Plant Stall



Another reminder that we will be starting the Community Plant Stall from mid-March. More information will be put on the village notice boards over the coming weeks.

Anyone who is willing to share a few of their excess plants at the plant stall will be most welcome.

All funds raised will go to church.

“Cheerfulness, it would appear, is a matter which depends fully as much on the state of things within, as on the state of things without and around us.”

Charlotte Brontë

VIRTUAL DUCK RACE

For a little bit of fun this Easter, we will be holding a virtual duck race - Ducks are £2 each. All proceeds will go to Church funds. The race will take place and be recorded and then posted on the church Facebook page/website.

Prizes:

1st Prize – Large Easter Egg

2nd Prize – Medium Easter Egg

3rd Prize – Small Easter Egg

Application for Ducks:

Full Name:

Can I have ducks allocated to me at £2 each.

Email Address:

(Please use phone number only if you have no email address)

Winners will be notified and Prizes delivered before Easter.

Enclose a cheque or cash. (Cheques made payable to **PCC of Burghill**). You will receive an email with your duck numbers. The Race will take place on Thursday 1st April 2021. Place/post the application and payment to 'Daimor' or 'Lauristina', Burghill, Herefordshire, HR4 7RN. For further information, contact Kris on 07400 322002.

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Please fill in an application form
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Race Day will be Thursday 1st April 2021

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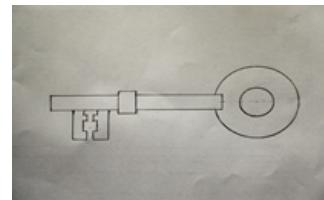
Locksmithy (or how to make your own church door key)

A good few years ago we took a group of Burghill Guides to London. Amongst the places visited was the Victoria and Albert Museum, a wonderful repository of all sorts of interesting artefacts including some ornate examples of intricate ironwork. One of the finest examples on show is the superb Victorian Gothic Choir screen that was sadly removed from Hereford Cathedral in 1967 and put into store until beautifully restored and installed on a gallery overlooking the main entrance to the museum 30 years later. It was explained that in pre- Industrial Revolution days metal working fell into 2 disciplines. "Blacksmithy" was essentially the working of metal with heat and hammer whilst "locksmithy" was working with saw and file. Nowadays of course the old arts have been largely superseded by computer controlled machine tools and robots but there can be much satisfaction from using the old hand methods which often take time but little expense.

As might be expected Burghill church has some old locks and recently the key to the tower kitchen door was mislaid. This was quite an impressive large traditional key and it seemed a shame to replace the lock with a modern one of little character. Luckily a similar key was found which with a bit of lubrication and fiddling was persuaded to work but obviously a proper replacement was needed. The lock was removed from the door and on dismantling it was easy to work out how it operated and design a key to suit. Basically the key blades push spring-loaded locking levers aside and out of mesh with the lock bar which can then be slid along to engage the door frame. A further feature is a fixed and shaped bracket in the centre of the lock frame which would prevent a plain key from rotating. The cutouts in the centre of the key blade are there to fit around this obstruction and have to be suitably shaped to do so.

I have a reasonable stock of metal as I never throw "useful" pieces away for I know they will come in handy sometime in the future. The key blade was cut, drilled and filed from a piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ " steel plate whilst the shaft after cutting to length had a slot milled at one end into which the blade could be inserted. The other end was slotted to accept a large washer from the scrap box (remember never throw anything away!). The component parts were then silver soldered together and after final fettling with files to ensure smooth operation, was given a coat of black Hammerite paint to enhance its appearance. Obviously the blade end was left natural as one would not want paint inside the lock. We fully expect the old key to now reveal itself but if anybody has a sudden revelation of its whereabouts, we would be very grateful for its return!

For anyone interested, silver soldering is a brazing process which gives a very strong joint requiring heat of just over 600°C which is easy to achieve with a butane or propane blow lamp in the home workshop. As the alloy contains silver it is relatively expensive but only small quantities are required. Ordinary lead/tin soft solder would not be strong enough for this job. Those of a nervous disposition need not try this.



Richard Donovan

Land's End to John O'Groats

The lockdown has proved a huge challenge for all of us and lasted longer than we had anticipated originally. However it has produced some interesting activities which would never have been conceived if it had not been for the restrictions to our lives and the help of modern technology. My family have always been keen walkers and Richard and I have continued to walk during lockdown but I have to admit that in 2020 we were a bit half-hearted and although we attempted to fulfil a '1000 mile challenge' in 12 months, we failed rather dismally.

However on January 1st 2021 we decided that we must try harder and we took up the challenge once more of walking 1,000 miles but this time travelling virtually from Land's End to John O'Groats. We needed to walk an average of nearly 3 miles per day in order to complete the walk in 12 months. We studied a local map and worked out routes of varying lengths around Burghill and Tillington and tried hard to keep to the average daily miles or above. We always meet a lot of walkers on most routes and have discovered that we are certainly not the only ones walking the length of Great Britain. Bob Yeoman of Tillington has already walked all the way to John O'Groats and is now on his way back and the last time we spoke he was well south of Dingwall! On the other hand, Nicki Gilbert, also of Tillington, is going very strongly having started on November 23rd and by achieving at least 7 miles per day is now beyond Glasgow. She hopes to complete the walk in April.

We are well behind these two keen walkers as we are only just north east of Exeter. Our two daughters are still in Cornwall but they only started a couple of weeks ago.

There is no doubt that exercise combined with the fun of achieving something, is very good for our well-being and physical fitness. It would

be interesting to hear of anyone else in our community who may be following this virtual route or may even be thinking of setting off in the near future.

