

T H E C O M M U N I T Y

NEWSLETTER

BURLEY GATE · FELTON · MORETON JEFFRIES · MUCH COWARNE · OCLE PYCHARD · STOKE LACY · ULLINGSWICK

I do like to be beside the seaside



JULY - AUGUST 2024

Letter from the Editor

Another apology, this time for the late delivery of the May/June issue. There are a lot of steps and people involved between someone sending their submission and the Community News being posted through your letter box and last time things just took longer than usual. Please be assured that we try our best to make sure that the Community News is with you as early in the month as is physically possible.

This leads me onto a heartfelt 'Thank you' and a plea for help.

First of all, I would like to thank Glenn Walker for doing the formatting and trying his best to get everything onto the limit of 32 pages and to Phil Evans for managing the adverts and providing the front cover. A very loud 'thank you' goes to all the volunteers who deliver the Community News every 2 months - without them you wouldn't be reading this now! But one of our volunteers is moving away and I need someone else to take her place please. The areas that need to be covered are:

Burley Gate along the A465 from the roundabout up to where the road divides to go to Bromyard or Much Cowarne

Ocle Mead & Lyvers Ocle

It would probably be easier to have two distributors, one for each area.

If you would like to volunteer spending just a short time every 2 months delivering in one of these areas please contact me - you will be needed for the delivery of the September/October issue.

I know lots of people really love reading the Community News so why don't you share a favourite poem or recipe, a recommendation (or otherwise) of a local walk, reminiscences or some interesting local history - anything you think others might like to read.

I hope you enjoy this edition's centre-page photos - the theme is 'H2O. The theme for the September/October edition is 'My favourite thing'

marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk or 0785 220 2353

Thank you for reading!

Keep well and keep smiling

Marilyn, Annie & Molly



St James the Great - Ocle Pychard

The funeral took place on May 31st of Ian Powell - a well-loved member of this community, who had lived here all his life. Ian's coffin arrived pulled by one of his beloved tractors. Many of his friends and neighbours turned out to give Ian a great send off and to give their condolences to his family. The church was overflowing. We would like to thank his family and friends for their generous donation towards the roof repair fund. *Janet Bartlett - Church Warden*



A beautifully renovated classic Pembrokeshire cottage, with private parking and enclosed garden this charming cottage is located in Solva. An ideal location, steps from the coastal path, this 3-bedroom cottage hosts up to 5 people and 3 well behaved dogs. It is within walking distance of shops, restaurants and cafes in Solva, as well as views over the headland and harbour.



If you wish to make an enquiry or reserve dates, please contact me on
CaswellByTheSea@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church, Much Cowarne

On Saturday August 3rd at 4.00pm we are holding our first Pet Service to which pets of any kind, and their owners, throughout the Benefice, will be welcome. Our aim is to have an enjoyable and informal occasion for all when we can remember and be thankful for the animals which are such an important part of our lives. We plan to hold the service inside the church but those who prefer to be outside may stay near to the door so they are able to hear what is happening and join in the hymns. We ask that dogs and any other animals used to leads are kept on them and doggie bags, or equivalent are used if and when necessary. The Summer Fete at the Gate will be held at Burley Gate School on Saturday July 13 from 12.00 noon and Much Cowarne Church will again be providing the usual stalls (Bric a Brac, Produce, Tombola and Cakes) and sideshows (Splat the Rat, Skittles, Coconut Shy, Welly Wanging). The PCC would appreciate any offers to help man and set up these attractions; anyone willing to help should contact one of the Churchwardens (*Martin Hewitt 01432 820282 or Jean Parkes 01432 820402*)

St. Mary's Church, Much Cowarne - help needed!

We are in need of some volunteers to help keep our church clean, dust around, vacuum the floor; put fresh flowers in the altar vases and polish the brasses. Some of our volunteers are very old now – well into their 80s and 90s and we can't do as much as we used to!!

You don't have to be a church-goer – just someone who is generous enough to give a few hours on a rota basis (two or three times a year) to keep the church looking nice and bright. It's good if you have a friend who would share the job with you as you can chat as you work – you know – one puts the polish on the brass; one takes it off. It's actually a nice job to do and takes about two hours to clean the church with two working together. If you are on your own, you can always pair up with someone already on the rotas.

If you think you can help, please contact either of the church wardens:-

Martin on 01432 820282 email: panksbridge@gmail.com or

Jean on 01432 820402 email: jeanparkes@btinternet.com



Hello again from Muddy Boots.

With it feeling warmer many of us have and will be more inclined to be out there enjoying a walk only to find that those weeks of rain have resulted in some weeds going bonkers, at worse blocking paths, gate and stile access.

