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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 20TH OF EVERY MONTH

What you see isn't always what you get!

Surprise, is that certain something that lies at the heart of Christmas. Well, we do it for those we love don't we. We love a surprise and a secret. We do secret Santa; we love giving gifts that brings a certain 'wow' factor. Yet, what we love is to surprise our loved ones with a real scenes of amazement. That is why we wrap our presents up and sometimes make elaborate shapes to disguise what is inside. We love to see our children's faces when they get caught out and get something they wanted but were not that sure that they would. On a more serious note, the original Santa, Bishop Nicholas of Smyrna (circa 300), gave a gift of money so that a family would not see their children into slavery. Nevertheless, a surprise gift is a wonderful thing, either from someone we know or not.

One thing I love about gifts, is that we give without any notion of reciprocity. We don't want anything in return, we that's how it should be anyway. But the reason we give gifts at Christmas is because of what happened at the first Christmas. The first accounts of Jesus' life tell us that, Jesus is not just a gift from God, but *the* gift from God. It comes to us as something very familiar, a baby. Yet, we mustn't be taken in by God's wrapping skills. There is more to this baby than meets the eye. St Augustine comments: "No one could see his glory without being healed by the lowness of the flesh". In other words, the wrapping paper of His flesh is the only way we could see God Himself. Why? Well, God doesn't have a body, and so in order to see and know Him, He became what He was not, human. In other words, what those first people saw wasn't what the world was getting. The world saw a baby boy, but what we got was God Himself. What a gift, what a present and what a surprise! Merry Christmas!

Phill

Parish Council News

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 14th November 2023. Ten Councillors were present along with eleven members of the public.

The Parish Council discussed two planning applications:

- 233046 - Building at Tillington Fruit Farms, Crowmoor Lane, Tillington. Proposed demolition of existing buildings and erection of three dwellings with associated works. This was discussed, the Council would like the drainage looked into and questioned the curtilage being extended beyond the original building, the council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.
- 233059 - Land to the Rear of Green Acres, Roman Road, Hereford. Outline planning application for the erection of four dwellings and associated works, with all other matters reserved for future determination except access. The only issue would be the access onto the busy Canyon Pyon Road, the Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.

Whitmoor Pool Common was discussed, there will be a formal agreement put in place to allow Burghill Primary School to lease part of the common from the Parish Council for school activities. The school has also been chosen to be a pilot scheme for a 20mph speed limit outside the school, speeds are currently being checked.

Councillors received a brief presentation on safeguarding and RESOLVED to adopt a revised Safeguarding Policy for children and vulnerable adults. Councillors also RESOLVED to adopt a new Code of Conduct. The Commons Management Plan was discussed as it needs to be slightly updated, it will be amended as necessary and brought back to the next meeting for approval. This plan will cover the next five years. Talk Community Hub is being well received at the good neighbour coffee mornings. The Talk Community team and the Health Watch team have both attend events and this was welcomed.

It was agreed to keep the precept at its current amount and small grants of £5,150 were agreed along with a donation of £100.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm. We hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes
Clerk to the Parish Council*



The Simpson Hall Committee will be holding their AGM on Monday 12th February 2024 at 19.00 hrs, at the Hall. You are warmly invited to attend.

Registered charity number 239038

The Burghill & Tillington Handbell Ringers are holding a

Coffee Morning

on Saturday 20th January 2024 at the Simpson Hall, 10am – 12pm. Everyone welcome!

Any money raised will go to our charity of the year, Acorn's Childrens Hospice.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



**This year's Christmas card being sold in aid of our church
St. Mary the Virgin, Burghill**

Features

“Our Church in the Snow”

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We will have a dedicated computer you can use, to help you find information, services, groups and activities in the local area and across Herefordshire. If you can't find what you need, our trained assistant will be able to help signpost you to the relevant website or telephone number. Come along and enjoy refreshments provided by the Good Neighbour Scheme. You may also choose a variety of books from the Community Library run by Burghill CAP and purchase green bags if required.

