

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*Burghill,
Tillington,
Portway,
Elton's Marsh
St Mary's Park
-Hereford*

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A little note from our new editor & magazine info

Farming...

That time of year has arrived, Harvest. It is the time when traditionally, farmers see the fruit of their labours and we, eat drink and be merry. It has always been a time when communities either celebrate or plan to make it through to the next harvest if the yield is low. It makes me think of the story of Joeseph in the book of Genesis, who, after a time of trial, becomes the man in charge of the produce of Egypt. It is unclear exactly when this happened, but what is clear is that it did happen at a time when everything depended upon the grain harvest. During the Roman period, Egypt was the breadbasket of the Empire because the flooding of the Nile and the rich soil produced high yields. Under the time of Joeseph, he was given insight to make provision for seven years of shortages from seven years of abundance.

It highlights the precarious nature of farming which is so dependent upon the weather and upon global factors, such as the affordability of fertilizers. Since the war in Ukraine, prices of fertilizers have become more expensive. In the past few years, the weather has also played a huge part in the difficulties farmers face. This year was the first year since 1976 that grain harvesting began in the first week of July. Yields, I'm told are lower due to drought and as a result our daily bread has gone up and up in price along with everything else.

The knock-on effect is a compounding of the ongoing cost of living crisis which affects the most vulnerable and financially challenged. Perhaps, Joeseph is needed in our time. Someone to manage the national resources in a way that is fair to everyone and equitable in distribution, but then again, what do I know about these things. What I do know is this, that we are dependant upon mother nature and the God who made her. To be thankful for what we have and content with what we have been given. To share what we have with those around us and be thankful. Harvest is about thankfulness. Let us be thankful for what we have and not ungrateful what we have not. Have a thankful Harvest!

Phill.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES



Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 8th July 2025. Ten Councillors were present along with four members of the public and our Ward Councillor, Councillor Crockett.

The Parish Council discussed five planning applications:

251436 - Nethway House, Roman Road, Hereford, HR4 9QN. Proposed erection of self-build dwelling with alterations to existing access. The Parish Council agreed that there was no need for it to comment on this application as it does not impact on our parish or parishioners.

251359 - Springfield, Upper Lyde Road, Upper Lyde, Hereford HR4 8AF. Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission, 240743 - (Proposed construction of low carbon self-build replacement dwelling) - to amend the approved plans to reflect design changes. The Parish Council agreed that there was no need for it to comment on this application as it does not impact on our parish or parishioners.

251465 - Highcroft, Bewdley Bank, Hereford, HR4 7SQ. Proposed replacement (upgrading) of an existing septic tank with a high specification package treatment plant. It was **RESOLVED** to **NOT OBJECT** to the application.

251846 - Oakfield House, 23 St Marys Lane, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7QL. Proposed works to Oak tree to have a maintenance thin and dead wood. Also, to prune selected side areas and a

small area of the top by 3-5 meters to reshape and prevent any elongated lateral growth. The aim of this work is to confirm its health, make safe if needed and maintain size for the area. It was RESOLVED to NOT OBJECT to the application.

251847 - 21 St Marys Lane, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7QL.
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The Council agreed the Annual Maintenance Plan which was required for the participation in the 2025/26 Lengthsman Scheme offered by Herefordshire Council. By joining this new scheme, the Parish Council has the opportunity to apply for the grant covering public rights of way, which it agreed to do. A drainage grant is also available this year and this will be applied for in September.

The agreed traffic calming measures adjacent to the school were discussed, road surfacing will take place on 26th July, and the markings will be put in place soon after and the 20mph will be in place by mid-August.

Concern about the speeding on the Tillington Road was discussed after the two recent accidents. The Parish Council will ask Herefordshire Council to undertake a new speed survey on the road (C1095).

Government funding is being withdrawn for Neighbourhood Development Plans. The Parish Council agreed to explore options for updating its existing Plan.

The Parish Council still has one vacancy, if anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September.

