

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

NEWSLETTER

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All the fun of the Fair



MAY - JUNE 2024

Letter from the Editor

First of all, an apology for not noticing that the correct Summary of Events had not been included in the March/April issue of the Community News. I hope you weren't too confused! 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 'My Pet'. The theme for the July/August edition is 'H2O' - which covers any photo with water in it!

Please feel free to contact me about any aspect of the Community News:

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

Thank you for reading! Keep well and keep smiling

Marilyn, Annie & Molly



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](mailto:marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk)

or call 0785 220 2353

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Burley Gate Village Hall Dancing

Friday 24th May
14:15 - 15:00

Come and try the **Charleston** at Burley Gate village hall. All abilities welcome and the class is being delivered by Matt and Sarah from Cool Moves Dance.

£ **£6 per session**

 **The Village Hall, Burley Gate, HR1 3QR**

 **14:15 - 15:00**

  **COMMUNITY FUND**

Our Community Can is delivered by Active Memberships & Memberships and is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund



St. Mary's Church Much Cowarne

HYMNS



& Pimm's



- on a summer afternoon
- at St Mary's church Much Cowarne
- Saturday, 29th June 2024, at 4.00pm

This is the third "Hymns and Pimm's" to be held in Much Cowarne and the theme for this year is

"The World Around Us"

Please join us for another short afternoon service of popular hymns interspersed with readings, music and prayers. Meet in the churchyard for a glass of Pimm's before we go into the church for the service taken by Rev. Richard Allaway

Light refreshments available before and after
Entry is free but donations are welcomed

Whats App QR Code, Scan to join the activity group. 07530420554 banrutgirl4@gmail.com Our Community Can



Burley Gate Village Hall Exercise Class

Starting Thursday 16th May

Every Thursday for twelve weeks **B-Fit For Life** seated and standing exercise class at the village hall.

B-fit For Life - Age To Perfection focuses on balance, flexibility, strength, posture and quality of breathing.

£ **£3 per session**

 **The Village Hall, Burley Gate, HR1 3QR**

 **14:30 - 15:30**

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Quiz Night at the Gate





FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start
at
BURLEY GATE VILLAGE HALL

£10 per person on the night – maximum of 6 per team.

A light supper will be provided as part of the entry fee. Bring your own drink.

Raffle

Prize for the winners!

Please register your team via email:
marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk or call/text on 0785 220 2353

All proceeds to: Burley Gate Village Hall, Burley Gate C of E Primary School & St. James the Great Church, Ocle Pychard

St. Mary's Church, Much Cowarne

A reminder that we shall be holding our usual Plant Sale at 2.00pm on Saturday May 11th, at Panksbridge Farm, Much Cowarne. A variety of perennial and bedding plants, both vegetables and flowers and possibly some garden implements, will be available and you are welcome to bring as well as buy. Please see the advert on page 7 for more information. The AGM of our Parochial Church Council will be held in the church at 7.15pm on Wednesday May 15. All parishioners are most welcome to come to this meeting when there is the opportunity to hear reports of all aspects of the work of the PCC including: maintenance work carried out on the church and churchyard and work required in the future; conduction of services and the increasing role played by lay members of the congregation; the current financial situation and fundraising events. This meeting is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in the work of the PCC to find out what is involved and, if they wish, to consider becoming a member.

There will be Two Special services this summer:

The first will be another Hymns & Pimms to be held on Saturday June 29th at 4.00pm. This will follow the pattern of those held in the last two years and consist of readings interspersed with hymns and music, all related to a common theme, which this year will be "The World Around Us". A glass of Pimms will be served, hopefully outside in the churchyard, before the service and light refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome to join us for this popular occasion.

The second will be a Pet Service to be held on Saturday August 3rd when we hope to welcome a variety of pets and their owners. We plan to hold the service in the churchyard for the sake of those more mobile pets but full details will be available later.

Both these special services will be taken by Rev Richard Allaway.

We also hope to hold at least one coffee morning in the church during the summer giving people the chance to meet together and chat whilst enjoying homemade cakes and drinks in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Remember there's also our collection of Books, CDs and DVDs to browse. Please watch the notice boards for posters

Hello from Muddy Boots.



