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

## A Never-Ending Arrival

During my travels in Portugal and Spain, I had to make it from one location to another in one day or I would miss my next start point. The journey was a seemingly never-ending cycle of constantly going from one place to another. It was also strange to have no reference points, every place I saw was a new place. Apart from one night, I did not sleep in the same bed twice, eat in the same place or see the same people. Everything, every day was new. This comes with a sense of disorientation, particularly when you are the odd one out. I for once, was the stranger who was out of place. This did make me think of those who leave their homelands for stranger shores and gave me a sense of how it feels, though my experience was very much more catered for. Despite this, my Spanish became quite good very quickly as my mind dug up odd phrases from everything I had experienced, to furnish my communication skills. Nevertheless, the journey was like climbing a mountain with a dozen false summits. Furthermore, the pain I picked up one day, would just add to the pain of the next. Blisters don't heal that quickly!

In Matthew's account of Easter, we have the scene of them running to the tomb and finding an empty space where there usually is a body. Jesus' tomb is the only grave that is famous not for what it contains, but for what it doesn't. Finally, they see Jesus, clasp his feet, and are told to then go and tell it to the rest what they saw, and off they go. Just when they think they have the end of the story in their hands, there is another journey and another thing to do. Easter is a journey that doesn't end, there is always another new thing to see and another place to be. You never get the scenes in any of the Gospels, that most story's end with: "and they lived happily ever after". Life for the followers of Jesus remained tough and does so for us today. That doesn't mean that they weren't happy with their lives, but no one is putting their feet up after Jesus emerges from death. They simply recognise that He is more than merely human. We are told that when they clasped His feet, they worshiped Him.

On my travels, what you quickly are reminded of is your limits because of your body. What Jesus shows us in the resurrection, is that beyond death the body no longer constrains us, we are free and the key to this freedom is the one who made it possible. Let us not forget the gift of life and that it goes one from one scene to another. There is always more to life than we can grasp and more to God than we can fathom. Happy Easter!

*Phill*



## Burghill Church supports **HEREFORD FOOD BANK**

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

They currently need tinned meat, fish, vegetables and fruit, as well as rice (tinned and dry), UHT milk, baby food and vegetarian food.

They also need washing powder, cleaning products and toiletries.

Long-life carrier bags are appreciated too.

They do not currently need baked beans or pasta.

**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>

**Please note: The Food Bank cannot accept food, tinned or dried, which is past the Best Before date**

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(The Old Phone Box by the Church)

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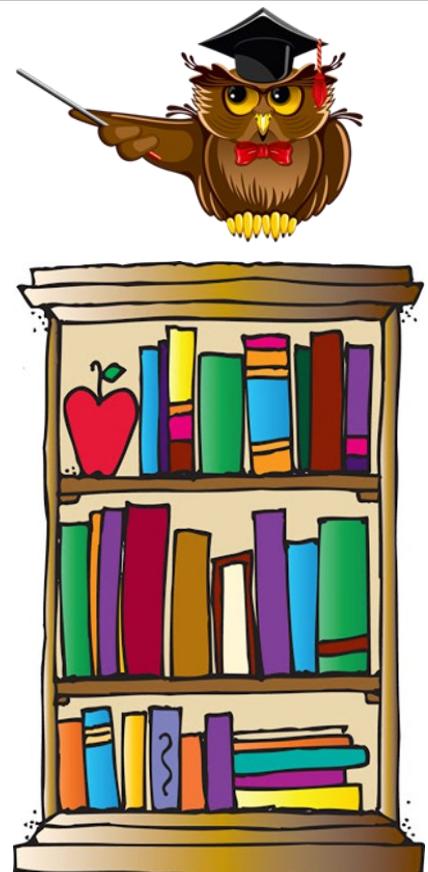
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**Cash donations go to support the Church**

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# APRIL SERVICES *Burghill Benefice*

<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
10.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Eucharist
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
7.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	The Last Supper Service <i>with the striping of the Altars</i>
<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
2.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	The Last Hour Service
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
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	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
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	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Morning Prayer
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>ST GEORGES DAY</b>	
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	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
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
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## News from your Parish Council

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Eleven Councillors were present along with six members of the public.

