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

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The Journey to Easter...

Recently, I watched a documentary entitled 2000m to Andriivka. It recounts the Ukrainian counteroffensive in 2023 to retake an occupied village near Bakhmut. It provides a front-line view of the horror faced by both Ukrainian and Russian forces in this senseless war. The film shows conflict in all its rawness and brutality; it is not viewing for the faint-hearted. Yet it conveys the stark truth of what is unfolding on the edges of Europe. You come away from it genuinely appreciating the old mantra: war is hell.

In Jesus' day, the people of Judea, Samaria, and Galilee were a defeated people. Their land had been absorbed into the Roman Empire, and the Jews and Samaritans of those regions were painfully aware that they were subjects of imperial rule. They had risen against Rome before and, at every turn, had been decisively crushed. Through sheer numbers, military power, and superior technology, Rome dominated and subjugated its enemies.

There is nothing new under the sun. The desire of tyrants to dominate and subdue persists in every age. The chief weapon of evil remains death—the attempt to erase a people from the face of the earth. Yet even those living under oppression and defeat continue to seek hope and solace in something greater than their oppressors.

But hope that is merely wished for remains fragile; it lives on little more than longing. Jesus offers something more substantial. He offers not simply the promise of hope, but a demonstration of it—a revelation of God's power over the tyrant's ultimate weapon: death itself.

The journey to Easter, like the road to Andriivka, is brutal and marked by horror. On the day Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, surrounded by crowds, he knew he was walking toward death. Such a public challenge to authority would not go unnoticed. His arrest, trial, torture, and execution were carried out with calculated cruelty and humiliation. Humanity, at its worst, did its worst.

Yet unlike human beings, who can only kill, God can make alive. In the resurrection, God overturns the verdict of violence. What the world meant for destruction becomes the very place where divine love is revealed. In raising Jesus of Nazareth from death to life, God shines His light into the deepest darkness of our world. Death does not have the final word.

Love wins. Truth prevails.

Whatever you face in this world—even death itself—know this: love is the sign of eternal life. And in Jesus is where you truly find it.

CHURCH SERVICES
Burghill Benefice



1ST	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
5TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
8TH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
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
12TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
15TH	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
19TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
22ND	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
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
26TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
29TH	PALM SUNDAY	
10.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Eucharist

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Weekly Events

(All require booking unless stated otherwise)

We've done our best to provide accurate details, but dates and times may change. Be sure to check with organizers before making plans

Every Monday

-Pilates 9.30am

(Simpson Hall)

-Bell Ringing 7pm

(St Marys)

-Bridge Club 7pm (Every other wk) (Simpson Hall)

Every Tuesday

-Golden Meadow Play Group
10am (Simpson Hall)

-Short Mat Bowling 2pm
(Simpson Hall)

-Brownies 5.30pm
(Burghill Girlguiding HQ)

Every Wednesday

-Yoga 9.30am
(Simpson Hall)

Every Thursday

-Pilates 10.30am

(Simpson Hall)

-Ageless & Active 12pm

(Simpson Hall)

-Handbell Ringers 6.30pm 
(Simpson Hall)

-Rainbows 5.15pm

(Burghill Girlguiding HQ)

-Guides 7pm

(Burghill Girlguiding HQ)

-Bridge Club 2pm (Every other wk) (Simpson Hall)

Every Sunday

-Kendo 5pm
(Simpson Hall)

One-Off Events at Simpson Hall

3rd Mar - 7.15pm Gardening Club

3rd & 11th Mar - 7pm Breinton Ring Craft

10th Mar - 7pm Parish Council Meeting

11th & 25th Mar - 2pm Knit One Natter Two

13th Mar - 10am Community Café & Community Library

14th Mar - 1.30pm BiB Litter pick

19th Mar - 2pm Retirement Club

18th Mar - 2pm Digital Awareness

20th Mar - 6.30pm Movie night

21st Mar - 6pm Easter Family Bingo

25th Mar - 7pm Murder Mystery

27th Mar - 12.30pm GNS Community Lunch



The Burghill Little Doors Trail – Easter Edition



Tue 23rd March - Mon 13th April 2026

Can you find all the Little Doors hidden around Burghill village?
Each door has been beautifully decorated by the children of Burghill Community Academy. Behind every door is a little Easter surprise!

When you find a door, write down what's behind it, then tick it off ✓
Read next page for your chance to get a prize!

YOUR NAME (to match payment):

Door 1	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 2	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 3	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 4	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 5	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 6	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 7	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 8	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 9	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door 10	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>



Please keep this sheet with you as you explore the village

What is the Burghill Little Doors Trail?

The Burghill Little Doors Trail – is a fun, family-friendly activity taking place around Burghill village which we hope to do for Easter, Summer holidays, Halloween & Christmas!