Our Talk Hub is also available via telephone, by calling 07889285657. A Member of the Burghill Talk Hub Team will assist you in finding the information that you may require. If you cannot get through please leave a message and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email: janette-pudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

In addition, if you have access to the internet, you can look at the Burghill Hub by searching,

www.talkcommunitydirectory.org and selecting Burghill Talk Hub

SEASON'S Greetings



The Movement for Good Awards are the Benefact Group's annual programme of giving over £1million to charities and good causes – with your help we could win, as **THE MORE PEOPLE THAT NOMINATE US, THE MORE CHANCE WE HAVE OF WINNING!**

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www.simpsonhall.uk/nominate-us-for-1000/
 for our easy nomination guide.
 Closing date: 17th December

*Thank
you*



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28th November - Fairytales

5th and 12th December - Winter

19th December - Christmas party (booking essential)
 (return on Tuesday 9th January)

Please tell all your family and friends about us as we love seeing new faces!

For more information please see our Facebook page:
 Golden Meadow Playgroup

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

ADVANCED

NOTICE



The Church events group will be holding their

Grand Christmas Draw

again this year with lots of generous donations of good prizes including Christmas Hampers, a meal for four at Burghill Golf Club, a Christmas turkey and an Amazon voucher to the value of £50 plus other valuable prizes.

Tickets will be on sale from mid-October at £1.00 per ticket or £5.00 for a book of 5 tickets and can be obtained from members of the Church PCC.

The draw will be made on Thursday December 14th

Contact Max Jenman or Liz Donovan for details

WINTER WARMER LUNCHES

The Good Neighbour Scheme is holding soup lunches this winter. They will be held on Fridays between 12.30 and 2.00 pm in the Simpson Hall. All are welcome.

The dates are:

15th December (please note that this lunch will be from 1.00 to 2.30 pm)

19th and 26th January

16th and 23rd February

There will be a small charge of £1 for soup and a roll, and 50p for a hot drink.

For more information, please contact Joe on 760816 or email: jfhelme@gmail.com



Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club



December: On Thursday 14th December all of the children from Burghill Community Academy will come and sing Christmas Songs and Carols. We start at 2pm as the children have to be back at the school for going home time.

January: On Thursday 18th January the talk will be given by Age UK.

February: On Thursday 15th February there will be a talk on Slide Show.

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.

CHRISTMAS WINDOWS AT BURGHILL CHURCH



Once again village and church groups are decorating the porch, choir and windows in church for Christmas. The Christmas theme adopted this year by the Church of England is “Follow the Star-Join the Song” and so the theme for the windows is

“A Favourite Christmas hit Song”

Windows will be decorated in time for “Carols by Candlelight” which will take place in church on Sunday Dec 17th starting at 5.30pm. Do come along for this candlelit service followed by mince pies and mulled wine, and see the decorations or they can be viewed daily until the end of January.



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 15th December 7pm
Simpson Hall



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National Grief Awareness week 2023



This year on behalf of The Good Grief Trust
I am holding
a [#BetterTogetherCafe](#) at The Courtyard in Hereford.
10am-12 on Monday 4th December.

A community event bringing together those who are grieving. In coming together connections and friendships can be made; hopefully reducing the sense of isolation so many experience.

It is also a great opportunity for those who work in the area of grief in Herefordshire to be 'seen' in one space and in doing so raising vital awareness of the bereavement support that is available here in the county.

I will be at the Black & White House in Hereford's town centre on Wednesday 6th December @ 6pm for the [#LightUpInOrange](#) event.

This is another community event that welcomes anyone who may be grieving. We are usually a small group but every year we have grown in numbers, which is wonderful.

Dawn Ford

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Our recent escapades to Dinedor and Aconbury treated us to invigorating hill climbs. Descending into Dinedor village, a delightful surprise awaited us at the village hall: a charming Repair Café, offering a delightful respite complete with coffee and cake. This hidden gem hosts its event every 3rd Saturday, inspiring us to plan a return visit armed with items in need of repair. Stay tuned for more thrilling adventures on our horizon!