On behalf of the Parish Council, The Chair thanked all those involved in the Litter pick on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The local PCSO (Christina Howard) attended the meeting and went through some incidents that have arisen in the Parish over the last few months. Anyone can sign up to receive alerts from the local policing teams by going onto the website [www.neighbourhoodmatter.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatter.co.uk)

### **The Parish Council discussed two planning applications:**

Planning application 230480 - Land at Brinsop Court, Brinsop, HR4 7AX. Proposed erection and retention of 12 luxury glamping tents over the period 1st April to 30th September (inc.) on an annual basis together with the permanent provision of tent bases, a facilities building and a secure site store (part retrospective). There are reservations about this being a retrospective application. Concerns were also raised around drainage at the site and protecting the local amenities around noise. We would support the views of Brinsop and Wormsley Parish Council.

Planning application [230641](#) - 17 Pyefinch Meadow, Burghill, HR4 7SS. Oak tree - remove this secondary stem The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

Our Community Working Group is looking to purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D) and it was agreed by the Council to purchase a refurbished one, we will then have two in the parish and five sites to locate them. They are also in the process of looking into the purchase of books for all the children in the parish, this is on-going.

Our Environment Working Group updated the meeting that Whitmoor Pool Common is currently still wet but work is being carried out to tidy up the front area ready for Spring.

Herefordshire Council will soon be placing a Bus Shelter at Leasown, this will be completed in the coming months.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. We hope to see you there.

Paulette Scholes  
Clerk to the Parish Council



## Burghill Parish Book Giveaway

Do you have a child under 5? Would you like a FREE book for your child?

Please register your interest in choosing a free book by emailing Parish Councillor Joy Carroll at [joycarroll@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:joycarroll@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call on 07402891502.

We will be holding a book event with books provided by The Children's Bookshop where you will be able to come along and choose your free book with your child.

## BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

Burghill Parish Council are advertising for the Lengthsman's Contract for 2023/2027

The contract will commence 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027

General maintenance jobs to do around the parish include:

- Verge cutting of visibility splays at junctions
- Clearing drainage ditches and gullies
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- Pavement maintenance e.g. removal of grass/mud etc.
- Contingency - when necessary due to bad weather
- Parish Pathways - strimming and repairs when necessary
- Applications must have Current Liability Insurance for £10,000,000

Please apply to: Paulette Scholes  
 Burghill Parish Clerk  
[clerk@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Closing Date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023



# WALKING THE CAMINO

## VIRTUALLY!

The end is in sight!

In fact, by the time you read this we will have arrived, virtually.

At the end of week 6, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the 12 walkers and 2 dogs have collectively walked 467 miles, so we are on track to arrive before Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

The distance from the start of the Way of St James, the Camino Frances, at St Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela is somewhere between 480 and 500 miles.

We will clock up more than that so, like many pilgrims, we will go on to Finisterre (The End of the World), which is another 50 or so miles.

So far, generous sponsorship has raised almost £700.

Thank you for all your support

**It's still not too late to sponsor us**

You can donate online through the  
Burghill Walks the Camino Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/elizabeth-donovan-1672171106845>

or make a cash donation to any of the walkers.

Weekly progress is recorded on the noticeboard in church.

There are also updates on the Burghill Church facebook page

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/burghillchurch/>

**We have walked together in spirit, encouraged one another on the way, and hopefully end a bit more fit and healthy!**

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# PATHFINDERS

## YOUTH Group

**PATHFINDERS YOUTH GROUP**  
**APRIL 2023 MEETING**

**DATE & TIME?**

**Sunday, 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL @ 5.00PM**

**WHERE?**

**THE VICARAGE, Burghill. HR4 7SG**

**WHAT'S THE PLAN?**

**Bonfire & BBQ**

**WHAT'S THE SESSION ABOUT?**

**The great outdoors**

**The Leaders are:**

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

**Lara Fanthorpe: larafanthorpe98@gmail.com**

**(8 - 14 year group)**

**Contact us if you require further details**



## *Burghill Church Yard*

A small group of volunteers maintain our churchyard but we could do with some more help at our monthly sessions. We meet mostly on Wednesday mornings and would greatly appreciate some extra help now that spring is with us.