With all the rain we have had it came as a bit of a relief, on a finer day, to get out for a walk. As I reached a plank bridge I had crossed before I found that it was no longer there but replaced by a length of 4" x 2" so, with a further 4.9% council tax increase this year I thought that the council reducing the bridge width from 24" to 2" is a cut too far and I must get a pic as I felt a letter coming on.



Anyway, it would have been ridiculous with expanding waistline and senectitude (old age) beckoning to even contemplate tightrope walking so with my best Lynn Davis (remember him?) impression I got over the stream and strolled onwards.

Well, a few weeks later, bless my 'sole' no doubt due to my letter the bridge is back, looking as splendid a plank bridge as ever but do take care when crossing these and any wooden bridges as they can be mighty slippery when wet.

Take care out there and happy strolling.



Coffee Teas Sandwiches Cakes

Bromyard Probus March Meeting

We read last week of a family in America where the parents had refused help to their son with his mental health in spite of his pleas for support - and then bought him a handgun, which he used to kill some of his school mates. It seemed like a horror story invented for our entertainment - but it was real. Our speaker at the March meeting told of - not quite such extreme cases, but of families with similar problems.

James Teppin is a Family Administrator for Homestart, one of our club's two charities, and he gave us an account of his career to date and the work he does. He began with tales of his wanderings in the retail world, then a thwarted ambition to grow trees, a return to M & S stacking shelves – and then seeing a poster, about helping families who needed male role models. After a course at university on social studies, he applied, and got the job. To a round of applause, James remarked that he was the first man appointed to such a post in Herefordshire for forty years. Soon, he found himself on the front line.

He described how children can be graded in terms of the help they need, from the most challenged to those in less trouble. Health visitors prompt him and his colleagues to visit the families, meeting them and setting them targets such as getting young children ready to start school, with basic skills such as socialising with others, and even toilet training. These problems were often amplified by lockdown, in which schools closed, socialising came to a stop, and parents who were key workers were seldom at home during the day. There was a sharp rise in various forms of neurodiversity such as autism and ADHD – or perhaps we have become more aware of these problems recently. James described the detailed work he does in assessment and planning early help for challenged families – and concluded with the undoubted rewards of helping those in need with his special skills.

Altogether an inspiring talk from a man who knows that he has skills to share, and has been given the chance to use them for the public good. Not unsurprisingly, members added generously to the cheque for Homestart which our Chairman handed over at the end of the meeting.

If you are a man over fifty, and you would like to join us for our monthly gatherings, which start with a drink and a chat in the bar, progress to a magnificent lunch, and end in a talk such as this, or a debate among friends on a topic of interest, come to the Falcon at about 12.00 on the second Tuesday of the month, and become part of it. You could contact club secretary Malcolm Penny on **01885 490291** or **malcolmpenny75@gmail.com** – or just turn up and join in. We look forward to meeting you.



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

SIGNS OF THE TIMES (part 1)

As we travel through Britain's cities, towns and countryside few of us appreciate the wealth of history and tales there are all around us on the sign boards of the inns, taverns and hotels. Many are commonplace and with little variation are to be found repeated again and again. There are, however, thousands which by reason of the sign or the story behind it are well worth pondering. Every sign suggests a story – most of them have one. In days gone by a sign board was a necessity and every tradesman displayed one. Now, alas they have been replaced by dull fascia boards or hideous neon signs. Whilst the tradesman has dropped his sign, fortunately many licensed houses have retained the pleasant custom of displaying one.

The tavern sign of the Romans was a bush, which was derived from the ivy and vine leaves associated with Bacchus, the god of wine. This evergreen emblem was often fixed to a large pole and displayed outside. In earlier days some kind of identification was necessary as few could read or write. Not only tradesmen, but even nobles and private individuals would display a sign as we today display a number or name on our door. In 1393 Richard II compelled publicans (but not other trades and professions) by law to exhibit a sign. The Law said "...whosoever shall brew ale in the town with intention of selling it, must hang out a sign, otherwise he shall forfeit his ale".