The good news is that we can all join in and do our bit to improve things locally and beyond by expressing an interest to Steve Organ who has recently joined

Herefordshire Council as our first public rights of way volunteer coordinator.

Steve is keen to hear from anyone interested in helping look after our paths whenever and in whatever way they can whether that be cutting back some vegetation around a stile or keeping an eye on a particular path/s and reporting any problems etc.

Contact Steve for more information at prow@herefordshire.gov.uk

I know that footpath problems can be a mighty subjective subject but if **YOU** have what **YOU** consider to be a problem why not report it to Herefordshire Council on their "report a public right of way problem" website page?

I hope that in whatever way you are able to spare the time helping to keep our local paths in good shape for everyone's enjoyment and health benefits and I look forward to joining you all for the August parish walk at Much Cowarne.

Take care out there and keep smiling.



Fete at the Gate



Calling all cake makers!



Will you help Burley Gate Village Hall raise some money at the Summer Fete on **Saturday 13th July** by making some scones, or a cake (large or small) to sell as part of the refreshments?

Please contact Pauline (paulineanddave@outlook.com) to let her know what you will be making and to arrange when they can be delivered/collected.

Thank you!!

Calling all Walkers and Cyclists
Pop-up Cafe
 St James the Great
 Ocle Pychard
 11am – 2pm
Saturday June 15th and July 20th
 Coffee Teas Sandwiches Cakes

Monthly BINGO Nights

2024 dates:

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 15th MARCH
FRIDAY 19th APRIL
FRIDAY 17th MAY
FRIDAY 21st JUNE
FRIDAY 26th JULY
FRIDAY 16th AUGUST
FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER
FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

*16th February in aid of Ullingswick church
 Other local churches / organisations may also run some dates above*

Burley Gate Village Hall **Doors Open: 7.00pm** **Eyes Down: 7.30pm**
 HRI 3QR

Raffle & refreshments.
 For more information contact: Sue 01432 820127 or Helen 07816 773735



St Luke's Church Ullingswick

**Services for
 July and August 2024
 All welcome**

Date	Service	1st Reading	Reader
July 7th - 10.00am	Morning Prayer	2 Corinthians 12 2-10	A Gardinar
July 21st - 8.30am	Holy Communion	Ephesians 2 11-end	S Mess
August 4th - 10.00am	Morning Prayer	Ephesians 4 1-16	S Wright
August 18th - 8.30am	Holy Communion	Ephesians 5 15-20	J Stevens

Please view Parish and Church notice boards to confirm.
 timing of services which may be subject to change.
 Details regarding church services and events can also be found at
www.achurchnearyou.com/ullingswick-st-luke
www.achurchnearyou.com/ullingswick-st-luke

*Readers If anyone is unable to read on the day listed, please arrange a swap
 directly with someone else on the list and inform the Church Warden
 we would welcome readers to join the list please contact
Janet Stevens on Tel 01432 820938



Holiday House to let New Quay Wales Stunning position

Situated in New Quay on the heritage coast between Cardigan and Aberystwyth. This four bedroom house (sleeps 8) has been converted so the living area is on the first floor to take advantage of the outstanding panoramic views. The house is situated on a quiet no through road overlooking the sandy beaches and across Cardigan Bay towards Snowdonia. The house is ideally situated for bird watching, walking (the coastal path is at the end of the terrace road) and the beaches. Boat trips for fishing or to see the local colony of bottle nose dolphins and wildlife are available from the quay. Water sports hire and instruction are available in the harbour for all levels of experience. The usual seaside amenities including pubs, restaurants, cafes, fish and chips and shops are all within 5 minutes walking distance. Available all year for weeks or short breaks. Cost per week from £400.00 to £850.00.

Phone 07889 106533

Email mhoskins242@gmail.com



PRICE LIST as from January 1st 2024

HIRE/EVENT	CHARGE
Hourly Rate unless one of the following events	£12.50 per hour
Evening event (except youth groups or a private party)	£30 per session
All Youth Groups	£15 per session
Children's Party	£30 per session
Evening Party (£50 deposit)	£75
Commercial Function/wedding receptions etc	£80 all day/£45 half day
Polling Station Hire of Hall	£150
Use of kitchen of one or more of fridge, freezer, cooker, water heater, washing-up machine (not the kettle or microwave)	£10
Heating small hall only	£5
Heating – small & large halls	£10

For more information and to receive
Booking Forms please contact Marilyn Pemberton:

Email: Marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk

or call 0785 220 2353

SIGNS OF THE TIMES (part 2)

Historic, patriotic and commemorative signs account for a very large number all over the country such as The Volunteer at Marden and the Barneby Arms at Bredenbury. The popular heroes have many adherents. There are many Nelsons or Admiral Nelsons. Wellington and his Boot are also popular as is his great battle of Waterloo. The Marquis of Granby, an 18th century soldier seems to have more than his share of namesakes whilst The Nell Gwynne commemorates Hereford's (allegedly) famous daughter. Charles II's escape after the Battle of Worcester is well commemorated by The Royal Oaks although the one on Bromyard Downs is now closed. Almost every major event through the centuries has found its way onto a sign, from the first ascent of an Air Balloon on Birdlip Hill, now sadly demolished, to the former Railway Inn in Bromyars Church Street. Locational signs also come within this category with examples such as England's Gate at Bodenham. The former Five Bridges Inn and The Fir Tree at Much Cowarne and The Crozen (crossroads) at Felton.

