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

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The Nature of Truth in the Modern World.

What is truth? It is a deceptively simple question, yet one that has become increasingly difficult to answer in the modern world. We live in an age when information is available almost instantly, yet certainty seems harder to find. Every day we are confronted by news reports, social media posts, opinions, images and videos, all competing for our attention and claiming to tell us what is really happening.

The difficulty is that information and truth are not necessarily the same thing. We can have access to thousands of facts and still be misled. A photograph can be genuine but presented without its context. A statistic can be accurate but used to create a false impression. A story can contain elements of truth while leaving out the inconvenient parts. In an age of artificial intelligence, even images, voices and videos can be created that appear completely authentic.

Perhaps the greatest danger is that we increasingly choose the truth we prefer. Social media algorithms tend to show us material that confirms what we already believe. We can therefore inhabit very different versions of reality from our neighbours, each convinced that the evidence is on our side. The result is not simply disagreement, but a growing suspicion that anyone who thinks differently must somehow be dishonest or ignorant.

Yet truth matters. Without some shared understanding of reality, trust begins to disappear. Democracy, relationships, science, journalism and even community life depend upon the possibility that we can distinguish between what is true, what is false and what remains uncertain.

For Christians, the question of truth goes deeper still. Jesus does not simply offer a collection of facts about God; he declares, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Truth, therefore, is not merely something to possess or use against others. It is something to live by. It requires humility, honesty and a willingness to admit when we are wrong and to call others out when they are acting dishonestly and untruthfully.

Perhaps, in our noisy and uncertain age, one of the most important virtues is not certainty but the courage to seek truth patiently. We should ask questions, check our sources, listen to those with whom we disagree and resist the temptation to believe something simply because we want it to be true, though we often do.

Truth may sometimes be uncomfortable, but it is ultimately liberating. The challenge for all of us is to keep seeking it—and, having found it, to have the courage to live by it and to call others to go and do likewise.

Phill

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Burghill Benefice



3RD	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
6TH	TRINITY 14	
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	Service at the Copse
10TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
13TH	TRINITY 14	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Eucharist
5.00pm	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Compline
17TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
20TH	TRINITY 16	
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
24TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
27TH	TRINITY 17/HARVEST	
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	Harvest Festival
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

Parish Council Update – July

- New councillor: Jade Williams has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. One vacancy remains.
- Road safety: Traffic monitoring is complete, with results expected shortly. The Council continues to seek an extension of the 40mph limit on Tillington Road towards the Golf Club crossroads. Community Speed Watch now has 9 volunteers and will begin monitoring at six approved sites.
- Drainage: Work to clear the blocked outfall near the school is expected to begin in August.
- The Grange: The Environment Agency investigation into imported soil continues. The Parish Council has agreed to formally raise residents' concerns.
- Highways: The Council will ask Herefordshire Council to refresh road markings at the Church/Hereford junction.
- Defibrillators: All parish defibrillators remain operational. The Council is moving towards keeping them unlocked for public access.
- Dog waste bins: Possible locations and costs are being investigated, including The Copse and the commons.
- Simpson Hall: The new committee is planning improvements to the hall's acoustics and projector/technology.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 September 2026.

Parish Council Small Grants Scheme

Local groups and organisations can apply for grants towards projects benefiting the parish and its residents.

For the 2027/28 financial year, applications should be sent to the Parish Clerk at clerk@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk by 30 September 2026.

Applications should explain the project and show appropriate governance, including a constitution, safeguarding policy, recent accounts and a bank account with at least two signatories. Groups are encouraged to seek additional funding where appropriate. Successful applicants will be notified early next year.