Paulette Scholes
Clerk to the Parish Council

CHURCH SERVICES Burghill Benefice



4TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
7TH	12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
11TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
14TH	HOLY CROSS	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Eucharist
5.00pm	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Compline
18TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
21ST	ST MATTHEW	
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
25TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
28TH	15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/HARVEST FESTIVAL	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Harvest Festival
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Weekly Events

(All require booking unless stated otherwise)

Every Monday

- Pilates 9.30am/10.40am (Simpson Hall)
- Tai Chi 1.15pm (Simpson Hall)
- Bell Ringing 7pm (St Marys)

Every Tuesday

- Golden Meadow Play Group 10am (Simpson Hall)
- Short Mat Bowling 2pm (Simpson Hall)
- Brownies (Girlguiding) 5.30pm (Burghill Scout Hut)

Every Wednesday

- Yoga 9.30am (Simpson Hall)

Every Thursday

- Ageless & Active 12pm (Simpson Hall)
- Handbell Ringers 6.30pm  (Simpson Hall)
- Rainbows (Girlguiding) 5pm (Burghill Scout Hut)
- Guides (Girlguiding) 7pm (Burghill Scout Hut)

Every Sunday

- Kendo 5pm (Simpson Hall)

One-Off Events at Simpson Hall

- 2nd Sept - 7.15pm Gardening Club 
- 1st, 11th, 15th, 25th, 29th Sept - 7pm Bridge Club
- 9th Sept - 7pm Parish Council Meeting
- 10th & 24th Sept - 2pm Knit One Natter Two 
- 12th Sept - 2pm Community Café
- 12th Sept - 7.30pm Fly Me to The Moon- Movie night
- 17th Sept - 2pm Community Digital Awareness Talk
- 18th Sept - 2pm Retirement Club: My Life 
- 26th Sept - 12.30pm Good Neighbour Scheme Summer Lunch
- 27th Sept - 9.30am Hand Bell Workshop



Scarlett Johansson, Channing Tatum, Woody Harrelson



Fly Me To The Moon

Marketing maven Kelly Jones wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, the countdown truly begins.

**The Simpson Hall,
Burghill**

HR4 7RW

**Friday
12 September**

7.30 pm

Tickets

Standard: £5.50

Enquiries: 07726 148736

Pre-Booked supper: Gastronut Mac 'n' Cheese, with BBQ pulled Moon Pig, dressed NASA Rocket Salad, with toasted Luna/Sunflower seeds, served at 6.30pm: £11 includes food, film & interval beverage. To book your meal email annie.ness23@gmail.com or leave a voice message 01432760552. Please book your supper early to avoid disappointment. CASH ONLY and bring your own drinks. Film only is £5.50



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 16th September 2025
The Simpson Hall
Burghill
6.30pm

There will be a short presentation by the Chairman before the meeting and an opportunity during the AGM for residents to raise any matters or make suggestions. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.



**BRINGING
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At the Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW

The next free Digital Awareness Session will be on Wednesday 17th September 2- 4pm. Those attending 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 such as potential Scams, 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 are available for your use.

If you would like more information, please leave a message, or text, 07889285657 and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email:

janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

How proud are you of your Village?

Burghill in Bloom Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to our recent event. Currently we await the result of our efforts.

Next year we will be consolidating our work, by concentrating our efforts in a slightly different direction. To achieve this and still be proud of our village, we would welcome new people to join us and also villagers who are able to help with the village planters. We need help at these locations:

Outside Pyefinch Meadow, Copse entrance area, bus stop, opposite Simpson Hall and Bakers Furlong.

Please contact me if you think you can help... Don't leave it to others. All we ask is you give a few minutes of your time. For further information please call me 07485142141. Thank you, Max



THE COMMUNITY PLANT STALL

The Plant Stall has now drawn to a close. Since April it raised over £210 in aid of the churchyard fund helping to support its maintenance and its part in Burghill in Bloom.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the stall over the last few months especially to John Parnaby who supplied many of the plants and watered them daily.

Liz Donovan

ADVANCE NOTICE-HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday October 5th at 11.00am, to be followed in church by a light Harvest lunch of soup, a roll and a harvest pudding. Please bring your own wine, cider or soft drinks – tea and coffee will be provided. Payment will be by a suitable donation.

Further details will follow in next month's magazine.

Do join us for this traditional service and meal and please let us know if you are coming for lunch for catering purposes.

Contact Liz Donovan 01432760881 email
richlizdonovan@btinternet.com



Burghill & Tillington Good Neighbour Scheme Including the Community Café



We can help with any of the following:

- Delivering a hot meal from Burghill Valley Golf Club to any one 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

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on Friday September 12th from 9.45 am to 11.30. 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: September 12th , October 10th

Time 10 to 11.30 noon

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

Knit One, Natter Too

Autumn is a good time to start a new project or a new craft. 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. We have some (almost) complete beginners as well as more experienced members who are always willing to provide advice or practical help.

You are also welcome if you only want to natter!

We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session.

September meetings are on the 10th and 24th.

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

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

BURGHILL CAP & COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Our next session is:

Friday, 12th September 2025

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

**A selection of new books
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**Green bags available to purchase at
£7 for a pack of 5 bags.**



Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club- Simpson Hall

September 2nd 7.15 pm

This month's talk is from our own favourite speaker,
Sue Watts-Cutler.