I am also looking for people prepared to use both the ride on mower and hand mower for the large areas of grass. People often compliment us on the churchyard but in order to maintain the grounds as we have in the past we do need new volunteers.

If you think you can help please contact me 07485142141 or text a message or phone 01432 760288.

Thank you,

Max Jenman. Church Warden.



## JOINT CONCERT

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our concert on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Burghill Church. We were delighted to raise £872 towards church funds. We were indebted to the Fire Choir who came at short notice to sing in place of the Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir and who waived their fee as this was their first event since the start of the Covid pandemic. Also many thanks to Jason Walker and the Burghill and Tillington Handbell ringers and all those people who provided refreshments and helped in so many other ways.

Thank you very much.

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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:

- 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



## 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.

## The Good Neighbour Scheme



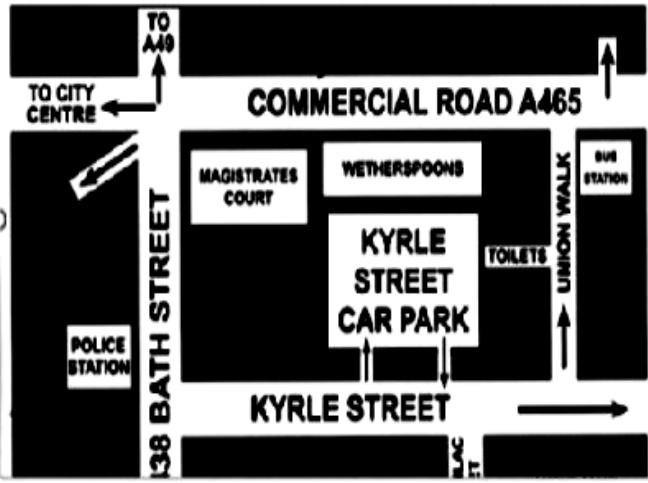
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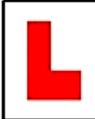
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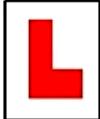
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# Elvis

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14<sup>th</sup> Apr - 7.30 pm The  
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Admission: Adults: £5.50 Child: £3.50  
Enquiries to: 07726 148736

Elvis themed evening. Film only includes tea, coffee, and  
biscuits during the interval: £5.50.

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# **MURDER MYSTERY MATINEE**

## **\*\*\* ERROR \*\*\***

# **MURDER BY THE WAY**

**Simpson Hall, Burghill**

**Saturday 29th April 2.30pm**

**Tickets £8  
to include tea & cakes**

**Last month's magazine published the wrong telephone number. Please accept our apologies. Text 07525 420010 stating your name and the number of tickets required.**

**\* - if you have already booked tickets for the evening and you wish to switch them to the matinee then please text the same number to alter your booking.**

### **ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP**

Our walk began at Staunton on Wye last month. We navigated the edges of a very large orchard and cider apple nursery.

Our next walk is:  
**Saturday 8th April**

Each and every walk, meeting 9.50am at Burghill Church car park, then sharing cars and driving to our start point for a 4 to 5 mile walk. Newcomers are most welcome to this friendly walking group.

Enquiries: 01432 760552 - Annie Ness

# Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

**Tuesday 4th April  
Simpson Hall  
7.15pm**

This month's speaker is David Griffiths, local nurseryman. You will have seen his stall selling plants on Hereford market. His topic is "Preparing for Spring", very timely! David is also planning to bring some plants to sell, so come prepared.

