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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EVERY MONTH**

# ***Lost in Translation***

I have always been interested in languages and translation. I am particularly interested in the roots from which we derive words. When I attended the ordination course the one thing I wanted to learn was Greek, as all of the New Testament was originally written in. I wanted to know for myself why translators chose certain words over others. I also wanted to know more about why the writers of the New Testament chose those words over others. Maybe it could shed some light on their intended ideas? This is why during and before the Reformation Bible translation was so divisive. The Church was very nervous about people translating things in ways that undercut its teaching. For example, St Jerome translated the Bible from Greek and Hebrew during the later part of the 4th Century into Latin which became known as the Vulgate Bible (Vulgate just means common). Up until the Reformation (1517), this was, and in large part remains, the western Church's foundational source of the Scriptures. However, people like Wycliff, Tyndale were all about putting the Scriptures in the everyday language of the people. Yet, it is hard to translate without changing the ideas people associate with certain words. Also In translating, there is no guarantee that you will convey what the writer originally had in mind. Jerome in this sense is the first to mess with the New Testament by translating it into another language, namely Latin. But what else are we to do? Especially if we want to open up the Bible to everyone. Tricky isn't it.

I think this love of mine with languages comes down to trying to understand things and to try and improve on my understanding. Nevertheless, at certain moments I have certainly failed to convey myself clearly, it is part of the human condition. The Church has often failed to communicate effectively in general at times. I also think that others have certainly not grasped what has been said. I remember one lady asking if she could breast feed in the church (before a wedding) and I said yes, she replied: "Won't God be angry?" I said "well, if He is, He's only got Himself to blame for it". Much has been lost in translation. Yet I think that we should all try and understand more about what it is we love, and love what it is we understand. The people who wanted to put a Bible in every hand wanted people to do just that. Nevertheless, it can be applied to all of life and to whatever it is we find important. To know, to love and to ponder. If we do that, we may just end up getting more out of this thing we all call life.

*Phill*

# News from your Parish Council

Burghill Parish Council held its monthly meeting at Simpson Hall on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Twelve Councillors were present along with the Parish Clerk and Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett, there were nine members of the public present.

Members of the public raised concerns about road safety. It was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for a specific meeting to discuss issues and potential solutions.

The Parish Council discussed two planning applications:

- Planning application 214436 - Wellington Lane Cottage, Canon Pyon, HR4 8NL. Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 202881 (Proposed first floor extension to the rear. Conversion of existing garage to family room. New front porch and dormers to the front of the property as well as new access, driveway and new garage.) For revisions to the proposed roof of the main dwelling/extension and the garage conversion. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections to this application.
- Planning application 214529 - Annex at Ivor House, Tillington, HR4 8LN. Proposed change of use of annex to mixed use ancillary accommodation and holiday let. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections to this application.

Our Finance and Administration Working Group put forward a figure of £5,150.00 for small grants, this was discussed and was agreed by the Parish Council.

Our next planned meeting is Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm in Simpson Hall. We hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes  
Clerk to the Parish Council*

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

*Saint Basil*

# **MURDER RETURNS TO BURGHILL!**

## **MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**



### **MURDER AT THE COURT**

In the Simpson Hall, Burghill

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm prompt

**Tickets £12 to include a meal. BYO Drinks**

Please let me know if you have any special dietary needs

**Pre-booking is essential.** (2019 was sold out)

### **Raffle**

For tickets contact Joe on 760816 or email: [jfhelme@gmail.com](mailto:jfhelme@gmail.com)

**[All profits will go to the Air Ambulance](#)**

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## **BURGHILL BRIDGE CLUB**

Meets every second, fourth and fifth Thursday of the month in the upstairs room at the Simpson Hall. We are a small, friendly club and we welcome new members.

We play from 7.00 pm until 10.00 pm but ask you to be seated by 6.50 pm. If you would like to play but don't have a partner, please contact me and I will find someone to play with you.

For more information please contact me, Joe Helme, tel: 760816 or email [jfhelme@gmail.com](mailto:jfhelme@gmail.com)



## ***The Platinum Pudding competition***

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee a nationwide baking competition sets out to find a brand new pudding dedicated to The Queen. The Big Jubilee Lunch and Fortnum & Mason are inviting applications from UK residents aged 8 and over to create the perfect Platinum Pudding recipe.

