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Nostalgia

Just recently I have started looking back to my younger days. I've started watching a lot of Boney M. concerts as this band was a large part of my childhood soundtrack. Another one was the album soundtrack to the Lady and the Tramp. The "Siamese Cat Song" was a particular favourite. Looking back at old photos, I realise that it was all such a long time ago and though I have those memories I am also reminded that that time has gone. There is a sadness to this aspect to nostalgia, because it is a hark back to simpler times. Having said that, being the youngest of 3 brothers was no easy task. Especially when they were both army-barmy and slightly wild with it. I remember my middle brother getting Lofty Wiseman's survival book. In the woods by us he was busy. He said to me one day, "I've made some man traps in the woods, go and find them". I tactfully declined. One of my favourite stories of the past was the incident in the Bank. I was twelve, Nick was fourteen and Dave was sixteen. Dave had bought a replica pistol and had broken the handle so needed to take it down town to get the gunsmith to fix it. Before this, he had to go into the Midland Bank to get some money. Nick (who was the mad one) wanted to hold it, so on the way he stuffed it down his pants before we got into town. When we got to the Bank, Dave went up to the teller and Nick and me stood against the wall inside the bank. All of a sudden, I heard a thud and looking down on the Banks floor was the gun! Nick picked it up and calmly stuffed it back into his pants and we left. Thankfully no one noticed. With my two brothers, I could tell you dozens of stories like this.

If you ever think I am not quite a normal Vicar, there is a strange childhood behind me that will explain a lot! Yet, I have profoundly fond memories of the past and I had the most unconventional childhood in some ways. In other ways it was all very conventional. Nevertheless, in looking back I realise that that time is long gone, and my life today is a million miles away from that. In this sense nostalgia can be dangerous, because it can blind us to the life we now live and the treasures of today. For in the end all we have is today for the past is dead and the future is yet unborn. All we have is today and it is a gift from God, which is why we call it the present because that's what it is. So don't forget to live for today because by tomorrow it will be gone.

Phill

News from your Parish Council

Burghill Parish Council held its monthly meeting at Simpson Hall on Tuesday 12th April 2022. Ten Councillors were present along with the Parish Clerk and Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett. There were six members of the public present.

The Parish Council discussed three planning applications:

- Planning application 220582 - The Hermitage, Canon Pyon, HR4 8NN. Refurbishment of and extension to existing barn/stable and machinery store. The Parish Council agreed to raise no objections to this application.
- Planning application 220731 - Land at Green Lane Farm, Tillington, HR4 8LL. Proposed drainage arrangements. The site lies within the Lugg Catchment area and Herefordshire Council currently has very stringent policies regarding all discharge of waste from developments therein. It is therefore incumbent on Herefordshire Council to ensure that it is entirely satisfied that the drainage arrangements meet all the relevant standards. The Parish Council would need these assurances before it could support this application.
- Planning application 220998 - Agricultural building at Highcroft, Bewdley Bank, HR4 7SQ. Application to determine if planning permission is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse. The Parish Council agreed that this was a technical issue and Herefordshire Council will need to take a view on it.

We currently have a Parish Councillor vacancy, if you are interested then please contact the Clerk clerk@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Our Finance and Administration Working Group gave a positive overview of the Parish Council's financial position. Funding for the Whitmoor Pool Common project, an offer of support to the school and a donation to Herefordshire Heartstart were agreed as was a budget for Jubilee related events.

Our Community Working Group is working on the purchase of a new Speed Indictor Device (SID), the overhaul of the website and the bus shelter at Leasown, it was suggested a bus shelter also be placed on the bus stop in Tillington.

Our Environment Working Group updated the meeting on the progress of work to Whitmore Pool Common and the work is progressing well.

PTO...

The Parish Council gave a vote of thanks to all those involved in the Litter Pick on 12th March.