Remember we need to keep up the numbers attending, to ensure we can survive. We hope to see a good turn out again this month.

All are welcome, just £4 on the door, to include refreshments.  
[sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net](mailto:sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net)

# Thursday Coffee



Every Thursday we have coffee & Tea in  
St Mary's Church. There is a Celtic Service at 9.30am followed  
by coffee & Tea beginning at 10.00am for everyone!

All are welcome, come and join us!

## FUN QUIZ



**1st Saturday of April and May  
7.30 pm, Stretton Sugwas Village Hall**

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## Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

**April** : On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** Maureen Williams is to give us a update talk on the subject of **Hedgehog rescue**. Maureen will bring some of hedgehogs for us look at.

**May** : On **Thursday 18th April** Rev Dr Phillip Brown is to give us a talk on a **Review of his year**.

Tickets for the draw that take place at each meeting will cost £1.

We meet in the **Simpson Hall** commencing at **2-30pm** The cost is £3 and includes light refreshments.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who organised and volunteered with the **Warm Space** initiative. Residents who attended really appreciated the hospitality (the home made soups were delicious) and the warm welcome.

**Sally Robertson and Jean Davies.**

## **CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

King Charles is being crowned King on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. It is 70 years since our late Queen Elizabeth was crowned and so this coronation is a momentous occasion.

Our church here in Burghill will be celebrating the event in several ways as follows:

**The Church flower arranging team** will decorate the church.

We will **light up the tower** again.

There will be **tower bell ringing** at various times.



**On Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>** there will be an **All Age service** to mark the coronation followed by a **picnic lunch** in the churchyard or in church depending on the weather. Bring your own picnic. Tea and coffee provided.

There will be a **treasure hunt** in the churchyard and lots of **royal mice** to find in church.

**Everyone is warmly invited to join in the celebration.**

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 during the Community Café Session



### **"Burghill in Bloom"**



#### **Rubbish Collected at the Annual Litter Pick**

Again this year, we had a good turnout for the litter pick despite the weather and we would like to thank everyone who took part. The Annual Litter Pick is a joint venture with Burghill in Bloom and Burghill Parish Council. The refreshments at the end were very much welcomed too!

We would also like to thank those people who litter pick in the parish throughout the year – it was noticed that there was far less litter collected this year due to their efforts.

Our next fundraising event will be our Strawberry Tea Dance which is now scheduled for Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at The Simpson Hall (more information and details of where to purchase tickets will be published in next month's magazine).

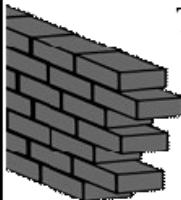
As time approaches for our entry into the Heart of England in Bloom competition, we have already planted wildflower seeds at The Copse, Whitmoor, Pool and Concertina hill with other areas identified. Flowers have been ordered for the troughs throughout the parish and we are grateful to those people who have volunteered to look after these throughout the year.

Further details of how you can get involved will be included in our report next month and we hope that you will enter our own local competitions too.

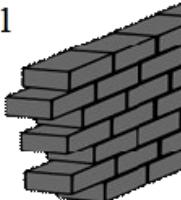
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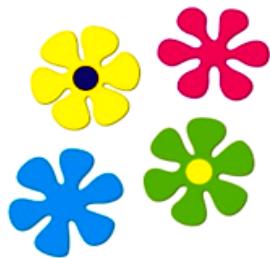
# **60's Evening**

## **featuring local band “Laurel Canyon” and Sounds from the 60's**

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**The Simpson Hall**  
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## HENRY CHANDLER RIP

### **Memories of a very special man**

He's been a part of the community ever since I was a child. My earliest memory of Henry is of him and his two sisters hanging off the pram handles as they walked from Burghill to Tillington to visit their 'Granny Chandler'.

Henry was a supportive character through the service of nine vicars; preparing the alter, lighting candles, carrying the cross while leading in the choir procession each Sunday, singing in the choir, ringing the bells to call us to worship. And every year Henry took pride in planting up the huge stone trough at the church entrance.