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)
- Tai Chi 1.15pm
- 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

- Hatha Yoga with Suzanne 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)

Other events at Simpson Hall

- Tue 1st Sept - 7.30pm Gardening Club
- Tue 8th Sept - 7pm Burghill Parish Council Meeting
- Wed 9th & Wed 23rd Sept - 2pm Knit One Natter Two
- Fri 11th Sept - 10am Community Cafe
- Fri 11th Sept - 6.10pm Movie Night
- Mon 14th Sept - 6.30pm Copse AGM
- Wed 16th Sept - 2pm Community Digital Awareness Talk Hub
- Thur 17th Sept - 2pm Retirement Club
- Fri 25th Sept - 12.30 GNS Summer Lunches



**Find out about this amazing charity
that comes to our rescue 365 24/7**

Talk from a local volunteer

Saturday 10th Oct 2026 at 7pm

Simpson Hall Burghill

Entry fee £5

Raffle

All proceeds to go to the charity

For more information or to book a place contact

Franca Lyddon 07875589279



Organised by the Simpson Hall management committee

Advance Notice- Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch

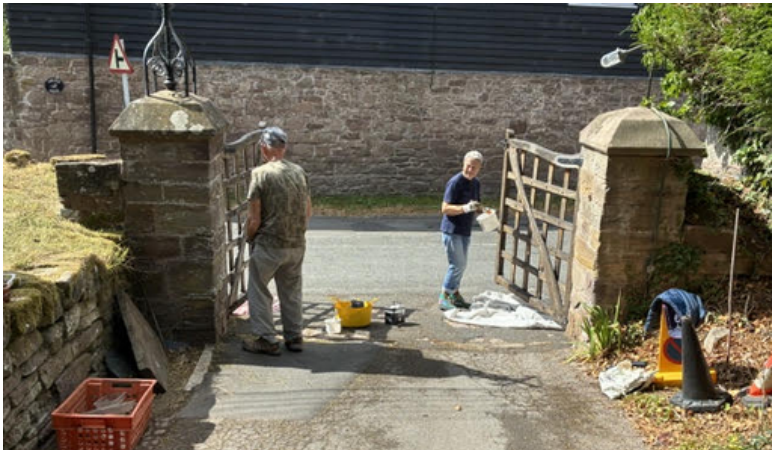
We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday October 4th at 11.00am followed by the Harvest lunch to which all are invited.

Lunch will be soup, a roll and apple crumble or similar.

THE COMMUNITY PLANT STALL

The Plant Stall has now drawn to a close. Since April it raised over £264 in aid of the churchyard fund helping to support the churchyard maintenance. 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. This summer with its very hot dry weather has been particularly challenging and it is remarkable that we have raised more money than ever before. A dedicated group of volunteers work all year round to keep the churchyard looking beautiful and tidy, not forgetting specific areas set aside for wildlife. The churchyard is for everyone to enjoy and is a place of peace and tranquillity. The churchyard volunteers would welcome more help to maintain this lovely place. Please contact Max Jenman for further details.

Liz Donovan



BURGHILL BENEFICE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The Festival Weekend held from Friday August 7th to Sunday August 9th was a huge success. The Friday evening concert where we welcomed back the young brother and sister duo, Michael and Isabel D'Avanzo, and Sam Davies, their friend was wonderful.



The BBQ, held in the Vicarage garden on Saturday Aug 8th with entertainment and stalls, was a truly community event and great fun.

Thank you very much to everyone who supported both events in any way, from those who put in hours of work to those who came and enjoyed themselves.

Burghill In Bloom

The committee are still seeking new members for next year and if you are interested in helping us in any way please contact the Chairman, Max Jenman. Email: rmjenman1485@hotmail.com

The Committee and friends recently met to make felt poppies for the Church Remembrance display and had a very enjoyable time aided I'm sure by the addition of drinks and nibbles.

Kits to make the poppies are in the Church and every villager is encouraged to pick up a kit and have a go. Completed poppies can be returned to the Church.



We will meet soon to discuss next years plans.



HANDBELL CONCERT

An evening of handbells

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Handbell Ringers**



**SATURDAY
17TH OCTOBER**



7 PM



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Friday 11th September

Doors 6.10pm | Food 6.30pm | Film 7.30pm

Simpson Hall, Burghill

Admission: Adults £5.50 | Under 18s £3.50

PRE-BOOKED SUPPER

Pre-Booked supper served at 6.30pm: Chronology of Minced Beef and time dilation of vegetables, beneath a layer of tachyon pastry, with time loop Beef Gravy, Accompanied with wormhole Potato wedges dusted with spacetime, and tempered buttered greens.

£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 and glassware. Film only is £5.50.