A small parish wide working group is finalising options for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend (2nd-5th June). A full programme will appear in the May edition of the community magazine.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th May in Simpson Hall. The Parish council and other community organisation will be invited to give brief reports on activities over the last year. The main agenda item will be road safety in the parish.

Our next planned meeting is Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Simpson Hall and will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - we hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes
Clerk to the Parish Council*



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 a vacancy. 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, by email: clerk@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting - Burghill

All registered electors are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Simpson Hall Tuesday 24th May – 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

Every year the Parish Council is required by law to hold a Parish Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for all residents of the parish to express their opinions or concerns regarding issues relevant to the parish.

Please note that this is not a Parish Council Meeting, but it is Chaired by the Chair of the Parish Council in accordance with legal requirements. Councillors attend this meeting as members of the public. PTO...

The Parish Council and other local community organisations will give brief updates on activities over the last year and particular attention will be given to traffic management and road safety issues in the parish.

Do come along and have your say on matters of local interest.

An agenda will be published in due course.

Refreshments will be available.

GARDEN of REMEMBRANCE

Notice of proposed work

Burghill Parochial Church Council has applied to the Diocese of Hereford for consent to carry out work to facilitate maintenance of the Garden of Remembrance now and into the future.

The Garden of Remembrance is maintained by volunteers. Over the years the amount of work involved has increased and it has become more difficult to find enough volunteers. Consequently, only basic maintenance is now possible.

The proposal is to remove turf, replace it with gravel, edge the whole area and create a path.

Full details will be published in due course on church noticeboards, on the church website and in the Community Magazine, providing an opportunity for consultation.

Community Plant Stall

Advanced Notice



The Plant Sale at the bottom of the church drive has started again this year. We are continually receiving different flower and vegetable plants and even packets of seeds to put out for sale. If you have plants you would like to donate to the plant stall, please place them at the bottom of the church drive. We are only asking for a Donation for the plants/seeds that you take in the Honesty jar provided; all money raised will go to Church Funds.

PATHFINDERS



Group

PATHFINDERS' MAY MEETING

DATE & TIME?

MAY 29TH @ 5.00PM

Enhanced

DBS

Checked

WHERE?

The Churchyard - St Mary's Burghill

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

→ Football & Pizza

WHAT'S THE SESSION ABOUT?

Team work

The Leaders are:

Contact: Phill Brown: revpjbrown.777@gmail.com

Lara Fanthorpe: larafanthorpe98@gmail.com



“BURGHILL IN BLOOM”

We have now been given a date for the judges visit to Burghill which is Friday, 22nd July 2022. The Committee has been busy making plans for the day and have already actioned work at Whitmore Common and other areas in the village.

About two/three weeks prior the judging, we will need help tidying up the parish so if you could help to clean up your area by removing weeds etc. please contact John Parnaby on Hereford 761564 as he is co-ordinating the work programme.

At our next meeting in May, we will be planning the judging route and more information will be included in the June magazine. For two years running we have through all your hard work achieved GOLD which we are hoping to win again this year – even trying for category winner for a large village. If we win, then we will automatically be put forward to the National In Bloom competition.

We will be holding our own local competitions again this year and entry is **FREE**. There will be three categories with a £30 gardening voucher for each category winner. The categories are: a hanging basket, a container or similar with the theme “reuse recycle”, and front garden. All entry forms must be returned by **Friday, 15th July 2022** (see below).

Name

Address

Tel Email

Category entered: **Please tick (you can enter more than one if you wish)**

Hanging Basket Container or similar “reuse recycle” Front Garden

This information will only be used for the specified purpose and will not be released to a third party.

Please return this form to Sally Robertson, 4 Bakers Furlong, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7SB, or Heather at Tillington Stores.