She will tell us all about Plant Propagation. Imagine
being able to propagate your favourite plants, no more
expensive trips to the Garden Centre!

All are welcome, just £4 on the door to include
refreshments.

sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net

Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

September: On Thursday 18th is a talk by Annie Ness... My Life!!

October: On Thursday 16th is a talk given on Wills etc by
Silverline.

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

We meet in the Simpson Hall. We start gathering from 2pm
onwards and commence at 2.30pm The cost is £3 and it includes
light refreshments.

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 6th September.

We meet at 9:50am 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: 01432 760552

All hands on deck!

Back for another good evening of fun!

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It's Time to Plant Spring Bulbs!

With very few exceptions, flower bulbs need to be purchased and planted about a quarter of a season prior to their flowering period. This means that bulbs on sale from this month will flower in the forthcoming winter or in spring of next year.

With a few exceptions (such as Dutch tulips) which need lifting and replanting annually, the vast majority of bulbs can be left in the garden where they are and will re-appear for another show next year. Some types will even multiply and spread - a process known as 'naturalising'. Good naturalising bulbs include snowdrops, small alliums, bluebells, winter and autumn flowering cyclamen, species crocuses (as opposed to hybrid crocuses) and many types of trumpet or dwarf daffodils.

Flower bulbs are like storage batteries: the flower is the result of energy and food which the bulb has stored during the previous season. This means that in order to get the bulb to flower again the next season, it will need to be 'recharged'. What is more, there is only a limited period available to do this - from flowering time until the leaves finally die down back to ground level in the summer. During this time, feed the bulb with a suitable bulb fertiliser (e.g. bonemeal) and resist any temptation to chop off the leaves before they die down by themselves. Old leaves might look 'tatty' but they are getting energy into the bulb below ready for next year's flowering. If you cut them off prematurely your bulb will become small and weak and may not produce flowers again.

Smaller bulbs can brighten winter and spring tubs with a variety of colours; however, flowers do not last forever and they too will need to re-charge. To free up space in the tub, plant the bulbs in a plastic net basket (as used for aquatic plants) then bury this basket up to its rim in your tub. When the bulbs have gone over, lift out the basket and sink it into some other area of the garden where the bulbs can be fed until the tops die down in their own time.

Planting depths for bulbs depend on the individual bulb: you are aiming for a depth approximating three times the size of the bulb itself. Thus, if you have crocus bulb about an inch high, it will end up being planted at about 3" deep, whereas a large daffodil bulb could end up 10" down. Radical deviations from the correct planting depth can cause problems such as a failure to flower, surface damage to the bulb or stems flopping over. Here's to a stunning spring show!

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

Why do we hear a single bell on Monday evenings?



We practice on Monday evenings at St Mary's church, Burghill 7pm – 9pm (6.30pm when we have new learners). We are fortunate enough to have 3 certified ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) teachers and we have been working hard to not only train up new recruits, but also support and develop the skills of new trainers, to enable them to teach new recruits at their own churches. We are also working hard to become a Teaching Hub. A lot of hard work has gone in since Covid to ensure we have recruited and trained enough ringers, so we can ring for services, special national/religious events, and weddings. Across Herefordshire, many churches do not have enough or any bell-ringers and are unable to do this.

Monday evening ringing can range from 1, 2 or 3 bells ringing by themselves, to 6, or all 8 ringing together. Learners need to be able to “ring” a bell by themselves before they can start to develop the skills they need to ring with others.

Although we do hold separate tied (the bells are silenced) practices, it is time consuming to keep going up and down in to the bells to tie and un-tie them for us to use. This is not always a simple and easy process and on Mondays, when we are holding our full practice – there is not time to do this.

We do tie the bells and use the simulator when we have a session for people learning to ring only. The simulator is a computer programme and there are sensors on the bell frame which are linked to the computer and reproduce the sound of the bell being rung in the ringing chamber. The learners can also see the bells moving through the use of a camera and TV screen. Outside the tower all that should be heard is a gentle humming.

Occasionally on a Sunday morning you will hear a single bell which is called the bidding bell and is rung just before the service to indicate the service is about to start.

We always welcome new members and if you would like to find out more about the bells and bellringing, please do get in touch.

Kris Perruzza – Ringing Master

BURGHILL BELL CLUB 2025

Originally conceived to recruit younger people into ringing, we decided to put together Burghill Bell Club this year during the summer holidays. We have never done anything like this before and we certainly did not know what to expect. However, what we managed to achieve far exceeded any of our expectations and everyone had great fun (including the helpers!).

