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

# Being Brittle

Comedy is a wonderful thing; it makes us laugh and cry with joy. It has always been a part of my soul, to laugh and make others laugh too. We all love a good stand-up comedian, and some of my favourites are the classics, Rodney Dangerfield, Don Rickles, Eddie Murphy, Ricky Gervais and so many more. As you can tell, I'm getting on a little and so the culture of comedy has changed dramatically over the last few decades. There are some things that are dangerous to touch because of their sensitive nature. Some comedians avoid such sensitive topics, but I don't think that is right. Everyone and everything should be subject to the same comedic environment without exceptions. I believe that firmly. Being a man of faith does not mean others should avoid the subject. The way I see it, if we make exceptions because of this or that then freedom itself becomes undermined and that just won't do. To live is to risk offence, that is just how it is.

Yet, some believe that they are a special case and that their feelings are more important than others. One comedian has likened this to what he terms a "brittle spirit". In other words, some peoples feelings can't be hurt while others can. I don't think so. When some people mock what I hold dear, and they do, I just smile and think they are just exercising their right to be offensive because they are free. Now, I am not encouraging people to be offensive, that is not my point. But, we must recognise that others do not hold the same things as valuable that we do and that goes both ways. Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of any free and liberal society. There, within this context, is always the room for saying what others may find vexing. Nevertheless, we must not be brittle about it but flexible with what it means to live in a tolerant and accepting society.

If a comedian says something that you find penetrating, don't worry about it, it'll be someone else's turn in a moment and remember that a joke is just that. If we want to be tolerated, we must be tolerating and roll with the punches. It's the only way to be.

*Phill*

## River Wye information page



We all want to see the health of the River Wye restored. The issues in the catchment are complex and will take the efforts of all stakeholders to make the improvements needed to restore the Wye. Our new and improved River Wye website includes information on phosphorus, science and data, water resources, agriculture, regulation and more. Included on the site are two videos about the English part of the Wye catchment, forming part of a series called 'Approaches to Regulating Agriculture'. The episodes explain how phosphorus plays a role within the catchment, the challenges that come with its use and how we are working in partnership to bring about the change needed to restore the Wye. We would really value your feedback on the site, which can be submitted on the feedback section. To visit, feedback and subscribe to the latest news, you can visit the site by searching online for 'River Wye Engagement HQ', visiting the link below or by scanning the QR code. <https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/hub-page/river-wye-water-quality-2>

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Five Councillors were present along with seven members of the public.

The Parish Council discussed one planning application:

1. 242006 - Building at Burlton Business Park, Burghill, HR4 7RQ. Proposed extensions of existing commercial building. It was resolved to Not Object to the application as long as the existing conditions, agreed by the applicant, apply to this Planning Application as they do for the rest of Burlton Business Park.
- Cllr Pauline Crockett, our Ward Councillor gave an update on Herefordshire Council.
- Adam Westlake, our local PCSO gave the meeting an update on the local crime statistics.
- Sally Robertson gave the meeting an update on The Copse and thanked the Parish Council for its recent donation towards helping to buy some new play equipment. The Trustees are seeking the support of the Parish Council for purchasing some new cabins and

for buying the playing field from Herefordshire Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this and thanked Sally for all her hard work with The Copse Leisure Trust.

- ◆ The introduction of the Community Speed Watch programme has been postponed. This is due to the excessive speeds on the local roads, which makes it unsafe for volunteers to monitor speeding vehicles. The Parish Council will consider other options for managing traffic speeds and it is hoped that the Community Speed Watch programme can be introduced in the future. It is hoped that the introduction of the new 20mph speed limit and signage by the school will be completed in the next few months.
- ◆ The Neighbourhood Development Plan review was discussed. The Government is currently consulting on the National Planning Policy Framework after which Herefordshire Council will need to review the Local Plan. Only after this can the Parish Council review the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is likely to be next year.
- ◆ Janette Pudsey reported that she had been in contact with Gerry Blyth from the Simpson Hall and Sally Robertson from CAP and planned to offer some Digital Awareness sessions. This has been raised by Talk Community as many of us now are expected to complete forms on line for example to Health Practitioner's, Government Departments etc., also, how to ensure safety when using such technology. The sessions will be held monthly, dates to be advised, at the Simpson Hall. Participants are invited to bring their own digital equipment, phones, tablets, laptops. There will be two laptops available which have been provided to Burghill Talk Hub from Hereford Community fund.
- ◆ The local library will continue to be run in the old telephone box by the church and Mr Fletcher was thanked for all his hard work and for raising over £2200 for the church.