Platinum Jubilee planning

These are the ideas suggested so far for Thursday June 2nd and Sunday June 5:



Thursday -

- 9.30am Celtic Service followed by coffee and cake 10.00-12 noon
- Church windows decorated by village groups may be viewed every day from 9.30am-5.00pm during the celebrations, 5.45-8.45pm
- Jubilee Peal followed by switching on lights on the church tower.
- 9.00pm Beacon lighting and refreshments on the Copse

Friday -

- Tea, Cakes & The Coronation. A celebratory Jubilee Tea Party. The Simpson Hall, 3-5pm.

Saturday -

- Jubilee Commemorative Bench placing. The Copse, TBA.
- Whitmoor Pool Common, official naming of the new Jubilee Ponds. TBC.

Sunday -

- 11.00am All Age service followed by Tree planting ceremony in the churchyard.
- 12.30pm Picnic lunch in the churchyard-Everyone welcome. Bring your own picnic including drinks and folding chairs or rugs.

Coffee, tea and cold drinks available all day

- 2.00pm A short handbell recital by Burghill and Tillington Handbell Ringers and Tintinnabulis.
- Children's trails at Church, a prize for every child.
- 5.00pm Hymns and Pimms-please let Jason Walker, Liz Donovan or Rev. Phill Brown know your favourite hymn.

The Church windows are to be decorated by Community Groups-please contact Liz Donovan, 01432 760881, for further details. TBA.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Geraldine Jeffery and her flower team for all their efforts to make the Church of St Mary's look wonderful for the whole community for Easter.

Good Job!

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:

- 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



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.

Virtual Easter Bunny Race

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Bunny Race. The winners in each of 3 races received prizes of chocolate Easter eggs or Easter bunnies and £608 was raised for Church funds.

Burghill Heritage Trail- September 2022

Early planning is taking place for this annual event which will be held over the weekend of **September 10th/11th**. The theme will be Children's Stories and a trail following characters from these stories will be set up round the village. Anyone who might be prepared to make a character from a story. These should be made from recycled materials and they will be sited at various places on the trail but will not involve specific properties.

Please contact Liz Donovan for further details: Tel: 01432760881



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!!

MAY : For our meeting on **Thursday 19th May** it will be some musical entertainment with Rob on the accordion and Phil of the fiddle.

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.

All meetings are held in the **Simpson Hall** commencing at 2-30pm. The cost is £3 and includes light refreshments.



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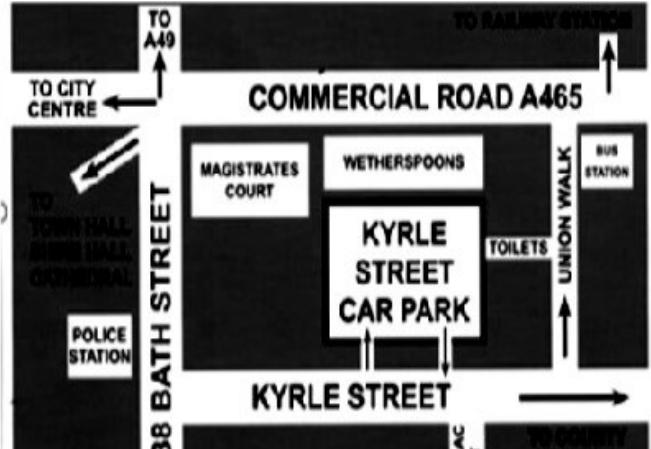
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1ST	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
5TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Service
8TH	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Eucharist
12TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Eucharist
15TH	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
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
19TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Eucharist
22ND	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
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
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
26TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Service
29TH	ASCENSION SUNDAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship

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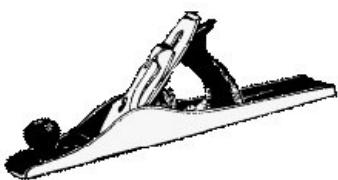
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Message from the Trustees of THE COPSE LEISURE TRUST

We would like to thank all those people who took part in our consultation by completing questionnaires; the information provided will assist us with our grant applications plus it has given us a better understanding of the needs of our community. The prize draw will take place at our meeting on the 9th May and we are very grateful to the owners of Kyrle Street Car Park for donating the prize money of £50, £25 and £10. The questionnaires are now being analysed and we will inform you of the outcome in due course.