So we come to the inn and tavern signs that are left to us and it is interesting to trace their stories and the beginnings of many of them. Broadly speaking they fall into the main categories of religious, heraldic, commemorative and patriotic, trades, and sport. There is hardly a subject which has not been used as an inn sign at one time or another. When we consider the beginnings, it is natural that signs of a religious flavour were numerous, particularly in the Middle Ages. They ranged from The Bible & Crown, The Adam & Eve, and The Golden Cross as at Sutton St. Nicholas.

The category responsible for probably the largest number of original signs were those from Heraldry or Coats of Arms. Bromyard has had its fair share of these with The Rose & Lion, The Crown & Sceptre, The King's and Queen's Arms and The White Horse. Many more can be identified as part of heraldic devices of former kings and noble families. The White Hart was a favourite badge of Richard II: a White Boar was one of the badges of Richard, Duke of York: and The Rising Sun, a badge of Edward III, John of Gaunt's badge probably resulted in the thousand or more Red Lions. The crest of the Earls of Warwick is represented in signs by The Bear & Ragged Staff whilst The Greyhound was on the badge of Henry VII, and The Talbot, as at Knightwick, represented a dog which was part of the arms of the Earl of Shrewsbury. The Falcon was a Yorkist sign and was also the crest of Elizabeth I. 1890s Bromyard also had The Lion, which fell within this category.

Part 2 will be in the July/August issue of the Community News

Barry Lawrence

Over the Burley Gate



Over the Burley Gate – on snail and slugs and puppy dog tails

I've been told there is a post box roundabout where it is unwise to put your letters in over the week-end. *Why's that?* Well, apparently snails have posted themselves into the box and taken up residence. I hope they paid Stamp Duty.

I'm afraid the snails feast on the letters, stamps included.

I've certainly gone off the slimy beasts in my garden.

But they are meant to be very helpful as composters, dispersers of seeds and spores and they even pollinate flowers in passing.

Yes, if they haven't eaten the flower first, anyway they get their 'comeuppance' by providing a tasty meal for the birds. But I can tell you my chard and spinach gave those snails and slugs an absolute feast at Christmas and they have been gouging ever since.

On Gardener's Question Time it was suggested that zero alcohol beer was an effective deterrent. I'm glad it has some use..... **Audrey Nunn**



Much Cowarne Group Parish Council

As I am writing this, we are having a few days of drier weather. Let's hope it lasts and we have a good summer. During the wet winter and spring there has been some localised flooding in the area. The dip by Tan House has been bad and the problem was discussed by the councillors at the last meeting. It was reported that the roots of a willow were restricting the outfall of the culvert under the road. It was agreed that our Lengthsman would liaise with the landowner and clear the obstruction.

Policing for our parishes is from the Ledbury police station. We are fortunate that we do not have a big problem with rural crime at present and this probably accounts for the complete lack of response to my article in a previous Newsletter. Ledbury Police were / are promoting Smartwater packs so people could mark their valuable property to deter potential thieves. In the newsletter article, I asked if anyone was interested in attending a meeting with the Police to discuss Smartwater kits. As no one showed any interest we are obviously not going to arrange a meeting, but if any parishioners are concerned and want to buy a Smartwater kit, they could contact Ledbury police directly.

There has been concern about the car parking by visitors to Silverdale in Burley Gate. This was discussed with our ward councillor and he will contact the owners to see if the staff and visitors could be more respectful to the neighbours.

Our Footpath officer has installed another kissing gate on the footpath that runs between the church and Wynn's Green. This is a well used path and although there are still two stiles on it the new gate should make the route easier for walkers. This path links with the footpath from the church to the bottom of Mill Lane which should, by the time the newsletter is distributed, be all gates and no stiles as we are planning to install another gate on this route as well. **MH 22.04.24**

Doggedness



We spend the winter months at our home and guest house, Jungle Tide, in Sri Lanka and for this newsletter I thought I'd treat you to a tale (tail?) of two dogs.