As a young man, he worked for Russell Riley, the village carpenter and undertaker. He then went to work at Wormsley golf course, honing his lawn care and mowing skills in preparation for caring for the churchyard. He was instrumental in bringing us the honour of winning the tidiest large churchyard competition, a number of times. I was blessed to have been able to visit Henry at his care home during the last weeks of his good life, a time that Henry had fully accepted in his usual style.

He was a quiet, unassuming man, always reliable and hardworking. His passing has left a hole in the fabric of the local community and in the life of Burghill Church. Rest easy my dear boy x

**Pat Downes**

....And so, after a period of contemplation, Henry announced over a coffee that it was time to change his car.

'So what sort of car do you have in mind Henry?'

'A red one.'

'But, Henry, you won't fit a Ferrari in your garage!'

'I would like a red one, like Noëlla.'

'OK, and the budget?'

A suitable contender is seen on a main dealer forecourt. So a visual inspection is followed by a road test putting the little red car through its paces. Yes, it does fit in the garage and it is a nice drive to Heather's shop.

Returning to the dealer's forecourt, a price is discussed following a brief negotiation.

'But Henry, are you happy that the car has four doors?'

'Oh yes, I can get sacks of compost in the back without any problem.'

So the deal is agreed knowing that the sack of compost can travel in comfort and everyone is happy.

**Malcolm Plasman-Jones**

**PTO**

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF HENRY

I first got to know Henry when we moved into Burghill in 1976, through attending the Church. He was a staunch church member, carrying the cross, singing in the choir, always willing to do any maintenance work around the church building and churchyard and was the Churchwarden's main assistant in the churchyard.

However I also got to know Henry better when I started tower bell ringing and discovered that he had learnt to ring bells when he was in his early teens as far back as 1955. He progressed with his bellringing and carried out duties such as maintaining the bells as Tower Keeper, Secretary, Vice-Captain and eventually becoming Tower Captain in 1980, a position he held until his death.

Henry never missed Sunday Service ringing or practice nights until the last 2 years when he became too frail to ring. He regularly participated in Quarter peals often conducting them and also rang in a few full peals.

Henry was always in church on Sundays, took an active role in Church life, being a member of the Parochial Church Council for well over 50 years, and could regularly be seen mowing and maintaining the churchyard. In fact Henry was always there, quietly going about his duties. When he became too ill to come to church he was sorely missed and now that he has passed to a greater life he will be very hard to replace.

Rest in Peace, Henry.

**Liz Donovan**

Henry was a couple of years ahead of me at Burghill School in the 50's Walking from home to Mrs. Riley's infants class we arrived from opposite directions, Henry from Crowmoor lane and me from Haymeadow Lane. Meeting with friends we would form up in lines and walk quietly to class. There we would sit through lessons, Henry being a shy and quiet lad, rather like me, would be reluctant to answer questions in class. From Mrs. Riley's infants class we progressed to Mrs. Lawrence's intermediate class and on to Mr. Legg's class of seniors.

I will always remember one occasion during this period, it concerned my NHS specs. These plain specs became the object of mockery by a couple of lads. Seeing this, Henry called one of the older chaps who lived just up the road from me and they made sure these lads were told, in no uncertain terms, to clear off and leave me alone. Another memory I have of Henry was his ability, when playing rounders, occasionally to hit the ball very hard. Beware if you were slow to dodge out of the way!!

When he left school, Henry had a variety of jobs including British Rail, helping Mr. Russell Riley our local undertaker, Mr George Turner of Tillington Stores and working at Co-op Fruit Farm.

Throughout his life Henry was involved with church activities. He went to Sunday School and various church services and joined the Church Choir. My uncle, Bob Collier was Crucifer at the time and was succeeded by Eric Hill. When they passed away Henry proudly took on the role. His commitment to Church life was further enhanced when he joined our team of bellringers. He proudly took over duty of ringing the Tenor bell when Eric's health failed.