We have decided to postpone our Platinum Jubilee Festival on the 9th July 2022 due to similar events being held that weekend. With a full programme for the Jubilee weekend in June, we also felt there were too many events in a short period of time which could impact on attendance. We are obviously disappointed but are looking at rescheduling in the future.

BURGHILL COPSE v WEOBLEY



Left to right:- *Jacqui Allender, Jenny Jones, Beryl Staite, Jacqui Weight, Helen Green (skip) and Ann Wallace*



Left to right:- *David Lunn, Mark Lyddon, Pete Sleet, Colin Reynolds (skip)*

Burghill Copse Short Mat Bowling sent two teams to play a friendly match against established Weobley. This was the first match played by Burghill since before the first lockdown in 2020. The winning team was Weobley who won by two games. There is to be a rematch at The Simpson Hall in October where it is hoped that Burghill Copse will have better luck on home ground.

BURGHILL RANGERS F.C



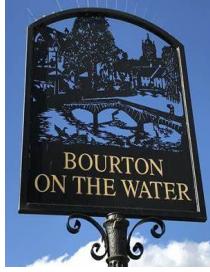
On bank holiday Monday Burghill Rangers F.C (the team that play at the Copse) played in the Ross Cup final against Ross juniors Colts that play in the Gloucester division!

After a very close game Burghill beat Ross 1-0 thanks to a penalty scored by James Bentley in the second half!

This result secured their first trophy since they started only 3 seasons ago.

We would like to thank our sponsors Zinco International and all the support we have had along the way!

Well done boys!



Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

Do come and be part of this village club!!

MAY : For our meeting on **Thursday 19th May** there will be musical entertainment with Rob on the accordion and Phil on the fiddle.

JUNE : There is no meeting in the Simpson Hall in June as it is our summer coach trip to **Bourton on the Water** on **Thursday 16th June**. This lovely village is located in the Cotswolds. We will have a break stop on the way at **Broadway**. If you wish to come contact Mrs D Price 760233 for details. 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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Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

Tuesday May 3rd, The Simpson Hall. 7.15pm

Come and find out what is happening at Whitmoor Pool Common!

Sarah King is a Team Wilder Community Engagement Officer with Herefordshire Wild Life Trust. Team Wilder is a nationwide initiative to encourage more people to get out and take action for nature, whether in their gardens, on local nature reserves or by joining online campaigns. Sarah has been advising the volunteers who are working on The Common. She is our speaker this month on the topic of “Climate Change and Nature” with particular regard to the work going on at Whitmoor Pool Common, relevant to our gardens too.

Do join us, all are welcome, just £3.50 on the door, to include tea/coffee/biscuits.

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Last month we welcomed a new walker and her dog to our group.

There were twelve walkers and two dogs in total, enjoying the countryside around Almeley.

Our next walk is:

Saturday 21st May

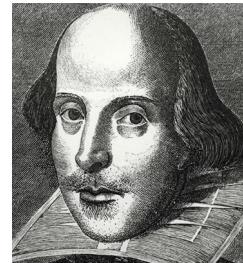
Meeting 9.50am at Burghill Church Car Park, for a 4 to 5 mile walk.

Newcomers are most welcome to this friendly walking group.