Children from Burghill Community Academy have decorated magical “little doors” and each door is hidden somewhere in the village for you to discover.

Either pick up a trail sheet from school or rip this one out and head out for a walk, and see how many little doors you can find!

See below details for your chance to get a prize!

How to Take Part

The trail costs £1 per sheet

All money raised goes to the Burghill Community Academy PTFA (FABS)

Funds help support school activities, resources and events for our children

How to Pay

Please pay £1 by bank transfer:

Account Name: Burghill school PTFA

Sort Code: 30-95-14

Account Number: 00600157

Reference: Doors + your surname

Completed sheets to be sent as image/scan to
burghillfabs@gmail.com

Cash payments accepted through Heather at Tillington Shop (in an envelope with clear name) She will also have copies of the sheets & will take in completed sheets.

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

Simpson Hall

March 3rd 7.15pm

“Wildlife Gardening”

This month we have Nancy Lowe, an RHS qualified organic gardener, ecological garden designer, permculturalist and writer. Nancy has a passion for sustainable and eco-friendly gardening that she brings to everything she does. This overview of wildlife gardening practices takes the mystique out of a rewarding way of growing a garden, offering clear steps that gardeners of any ability can take to add wildlife benefits to their existing garden.

At our last meeting Sue announced that for various reasons she will be stepping down as secretary from the end of this year. We are fully booked with talks for the rest of the year, but to ensure the Club continues a new secretary needs to be found soon to start booking for 2027. Please talk to Sue if you think you might step up!

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

sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net



Can you play bridge?



Burghill and Wellington bridge clubs are looking for more players. They are both small, friendly clubs who can encourage and help beginners.

Burghill meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of each month at 6.45 pm and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1.45 pm at the Simpson Hall. Wellington meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6.45 pm at Wellington Village Hall

For more information please contact Joe on 01432 760816 or email: jfhelme@gmail.com

Knit One, Natter Too

What could be better for a new aim (let's not call it a resolution) in a new year, than to learn a new skill, or take up again one you learned in the past? 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.

March meetings are on the 11th and 25th

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

Joanna Helme

Tel: 01432 760816

email: joannahelme@gmail.com

Burghill CAP & Community Library



Our next session is:

Friday 13th March 2026

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



BURGHILL GIRLGUIDING HEADQUARTERS NEEDS YOU PLEASE !!!!!!!!!!!



We are very lucky to have this amazing hut in our village for the use of our 3 Girlguiding units, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, as well as it being available to hire for anyone to use.

However we desperately need a management team of a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary asap. Sadly our treasurer of many years passed away just after Christmas and I know our chairman would like to step back and we do not have a secretary.

We cannot run this facility without a management team, which wouldn't be too onerous a task. We would ideally hold a meeting per term and an AGM.

Without a new committee we will not be able to manage the hut and the groups will suffer. The leaders are very busy people and cannot take on these extra roles as well as running their units. We have busy, thriving groups, and wish this to continue for many years to come. Both Burghill Guides and Brownie units are 60 years old and 100's of girls have benefitted from Girlguiding here in the village.

Please get in touch asap if you feel you could offer your time, skill and commitment to see this amazing facility continue long into the future THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Please contact Mrs Fiona Bailey 07866336160
baileys5@btinternet.com



EASTER FAMILY BINGO!

March 21st 2026

Doors open at 6pm

Eyes down at 6:30pm



Simpson Village Hall, Burghill

Proceeds in aid of Burghill church funds

Tickets £1.00 per game (there will be 8 games plus 2 specials)

Refreshments available



MURDER RETURNS TO BURGHILL!



MURDER MYSTERY



THE CORPSE IN THE COPSE



In the Simpson Hall, Burghill

On Saturday 25th April 2026

Evening performance 7.00 pm prompt

Tickets £12 to include a meal. BYO Drinks

Matinee performance 2.00 pm prompt

Tickets £8 to include tea and biscuits

Pre-booking is essential.