In a nation devoted to sport and reputedly lovers of animals it is natural that they should be represented in the lists. There are cows and bulls in infinite variety – Spotted, Dun and Red Cows, The Bull – in Ambridge! and dogs of most colours especially Greyhounds. In the realm of monsters there is The Green Dragon at Bishops Frome and several Unicorns. On the sporting side the range is wide from the Dog accompanied by the Badger, Otter, Gun and Pheasant to the popular Fox & Hounds, Hare & Hounds and The Stag & Hounds. The Cricketers and The Compleat Angler are popular signs as is The Bowling Green but strange to say there do not seem to be any Footballers Arms!!

Trade signs still abound locally with The Three Horseshoes at Little Cowarne, The Wheelwrights Arms at Pencombe, The Plough at Stoke Lacy and the former Wheatsheaf at Whitbourne. For many years the Burley Gate Inn was known as The Mason's Arms possibly as the owner James Hodges was a stone mason? Some signs defeat the ingenuity of anyone to place them. Who decided on The Live & Let Live? The insignia of the Garter became in repainting The Leg & Star whilst The Goat & Compasses was originally a religious sign, "God encompasses us". Another which has achieved a nickname from ignorance and mispronunciation is The Bacchanals which inevitably became The Bag O' Nails!

The Bromyard signs we are left with today have mostly been mentioned. As the number of licensed houses has reduced over the years so has the originality of the signs. The Hop Pole usually had a wreath of hops suspended from it as an obvious indication of the contents within. An encouraging sign with which to end is the demise of some of the silly corporate names such as The Farmhand & Firkin in Hereford now (almost) returned to its historic name of The Kerry (Arms).

Barry Lawrence

Over the Burley Gate



'You know sometimes it's good to abandon your local territory, visit new places, meet new folk'

'So where have your wanderings taken you to this time?'

'I went up to Scotland and had three bonnie days with panoramic views and then it blew a hooley and on the top of Schiehallion it was snowing and hailing.'

'You're telling me that's a recommendation for leaving Burley Gate?'

'Edinburgh was more fun on the Taylor Swift weekend. Swifties trained in, bussed in, flew in from Australia and a couple from Indiana they said it was cheaper and easier to get tickets for the UK performance than back in the States.'

'Don't people have to pay £££s for tickets?'

'Oh yes, but it's an experience they'll never forget - they were there - like us with the Beatles. Anyway, we were all treated to the music as it wafted across the City from Murrayfield.'

'I caught 'The Flying Swiftie' train home and the Swifties were tired, but still buoyed up sharing their videos and chatting.'

'Ah! To be sixteen again....' **Audrey Nunn**

Read All About it !

Much Cowarne History Group is proud to announce the publication of its latest book - "Frozen In Time" which is due to be launched at the combined Fete to take place on the Burley Gate School playing fields and in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th July from 12 noon. This book is a popular history of Much Cowarne parish including parts of Ocle pychard and Moreton Jeffries as seen through the censuses from 1841 to 1921 and including the National Register of 1939 and the Farm Survey of 1941 -43. Also included are items of local history changes throughout the years which affected village life accompanied by many photographs depicting local families and places mentioned in the text. The book will be sold at a special discounted price to Fete visitors and will later be available for purchase at the Burley Gate Community Shop and Post Office.

The book is following on from the History Group's most successful publication programme which commenced in 2003 with "A Jugful of Much Cowarne Cider" of village reminiscences but sadly now out of print although we do have several second-hand copies for sale bought on-line for about £20.00 each. This was followed in 2007 by "A Snapshot in Time" which illustrates village life during the Edwardian period with information and illustrations from various sources. This book is still available at a reduced price of £5.00 per copy. In 2011 we were pleased to be able to produce "The Bournes of Cowarne Court" as seen through the eyes of Ruth Bourne (later Baily) in her diaries of 87 volumes covering the years 1878 to 1953 and now deposited in HARC (Herefordshire Archives & Record Centre). This book with many original Bourne family

Read All About it ! (continued)

photographs is also still available to purchase at its now excellent value original price of £7.00. The Group was also involved in the production in 2009 of a revised Guide to St. Mary's Church in Much Cowarne to coincide with the restoration that year of the peal of six bells. This guide has been described in print as "the best church guide in the county". It is in full colour and reasonably priced at £2.00.