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies which will be filled by co-option. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Chair or Clerk.

The Parish Council are also looking for a new Footpaths Officer, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes  
Clerk to the Parish Council*



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## Digital Awareness Sessions

At the Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW We are pleased to announce that the Simpson Hall, Talk Community and the CAP will now be hosting digital awareness sessions at the Simpson Hall on the third Wednesday of each month, commencing the **16<sup>th</sup> October 2- 4 p.m.** Parishioners are welcome to bring their own device, laptop, tablet, or smart phone and we can help you to access relevant sites for information, give advice on security, setting up emails, filling in online forms etc, or simply just getting to grips with your mobile phone. Alternatively, we also have two laptops provided by the Herefordshire Community Fund which would be available for your use. There will be no charge for attending the sessions, just a small donation for tea, coffee and biscuits if required.

Just come along and join us, or if you would like more information, please leave a message, or text, on 07889285657 and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email: [janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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October: On Thursday 17th there will be a Music Workshop led by Pedro who is known to many of us as he lives in the village.

November: On Thursday 21st Noella (formally of our village) will be demonstrating how to make a simple Christmas Decoration. There will be an opportunity to also make one for yourself to take home if you wish.

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 it includes light refreshments.

## Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

**October 1st**  
**Simpson Hall**  
**7.15pm**

After many requests to cover the topic of growing vegetables, we've managed to get David Griffiths to give a talk on this. You'll have seen his stall in High Town and have heard him speak at our meetings previously.

A very knowledgeable chap! So come along with queries and problems you might be having growing vegetables. Or come to share your successes with us.

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On our most recent walk, we took advantage of the h.Art event, Arts and Crafts Alive, at Brockhampton Church. The route led us through diverse countryside, including grazed and arable, farmland, woods, and riverside paths. It's a beautiful area that the group always enjoys exploring.

Our next walk is:

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

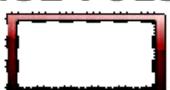
Each and every walk meeting 9:50am at Burghill Church car park. From there, we share cars and drive to our starting point for a leisurely 4 to 5 mile walk. We warmly welcome newcomers to join us on our adventures. For more information call Annie Ness: 01432 760552



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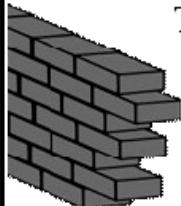
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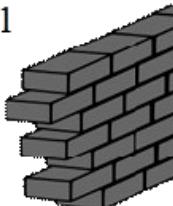
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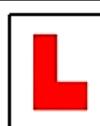
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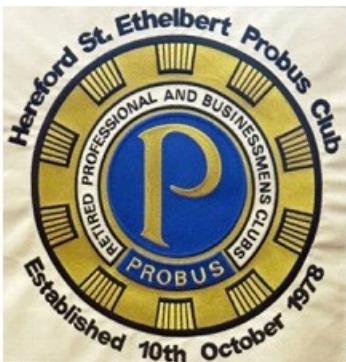
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**We look forward to meeting you.**

# OCTOBER SERVICES *Burghill Benefice*



<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
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	Harvest Festival
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
10.00am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Joint Harvest Eucharist
5.00pm	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Compline
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</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	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>BIBLE 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	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
<b>31<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship

## SIX DINNER SID

You may remember this children's book in which a greedy cat went round the neighbourhood, getting fed at a number of different houses. We are very concerned that our large ginger tom cat may be doing just this – as he seems to be getting larger, despite our cutting down his rations as directed by the vet.

If he is calling on you, PLEASE DON'T FEED HIM however good an act he puts on to try to persuade you that he a poor starving orphan.