Suki (left) and Toffee live at Jungle Tide. They have a very free life, no leads as there's no livestock in the area other than a few goats, which can fend for themselves. They roam free and accompany our guests on their walks in the Hanthana mountains. We always tell our guests that the dogs will look after themselves and so it has always proved. But in February we had two guests who thought that Suki and Toffee were an animal form of Map My Walk and would lead them on an interesting circular route ending back at Jungle Tide. Quite why they thought this is a mystery. Anyway, their planned 7km walk turned into a 14km one at which point they were completely lost and exhausted. They came to a road where a tuktuk (three wheeler) was parked and the driver offered to take them back to Jungle Tide. They assumed that the dogs could safely be abandoned there and would find their own way home!

In Sri Lanka you can't post about missing dogs on a local equivalent of Next Door. But we do have the old-school jungle telegraph and Martin, our housekeeper, immediately put out phone calls as news spread around the area that our two dogs were missing. Numerous sightings were reported, but locations were imprecise. I went out walking, while another of our staff, Chatharanga, appropriated a neighbour's tuktuk and drove Sally and one of the guests around. All a bit pointless as no-one, including our guest, had the faintest idea of where they had walked to. Darkness fell and we all returned home dejected. We didn't sleep much that night. There are leopards around here and, while they would not attack humans, leopards are very partial to a bit of dog. And while Suki is highly intelligent, Toffee is frankly a bit of a dozo and may not have had the sense to stick with Suki.

We need not have worried. At eight o'clock the next morning two very dirty dogs limped through the door. Exhausted, thirsty and hungry but unharmed after their night out. Phew! But in future we will not be assuming that our human guests are as intelligent as our dogs, and we'll give more precise instructions.

Jerry Smith - www.jungletide.com

Burley Gate Community Shop and Post Office

Shop Telephone No: 01432 683183

We are a 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 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 Dogsboddy and a range of dog and cat food both wet and dried.

We are no longer accepting items for laundering and dry cleaning due to the unreliability of the service provider.

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 on line 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.

Hopefully we can now look forward to more clement weather for working the land, enjoying our gardens and outdoor hobbies and relaxation. The blossom and spring flowers are blooming and trees and shrubs are breaking into leaf, our avid gardeners and producers are busy bringing on local produce. So much to look forward to. It could be time to dust off the sunhats and stock up on sunscreen. For those who suffer from hay fever and related allergies we stock anti-histamine tablets and a-tissues (sorry!)

As always we thank you for your support and send our best wishes.

The Shop Committee and Post Office Team

CAN YOU HELP? Burley Gate Community Shop needs volunteers to help behind the shop counter for a few hours each week. If you may be interested 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*



BROMYARD CHORAL SOCIETY

Calling all Singers.....

Bromyard Choral Society is offering a Summer Term of 5 weeks singing light sacred and secular music from Tuesday 7th May ending with a concert at St Bartholomew's Church, Much Marcle on Saturday 22nd June. This 5 week term is free of charge and we welcome all voice parts. If you are interested please contact our Secretary on 01432 820813 or patsymarson@gmail.com. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Bromyard HR7 4AJ from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.



BROMYARD CHORAL SOCIETY

Sadly we are losing our accompanist, Anna, and a vacancy has therefore arisen for an accompanist from the new term starting on Tuesday 10th September 2024. We rehearse every Tuesday in the Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Bromyard, HR7 4AJ from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

If you are interested please contact our Secretary on 01432 820813 or patsymarson@gmail.com for further information.

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:

May 11th. Stoke Lacy and District Garden Club and Plant Sale. Have you any plants to put into the sale too?

June 8th. Theme will be confirmed.

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.