For tickets contact Joe on 760816

or email: jfhelme@gmail.com



All profits will go to The Copse

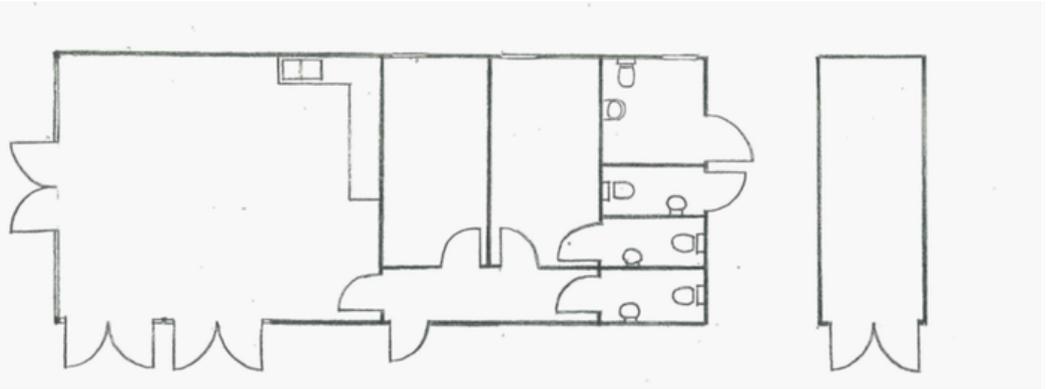


The Copse Leisure Trust

Reg. No. 1118865



We have now submitted an amended planning application for community space, changing rooms and store to replace the existing portable cabins and storage container at The Copse. The proposal is different from the original planning but is a more deliverable scheme and based on the needs of our community.



Ground Floor Plan

Community Space | Changing Rooms | Store

We have a shortfall of approximately £70,000. We are delighted to announce that a local military charity has contributed £2,500 and we are very grateful for their support. Our Chairman, Sally Robertson, is now tasked with applying for grants and has already identified funders for the remainder.

In addition, we will be continuing with our own fundraising events as it is important to prove to funders that we are trying to raise funds too. Anna Robertson and Kim Saunders, two of our young volunteers, will be organising another Music Bingo shortly and Bernie Green has kindly offered to run a Race Night again. Dates and more information will be included in next month's magazine.



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 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

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday 13th March from 10am to 11.30am**. 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: March 13th April 10th & May 8th - 10-11.30am

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



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH • 7PM

QUIZ, CURRY & RAFFLE

£16 PER PERSON • MAX TEAM SIZE: 6



PROCEEDS TO: _____

**JUNIOR SECTION
& BURGHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The next free Digital Awareness Session will be on **Wednesday 18th March 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.

Meanwhile if you would like more information or have a query, please leave a message, or text 07889285657 and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email:
janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

St Mary's Walking Group

What a lot of rain we've had! It certainly created a challenge for our walk leader in February, with several planned routes rendered impassable and much head-scratching along the way. Undeterred by the conditions, we adapted - swapping muddy paths for tarmac where needed - and completed a circular walk from Burghill to the Roman Road without too much trouble. We were treated to twenty seconds of sunshine as we set off and another twenty at the finish - you take what you can get at this time of year!

**Our next walks are:
Saturday 14th March
Starting from Burghill church 9.50am**

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: 01432 760552



Cillian Murphy, Emily Watson, Michelle Fairley, Eileen Walsh

12A

Small Things Like These

Ireland, 1985: In the months leading up to Christmas, coalman and family man Bill Furlong discovers startling secrets kept by the local convent. Deeply conflicted, Bill reaches a breaking point that forces him to confront both his own past and the complicit silence of a small Irish town under the control of the Catholic Church, led locally by Mother Superior Sister Mary.

**The Simpson Hall,
Burghill**

HR4 7RW

**Friday 20
March**

7.30pm

Tickets

Standard: £5.50

Under 18s: £3.50

Enquiries: 01432760552

Pre-Booked supper served at 6.30pm: Traditional Irish Stew (lamb) and dumplings and soda bread. £11 includes food, film & interval beverage. To book your meal email annie.ness23@gmail.com or leave a voice message 01432760552. CASH ONLY and bring your own drinks. Film only is £5.50.



Information and Tickets at www.artsalive.co.uk

**FLICKS
IN THE
STICKS**

GNS WINTER LUNCHESES

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



The dates are:
March 27th



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

Burghill in Bloom

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

The village litter pick takes place on 4th March. Meet at the Simpson Hall for 1.30pm, where you will be allocated an area. All equipment will be provided please do join us. Refreshments will follow the litter pick.

In the summer we are going to change what we have done in the past with different competitions all centred around the Pride we take in our Parish Community. Details will be announced later.

Max Jenman. Chairman.





Your community needs you

Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers are needed to help run active CSW schemes and monitor the speed of vehicles at specified, safe locations.

Community Speed Watch, Burghill and Tillington

Community Speed Watch schemes are co-ordinated by the police but managed and run by Volunteers in the Community. The scheme enables local people to take an active role in road safety and make their community safer. The aim of CSW is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible but to encourage motorists to drive at a safe and appropriate speed within our parish. So now is the opportunity.

If you require more information or have decided that you would like to become a volunteer, please contact janetpudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Community Speed Watch, Burghill and Tillington

The Wednesday Churchyard Group

It has been too wet to mow but we met recently to clear the paths and tidy the graves. Most Christmas wreaths have been removed together with old and faded plastic arrangements. All flowers should be placed on the gravestone and not on the grass. This will enable us to have a clear run when mowing.