Our next walks are:

Saturdays 2nd December: Walk and Lunch

Saturday 6th January

We meet at 9:50 am in the Burghill Church car park. From there, we share cars and drive to our starting point for a leisurely 4 to 5 mile walk. We warmly welcome newcomers to join us on our adventures. For more information call Annie Ness: 01482 760552

Additional Tuesday fortnightly slower paced walks over 2 hours.

5th & 19th December. 2nd, 16th & 30th January

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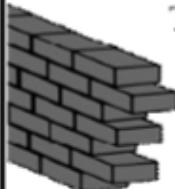
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Christmas Handbells

Sunday 17th December

Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's church,
Burghill at 5.30pm

Friday 22nd December

The Obelisk Garden, St Mary's Park at
6.30pm

Saturday 23rd December

No.1 Club House, Tillington at 6.30pm



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- 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 Community Café

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

The **Community Library** operates at the same time; for books, jigsaws and green bags

The GNS Welcome Pack

Is now available for anyone new to the village. If you are new, or if you know someone who is, and would like a Welcome Pack, please contact Joe Helme: 01432 760816 or jfhelme@gmail.com

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 24th January 2024.



People from all church traditions are warmly invited to join in a short service put together by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. This organisation is committed to developing ties and communications with other Christian churches throughout the country, strengthening fellowships with each other as well as deepening understanding of different denominations and their diversity or identity. The service will be followed by a shared supper. (Please bring a plate of food to share.)

This will be in the Simpson Hall, Burghill on Monday 22nd January from 6 to 8pm.

We hope you will join us.

If you would like to be involved in a reading or in providing music, please contact Joanna Helme on 760816, or joannahelme@gmail.com

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club December 5th, Simpson Hall 7.15pm

This month Sue Watts-Cutler will tell us all about Climbing Plants and Wall Shrubs. Come and find out what to plant in that shady corner or on a sunny wall. Sue's talks are always interesting and informative.

No meeting in January. Looking ahead to February 6th we have a talk by local organisers of the National Garden Scheme. We'll learn more about the gardens that open in Herefordshire.

All are welcome, entry £4 to include refreshments.

sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net

ITEMS FOR A CHRISTMAS HAMPER



We are looking for items for our Christmas Hamper for the Prize Draw this year. For example:

Biscuits/Crackers, Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Tinned items
(No Alcohol)

If you would like to donate, please contact Max Jenman on 760288



Carols by Candlelight

St Mary's Church, Burghill

Sunday 17th December 2023

Starting at 5.30pm

Come and enjoy this magical atmosphere in our
beautiful church, lit only by candles.

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performances from

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DECEMBER SERVICES

Burghill Benefice



3RD	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
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
7TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
10TH	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
10.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Service
14TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
17TH	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
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
5.30pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Carols by Candlelight
6.30pm	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Carol Service
20TH	WEDNESDAY	
7.00pm	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Carol Service
21ST	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
24TH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Christmas Celtic Service
6.00pm	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Family Crib Service
9.30pm	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Christmas Eve Eucharist
11.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Midnight Mass
25TH	CHRISTMAS DAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Family Crib Service
31ST	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Eucharist

JANUARY SERVICES

Burghill Benefice

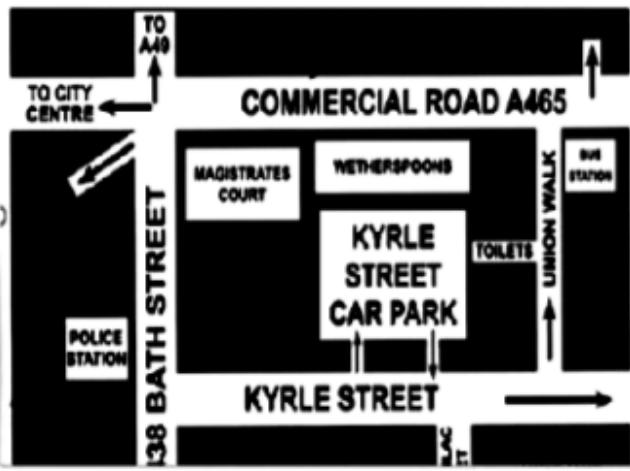


4TH	THURSDAY	
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7TH	EPIPHANY	
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10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
11TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
14TH	EPIPHANY 2	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Service
18TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
21ST	EPIPHANY 3	
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
25TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
28TH	CANDLEMAS	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
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11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