We had 4 young people and we based the club on the Bluebell challenge, using a combination of crafts, tune ringing on handbells, learning to ring tower bells and other bell related activities. We started with climbing the tower all the way to the roof and looking at the bells on the way back down.

We did handbell ringing and tower bell ringing, made origami bells, and the attendees were challenged to make a structure to house a bell, out of cardboard tubes and newspaper, in 20 minutes. The explanations of their structures were fascinating; one even had a security guard!



After the first day, we included some of the other ringers that that we (Burghill ringers) support in developing their bell handling and teaching skills. During the week, no less than 23 ringers were involved in learning/teaching/helping and supporting the event.

All the young people were able to achieve a certificate and/or badge depending on their individual strengths and they have all said they would like to continue their bell ringing journey.

Here is what 2 of our young people had to say:



"Bell Club was simply and undeniably a fun and utterly delightful experience that exceeded my original expectations. 4-in-hand on handbells was a pleasant, yet slightly challenging surprise. As well as handbells, tower bells consistently enjoyable. I really liked making Origami bells although I did need some help making mine. However, what I enjoyed most was when me and Jason made our own beautiful tower including cardboard and newspaper. Overall, I really liked Bell Club and I would do something like that again."



"I have really enjoyed Bell Club and the opportunity to learn to ring. It was an immersive experience, particularly great for people (like me) who don't already know how to ring tower bells and would like to learn. It was much more fun than I had initially anticipated and I personally found it to be almost relaxing in a sense. Of course, some aspects were more challenging than others - but everyone was very understanding and helpful! 😊"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along and supported is in delivering Bell Club this year.

Kris Perruzza – Ringing Master



60 YEARS OF BURGHILL BROWNIES

Thankyou so much to everyone who supported the 60th Birthday event, we had a glorious afternoon ,the sun shone and we had 5 Brown Owls there including Mrs Pat Downes who was Brown Owl in 1967.

There was an amazing display of the history of the unit put together by Liz Donovan and Soo Poole. Games run by Elaine Hiller (ex Rainbow leader), name badges made with the help of Julie Jenkins (ex Unit Helper) , refreshments expertly delivered by Chris Bishop (Ex Brown Owl) and Helen Donaldson (a past Rainbow helper), along with craft activities run by Kelly Benjamin and Elaine Green.

A fantastic cake was cut by the 5 leaders, 6 current Burghill Brownies got their Gold Awards and we ended with a few campfire songs led by Donna Jones(retired Credenhill Brown Owl and Rainbow leader)



The outside of the hut looked particularly stunning as the girls had worked very hard planting up the window boxes, containers and borders, aswell as making flags and bunting and a very special celebratory 60th Birthday sign. These were also admired by the Burghill in Bloom judging team later that week.

If anyone would like any information about Girlguiding in Burghill please don't hesitate to ask. Also if you would consider getting involved we do need some young blood as trustees of the hut aswell as potential new leaders , unit helpers with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

It's still not too late to add your comments to our Memory Book too for future generations to peruse. I have 1000's of photographs of my time as Brown Owl but not many previous to that (2002) and it would be lovely for ex brownies to send their personal written memories. It could be about something they loved or were not so keen on too!



Thankyou for your continued support of Girlguiding in Burghill.

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Hereford, HR4 8LL





A BIG THANK YOU!

from

Everyone at Burghill Community Academy

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our 150th birthday celebrations. It was wonderful to see faces old and new, and to explore the history of the school (all 174 years of it – as we discovered the school is even older than we thought!)



Over £1600
was raised for
vital school
equipment and
experiences for
pupils – a truly
FABulous total!

**Watch this space for next year's events
– we hope to see you again soon!**



Golden Meadow Playgroup

Tuesdays (term time only) 10-11:30am
£3 per family (rates differ for child minders)

Simpson Hall, Burghill for 0- 4 year olds

Join us for themed activities including messy/sensory play and crafts, regular areas (kitchen, tractors, playdough, puzzles), singing circle, story time and snack.

Tea and Coffee available for carers.

Dates for September:

9/9 Welcome back!

16/9 Harvest

23/9 Safari

30/9 Normal group

7/10 No group

We will be a helper down until November so if anyone from the parish would be willing to lend a hand setting up group from 9:30am on a Tuesday we would be very grateful! Get in touch with Jo - 07807630534



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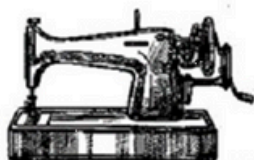
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Friday 5th September 09.00 – 17.00

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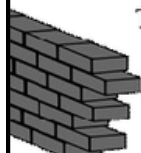
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