Five finalists will prepare their pudding for an expert judging panel including Dame Mary Berry, Monica Galetti and Buckingham Palace Head Chef Mark Flanagan. The winning recipe will be made available to the public and the pudding will be enjoyed at Big Jubilee Lunches during the Jubilee weekend, and by generations to come.



<https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding>



## **The Simpson Hall News**

**Tuesday February 15th 2022** Charity Lecture in aid of St Michael's Hospice :

**How did the Miocene Apes eventually reach the Americas?** A talk given by Mark Helme.

The topic is based on research for his latest novel Kol.

Doors open at 19.00 for a prompt start at 19.30. As usual the cost is £10 a head to include light refreshments and a glass of wine/tea/coffee. Mark will have copies of Kol available at the end with all donations going to St Michaels.

I am pleased to report that the January lecture raised £475 which included a £100 donation for the speaker's charity in Nicaragua.

**Flicks in the sticks** on Feb 11th the doors will open 6.40pm and the film will start at 7.0 pm (which is half an hour earlier than the last Flicks).



We are grateful to:



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# The Good Liar



## The Simpson Hall, Burghill

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7.00 pm**

Admission: £4.50

Enquiries to: 07726 148736

Tea and coffee during the interval (inc).

Con artist Roy Courtnay (Ian McKellen) can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish (Helen Mirren) online. As Betty opens her home and life to him, Roy is surprised to find himself caring about her, turning what should be a cut-and-dry swindle into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life. Mirren and McKellen star together on screen for the first time in this suspenseful drama about the secrets people keep and the lies they live.

**Starring: Helen Mirren, Russell Tovey, Ian McKellen, Jim Carter**





## THE RESULTS ARE IN!



Thank you to all who filled in the Simpson Hall survey of what activities you would like to see at the hall.

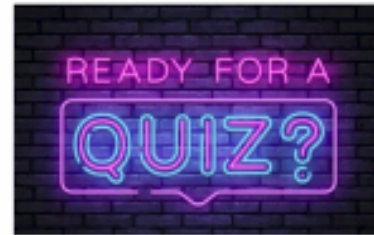
We have listed all of your proposed activities on the Simpson Hall website.

To register your interest in any of these (without obligation), please visit

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When we have sufficient numbers to start an activity we will be back in touch with you to see if you would like to join in.



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# Burghill & Tillington Good Neighbour Scheme

## The Community Café

Our **café** is open every second Friday of the month from 10 until 12 noon for drinks, delicious cakes and good company, in the Simpson Hall.

The **Community Library** operates at the same time.

## We can help with any of the following:

- Delivering a **hot meal** from Burghill Valley Golf Club to anyone in the village, on Monday to Friday **Trips** around the village and to town Running **errands**, such as fetching prescriptions, library books, shopping, Simple DIY jobs Befriending, if you would like **someone to talk to**
- **Socialising** at the Community Café or outings Simple **gardening** in an emergency

**Contact** Joe Helme: 01432 760816 or [jfhelme@gmail.com](mailto:jfhelme@gmail.com)



## The Talk Hub

You can find the **Talk Hub** at our community café, where there will be a dedicated computer and trained assistant. If you have a query or want to know where to access a service, we can signpost you to the relevant website or telephone number.

It will also operate over the phone at all times – call the Good Neighbour Scheme telephone number (01432 760816) and Joe or Joanna Helme will find the information for you.

## Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

Please note that the meeting on **February 1st** has been **CANCELLED**. The speaker is unable to make it, so apologies to you all.

However the speaker for March 1<sup>st</sup> is Robin Pearce from World's End Garden with a talk entitled "Hardy Ferns".

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we have a talk on "Honey Bees at the bottom of our Garden"

So lots to look forward to as we move into Spring!

[sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net](mailto:sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net)



## Burghill Church Supports **HEREFORD FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank is committed to the relief of poverty in Herefordshire and the surrounding area through the provision of emergency food parcels.

They always need tinned meat and tinned fish, as well as rice (tinned and dry), UHT milk, baby wipes and food for vegetarians. Washing powder, cleaning products and long-life carrier bags are appreciated too. They currently have plenty of baked beans, pasta, tomatoes and soup.

**If you would like to support the Food Bank, there is a collection point for donations in the church porch and we will deliver your donations to them.**

Alternatively, you can donate at collection points in most supermarkets or send a cash donation direct to the Food Bank.