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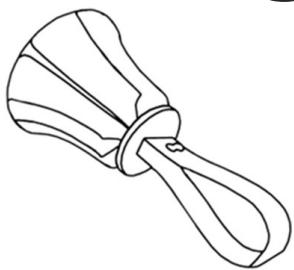


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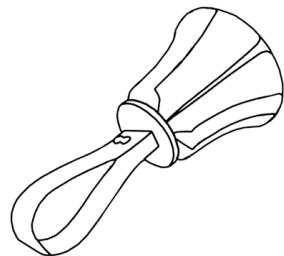


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Beginners Workshop



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(Bring your own lunch)

£8 per person (price includes music)

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We only have one meeting in December – the 13th.

January meetings are on the 10th and 24th. Could your new year's resolution be to start/come back to knitting and crochet?

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

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

Community Café



Community Café

Come and start your Christmas celebrations at the next café on Friday December 8th 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.

We look forward to seeing you.

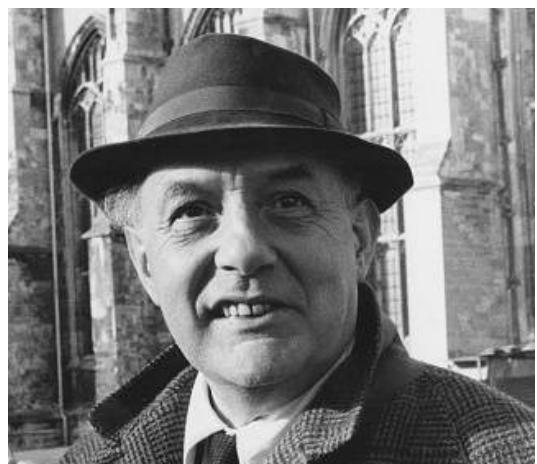
Dates: Fridays: December 8th, January 12th,

February 9th, March 8th.

Time 10 to 12noon

**AND IS IT TRUE? AND IS IT TRUE,
THIS MOST TREMENDOUS TALE OF
ALL, SEEN IN A STAINED-GLASS WIN-
DOW'S HUE, A BABY IN AN OX'S
STALL ?
THE MAKER OF THE STARS AND SEA
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ME ?**

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Full details on the quiz sheet

In aid of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burghill

**Why not give copies to friends and family
for Christmas?**

This is our 5th and final quiz.

Thank you for your support.

We hope you have enjoyed them.

Ringing the changes in 2023...

It has been a very busy year in the bell tower. We have been lucky enough to get some new recruits and we have had to extend the practice times to accommodate everyone and to help them to develop their skills. Our newest recruits (aged 12 to 50+) have all been making fantastic progress and we are thrilled to have them. However, we always welcome new people and if you wanted to find out more about what we do, or wanted to come and have a go, please get in touch.

Why do we ring bells?

Historically bells have been rung, not only to call people to worship on Sundays and for church festivals but to celebrate Momentous events such as the Coronation of HRH King Charles III and Queen Camillia. Also, to commemorate historical events, such as Armistice Day, where bells are rung half muffled to mourn those we have lost. Bells are also rung on special occasions, such as Weddings and New Years Eve.

You may have noticed that we have been regularly ringing on Sunday afternoons. The reason for them is to give an extended practice to our ringers, giving them an opportunity to consolidate what they have been learning on Monday nights. This seems to have really helped our learners progress and we hope to continue to do this.

Does practicing really make a difference?

This year the local band has managed to ring regularly on Sunday mornings for the services. We were able to celebrate the King's Coronation by ringing at all the churches in the Benefice (Burghill, Lyde and Moreton), we helped 6 couples celebrate their wedding day, and encouraged the runners of the Crocodile 8. We were honoured to commemorate the life of Henry Chandler (Tower Captain at Burghill for 42 years). Without this practice, we would not be able to do this, without asking for help from ringers at other churches.