**Graham Morris**

### **A tribute to Henry from the Burghill In Bloom Team**

Henry was a big supporter of our endeavours and attended our monthly meetings throughout the year. He was an active member but strictly in a "background" capacity because he had such a quiet and unassuming nature.

When we commenced placing wooden planters around the village he asked if one could be located near where he lived at Redstone. For many years he faithfully planted it up with a variety of plants/bulbs as the seasons came and went. He always kept it neat and tidy and I am sure it brought a lift to all that saw it as they passed by.

On one of the annual Burghill in Bloom litter pick days he was allocated to pick litter with two other people down the busy main road that by passes Burghill. As he was working in the ditches at Concertina Hill corner, he found a £5 note. He wanted to donate it to Burghill in Bloom but the other two said "No, keep it, finders' keepers"! Henry, you will be sadly missed by all the **Burghill in Bloom Team**.

**HENRY:** Part of the very fabric of Burghill & Tillington and particularly, the Church. His trusty bike always propped either by the Tower door, the Vestry door or more likely the Bier House as he worked so hard to keep his beloved churchyard looking good. As others have said, his life very much revolved around the church; most congregations did not know that no service could ever begin until Henry came in from bell ringing in the tower, carefully donned his robe, hung his medal awards round his neck, gave the silver cross a last polish. No minister could say the vestry prayer and begin until Henry was ready. He wasn't being difficult, no way. He was just doing what he did best, serve the church. His measured and steady tread, leading us all out into the nave. He has left us now for a better place, but Henry, his spirit remains and always will. Rest in peace and rise in glory special man.

**Penny Littlewood** (We served each other)

The consensus of those, like me, who knew Henry as a fellow primary school pupil at Burghill School in the 1940's and 1950's is that he stayed quietly in the background, taking part in activities where he was needed but not generally, promoting himself in any way. The knowledge that most people have of him comes from conversations with him in later life.

He is known to have been a keen home gardener and is understood to have worked for various local employers, including the builder Russel Riley at the time that he had the contract as funeral director for the patients of St Mary's

Hospital, Burghill. He had also worked as a groundsman at the Herefordshire Golf Club. When he was a lad he helped George Turner of the Tillington shop with weekly grocery deliveries.

### **Graham Gilbert**

A neighbour at 'Redstone' and a former primary school friend writes: "Henry didn't have a true hobby as such. He would have the odd kick at the football and swing of the cricket bat, but he was never a sporty type. His hobby was his work with the church, his bell ringing and his gardening. Henry kept himself to himself much of the time. He went about his life and his work in his normal, quiet unassuming manner. He did not look for praise, he was not a glory seeker and was a man without ego. He and I were good friends and whenever we met we would talk about what we were growing in our gardens. He would tell me about his work for the church and I would tell him about the birds nesting in my garden hedge.

I will miss Henry, as many other people will. The parish will be a poorer place without him."

### **Peter Jones**



**The Crocodile 8 is back!**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**



This year looks like being bigger and better than ever and we would like to invite everyone from our community to join the in the fun.

The Crocodile 8 was established in 1997 to help raise money to build a new school hall at Burghill Community Academy and has gone from strength to strength ever since.

Starting and finishing at the school, the Croc is a tough run of 8.8 miles. Kids races are held at the school – and this year the after-event party will take place at the school too.

The Croc is renowned for being a little quirky. Musicians scattered across the route and the odd Crocodile can often been seen in the crowds!

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## Spring Pruning

The key to correct pruning is discrimination. Plants and trees are pruned in a specific way for a specific reason, such as to enhance their production of flowers, fruit, coloured stems, fruit or foliage.

Pruning can also, with selective care, be used to reduce the size of a large shrub or tree – but in neither case will this involve clipping bushes into balls nor hacking the limbs off hapless flowering cherries. The aim is to leave the plant looking smaller but otherwise untouched. Also bear in mind that pruning any tree in spring will be followed by a surge of new growth; if you aim to keep it down, late summer is often a better time.