For more information visit <https://herefordfoodbank.co.uk>

We have been supporting the Food Bank for many years.  
The need is still there.

## **Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club**

Do come and be part of this great club!!

**FEBRUARY:** For our meeting on **Thursday 17th** February it will be a Slide Show

**MARCH :** For our meeting on **Thursday 17th** March it will be a talk by Rev Dr Phillip Brown of St Mary's Burghill.

Just as a heads up our summer coach trip this year on Thursday 16th June will be to Bourton on the Water .... a lovely village that is located in the Cotswold. Book up early via Mrs D Price 760233.

Tickets for the draw that take place at each meeting will cost £1. There will be 3 prizes each draw. If you have any small gifts to donate for this draw, please bring them along to the meeting.

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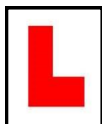
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10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall

during the Community Café Session

**Green Garden Bags will be available to purchase**

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**For further information, please contact Sally Robertson on 07581 334900 or email [sal.rob@btinternet.com](mailto:sal.rob@btinternet.com)**

### **“BURGHILL IN BLOOM”**



Due to the current Covid situation, we have decided to postpone our fundraising events until later in the Spring. We are delighted to be part of the parish council's initiative improving Whitmore Common and welcome Lili Clarke on board. This year's work programme has also been finalised and we will be planting flowers etc in due course.

Further details of our own local competitions as well as our entry into the Heart of England in Bloom competition will follow in future editions of the magazine.

If you would like to be involved in this year's work programme, please contact John Parnaby on Hereford 761564.

### **OUR ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

“*Burghill in Bloom*” will again this year be co-ordinating the annual litter pick in conjunction with Burghill Parish Council. The litter pick will take place on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022** and arrangements for the day are as follows:- Meet at The Simpson Hall at 1.30 p.m. when there will be a health and safety briefing. Litter picks, black bags, gloves etc will be available for you to use courtesy of Balfour Beatty. After the litter pick, refreshments will be provided by the “*Burghill in Bloom*” team in The Simpson Hall. If you would like to take part, please contact our co-ordinator, John Parnaby, on Hereford 761564.



## **THE COPSE LEISURE TRUST** *Reg. Charity No. 1118865*

Dear Residents

The Copse Leisure Trust is a registered charity which provides sporting and leisure facilities for the residents of Burghill Parish. During the various lockdowns, The Copse Leisure area has been well used by residents and is proving to be a valuable community asset for all parishioners and their families.

We are now forging ahead with funding for a Sports Pavilion after a difficult few years. However, due to the time lapse and new residents moving into the parish, we have been advised to re-consult and we will be including in March's magazine a questionnaire for you to complete. The purpose is to gather information to help with our business case for future grant applications.

To re-assure residents who supported our Buy a Brick scheme, the money raised has been ring fenced and will be used towards the building of the Sports Pavilion. Those people who bought a brick will eventually have their names engraved on a special board to be displayed inside the pavilion.

## **THANK YOU**

It is a great honour to accept the British Empire Medal for my community work in the parish of Burghill. To be recognised alongside stalwarts, Audrey Apperley and Pat Downes, is such a privilege. I am grateful to all the people who wrote letters of support – it was a huge surprise to me in November when I was told I had been nominated. For those of you who know me well, it was a difficult task to keep it a secret until 1<sup>st</sup> January. I could not have achieved this recognition without the support of the volunteers who have backed and helped me over the years with the various fundraising and community events. Of course, Ian's love and support spurred me on and it is a great comfort to me to know he worked behind the scenes to provide background information for this award.

I will continue to work hard to provide the best facilities and services for our parish and to this end, am committed to fundraise for a Sports Pavilion at The Copse along with supporting the Burghill Community Library, Burghill in Bloom and printing the parish magazine.

Thank you once again for all your support.

**Sally Robertson BEM**

**“You are well supported at Kemble: the hours are good and I can fit my working hours around my home life and family. The managers know not to ask me for work on a Wednesday evening as Wednesdays are my night out for a meal with my wife”**

### **10 years as a carer**

Martin celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary working as a carer with Kemble at Home in the summer last year. He has built up wonderful relationships with his clients and enjoys supporting them to live independently. **“You meet some really interesting people. I only go to gentlemen and they all have a life story to tell. We often compare notes as we are similar in age. I enjoy meeting people and having a good chinwag.”**

Martin started working as an electrician in Birmingham and began a 37 year career with BT, moving to Herefordshire in 1990 to carry on working with BT. After taking early retirement it became clear to Martin that he wanted to do more, after a chat with his son who was working in social care. He decided to take have a career change and joined Kemble in 2011.