Our band won the District Striking Competition in September and this band included 3 of our newest and youngest members. Practicing really does make a difference. We are also very lucky that expert bellringers (which includes some of our own ringers) come to ring at our tower once a month on a Thursday evening to ring a peal. This is a special performance of 3 hours and the quality of the ringing that we hear on a Thursday is some of the best you will hear in the country!

Thank you so much for supporting us. Jason Walker, Ringing Master

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BellsatBurghill>

Burghill in Bloom Local Competitions 2023 Results



(Photograph courtesy of Tony Jenkins)

Janet Gwinnett and Robin Russell, RHS judges, presented awards to the above residents who had entered our local competitions in July. Each Category Winner received a £30 gardening voucher.

Special Awards: Services to the Community of Burghill –

Phil Pankhurst, Balfour Beaty

Certificate of Merit – Linda Jenkins

Community Organisation – Burghill, Tillington & Weobley Cricket

Community Champion for Outstanding Service – John Parnaby

Hanging Basket: The Simpson Hall – Silver-Gilt

Adrian & Julie Powell – Silver-Gilt

Dan Johnson – Bronze

Nick & Wendy Previte - Gold

Category Winner – Nick & Wendy Previte

Container: Adrian & Julie Powell – Silver-Gilt Helen Green - Gold

Sally Robertson – Silver	Jenny Jones – Silver-Gilt
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Jacqui Weight – Silver-Gilt	Dan Johnson – Silver
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Neville Dean – Silver-Gilt	Nick & Wendy Previte - Gold
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Chris & Dorian Ballenger - Gold

Category Winner – Helen Green

Front Garden: Hilary Armstrong – Silver-Gilt Sophie Jenkins - Gold

Charlie Poolton - Silver	Dan Johnson - Silver
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Adrian & Julie Powell - Gold	Max Jenman - Gold
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Wendy & Nick Previte – Silver-Gilt	Pete & Flo Sleet – Gold
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Carrie Cameron – Silver-Gilt	Neville Dean – Gold
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Chris & Dorian Ballenger- Silver	Sue Watts-Cutler – Silver-Gilt
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Category Winner – Max Jenman

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our local competitions and who came along to our recent Presentation Evening.

We are looking for greenhouse space so that we can “grow our own” plants for next year’s displays etc. Please contact John Parnaby on Hereford 761564 if you can help.

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IN A MANGER - WHILE SHEP-
HERDS WATCHED - THE
FIRST NOWELL - WE THREE
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FAITHFUL

ST MARY MAGDALENE, STRETTON SUGWAS. 6PM
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME!

1 See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*

2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!

O now carry me...

3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.

O now carry me...

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O now carry me...



Michael Perry (1942 - 1996)
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Hollywood Glamour

New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, 31st December 2023

Simpson Hall, Burghill

7.30pm for 8pm

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Burghill, Tillington & Weobley Cricket Club



A Hereford policeman, the late Len Sparrow, the late Rev. Peter Lind-Jackson, the late John 'JD' Downes and the late Desiree and Mason Helme formed Burghill & Tillington Cricket Club in 1972. The ground, which is leased to the club by the generous Helme family, is set in open countryside with idyllic views and is now a thriving family friendly club for everyone in the community.

Now in its 51st year the club has three senior and four junior teams. The first and second teams play in the Worcester County League and the third team in the Marches League. The junior sides U9, U11, U13 and U15 compete in the Herefordshire Junior Cricket League. The club also runs All Stars Cricket, providing children aged five to eight with their first experience in cricket.

But we are so much more than just a cricket club:

The Club has forged links with Herefordshire City of Sanctuary, providing asylum seekers the opportunity to play and train for free every week. BTWCC is also the county 'Disability Champion Club' and host the Herefordshire Charity Echo for "Cricket and Cake" during the summer.

On match days all are welcome to join us, share a cup of tea or have a drink from the bar and watch some fantastic cricket in beautiful surroundings. We fundraise each year to improve the club for everyone and in recent years have built extensions to the pavilion, the bar and the tea room, planted trees and created a memorial corner for our long-lost friends.

We are hoping to have an overseas player next year. In addition to strengthening the first team, the overseas player helps coach the juniors. We need to find accommodation for him. **Do you have a spare room to help from mid-April to mid-September next year?**

If you can help, we would be enormously grateful.