ABOUT THE FILM

At 21, Tim Lake learns from his father that the men in their family can travel back through moments in their own lives. Tim hopes his extraordinary gift will help him find love, and when he meets Mary, it seems it might. But as life unfolds, he discovers that even time travel cannot protect a family from life's ups and downs - and that the real secret may simply be learning to treasure an ordinary day.

Domhnall Gleeson • Rachel McAdams • Bill Nighy



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- ½ page- £140
- 1 full page- £280
- Rear full page- £500

Charges (Per edition)

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- ½ page- £28
- 1 full page- £56
- Rear full page- £100

Bell Club 2026: Our Biggest and Best Year Yet

Bell Club 2026 was a tremendous success, with more young ringers, more activities, and even more enthusiasm than ever before. Over three lively days, nine children took part—four returning members and five new recruits. For the first time, we welcomed two younger participants aged 6 and 8, supported throughout by their grandparents, who are long-standing members of our band.



The week began with name games to help everyone settle in before heading up the tower for a hands-on introduction to the bells. A trip to the roof—always a favourite—gave the group a chance to burn off some energy and enjoy the view. Their confidence climbing the ladders set a brilliant tone for the rest of the week.



Between sessions on handbells and tower bells, the children enjoyed a variety of activities, including **colouring, word searches, bookmark making, origami bells, making sallies**, and a tower-building challenge. Working in teams, they designed and built towers strong enough to hold a bell—an activity enjoyed by children and helpers alike.

With our youngest member absent on the final day, the group tackled more advanced tasks. They tried conducting the handbell team and rang rounds on tower bells. Four participants, not yet regular tower-bell ringers, managed both strokes with minimal support—an inspiring achievement.

After Bell Club each day, helpers took part in Plain Hunt/Bob Doubles practice. This gave Luke the chance to ring Plain Bob Doubles, and he quickly mastered a plain course.

Every child received a certificate and badge for both handbell and tower-bell ringing, thanks to HRGB's Crescendo Scheme, ART's Learning the Ropes, and Sherbourne Teaching Aids. Goodie bags added a final celebratory touch.



What the children thought:

Evie: “I have had so much fun during Bell Club, I have done tower bells, Hand bells, crafts and making new friends. I was so nervous to come to Bell Club at first but after the first day I felt right at home. Before I came I had never used tower bells before or properly anyway. I enjoyed it so much, I learnt new things about the bell as well. I feel so much more confident now from the first time I pulled the rope. In crafts, we made origami bells, bookmarks made out of wool and loads more. We also did handbells and I do have experience from them but I played different bells as well. It has been so much fun I really hope I can go again next year. It was an opportunity of a lifetime.”

Matthew: “From church bells to hand bells to crafts I’ve done everything I was hoping for and more! I came to bell club without a clue on how to ring a church bell. I am confident and feel I know the basics on how to ring. In crafts we did so much! From bookmarks made out of wool to origami church bells and more. It was really fun. I have experience playing handbells but still learnt loads, I now know how to play on foam! I made loads of friends, everyone is friendly and makes you feel



Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

September: On **Thursday 17th September** there talk by Joanne Helm and demonstration on Spinning a Yarn

October: On **Thursday 15th October** there slide show by Pedro on **My Travels**.

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.



Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

Simpson Hall

Tuesday September 1st

7.15pm

Ever visited any of the fabulous gardens in Cornwall?
If not come and see what you have missed. If you have experienced them, come and be reminded of how special they are.

This month Alun & Jill Whitehead will take us to these wonderful gardens in their talk “Pasties and Tin Mines”

All are welcome. £4 on the door, refreshments included.

To continue next year, the Club still needs a new secretary, if you are interested please talk to Sue.

sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net

Knit One, Natter Too

You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. You can be sure of a warm welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise. 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 9th and 23rd.

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 sessions are
Friday, 11th September 2026
10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall
during the Community Café Session



A new selection of jigsaws available to borrow

Good Neighbour Scheme- Summer Lunches

Will continue once a month in the Simpson Hall on the **last Friday of each month from 12.30pm until 2.00pm**. From April to October

Ploughman's Lunch £1; hot drink and a biscuit 50p

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements. Tel: 01432 760816



Keeping the Conversation Going

Sixty-four people came to Simpson Hall in July to watch the People's Emergency Briefing, including our MP, Dr Ellie Chowns. The discussion afterwards was thoughtful and wide-ranging, and since then some of those who attended have shared what stayed with them.