During his time with Kemble Martin has been both a carer and trainer, helping new employees at Kemble to find their feet. Some of the staff Martin has trained are still working for the company now. Martin enjoys spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He is heavily involved in Hereford Rugby club.

If you are thinking about making a difference to people living Herefordshire and want a fulfilling role in your retirement, please do get in touch on 01432 352443. We look forward to hearing from you and introducing you to our lovely clients.



## ***A BIG THANK YOU!***

To everyone who helped decorate the Church windowsills and other areas for Christmas. The whole Church looked wonderful.

*Geraldine.*

# Huge Congratulations to Sally!

We were all so delighted to hear that Sally Robertson had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. Sally is so deserving of this award being such a devoted community spirited person. She has worked ceaselessly to raise enormous sums of money for good causes both in the village and further afield in Herefordshire in order to sponsor improved facilities for people of all ages and abilities.

She set up numerous sporting initiatives including the Copse Leisure Trust charity in order to create a football pitch and to install a children's play area with swings, a roundabout and a slide in Burghill. She has also organised sports days, fetes and picnics for the whole community. She is now in the throes of applying for grants of £250,000 to build a new Sports Pavilion. In 2013 she was selected to represent Herefordshire and Worcestershire as their "Shining Light" for her work in the county promoting Community Games.

Sally spent 12 years as a very highly respected County Councillor working extremely hard always having time to listen to her constituents. She has also been a parent Governor at two local schools as well as chairing the respective PTFAs at both schools. She sat on three local Parish Councils, Burghill, Lyde and Lugwardine and was involved with the Burghill Neighbourhood Development Plan.

She set up the CAP scheme (computer access point) in the Simpson Hall to also include a regular library service and a community café. The money raised from the CAP purchased a printer and Sally now prints 3 Community magazines monthly and a variety of other communication documents.

Sally chaired 'Burghill in Bloom' and our village has won Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Sally was one of the founder members of the Good Neighbour Scheme helping those who are lonely and in need and was treasurer for a few years.

Throughout her life of service she always had Ian her beloved husband at her side to support her. Unfortunately Ian died at the start of Covid lockdown but Sally has never given up and continues to serve the community tirelessly.

She is always so knowledgeable and inspirational and a wonderful role model to young people as well as being a lifeline to the disadvantaged and elderly in our society.

Many congratulations Sally, on this wonderful award.

# KIDZ CORNER



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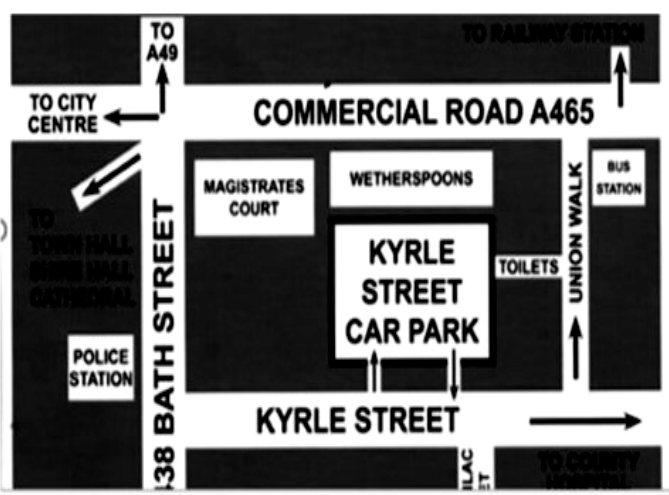
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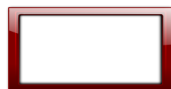
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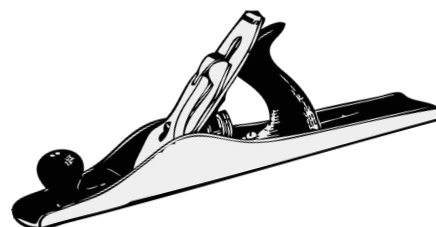
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### 6<sup>TH</sup> 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
5.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	BCP Evensong as a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen

### 13<sup>TH</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.00am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Joint Benefice Eucharist
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### 20<sup>TH</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

### 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
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# STICKS AND STONES

Remember those days when playing as children we called each other names. Someone would claim the moral high ground and declare “Sticks and stones will break my bones but names will never hurt me”. Now we are older, of course we know better. Metaphorical stone throwing can be just as vicious and damaging as the real thing, and certainly leads to the real thing. Nobody with any sense of decency wants to cause offence by their insensitive use of language. This, naturally enough, is why we tailor our language according to the social situation in which we find ourselves. In the present socio-political climate we are highly sensitive to these issues, perhaps more so than ever before. Of course language changes, words come and go and those which remain often take on new shades of meaning, new connotations. If our language changes then so does our behaviour, for language use is a form of behaviour – as far as we humans are concerned, a fundamental form of behaviour. Language doesn’t just reflect the way we think, it largely shapes the way we think, and in doing so it shapes our behaviour as a whole. But these changes take place against a relatively stable background as to the meanings and appropriate use of words. Such stability, tacitly agreed upon, is a condition for the use of any language whatsoever. Being sensitive to appropriate usage means being sensitive to the feelings of other people, but it also means being sensitive to the fact that certain names and phrases only become offensive when *used* offensively. So much depends on the context of language use, and the intentions and attitudes behind it. It’s not so much that words or names are offensive in themselves, it’s the name calling, the mean spiritedness, which is objectionable.

‘Virtue’ is an example of a word which is no longer fashionable but which, it seems to me, is in need of revival. Arguably the greatest of all the virtues is benevolence, for it’s our failure to treat each other as members of the same kind, i.e., with kindness, that causes so much ill will. No doubt there will always be people with an undeveloped sense of decency who will continue to use verbal sticks and stones; the challenge is to educate, argue with and hopefully persuade such people to be kinder -- and thereby use kinder language. But this is not something to be achieved through brow beating or calling other people names -- the tactics, in other words, of the playground bully.

*Rob Newton*

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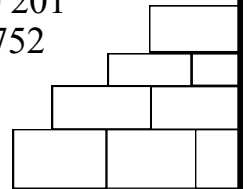
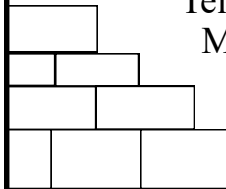
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**The closing date for completed entries is  
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so by the time you read this it will probably have passed.

Thank you to everyone who bought quiz sheets  
and a huge thank you to Heather at Tillington Village  
Stores for allowing us to sell them in the shop.

As we write this, completed quizzes are dropping through our letterbox.

The quizzes will be marked and the winner will be contacted.

In the event of a tie, names will be put into a draw  
at the Church Events planning meeting at the beginning of February.  
Answers will then be published on the Burghill Church website and  
will be in the March Community Magazine.

**All proceeds in aid of the Church of St Mary the  
Virgin, Burghill**

## HEREFORD RAIL MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Church Events Group were extremely disappointed to postpone the visit of the Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir due to be held on Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> in Church but the serious rise in the numbers of the Omicron variant of the Covid virus made the decision inevitable. We are hoping that we will be able to rebook the choir in the not too distant future and details will be advertised as soon as we have another date.

Meanwhile we hope to hold several fun and fundraising events over the next few months. These will include:

The popular **Community Plant stall** based at the bottom of the church drive-we need your surplus plants and seedlings.

The **Virtual Easter "Duck" Race** which will be held on line with suitable Easter prizes.

Details of all events will be published in the March Community Magazine  
-Watch this space!

### ***To my good Samaritans.***

Thank you to the kind couple who picked me up, cleaned me up, and delivered me to the Hospital, when I fell last November. They left no name or address so I have not been able to personally thank them. My thanks, Arthur Highfield.





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# GARDENING CLUB

## *Hedges are Wonderful Things*

When moving into a newly built property, the desire for instant privacy and territorial demarcation tends to favour the wooden fence. Yet if you are intending to stay for a longer length of time, it is well worth considering the considerable advantages of a hedge instead.

A hedge, for example, gives a more nurtured and private feel to a garden space. This is further enhanced by the visual effect of a hedge blurring the boundary, thus letting the eye smoothly run beyond it into trees beyond the property, creating a sense of greater space.