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Update from Councillor Jonathan Lester

At the moment it all seems to be about roads, and rightly so. We have a programme for fixing them and making new ones. We intend to spend more money on roads this year than any year since 2019. It's about time. This includes an amount of surface dressing, a constant amount of pot hole repair, and a more comprehensive programme of repairs to our most damaged roads. People are frustrated about the condition of our roads, and I am one of them. Please report potholes when you see them. Whilst we cannot fix every road to a perfect standard we are determined to improve the situation. My cabinet met on 28th March 2024, and agreed the road strategy for Hereford. We have determined that a western bypass for Hereford is the best solution to ease congestion and make more room for other modes of transport. This is because it can de-trunk the A49, provide an alternative route for through traffic avoiding the centre of Hereford, and provide a growth corridor. This will allow us to deliver the housing and employment land that the city needs. Such development is necessary to grow the economy of Herefordshire as a whole. Our attention is now therefore focused on achieving phase 1 of the western bypass, which is a new link between the A49 and the A465. This is the road that the last administration cancelled and consequently they lost the government funding for this project. Luckily, the government has announced further funding, which we intend to use to get the project restarted. The next cabinet meeting will be focused on the Highways maintenance contract so please let me know your thoughts.

Jonathan Lester, Herefordshire Councillor for the Three Crosses Ward.

Leader of Herefordshire Council. email: Jonathan.Lester@Herefordshire.gov.uk

Mind, Body, and Soul - Stoke Lacy Village Hall

Saturday 11th May 24

Saturday 8th June 24

12.00pm till 3.00pm

This well established group of local practitioner's extends a warm welcome to locals to visit and get to know us. We offer a chance to discuss new and alternative treatments and re-introducing old fashioned remedies for common ailments.

We have various practices to explore and try: aromatherapy, crystals, reiki, energy machines, dowsing and more.

We have healers, no-dig gardening experts, dowsers, local honey, also oracle or tarot readings and sometimes we have time for a short meditation, sound healing, or crystal bowls. Something for everyone, even experts on common law.

Come have a cuppa with us - £3 donation

Call Lindsay on **07897341313** for more info

Stoke Lacy PCC 100 Club Results

Herewith the winners of the last two months:

February 2024

1st Alma Baker £20
2nd Patsy Morgan £10
3rd Charlotte Lewis £5

March 2024

1st Mrs Ree £20
2nd Tony Harris £10
3rd Annabel Mackereth £5

April 2024

1st Jonny Mackereth £20
2nd Tony Harris £10
3rd Cynthia Parker £5



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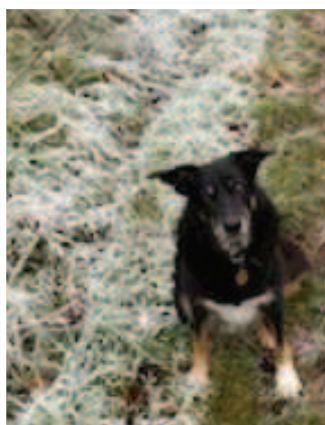
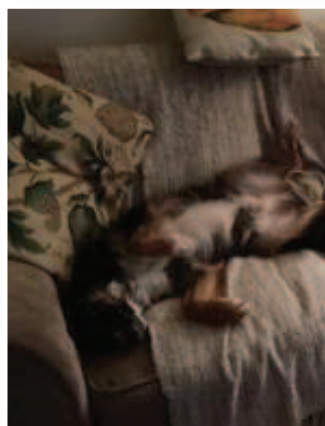
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St Peter & St Paul's Church, Stoke Lacy - Sidesmen/Refreshments, Prayers, Readers & Flower Fairies/Holy Dusters - Year B

May 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>
5th 4.00pm	Easter 6 ROGATION	PM Praise with afternoon tea R & H C	C Walters T Lify	H Combe	Elle Wise T Lify	Helen Bufton
12th 10.30am	Easter 7	Holy Communion PM	C McNaught T Lify	PM	C McNaught T Lify	Jo Davies
19th 6.30pm	PENTECOST	Sanctuary PM	S McKeeman	PM	PM	Jo Davies
26th 10.30am	Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion DC *	B Mackereth H Combe	S McKeeman	B Mackereth H Combe	Bridget Mackereth