Mike Matthews was left wondering why, if the scientific information is so compelling, more isn't being done. He also reflected on what each of us can do: "Anything is better than nothing to help offset what's happening, surely? Sharing ideas both big and small has got to be a good way to help, plus not trying to shame others who may not be able to do as much as you; we all change at a different pace."

Richard and Liz Donovan highlighted both the need for political action and the smaller choices open to us – reducing waste, recycling, driving less and slower, keeping cars for longer, eating seasonal food and using less energy:

"If everyone does a small action it will make a big difference."

Darren and Amanda felt the film explained difficult issues in an accessible way without becoming caught up in politics or doom and gloom:

"Whatever you think about climate change, the film invites us to think about our responsibility to care for the world around us and to consider the impact of our actions on others, including future generations."

Simone recalled her group discussing changes people are already trying to make – wasting less, driving and flying less, planting trees, eating less meat and making homes more energy efficient. She also remembered concern about whether change can happen quickly enough.

Perhaps the simplest reflection came from Joan Adams:

"It's the grandchildren I'm worried about."

Thank you to everyone who came along, contributed to the discussion or has since shared their thoughts.

If you missed the People's Emergency Briefing, forthcoming screenings can be found at www.nebriefing.org/screening-map.

The petition calling on the Government to hold an emergency national briefing by leading experts on climate and nature risks has now received more than 110,000 signatures. The aim is to give the public clear, trusted information about what these risks could mean for us and what we can do, together and individually, to prepare and respond. Having passed 100,000, it will be considered for debate in Parliament.

Here in Burghill, we hope to continue with further films, talks and discussions around climate and nature. Please keep an eye on the parish magazine for details.

Let's keep the conversation going.

Tipis at The Copse

(Courtesy of Java Tipis)



All Ages service
11 am



Followed by
community picnic
12 noon onwards



Sunday,
6th September 2026

Everyone welcome. ♥

Please bring your own picnic.



The Copse Leisure Trust

Reg. No. 1118865

Please note that The Copse Leisure Area will be closed for a private function from Friday, 4th September and will reopen for the All Ages Service and Community Picnic on 6th September. The Public Right Of Way will also be closed from 4th-6th September, reopening on Monday, 7th September.

Herefordshire Council has offered all ward members the opportunity to apply for a grant that may be used for a community's benefit. We are delighted to report that our local Councillor, Pauline Crockett, has chosen The Copse project. The grant, together with local resident's donations, will be used to purchase two picnic benches (one with disabled access) for the use by residents and their families.

The Trustees would like to invite you to their
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 14th September 2026
The Simpson Hall
6.30 pm
Refreshments will be provided. This is an opportunity for
you to learn about our work during the last twelve
months.

FOOTBALL PITCH AT THE COPSE

We currently hire the football pitch to Westfields juniors, Burghill Rangers and Adriano's football school. The income generated is used towards maintaining the grounds at The Copse and insurance.

If you are interested in hiring the facilities, would they please contact Sally Robertson who holds the bookings diary. Her contact details are sal.rob@btinternet.com, mobile 07581 334900.



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, 11th Sept** from 10.00 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. These are on sale after 11am.

We look forward to seeing you.

Dates: Fridays: September 11th, October 9th and November 13th
Time 10 to 11.30



Community Digital Awareness Sessions

At the Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW

The next free Digital Awareness Session will be on Wednesday 16th 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.

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

Last month's walk took us to Sutton Walls iron age Hill Fort and on to Marden, with a very welcome stop at Farmer John's Store for excellent coffee and cake. Our walk leader was celebrating a big birthday and generously treated us all to tea and birthday cake after the walk - a lovely way to finish the day!

**Our next walks are:
Saturday 5th September
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



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8 September - first one back! ☺



3 November - Halloween! ☺



22 September



17 November



6 October



1 December



20 October



15 December - Christmas theme! ☺



10-11:30

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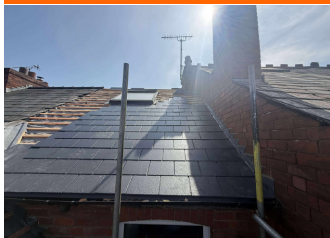
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