A hedge is far superior to a fence acoustically too: one of the best plants for this is *Viburnum rhytidophyllum*, which has furry stems and ridged, shiny upper leaf surfaces with felted undersides. These have been found to both refract and dampen noise most effectively. *Viburnum rhytidophyllum* grows in both sun and light shade conditions.

Hedges are also far more attractive: plant a mixture of hedging plants which flower, fruit or colour up at different times of year and you will create a constantly changing tapestry of interest.

A hedge makes a thicker barrier than a fence and offers small wild creatures a corridor, a refuge from predators and a nesting environment.

A hedge can enhance the security of your boundaries if you choose a spiky type of hedging plant (such as *Berberis*, *Blackthorn* or *Pyracantha*) to deter intruders.

One of the hedge's greatest advantages is its ability to filter out diesel and dust particles from the air. It does this as the air passes between the leaves and the twigs, which then attract and hold the pollutants. If a road runs past your boundary, it is a hedge you need.

A hedge has superior resistance to strong winds because wind passes through the foliage to a greater or lesser degree. They thus make effective wind breaks where a solid fence panel would blow out. This resilience relies on trimming the hedge correctly – that is, with the width of the top of the hedge being narrower than the width of the base. A solid fence causes strong wind to hit the flat surface on the windward side, then back swirl in a reverse spiral over the top of the fence and around the inside surface of the panel. This can sometimes result in more damage to plants and fixtures than if they were directly open to the wind.

Happy hedging!

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

# Knit One, Natter Too



We usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £3 per session. We'd be very happy to have more people join us so why not give us a go?

**Dates for February are 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. All are welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise – you can even come just to natter! (and some do....) It could be an opportunity to learn to knit or crochet – the perfect activity for winter evenings!

Although restrictions will have eased, it seems sensible to keep using hand sanitiser and to sit at an appropriate distance.

If you need help with transport, do let me know.

Joanna Helme Tel:760816 email: joannahelme@gmail.com

## Community Café

It was lovely to see so many people at our first Community Café of 2022. We look forward to welcoming you next to the café on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** from 10am to 12noon. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones.



You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub.

Although restrictions will have eased, it seems sensible to keep using hand sanitiser on entry and to check in, either on paper or using the QR code with your phone.

If you think you might like to take some goodies home with you, please bring a container.

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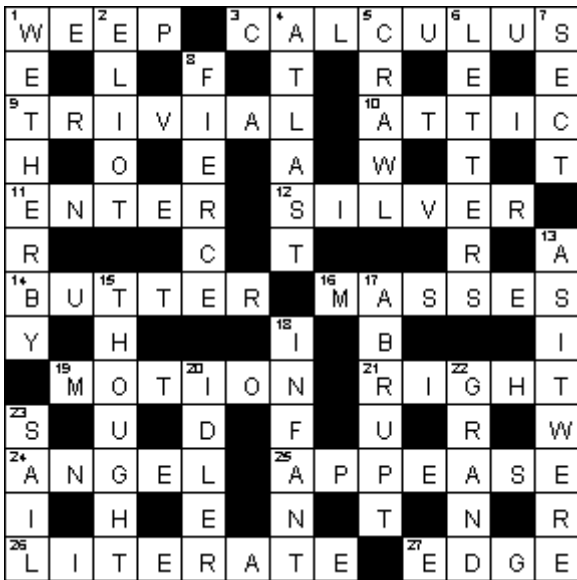
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# LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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MONTH'S PUZZLE

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## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

I am delighted to have been asked to become the secretary of St Mary's Walking Group. I sincerely thank Joan Adams for being the caretaker of the group last year and in the process attracting new members and making us feel very welcome. It was a gentle start to the New Year for seven of us, with a short walk taking in Belmont Country Park and The Abbey. The next walk is:

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Meeting 9.50am at Burghill Church Car Park, for a 4 to 5 mile walk from Marden. Newcomers are most welcome to this friendly walking group. Enquiries: 01423 760552 - *Annie Ness*

"If men could learn from history, what lessons it might teach us. But passion and party blind our eyes, and the light which experience gives us is a lantern on the stern, which shines only on the waves behind us."