All of these books will be for sale at the Fete along with the newly published one. We do hope that you will be able to visit our stall which will also include a pictorial display of the history of Burley Gate. *Thank you, Barry Lawrence, Vice Chair Much Cowarne History Group*

Update from Cllr. Jonathan Lester

The last Herefordshire Council meeting was held in May and I had the honour of being re-elected Leader of the Council. At this meeting the Council's Plan 2024-2028 was approved. The vision of the plan is Delivering the best for Herefordshire in everything we do. The plan provides the strategic framework for the council and outlines the priorities and objectives for the next four years. It sets out how the council's resources and budgets are prioritised. In developing the Plan, nearly 1000 people have been engaged through a range of events and targeted workshops throughout the county and through an online survey.

Through the development of the plan, four corporate priorities have been identified: People, Place, Growth and Transformation.

PEOPLE: We will enable residents to realise their potential, to be healthy and to be part of great communities who support each other. We want all children to have the best start in life.

PLACE: We will protect and enhance our environment and ensure that Herefordshire is a great place to live. We will support the right housing in the right place and do everything we can to improve the health of our rivers.

GROWTH: We will create the conditions to deliver sustainable growth across the county; attracting inward investment, building business confidence, creating jobs, enabling housing development and provide the right infrastructure.

TRANSFORMATION: We will be an efficient council that embraces best practice, delivers innovation through technology and demonstrates value for money.

All of these priorities will be delivered through monitored delivery plans. I am very pleased to announce that I have invited all 137 parish councils to a summit on 9th July 2024. I wish to update them on key initiatives and reaffirm my commitment to ensuring that Herefordshire Council works well with parish councils. As always I am busy visiting the parish councils in the Three Crosses Ward, and meeting with residents about issues that they are concerned about. If you think I can help in any way or have any feedback about Herefordshire Council please contact me.

Cllr Jonathan Lester. Three Crosses Ward. Jonathan.Lester@herefordshire.gov.uk

Burley Gate Community Shop and Post Office

Shop Telephone No: 01432 683183

We are small local Community Shop and Post Office located in the car park at Burley Gate Village Hall run by a friendly team of volunteers with Caroline and Nat running the Post Office. We aim to provide a wide range of fairly priced goods wherever possible sourced locally. Our staples including newspapers and magazines, milk from Cotteswold Dairy, eggs from David and Alice Hancorn, at Country Flavours, Lower Bellamore, ham, bacon and cheese from Willersey Provisions, Bennetts ice cream, honey from Dave and Sue Garrett at Ullingswick and bread, pork pies and pasties from Lamings Bakery. We stock Tom Oliver's cider and perry and Wye Valley Brewery beers. Our stocks of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and tobacco, confectionery, biscuits and tinned and dry goods are regularly replenished.

Shirley Breese brings plants, flowers, herbs and seasonal veg. both picked and potted when available usually on Tuesdays. Her home-made jams, preserves and chutneys are stocked all year round. Shirley Simcock supplies filled rolls in a variety of fillings several times a week. We are always delighted when she delivers her tempting and delicious cakes.

The stationery and greetings card section caters for your everyday needs from envelopes and adhesive tapes to printer paper and batteries etc and greetings cards to suit all tastes and occasions.

Our Health and Wellbeing section has toiletries suitable for most parts of the body together with sunscreens for those off to sunnier climes or even here at home and baby care supplies. The medical range can provide relief from minor ailments afflicting head to toe and all the bits between. Pain relievers and digestive remedies are available to help combat the effects of too much strenuous activity or perhaps over indulgence.

Our fur and feathered friends are well catered for with wild bird seed, peanuts and fat snacks from General Dogsbody and a range of dog and cat food both wet and dried.

We are no longer accepting items for laundering and dry cleaning.

Post Office

In addition to traditional PO services our branch also provides many of the services previously offered by local banks before their closure:

BANKING: Deposit and withdraw cash free using your debit card and deposit cheques in a cheque deposit envelope available from us.

UTILITY BILLS: Pay Council Tax, Water, Electricity, Gas, Telephone bills etc. here.

CURRENCY: Foreign currency is not available in this branch but can be ordered online at: postoffice.co.uk for secure delivery and collection from us.

DVLA: Tax or SORN your vehicle here. This service currently remains available.

MOBILE PHONE TOP-UPS.

GIFT CARDS: 'One for All' which can be spent in over 100 outlets in store or online and Amazon gift cards are available in a range of values.