June 2024

2nd 4.00pm	Trinity 1	PM Praise with afternoon tea PM	C Walters T Lify	H Combe	Elle Wise T Lify	Bridget Mackereth
9th 10.30am	Trinity 2	EASTER COMMUNION PM	C McNaught H Combe	PM	C McNaught H Combe	Betty & Madelyn
16th 6.30pm	Trinity 3	Sanctuary PM	S McKeeman	PM	Betty & Madelyn	
23rd 10.30am	Trinity 4	Holy Communion DC *	B Mackereth H Combe	S McKeeman	Mary Harper	
30th 10.30am	Trinity 5	JOINT Holy Communion STOKE LACY PM / DH *	PCC	St Peter's Church	Mary Harper	

***DC – Rev Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon; PM - Rev Philip Miller; WB - Rev Wallace Brown;
DH - Rev David Hall, our new Curate**

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

Flower Fairies/Holy Dusters – to refresh/replace flowers on the altar. Vacuum the floors including porch; clean away dead flies; polish brass; check for cobwebs and remove; tidy kneelers onto back of pews, clean toilet. If you are on duty on a 2nd Saturday please clean AFTER the Coffee Morning.



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Stoke Lacy Friendship Club

The year is flying by! Here are the May and June notifications.

21st May - Coffee Morning at Radways Garden Centre

18th June - Angela Hugman - 'Shopping in Qatar'

If you haven't visited us yet please come and have a look (see if you like the look of us).

We are a group of senior citizens who meet every 3rd week of the month at Stoke Lacy Village Hall at 10.30 am. Talks, film shows and usually 2/3 outings per year.

Look forward to seeing you all. Any questions please let me know.

Daphne Montandon: tel. **01886 884402** or **07929 108457**

The Community Newsletter specifications

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November - December 2024 issue - 21st October

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Results of Exercise Taster Sessions at Burley Gate Village Hall

We had four exercise taster sessions in March: Hatha Yoga, 'B Fit 4 Life', Charleston dance & Pilates. They were all very well supported and everyone had great fun.

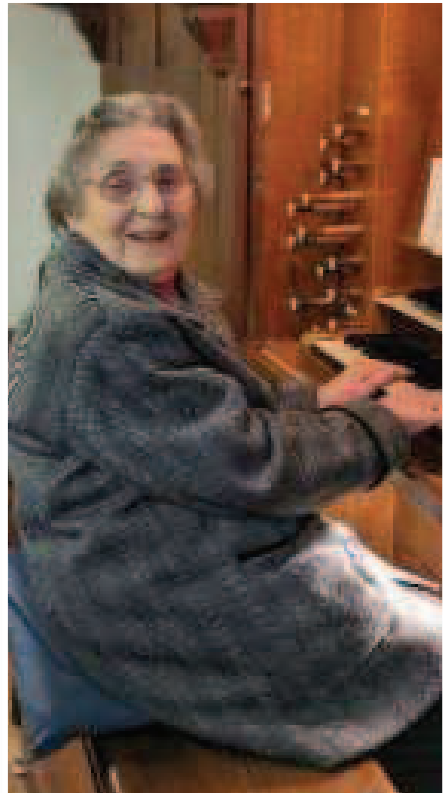
Many thanks to Valerie, Angela, Matt and Sarah for running the sessions and a huge 'thank you' to ActiveHW, which is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, for facilitating the sessions. After analysing the feedback, ActiveHW have agreed to further fund 12 weeks of 'B Fit 4 Life' (**Thursdays 2.30pm – 3.30pm starting 16th May**) & 12 weeks of Pilates (**Fridays 1pm – 2pm starting 3rd May.**)

As the Charleston taster session was also popular a class will be held on **Friday 24th May 2.15pm – 3pm** to see if there is enough interest for it to become a regular class. This is not being funded by ActiveHW so the cost will be at the normal rate.

Hatha Yoga was also popular but the leader has decided she doesn't want to hold regular classes. Adverts for 'B Fit 4 Life', Pilates and the Charleston classes appear in this Community News.