— **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**





## A VETERAN Hereford 'mountaineer' is nearing the top of his own personal Everest.



'Alan Blake (90) has now completed his original target to walk the 15 miles around his steep garden in Tupsley, Hereford, raising money towards Burghill Church, as well as two other charities. However, despite completing this challenge Alan has decided to continue his walk, as he has always loved stories about Everest, so this week he has now completed the ascent of Everest by walking around his garden another 97 times!!

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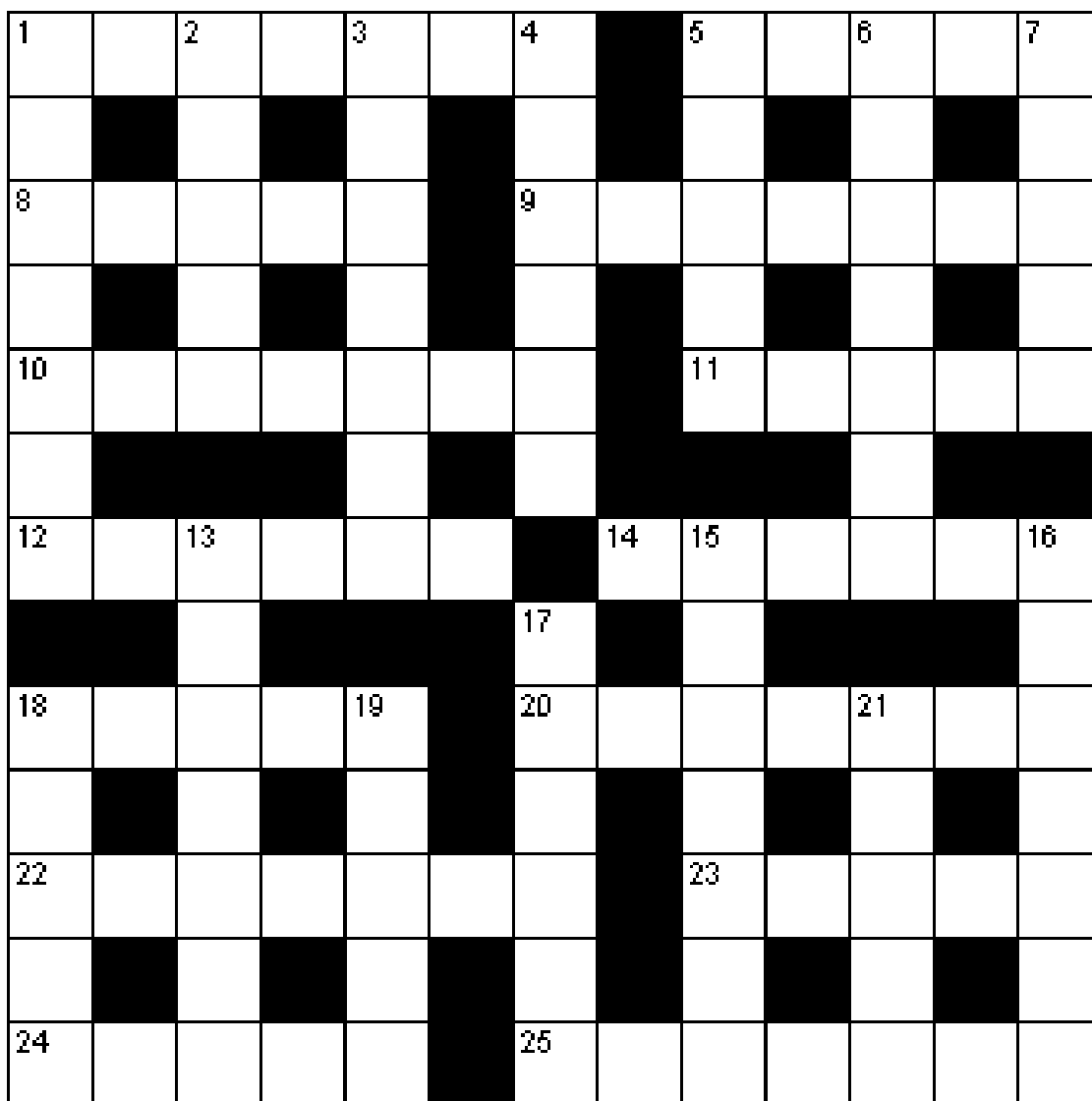
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- 5 Commence (5)
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- 14 Splendid (6)
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- 22 French Riviera resort (7)
- 23 Haggard (5)
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