Enquiries: 01432 760552 - Annie Ness

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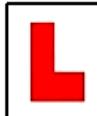
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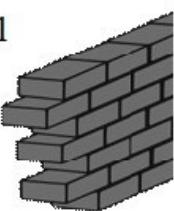
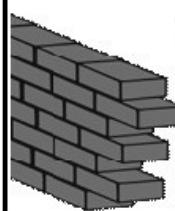
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10.00AM

Guests must be seated by 9.30 am

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will return in
September

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Our next session is on
FRIDAY, 13th May 2022
10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall
during the Community Café Session
Jigsaws, Magazine Swap

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



The Tillington Strollers

The next walk will be:

Thursday 12th, 10.30am

Meeting at Lyde Water Gardens car park



For more details contact Mrs Dilys Price, 01432 760233

Whitmoorpool Common Restoration

We are delighted to announce that the Parish Council has been awarded a grant from Herefordshire Council Climate and Nature Grant Scheme to restore Whitmoorpool Common.

The scheme will run from now until the end of July. Some tree work will be undertaken this month, where possible and checked clear of nesting activity. The aim is to bring back the pond and its ditches to a healthy state and help improve the condition of the common, so it is drier in the centre for the newly planted whips and more pleasant for parishioners to engage with and enjoy nature.

The front of the common will be improved visually with the help of Burghill in Bloom, who are helping create an area of colourful small shrubs etc.

We are forming a group – Friends of Whitmoorpool Common. This is an opportunity for anyone to get involved with shaping this area for the benefit of the parish and nature. If you have ever wondered about what it means to become more carbon neutral or what carbon sequestration is, this project is for you! If you'd like to learn about how we can all take action on the climate change and deliver ecological enhancements this project is a great way to get involved, learn, meet people and contribute positively.

Please contact Paulette Scholes for more information and to get involved or look at the Parish Council's website. Look for the "Friends of the Common" page.

Upcoming events:-

March – Front area and access works. Gardening and Burghill in Bloom volunteering days.

April - Burghill in Bloom activity days at the common to plant out the front area.

Tuesday 3rd May - Climate Change and Nature talk by Sarah King from Wilder Herefordshire at Simpson Hall.

June 4th - Jubilee ponds opening ceremony
willow craftwork course

Pond Dipping Day. Events for the whole family (TBC)

July – Wild play team session.

Evening bat watching.

30th July – Friends of the Common afternoon to celebrate the scheme completion and launch next phase.

SPIRIT

There are many different uses of the word 'spirit', all of them related to each other in some family resemblance kind of way. When used as a common noun, 'spirit' denotes something non-physical, when used as a noun in relation to a person it denotes something like an inner driving force, the essential core of a person's character or being. There are of course many and various religious interpretations of spirit from which to choose. However, leaving these to one side, the question arises as to the possibility of forming a coherent, naturalistic conception of spirit – naturalistic, that is, as distinct from supernatural. If spirit is a thing which, as the dictionary has it, constitutes "the non-physical part of a person", then what on earth is it supposed to be?

One fairly obvious answer here would be to equate spirit with the non-physical realm of mentality. We are, after all, quite happy to talk in naturalistic terms of mind as being activity on the part of matter -- mind, for example, as the activity of human brains. Another answer would be to equate spirit with energy, something which, from a scientific point of view, seems to underlie both the physical and the non-physical. Whether we are looking down to the quantum level or up to the stars, either way the fundamental feature of reality appears to be energy. And if both energy and spirit logically entail activity, fair to say that spirit is an active principle, applicable to both the physical world and the non-physical. It follows that spirit, as in the case of mind, is better understood in functional terms of what it can do, rather than as a *thing* distinct from bodies.

The German philosopher, Ernst Cassirer, would have agreed that spirit is an active principle, but only to the extent that it operates within human consciousness. We alone are able to respond to the world in spiritual terms because only man is able to create what Cassirer calls 'symbolic forms'. By means of transformative symbolic understanding we conceptualize the world around us. Life itself is a primordial given; myth making is man's primordial symbolic activity. Other symbolic forms include language, art, religion and science. Taken as a whole, these forms constitute the transpersonal sphere of human meaning at any given historical point. The dynamic interaction between life and spirit -- the twin poles of human experience -- drives the development of culture and our picture of how we fit into it. As Cassirer puts it, "Man knows the world and himself only through the image that he makes of both".