For further information please contact:

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The Simpson Hall, Burghill

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Pre-Booked meal served at 6.30pm, Fish Pie, topped with cheesy mash, served with winter vegetables: £10 includes food & film. Film only, includes tea, coffee and biscuits during the interval: £5.50. Meal Bookings: Call Annie 01432 760552 or annie.ness23@gmail.com. CASH ONLY and BYO drinks.

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"With odes to Robbie Burns, let kilts and
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Brighten up December and January with Indoor Cyclamen

As the darkness covers the evenings and the rain pelts down outside, it is sometimes very difficult to remember that somewhere, far away, it is warm and sunny and that flowers are blooming in abundance.

One of the prettiest of these is the indoor Cyclamen (*Cyclamen persicum* hybrids). Although now bred to produce a range of larger, curved and sometimes frilled blooms in shades ranging from dark purple to burgundy, through pinks to white, its wild forerunners are now decorating the roadsides of the Middle East and Turkey.

The flowers stand up above compact clumps of beautifully marked leaves - no two exactly alike and many patterned with an almost silvery white.

Most of the popular types are also fragrant and so a decent number of flowers can scent a room with a lovely lemony-musk perfume.

Indoor Cyclamen are plants for the cooler rooms in the house (50-60 degrees F/10-15.5 degrees C. is ideal). They like good light (but not direct sunshine) and also appreciate humidity to counteract the dryness of our central heating. The easiest way to take care of the latter is to stand them on a tray of gravel much wider than the plant pot, to which a little water has been added – not enough so that the pot is standing in water but just enough to evaporate up around the plant and humidify the air around it.

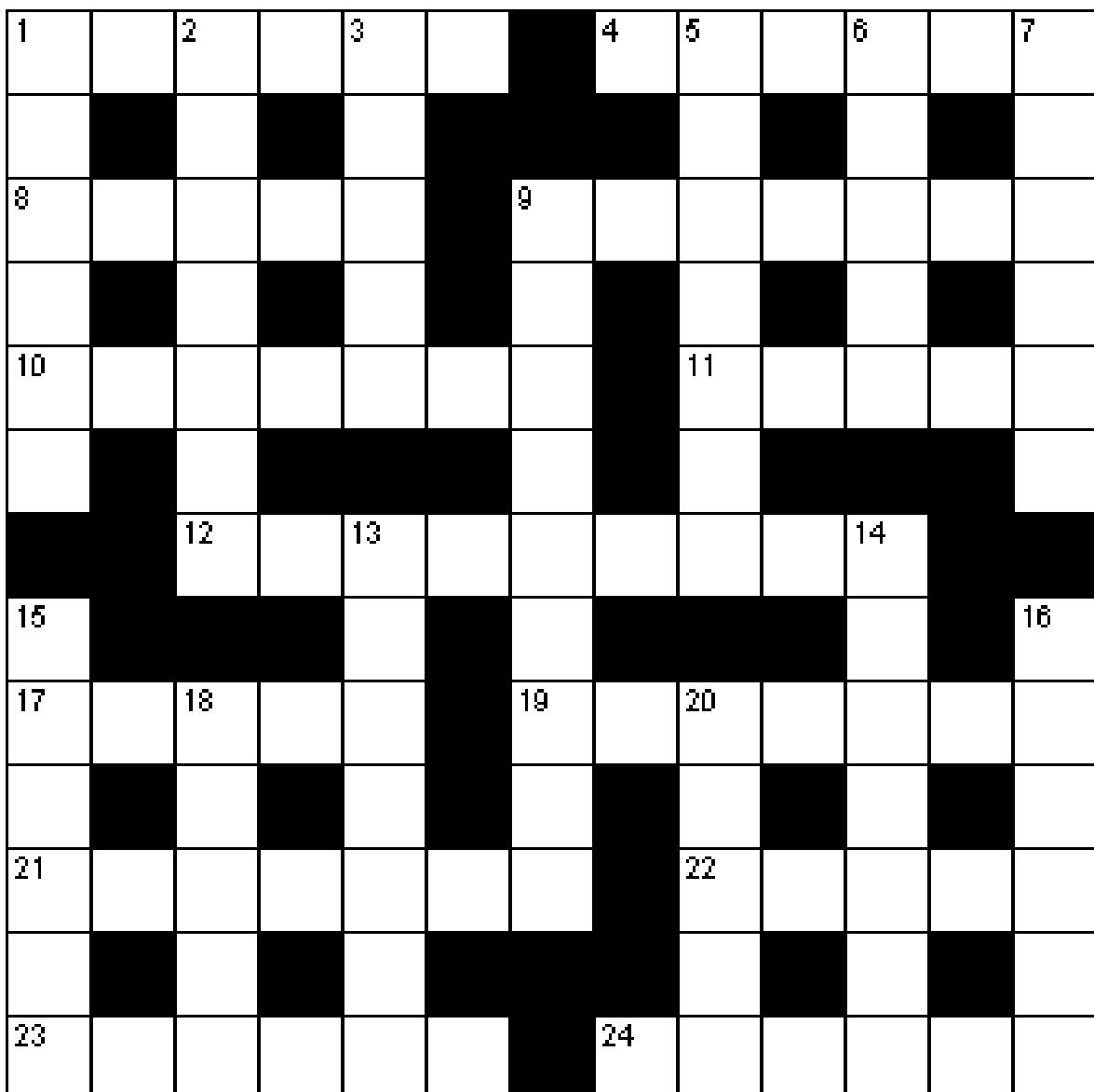
Correct temperature and watering will greatly extend the Cyclamen's flowering period, as will dilute doses of liquid feed while it is flowering (Tomorite or a flowering houseplant feed work well).