Shrubs which respond well to pruning in the spring because they bear summer flowers on new wood benefit from the obsolete old wood being cut away. Two typical examples of this are the 'Butterfly Bush' (*Buddleia davidii* types) and the 'Tree Mallow' (*Lavatera*). Established plants can be cut down by about two thirds – even if this means cutting into wood several years old. Drastic though this may seem, the plant will respond by producing a pom pom of new stems, each laden with summer blooms.

You can also cut back by about two thirds bushes such as *Spirea*, *Caryopteris*, hardy *Fuchsias* and *Rose* bushes (the latter respond best to shears or a hedge trimmer - really!).

Looking ahead to next winter, cut away the coloured stems of Dogwoods (coloured bark *Cornus*) now that they have started to sprout leaves. The bright winter bark display comes from fresh new wood, not old wood, so cut these right down to within a few inches so that the new growth they produce over summer will give a rainbow show of coloured stems next winter after the leaves fall off..

Soft fruits can be similar: cut away the old stems of the autumn *Raspberry*, 'Autumn Bliss' and prune *Blackcurrant* bushes (but not red and white currants) right down now so that they can fruit on new growth.

In all cases, follow up spring pruning with a dose of fertiliser such as fish, blood and bone, to encourage speedy and vigorous new growth.

Happy gardening!

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

## Knit One, Natter Too

You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. You can be sure of a warm 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. We usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session. We'd be very happy to have more people join us so why not give us a go?



NB: we are now meeting UPSTAIRS in the Simpson Hall

Dates for **April: 12<sup>th</sup> and 26th**

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## Community Café

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** 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 12<sup>th</sup> and June 9th 2023**

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## BURGHILL BRIDGE CLUB

We are looking for new members for our club. If you play bridge at any level you are welcome to join us. We meet at 6.45 pm in the Simpson Hall on the first, third and fifth Monday of each month.

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If you would like to learn to play, please contact Joe on 760816

## THE BLAME GAME

A winter frost recently killed off the geranium in my garden. The frost by itself was sufficient to do the job but a number of other causes would have done just as well -- the plant might have been diseased or trampled underfoot, or a pesky squirrel could have dug it up whilst retrieving a nut. Causal chains of events such as these are generally easy to figure and for most of the time we don't even need to figure them out at all, we simply and naturally take causality in our stride. In this particular case the frost acted as a sufficient cause, but I was obviously at fault for leaving such a delicate plant outside and unprotected. My failure to bring the plant inside for the winter – my act of omission – was a contributing causal factor. Acts of omission, so it turns out, can be just as consequential as those actions which we actually commit.

To take action is to *do* something; to refrain from doing something is to take no action at all. Putting it like that, the expression 'act of omission' might sound like a misnomer. The fact is of course that an act of omission carries the special and pejorative implication of *inaction* rather than non-action. Whereas 'non-action' is neutral in terms of culpability, 'inaction' implies failure to act where action is expected or appropriate. Given therefore that frost was always to be expected, my horticultural negligence was indeed a case of inaction rather than non-action. Through my act of omission I didn't so much *cause* the demise of my geranium as allow it to die, and one can properly be said to *allow* something only if one has some kind of power over the course of events. Once this power is granted, culpability enters the field. The difference then between action, inaction and non-action arises specifically in the context of human agency. By and large, only people acting freely can be held responsible not just for what they do but for what don't do. To the extent that we are *actually* free, when it comes to deciding what we should do and what we should leave off doing, the further we stray beyond the world of garden plants the more challenging life becomes. Those in power are damned if they do and damned if they don't; non-action is construed as burying one's head in the sand; inaction often seems like moral turpitude rather than simple negligence. Nevertheless, there are those today who seem quite certain about what should and should not be tolerated, many of whom would make 'cancellation' a positive force for good. On the other hand, it might be an even greater force for good if more of us took up the cause of non-action when it comes to apportioning blame.

*Rob Newton*



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