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Joanna 760816

## GNS WINTER LUNCHES

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

The dates are:

October 25<sup>th</sup> November 29<sup>th</sup> January 24<sup>th</sup> February 28<sup>th</sup>

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

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



## BURGHILL BRIDGE CLUB

We are starting a new club on alternate Thursday afternoons from 2.00 to 5.00 pm in the Simpson Hall. Everyone is welcome including new members and beginners. If you don't have a partner, we will try to find one for you. The first session will be on Thursday 24th October, and then on Thursdays, November 14th and 28th and December 5th

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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.

**October meetings are on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

Joanna Helme [Tel:760816](tel:760816) email: joannahelme@gmail.com



# Community Café



A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>** 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. **If you enjoy the café, why not bring along a friend or neighbour?**

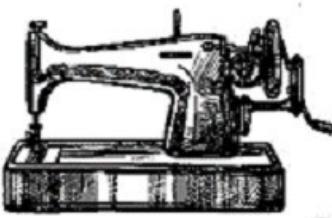
You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub.

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: October 11<sup>th</sup> , November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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Our next session is:

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall  
during the Community Café Session

New supply of jigsaw puzzles and DVDs to loan



Herefordshire Council is now charging for a roll of five garden waste sacks £6.50 and unfortunately, we will have to charge the same.

### **“Burghill in Bloom”**

You are warmly invited to our

### **Annual Awards Evening**

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024  
at The Simpson Hall, Burghill

7 pm  
Refreshments

We are delighted to report that having attended the Heart of England in Bloom 2024 awards, the following were awarded:

Burghill Valley Golf Club                    GOLD

Burghill, Tillington & Weobley CC    Level 3 – Advancing

Burghill Village                            GOLD

The Copse Leisure Trust                    GOLD

The village was just “pipped to the post” in the category winner award – something to aim for next year.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly in achieving our community’s high standard. Please do come along to our awards evening and celebrate this year’s successes. We were delighted to receive a GOLD Award again this year at the Heart of Eng-

land in Bloom Awards – a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped. We could not have done it without you.

The new play equipment has been ordered and will be delivered early October ready for installation.

Many of you are aware, that we have been pursuing over the years a brick-built sports pavilion. Unfortunately, due to escalating costs, we have had to make a decision to investigate a different type of building but with all the necessary facilities. We are in the process of obtaining quotes and looking at top up funding for the shortfall working with Burghill Parish Council, Herefordshire Council and funding organisations to meet this shortfall of approximately £40,000 to £50,000. It has been recommended that we continue with our own fundraising endeavours to achieve our goal, and we hope that you will support our various events. If you participated in our “Buy a Brick” scheme, your name will be inscribed on a plaque in the new building.

At the same time, we are investigating improving access to the leisure area particularly disabled access and providing additional car parking spaces. The new facilities will include a disabled toilet. An Outdoor Gym, Walking Track and a Multi-Use Games Area are for future consideration.

We very much need your help to raise the additional funds. How you can help us? Buying goods on line through Easyfundraising. Choose <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/copse1> Example, if you order on line through Tesco, they will donate £1 to our charity at no cost to you – it is the brand who pays the donation. Dunelm, Boots, Sainsburys, Amazon, are some of the other companies who participate.

Gift Aid – We have now started a Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a tax payer for every £1 donated, the Charity receives an extra 25p from H M Customs and Revenue.

Support our fundraising events.

For more information, please contact our Chairman, Sally Robertson, Tel. 07581 334900, email [sal.rob@btinternet.com](mailto:sal.rob@btinternet.com)