To keep your Cyclamen happy and healthy, it needs to be watered in such a way that water does not wet the round central corm at soil level, nor the bases of the leaves and flowers growing out of it. When the plant gets dry, gently put only the lower half of its pot into tepid water and hold it there until you can feel by the increased weight that it has absorbed water. Then return it to its gravel tray to drain freely with the top of the compost still dry.

....and on the subject of houseplants generally: please do remember always to bring your windowsill houseplants into the room before drawing the curtains at night. Trapping them between the curtains and a very cold window pane will usually result in their early demise.

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

PUZZLE PAGE



ACROSS

- 1** Formal discussion (6)
- 4** Native American dwelling (6)
- 8** Fragment of bread (5)
- 9** Country annexed by Germany in 1938 (7)
- 10** Take out (7)
- 11** Detest (5)
- 12** Repayment in kind, as for an injury (3,3,3)
- 17** Powdered tobacco for inhaling (5)
- 19** Severe mental distress (7)
- 21** Obvious (7)
- 22** Narcotic derived from poppies (5)
- 23** Start of the working week usually (6)
- 24** Saunters (6)

DOWN

- 1** Edict (6)
- 2** Small garden bird (4,3)
- 3** Shin bone (5)
- 5** Immediate (7)
- 6** Value (5)
- 7** Skimpy (6)
- 9** Space traveller (9)
- 13** Thin glossy silk fabric (7)
- 14** Of little importance (7)
- 15** High regard (6)
- 16** Doubting apostle (6)
- 18** Workers' organisation (5)
- 20** One who looks after horses (5)

WINTER HEALTH HELP

This month sees the launch of 'Feel Good for Life' at Hereford Leisure Centre - a series of physical and social activities for people living with dementia, loneliness and depression.

The following sessions will run on Thursdays between 11.30am and 1.15pm: 14th December, 11th January & 18th January

The sessions will comprise 45 minutes of light physical activity (seated exercise and the option to use the Toning Suite, which will be closed for our exclusive use) followed by social/reminiscence activities such as arts, crafts, quizzes and games over lots of tea, coffee and biscuits. We are asking people to complete a registration form ahead of their first session and that can be found online, here <https://haloleisure.org.uk/feelgoodforlife/>

Sessions will be priced at just £2.50 and carers are invited to join in for free.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes, Philippa.