MAILINGS: post letters and parcels, home or abroad. For urgent mail use Special Delivery before 1pm next day and tracked and signed for International Post and Parcelforce 24/48 for heavier parcels. Parcel returns can also be processed that are prepaid Royal Mail.

DROP AND GO: A 'Drop and Go' account allows customers to leave their mail both inland and international with us without having to wait for it to be processed. An account can be opened online at www.postoffice.co.uk/dropandgo

Please note: mail needs to be processed by 11.45am to ensure that it is collected that day.

Opening Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
SHOP	8:00 – 1:00	8:00 – 1:00	8:00 – 1:00	8:00 – 1:00	8:00 – 1:00	8:30 – 12:30	8:30 – 10:30
POST OFFICE	9:00 – 1:00	9:00 – 1:00	9:00 – 1:00	9:00 – 1:00	9:00 – 1:00	9:00 – 12:30	Closed

The Post Office is closed on Bank Holidays. **Post Office Telephone no: 01432 820804**

Up to date information about the shop and post office can be found on the Burley Gate Community Shop Facebook page and on other local social media sites. Do have a look or pop into the shop to see for yourself.

Our thanks go to our small band of dedicated volunteers and staff and to our suppliers and their staff who help to keep the shop stocked and open seven days a week. Our volunteers give over 100 hours of their time each week to provide the service we have become used to, their contribution cannot be over emphasised.

Moving on from `flaming` June, perhaps July will be the month when summer arrives and encourages our hesitant seeds to spring into life. The Freshfields strawberry season is in full swing with delicious fruit expertly grown and picked by Arif and his team, we send our thanks to them for a true taste of summer. Lower Hope raspberries are almost ready with cherries eagerly anticipated, we are looking forward to more home grown produce from Shirley and our other local suppliers. The first of the broad beans, salad leaves , beetroot and courgettes are being snapped up and plums will be along soon. So much fresh produce to look forward to enjoy. As always we thank you for your support and send our best wishes.

The Shop Committee and Post Office Team

CASH IS KING

As a small business the card company charges us commission on every card transaction, our preferred method of payment is cash to enable your shop to retain 100% of the transaction value.

Whilst the percentage commission may seem small, over a year can amount to well over £1000. Cash may be obtained from the post office using a physical debit card (not a phone or credit card) which has the bonus of attracting a commission for our post office.

We aim to keep our prices as low as practical however our margins are being squeezed, it is illegal to charge the customer a premium for paying by card so our only option would be to increase our prices by at least 2% to cover our costs which penalises those who pay cash. We have a minimum spend of £5 for card payments. We appreciate your help by paying cash wherever possible.

Thank You, The BGCS Committee

CAN YOU HELP?

Burley Gate Community Shop **STILL** needs volunteers to help behind the shop counter for a few hours each week. If you may be able to help please ask in the shop for more details. Without sufficient volunteers to cover the shop shifts the shop **AND** the post office will be closed. We look forward to hearing from you,

Thank You, The BGCS Committee

Revival of the Morgan Flower and Produce Show, Saturday 10th August 2024. Stoke Lacy Church. This is the time to plan your exhibits.

Horticulture. Judged by our expert judge Bob Oliver on quality and presentation. Selected on uniformity of shape and size and being of the same variety.

Vegetables:

Shallots: 5, 3cms maximum diameter.

Carrots: 3 Long, cut tops to 7.5cms

Parsnips: 2

Potatoes: 3 washed, White, Any Shape.

Beetroot: 3, round.

Runner Beans: 4

Tomatoes: 3

Leeks: 2

Marrows: 2

Courgettes: 2, 10-20cms long

Cucumbers: 2.

Fruit:

Soft Fruit: 6 on a plate

Stoned Fruit: 6

Curious vegetable or fruit shape.

Flowers:

Roses: vase of roses which can be of mixed variety. Maximum 8 blooms.

Sweet Peas: vase of annuals

Dahlias: vase of 4 mixed dahlias

Flowers: vase of cut flowers which can be mixed. Maximum 8 blooms.

Pot Plant:

Fuchsia: maximum 23cms pot diameter.

Pelargonium: maximum 23cms pot diameter.

Foliage: maximum of 23cms pot diameter

Flower Arrangement and/or "Country Garden On A Plate": 60 x 60cms. Theme to be announced.

Drinks and Cookery: Judged on taste.

Bottle of homemade red wine (natural ingredients but not from a kit!).

Bottle of homemade white wine (natural ingredients but not from a kit!).

Tomato Chutney: own recipe

Victoria Sandwich Cake.

Strawberry Jam: own recipe

Jam Tarts: 5

Art: Photograph of a plant, flower or produce.

A painting of "Plants In A Garden".

All classes will be divided into children of "15 and under" and "16 and over".