One of our favourite walks, starting at the church goes up the side lane and just over the crest to a public footpath which leads eventually past Tillington Court Farm and back across the Fruit Farm to the church. This is approximately 3 miles with lovely views.

Liz Donovan



Would you like us to place flowers on a gravestone this Easter or on an anniversary?

If you are unable to place flowers on a loved one's grave because of lock down or unable to travel to Burghill the Churchyard maintenance team are

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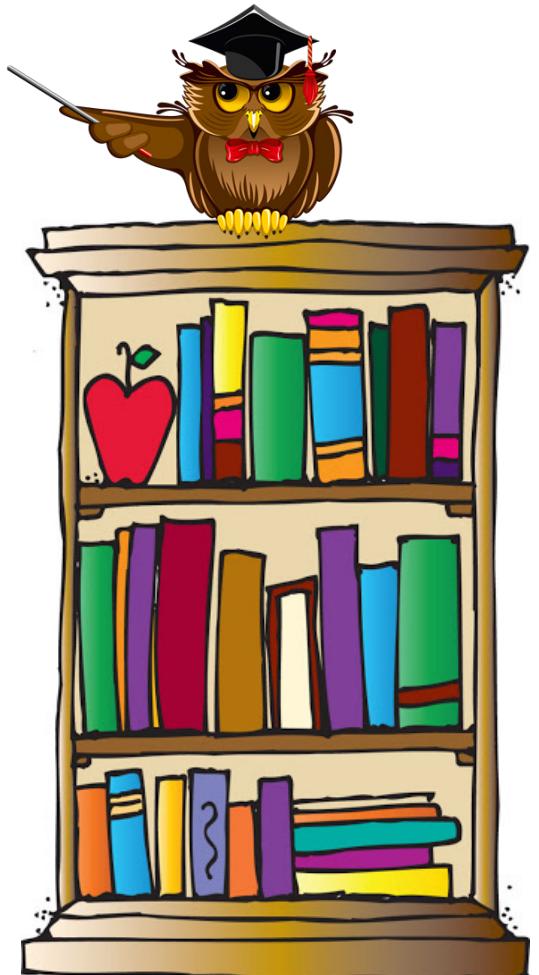
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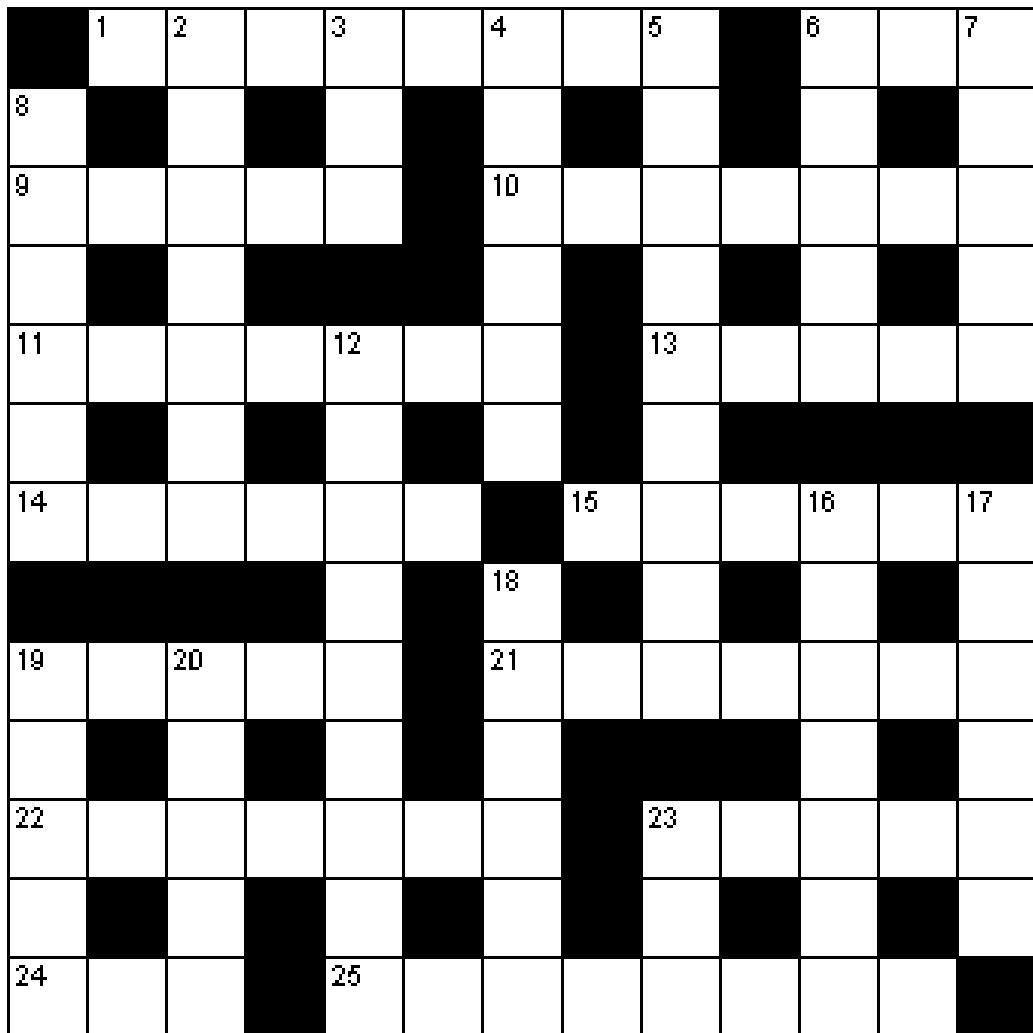
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