## **CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY EVENT**

**at The Copse next year**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

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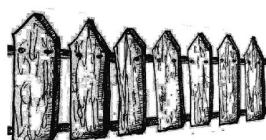
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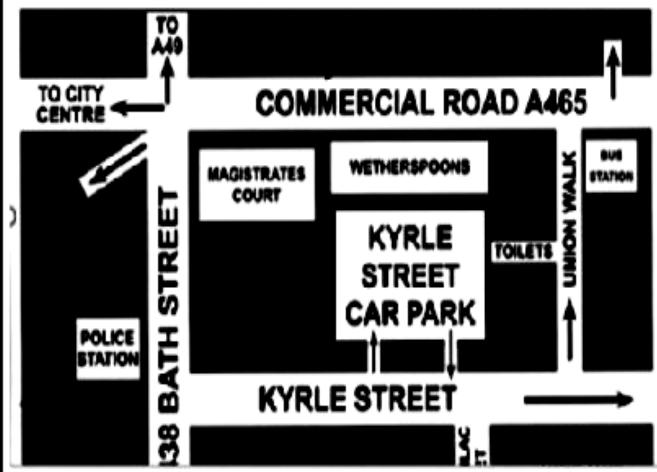
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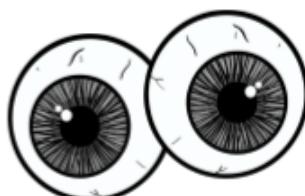
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- ⇒ 15th Vehicles week
- ⇒ 22nd Halloween Party
- ⇒ 28th No group as half term
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'Taking the bull by the horns' to tackle Mental Health in the farming community

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### Training:

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## Bird Resistant Ornamental Berries and Fruits

Although it is good to plant fruiting and berrying plants which will feed our local wildlife, it is also rather pleasing for the gardener to be able to enjoy the sight of ornamental fruits and berries which will persist a little longer into winter. Here are some suggestions...

Red berries and fruits are normally regarded as the most tasty and attractive colour by wildlife and tend to get gobbled up first. However, the clustered red crab apples of *Malus 'Red Sentinel'* are hard and waxy, and can often last on the tree well into the New Year, eventually succumbing to frost damage and bio degrading. Another persistent red is the scarlet berried low evergreen *Gaultheria procumbens* which makes a great winter basket or tub feature, as do young plants of *Skimmia reevsiana* with their very hard red berries. In the garden, these latter shrubs can reach about 5-6 ft (1.5-1.8m.) The clustered berries of some types of 'Mountain Ash' (*Sorbus aucuparia* types) can feed the birds if you grow the red and yellow forms, yet other types with white or pink berries often remain untouched (e.g. *Sorbus hupehensis*, 'Pink Pergoda' or *Vilmorinii*), decorating the bare branches of the winter tree on pink stems long after the leaves have disappeared.

Generally white berries are much less attractive to birds so the white fruits of the Snowberries (*Symphoricarpos*) – as well as its pinky-violet berried forms – will also persist. So too will the blue flushed white berries of some of the coloured stem dogwoods (*Cornus alba* types.) For a real steely blue, the bird resistant berries of a pollinated female plant of *Viburnum davidii* are difficult to beat and can often still be seen the following spring.

Another distinctive and eye catching shrub is *Callicarpa 'Profusion'* which bears clusters of small berries of bright violet colour on pollinated female plants. A final favourite or mine are the profuse clusters of red flushed creamy yellow berries of the prickly *Berberis wilsonii*, complemented by its autumn leaf colour. These fleshy berries are unlikely to persist until Christmas but are an autumn joy to behold.