For more information contact **John Davies: 07980 859953 / cottageold@gmail.com**

STOKE LACY CHURCH 2024 THEMES FOR CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

The monthly Saturday coffee mornings in the church will be run by the following organisations who will provide a different theme each month:

July 13th. Theme will be confirmed.

August 10th. This coffee morning will not take place on this occasion but come instead to the **115th Morgan Car Anniversary Rally incorporating the Fete and Morgan Flower Show Revival.**

September 14th. Theme will be confirmed.

October 12th. Theme to be confirmed.

November 9th. Theme will be confirmed.

December 14th. An amazing special Christmas Theme – watch this space.

January 11th 2025. The PCC will run an **“Unloved or Supernumerary Christmas Present”** sale.

Stoke Lacy PCC 100 Club Results

Herewith the winners of the last two months:

May 2024

1st Nick Harvey £20
2nd Helen Bufton £10
3rd Sue Mckeeman £5

June 2024

1st Angela Dallow £20
2nd Chris Mcnaught £10
3rd Kate Parker £5

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Quiz at the Gate – Friday June 7th

Thank you to everyone who came along to join the Quiz at the Gate night on Friday 7th June. The hall was packed with 14 teams with members desperate to exercise their brains and show off their memories and intelligence. There were 8 rounds (General Knowledge, History, Geography, Music, Name that Bridge, Sport, Literature & Entertainment, Science.) The winning team, who won resoundingly, was 'Blind leading the Blind'. There was a wonderful supper provided by members of the Burley Gate C of E Primary School PFA and great selection of raffle prizes.

The total money raised was £970 and after all costs were paid £264 will be shared equally with:

Burley Gate Village Hall - Burley Gate C of E Primary School

St James the Great church, Ocle Pychard

Thank you to everyone who helped or supported the quiz. Start reading your encyclopaedias in readiness for the next one sometime in the Autumn! ***Marilyn Pemberton***

Three Rivers Ride Bridleway and Path Crozen to Upper Holbatch

It is sad to report that over the last few weeks this Green Lane has been used for illegal dumping of green waste from vegetation clearance and grass cutting. The waste has been dumped from probably a pickup type vehicle on four different occasions together with the perpetrator's drink cans. The dump sites stretch half the length of the track.

A report has been made to the HCC Public Rights of Way department.



Mind, Body, and Soul - Stoke Lacy Village Hall

July 6th

August 3rd

September 7th

Noon till 3

Please feel welcome to come along and enjoy a friendly chat, refreshments and treatments. This well established group of local practitioners extends a warm welcome to locals and friends to visit and get to know us. We offer a chance to discuss new and alternative treatments and re-introducing older remedies for common ailments.

We have various practices to explore and try; aromatherapy reiki massage crystals, energy machines and bio resonance, pendulum work and dowsing. You can chat to us about no dig gardening, bees oracle cards or spiritual coaching.

We also have talks , meditations and bowl baths.

Contact Lindsay on 07897341313 for any other details



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St Peter & St Paul's Church, Stoke Lacy - Sidesmen/Refreshments, Prayers, Readers & Flower Fairies/Holy Dusters - Year B

July 2024

<i>Date/ time</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Sidesmen/ Refreshments</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Flower Fairies Holy Dusters</i>
7th 4.00pm	Trinity 6	PM Praise with afternoon tea PM	C Walters T Lively	H Combe	Elle Wise T Lively	Janet Ivison
14th 10.30am	Trinity 7	Holy Communion PM	C McNaught T Lively	D Weston	C McNaught G Weston	Janet Ivison
21st 6.30pm	Trinity 8	Sanctuary PM	S McKeeman	PM	PM	Sally Barrett
28th 10.30am	Trinity 9	Holy Communion WB	B Mackereth J Horton	S McKeeman	B Mackereth R Horton	Sally Barrett

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4th 4.00pm	Trinity 10	PM Praise with afternoon tea R & HC	C Walters T Lively	H Combe	Elle Wise T Lively	Laura Edwards
11th 10.30am	Trinity 11	Holy Communion PM	C McNaught H Combe	PM	C McNaught H Combe	Laura Edwards
18th 6.30pm	Trinity 12	Sanctuary PM	S McKeeman	PM	Kate Parker	
25th 10.30am	Trinity 13	Holy Communion WB	B Mackereth H Combe	D Weston	Chris McNaught	

September 2024

1st Sept 4.00pm	Trinity 14	PM Praise with afternoon tea PM	C Walters T Lively	PM	Elle Wise M Morris	Janet Ivison
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PM - Rev Philip Miller; WB - Rev Wallace Brown; DH - Rev David Hall; R&HC – Richard & Helen Combe
DUTIES Sidesmen/Refreshments

- To welcome and give each person a service sheet and hymn book
- To bring milk and refreshments and set up mugs, fill kettles prior to service; to make and serve refreshments afterwards, wash-up etc. Be sure to turn off hot water – switch under sink