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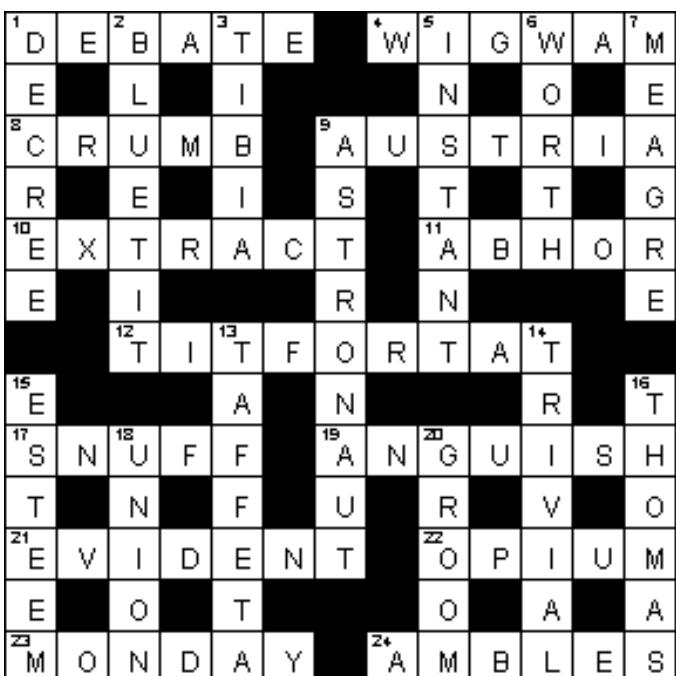
BAHAMUT

Over the centuries there have been various attempts to prove the existence of God. Sages, theologians and philosophers, all have had a say. Some have argued, for example, that God exists is necessarily true: God, by definition, is infinitely good and possesses all positive attributes; existence is a positive attribute; therefore God exists. Others, from a different perspective, have argued that evidence of design is all around us within the wonderful structures of the world itself: Design implies a designer; supreme design implies a supreme designer, namely God. Still others have argued from the evidence of causality in nature: Everything that happens has a cause; each cause requires a previous cause; causes cannot infinitely regress; therefore God must exist as the first cause.

Today, of course, there is no longer much demand for so-called *proofs* of God's existence. By and large we have come to realize that belief in God is a matter of faith rather than logical demonstration. This is not to denigrate faith in any way, simply to get clear about the difference between personal conviction – *I know God exists* – and the kind of impersonal logic which can neither prove nor disprove any such thing. Then again, imagine what it would be like if there really were a convincing proof -- a certain proof -- of God's existence. If everything were made clear and light as a result, what would happen to our distinctively human sense of wonder and awe? Even more worrying perhaps, what would remain of our distinctive form of humanity if we no longer had the excuse of human ignorance to fall back on?

With these questions in mind, consider the following Moslem tradition: God made the earth, but the earth had no base and so under the earth he made an angel. But the angel had no base and so under the angel's feet he made a crag of ruby. But the crag had no base and so under the crag he made a bull endowed with four thousand eyes, ears, nostrils, mouths, tongues and feet. But the bull had no base and so under the bull he made a fish named Bahamut, and under the fish he put water, and under the water he put darkness, and beyond this man's knowledge does not reach.

Rob Newton



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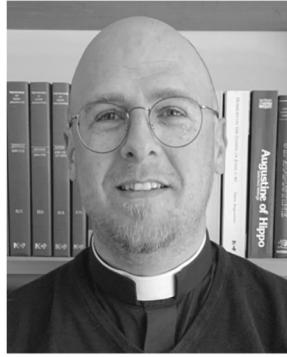
Come and enjoy yourselves, meet up with friends and make those arrangements you promised yourself. You will go home with everything done and ready to be displayed. No need to make a mess at home, all will have been done!

All workshops are £15pp and payable when you book. Due to rising costs of materials and hall hire, I regret that I am unable to offer refunds. I will bring everything you will need although some materials are chargeable. Contact: Noella Plasman-Jones, noellaplasman@gmail.com or message me on 07379499984

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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*"The steadfast
 love of the Lord
 never ceases,
 His mercies
 never come to
 an end"*

Lam 3:22-3

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