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



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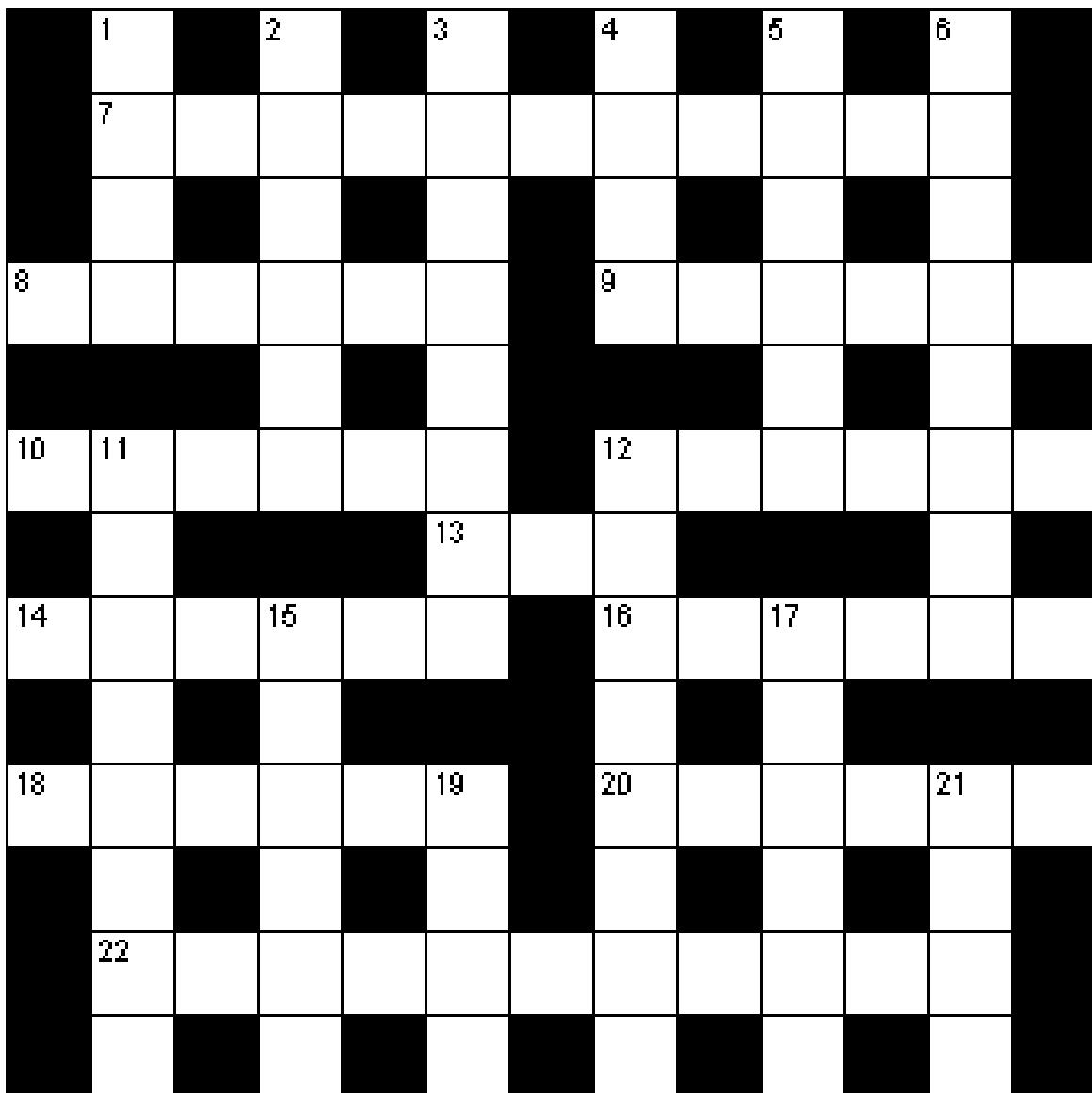
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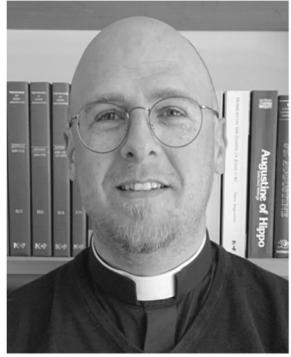


## ACROSS

- 7 English county (4,3,4)
- 8 Covered walk with shops (6)
- 9 Water ice (6)
- 10 Mourn (6)
- 12 Shrewd (6)
- 13 Flightless bird (3)
- 14 Failed to catch (6)
- 16 Place of worship (6)
- 18 Cower (6)
- 20 Wearisome load (6)
- 22 Ungenerous behaviour (11)

## DOWN

- 1 Commotion (4)
- 2 Mad (6)
- 3 Gifted (8)
- 4 Likelihood (4)
- 5 Lebanese capital (6)
- 6 Eastern (8)
- 11 Beekeeper (8)
- 12 German motorway (8)
- 15 Unmarried (6)
- 17 Spoiled (6)
- 19 One of the Great Lakes (4)
- 21 Simple (4)



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