Readers - Normally from the Lectionary on the lectern with first named person reading the first reading

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Next two months calendar:

July 16th Peter Hutchinson - Know yourself (please bring pen/pencil)
August 20th - Bob Beach - Two years in the Caribbean

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Bromyard Probus Club, June Meeting

Your usual correspondent returned from travels to Tenerife and Crete in time for June's PROBUS meeting and is very glad he did. There being no invited speaker at the meeting, some of us were quietly looking forward to a nap after a delicious and plentiful lunch. Alas! Chairman John D had other plans. His usual announcements, welcomes and apologies, included an accolade to our polymath member Bill M on his recent summa cum laude in Catering Hygiene and plan to attend a first aid course (just in case, perhaps). Further, he revealed that different members were lined up to keep us alert and amused. Malcolm P opened on his love affair with the Scillies beginning from when his parents settled there. Visiting the Isles' famous flora and etymology of place names he referred to an islet called Hangman's Rock. 'Angmen' is Cornish for 'rock' hence its (incorrect) name. Malcolm summarised, to accompanying groans: "with fronds like these, who needs anemones?"

Peder N then spoke on the election, through the lens of the periodic table: hilariously identifying and explaining the structure of GovernmentiumGB as having its 365 particles, held together by morons and thus being the densest element in the universe. The several chemical engineers present were impressed to learn that once it reaches critical mass it transforms to Administratium - inert, but with twice as many morons. Keeping up with that, along with his 'Prayer for the Elderly' kept us wide awake for the next give and take, designed, presented and amusingly conducted by our immaculately tailored member, David H on the topic of 'Collecting'. Amongst other participative verbal pictures, David's skilful (manipulative) question technique magically conjured visions of two members, just out of nappies, smiling beatifically in their sailor suits while wielding their tiny trowels to build ziggurats and houses with very small, red bricks and soluble mortar - their 'favourite toy'. Meanwhile, another played with his very rare, articulated wooden donkey. Yet another, prepared for his adult farm management role by breeding, nurturing and playing with his pet mice as a child and for his church wardenship in the established church by burying his mice (after demise, of course) under small hand carved crosses. It was all great fun and it just remains to say, if you are a retired or semi-retired man, and you would like to join us each month for a drink and a chat and a good Falcon lunch, please get in touch with our Secretary, **Malcolm Penny, on 01885 490291 or malcolmpenny75@gmail.com** for all the details. In extremis, just turn up at the Falcon on a second Tuesday of the month at about 12:15 and see what happens!

Much Cowarne Parish Footpaths Walk

When, Saturday August 17th 2024 at 10am - Where, Much Cowarne Church car park
Duration, about 1.5 hours - Distance 3 miles or so - Dogs, Woof - Teas, in the church afterwards
To get an idea of numbers in advance, it would be helpful to tell Bob McGregor by email at **um.er.oh@gmail.com**

We have around 23 miles of footpaths in Much Cowarne & Moreton Jeffries so this is just a sample. There will be a few stiles along the way but we will try to visit as many kissing gates as possible. The Parish Council has been making an effort gradually to replace stiles with gates, and is grateful for the co-operation shown by farmers and landowners in achieving this.

Footpath Information For Landowners - If you need to repair or replace a broken stile on a public footpath in Much Cowarne or Moreton Jeffries, please ask the Parish Council if it will install a gate for you - no promises, but you may be in luck. Meanwhile, if you intend to erect a new fence across a public right of way then please be aware of BS5709, the current British Standard for Gaps, Gates and Stiles, which makes it clear that NEW STRUCTURES SHALL NOT BE STILES. **Bob McGregor (MCGPC footpaths officer)**