Rob Newton



Knit One, Natter Too

We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, 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 May are 11th and 25th

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 – or get to know others in the village.

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

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

We've been challenged to knit a Christmas tree for the Simpson Hall! If you have any green yarn to spare, we would be happy to give it a good home.

Community Café

We look forward to welcoming you next to the café on **Friday 13th May** from 10am to 12noon. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones. Don't worry if you are on your own - you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to.



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

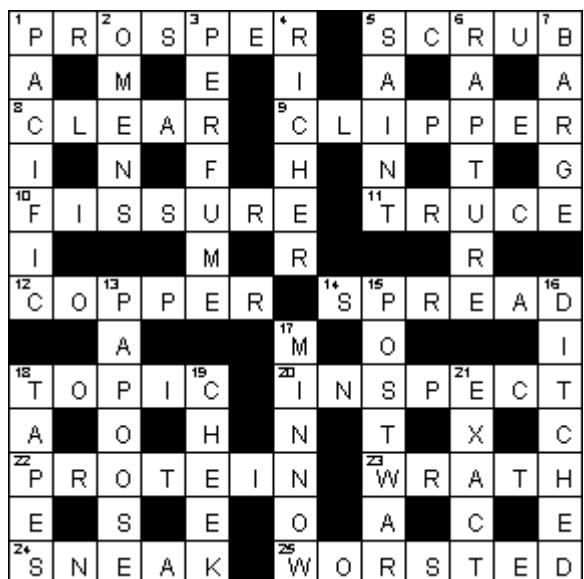
Dates: Fridays: May 13th, 10th June, 8th July.

Time 10 to 12noon

"Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away."