Artifacts which could possibly have sentimental value have been placed behind the gravestone. For obvious reasons when mowing does start, we discourage any glass container and these if not on the gravestone will be removed.

Since the church does not have a rubbish collection, please take all your old arrangements home – there seemed to be an ever growing pile against the Bier house which we have now removed.

Should anyone like to join with us on a Wednesday morning please contact me 07485142141.

Thank you.

Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

March: On **Thursday 19th** March, by popular demand, the Hereford Ukulele band will be with us again. Bring your tuned singing voices that day!

April: On **Thursday 16th** April there will be a talk by Dementia Help.

Tickets for the draw 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.

Burghill Guides needs YOU!



**Can you spare a couple of hours a week
supporting Girl Guides
in Burghill?**



Since 1964, Burghill Guides have been helping girls have fun & adventures, try new things, learn skills for life and make new friends.



Guides are girls aged between 10 and 14 years old.
We meet each Thursday at 7pm in Burghill during term time.

In an all-girl environment, we create a relaxed and open place for girls to be themselves and have fun.



If you'd like to get involved and do something amazing for the girls in your local community then please get in touch with Liz on 07940 436104,

if you can't commit to weekly then still get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!



Guides





'Nicki's Story...

Dear Fellow Villagers,

In October 2023 I walked the Camino way, to raise money in memory of my dearest dad.

In October 2026 I am trekking in China, for the same wonderful charity, St Michael's Hospice.

This charity is so important to us all in Herefordshire. The chance that we or someone we know may need to use this amazing facility in the future is always there so it is so important that we continue to fundraise to keep this wonderful place going. Funds are needed every single day.

So please help me raise as much as I can. As well as the link below, you can search my name on Just Giving, and there is also a pot in Tillington Shop - with thanks to Heather.

This trek in China will be incredibly challenging, but will be a fantastic experience. I'm funding the trip myself, therefore ALL money raised will go straight to St Michael's Hospice.

Thank you everyone xxx❤️
Nicki Gilbert

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicki-gilbert-2?](https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicki-gilbert-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

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The Splendour of Spring Magnolias

The blooms of the spring flowering Magnolias are amongst the most glorious of the season - goblet, tulip or star shaped - exuding a heavenly scent. The original Victorian favourite, *Magnolia x soulangeana* (the so-called 'Pink Tulip Tree') is still deservedly popular with its large, fragrant, rose- shaded-blush-pink blooms like rounded tulips, held upwards on bare branches at this time of year.

There is now a huge range of Magnolia flower shades, from pure white, through pretty pinks to darker shades of burgundy. There are also even yellow flowered hybrids – although of course springtime offers many other types of yellow flower.

The majority of the tulip type Magnolias form trees, sometimes quite sizeable. Since pruning them not only results in losing their attractive shape but also encourages them to produce quantities of weedy, non-flowering shoots, it is worth considering either fan training them on a sunny wall if space is limited or simply growing a smaller, bushier type. The 'Star' Magnolias, such as the pure white *Magnolia Stellata* are probably the most popular of the smaller types, forming large bushes.

These, in turn, have been cross bred with larger types to produce smaller trees more suited to the modern garden, such as 'Susan' (elongated tulip flowers of burgundy) or the pink starry-flowered 'Leonard Messel'.

Because they flower so early in the year, Magnolias look best in a position sheltered from cold north-east winds which can scorch the lovely blooms brown at flowering time.

The soil should be reasonably well drained and, although they will look particularly lush and green on an acid soil, Magnolias are happy enough on most ordinary garden soils (excluding shallow topsoil over chalk.)

Treat your magnolia to an annual mulch of organic matter such as garden compost or leaf mould and they will reward you for your efforts with a stunning spring show.

Happy Gardening!

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

BOOK SWAP KIOSK

(The Old Phone Box by the Church)

- **SWAP A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK**

There is a new full section every two weeks.

(PLEASE USE THE SANITISER)

!!!PAPERBACKS BOOKS NEEDED!!!

Cash donations go to support the Church

Tel: 07721663638



Golden Meadow Playgroup

Tuesdays (term time only) 10-11:30am

£3 per family (rates differ for childminders)

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 March/April

24/2 Normal

3/3 World Book Day - dress up if you would like to

10/3 Police are coming to visit!

17/3 Spring

24/3 Easter

31/3 and 7/4 No group

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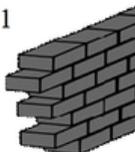
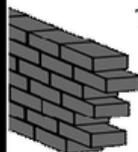
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