July				August			
	What	Where	When		What	Where	When
1 Mo				1 Th	Meet at the Gate B Fit 4 Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
2 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7 - 9pm	2 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
3 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	3 Sa	Pet Service	Much Cowarne Church	4pm
4 Th	GENERAL ELECTION POLLING	Burley Gate Village Hall	6.30am -	4 Su	Morning Prayer PM Praise with afternoon tea	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 4pm
5 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	5 Mo			
6 Sa				6 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm
7 Su	Morning Prayer PM Praise with afternoon tea Summer Concert	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church Burley Gate C of E Primary School	10am 4pm 7pm	7 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
8 Mo				8 Th	Meet at the Gate B Fit 4 Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
9 Tu	Probus Table Tennis	The Falcon Hotel, Bromyard Burley Gate Village Hall	12.15pm 7-9pm	9 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
10 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	10 Sa	Stoke Lacy Summer Fete	Stoke Lacy Church	12pm
11 Th	AGE UK - IT Help Desk Meet at the Gate - WEEKLY & NEW TIME B Fit for Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10.30am-12.30pm 11am-12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm 7-9pm	11 Su	Matins Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am
12 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	12 Mo			
13 Sa	Summer Fete at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall & Burley Gate C of E Primary School playing fields	12 - 4pm	13 Tu	Probus Table Tennis	The Falcon Hotel, Bromyard Burley Gate Village Hall	12.15pm 7-9pm
14 Su	Matins Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am	14 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
15 Mo				15 Th	Meet at the Gate B Fit 4 Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
16 Tu	Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - 'Know Yourself' Table Tennis OPGPC	Stoke Lacy Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10am 7 - 9pm 7.30 - 9pm	16 Fr	Pilates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7pm
17 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	17 Sa	Burley Gate Open Much Cowarne Footpath Walk	Burley Gate Village Hall Much Cowarne Church	10am onwards 10am-12pm
18 Th	Meet at the Gate - WEEKLY & NEW TIME B Fit 4 Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm	18 Su	Holy Communion Sanctuary	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church	8.30am 6.30pm
19 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	19 Mo			
20 Sa	Pop-Up Cafe	St James the Great, Ocle Pychard	11am - 2pm	20 Tu	Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - 2 Years in the Caribbean Table Tennis	Stoke Lacy Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10am 7-9pm
21 Su	Holy Communion Sanctuary	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church	8.30am 6.30pm	21 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
22 Mo				22 Th	Meet at the Gate B Fit 4 Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
23 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm	23 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
24 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	24 Sa			
25 Th	Meet at the Gate - WEEKLY & NEW TIME 'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am-12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm	25 Su	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am
26 Fr	Pilates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7pm	26 Mo			
27 Sa				27 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm
28 Su	Holy Communion Holy Communion Walk from Much Cowarne Church to Ocle Pychard Church Afternoon tea Patronal Festival Evensong	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church Much Cowarne Church Ocle Pychard Church Ocle Pychard Church	10am 10.30am 2pm 3pm 4pm	28 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
29 Mo				29 Th	Meet at the Gate B Fit 4 Life	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
30 Tu				30 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
September							
	What	Where	When		What	Where	When
23 Mo	Making a Will IF ENOUGH PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE COMING	Burley Gate Village Hall	7pm				



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The Frome Valley Group

July 2024	7th	14th	21st	28th	
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins RA		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard				4.00pm Evensong SB	
	Trinity 6 Green 2 Samuel 5.1- 5, 9-10 Psalm 48 Mark 6.1-13	Trinity 7 Green 2 Samuel 6.1- 5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Mark 6.14-29	Trinity 8 Green 2 Samuel 7.1- 14a Psalm 89.20-37 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34, 53-56	Trinity 9 Green 2 Samuel 11.1- 15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21	
August 2024	4th	11th	18th	25th	1st September
Much Cowarne	Saturday 3rd: 4pm Pet Service RA	10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard					
	Trinity 10 Green 2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13a Psalm 51.1-13 John 6.24-35	Trinity 11 Green 2 Samuel 18.5- 9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 John 6.35, 41- 51	Trinity 12 Green 1 Kings 2.10- 12; 3.3-14 Psalm 111 John 6.51-58	Trinity 13 Green 1 Kings 8.[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 John 6.56-69	Trinity 14 Green Song of Solomon 2.8- 13 Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9* Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

If you know of anyone in The Frome Valley Group of Parishes who would like me to visit, please contact me at the Vicarage in Bishops Frome on :-

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Blessings, Rev Steven Baggs, Vicar, The Frome Valley Group of Parishes

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Welcome to our new village hall committee members!

I am very pleased to announce that we now have nine (yes nine!) members on the Burley Gate Village Hall committee. Please join us in welcoming our new members, who have already contributed with new ideas and carried out tasks with enthusiasm:

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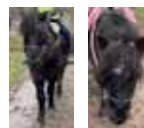
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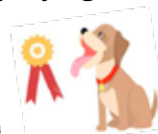
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The Hop Pocket Shopping Village is a family friendly destination for all seasons. We are a collection of independent shops offering an alternative to both the high street and characterless out of town shopping.

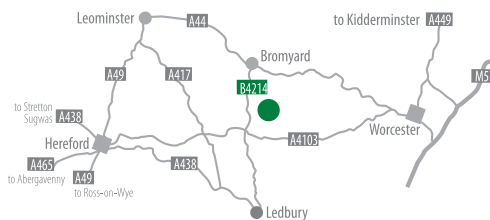
Well behaved dogs are welcome in our large covered courtyard and our outside covered restaurant area, but only inside if carried. For cyclists there is space to secure your bikes.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm.

Sunday 10.30am - 4pm.

Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays.



STAY SAFE! SHOP LOCAL!