Marcus Aurelius



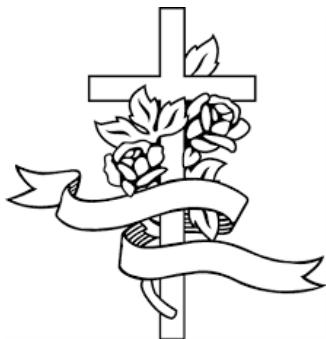


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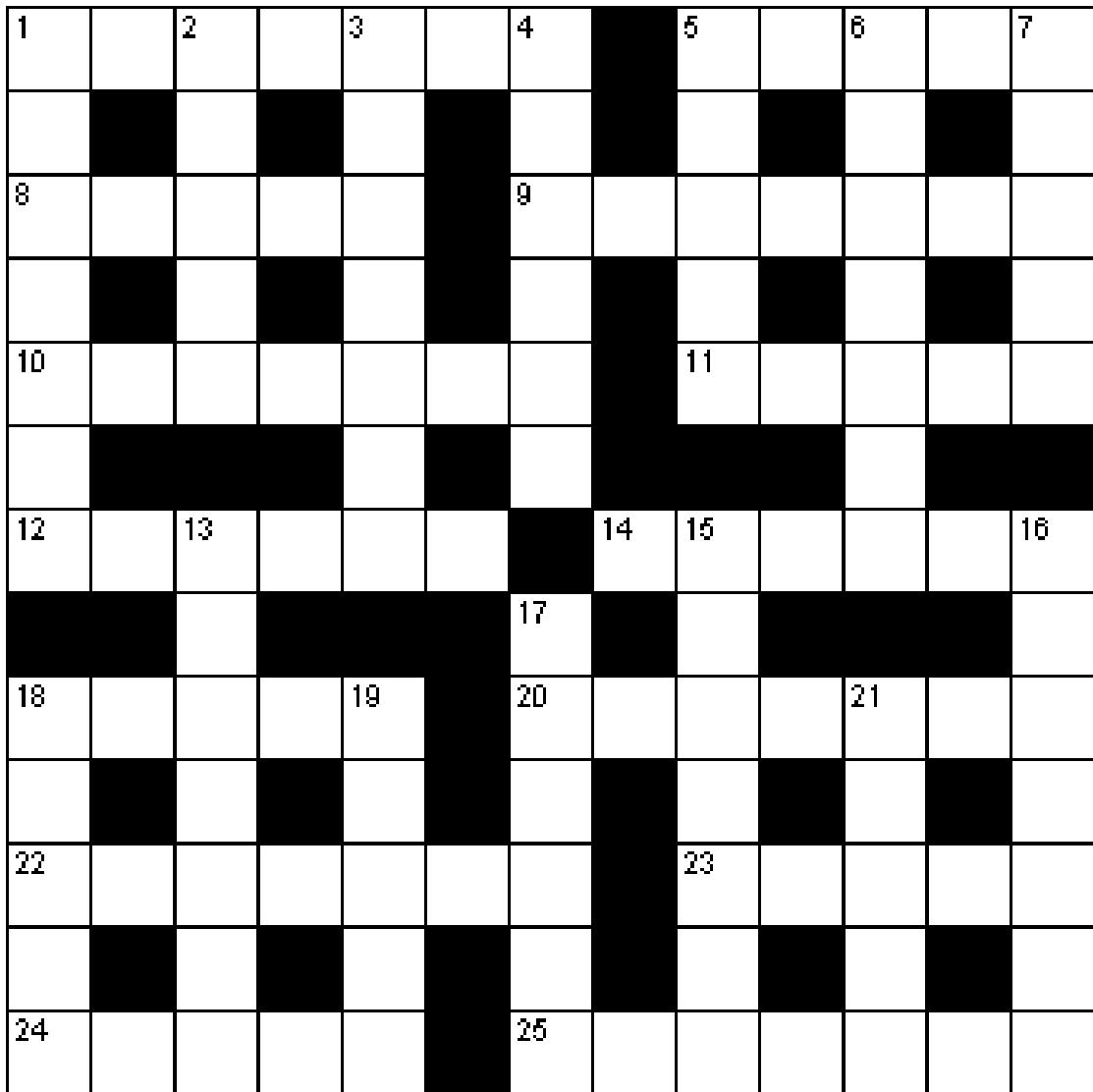
Let's do something completely different to celebrate the Summer Solstice and hopefully many long days of summer sunshine. The evening will start with groups of friends, neighbours and residents enjoying a main course meal at the house of one of the many hosts, followed by a pudding in the beautiful setting of a garden in Burghill.

We welcome everyone, singles, couples and groups so please come along and enjoy an evening with a difference.

Guest tickets are £15 for the 2-course meal. Hosts will not be charged.

We are also looking for more hosts to ensure we have as many people attending as possible to create a Summer Party atmosphere. If you are interested in attending or hosting then please contact Mike Langford on 07958 331269 or email mike.langford51@outlook.com

PUZZLE PAGE



ACROSS

- 1 Marked with streaks or blotches (7)
- 5 Public transport vehicles (5)
- 8 Desert haven (5)
- 9 One who shoes horses (7)
- 10 She-goat (anag) (7)
- 11 Vacant (5)
- 12 Drink of the gods (6)
- 14 Grief (6)
- 18 Fries (5)
- 20 Short-handled axe (7)
- 22 Conflagration (7)
- 23 Ground meat (5)
- 24 Head (slang) (5)
- 25 Male geese (7)

DOWN

- 1 Common aquatic bird (7)
- 2 International cricket matches (5)
- 3 Milan opera house (2,5)
- 4 Incompetent person (6)
- 5 Canal boat (5)
- 6 Captain (7)
- 7 Contrite (5)
- 13 Sheer fabric of silk or rayon (7)
- 15 Low stuffed seat (7)
- 16 Ridge between the shoulder blades of a horse (7)
- 17 Crowd (6)
- 18 Ascend (5)
- 19 Be of use (5)



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Lam 3:22-3

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