Betty Arnett 80 Consecutive Easter Services At The Church Organ

Betty Arnett, aged 94, started playing the organ at Stoke Lacy Church on Easter Day in 1945 when she was just 15 years of age. She has been the church organist from that day and still continues, having just completed playing for her 80th consecutive Easter Service on the same organ in the same church. The pipe organ was installed in 1897 by the Morgan family of Morgan car fame. A celebration of Choral Evensong sung by the Amici Quorum choir was held on Sunday 7th April in her honour where she was presented with photographs commemorating the occasion and a cake made and decorated by parishioners. Betty is very well known in the area having been a teacher at St. Peter's School, Bromyard for many years. Many of her former pupils attended the service and there was standing room only in the church as Betty said "I have and still do enjoy playing the live music that people want to hear. I am not planning to retire as long as my fingers allow. I believe my life was planned for me before I was born, and despite so many other possibilities that life has offered me, it was God's plan for me to be here in Stoke Lacy and I am glad of it."



May				June			
	What	Where	When		What	Where	When
1 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	1 Sa			
2 Th	POLLING DAY for Police & Crime Commissioner	Burley Gate Village Hall	6.30am - 10pm	2 Su	PM Praise with afternoon tea Morning Prayer	Stoke Lacy Church Ullingswick Church	4pm 10am
3 Fr	Plates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	3 Mo			
4 Sa				4 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm
5 Su	PM Praise with afternoon tea Rogation Sunday Walk	Stoke Lacy Church Starting at Thornbury Church	4pm 8am-6.30pm	5 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
6 Mo				6 Th	Meet at the Gate 'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10am-12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
7 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm 12pm	7 Fr	Pilates Quiz Night at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 6.30pm
8 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	8 Sa	Coffee Morning	Stoke Lacy Church	10.30am - 12.30pm
	Film Night 'North by Northwest'	Burley Gate Village Hall	7.15pm		Mind, Body & Soul	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	12-3pm
9 Th	Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	10am-12.30pm	9 Su	Matins Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am
	MCQPC	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm	10 Mo			
10 Fr	Plates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	11 Tu	Probus Table Tennis OPGPC	The Falcon, Bromyard Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	12pm 7-9pm 7.30-9pm
	Equestrian Table Sale	Bodenham Village Hall HR1 3LJ	6-8pm				
11 Sa	Coffee morning & plant sale run by Stoke Lacy & District Garden Club Mind, Body & Soul Bring & Buy Plant Sale	Stoke Lacy Church Stoke Lacy Village Hall Pankis Bridge Farm, Much Cowarne, HR7 4JB	10.30am - 12.30pm 12-3pm 2pm	12 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
12 Su	Matins Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am	13 Th	'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall	2.30-3.30pm
13 Mo				14 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
14 Tu	Probus	The Falcon, Bromyard	12pm	15 Sa	Pop-Up Cafe	Ocle Pychard Church	11am-2pm
15 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am				
	Parochial Church Council AGM	Much Cowarne Church	7.15pm	16 Su	Sanctuary Holy Communion	Stoke Lacy Church Ullingswick Church	6.30pm 8.30am
16 Th	'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall	2.30-3.30pm	17 Mo	Burley Gate Village Hall AGM	Burley Gate Village Hall	7pm
17 Fr	Pilates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7pm	18 Tu	Table Tennis Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - Angela Hugman - 'Shopping in Qatar'	Burley Gate Village Hall Stoke Lacy Village Hall	7-9pm 10.30am
18 Sa				19 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
19 Su	Sanctuary Holy Communion	Stoke Lacy Church Ullingswick Church	6.30pm 8.30am	20 Th	Meet at the Gate 'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10am-12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm
20 Mo				21 Fr	Pilates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7pm
21 Tu	Table Tennis Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - Coffee Morning	Burley Gate Village Hall Radways Garden Centre	7-9pm 10.30am	22 Sa			
22 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	23 Su	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am
23 Th	Meet at the Gate 'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10am-12.30pm 2.30-3.30pm	24 Mo			
24 Fr	Pilates Charleston	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 2.15-3pm	25 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm
25 Sa				26 We			
26 Su	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am	27 Th	'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall	2.30-3.30pm
27 Mo				28 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
28 Tu				29 Sa	Hymns & Pimms - theme of 'The World Around Us'	Much Cowarne Church	4pm 10am
29 We				30 Su	Joint Holy Communion Group Service	Stoke Lacy Church Grendon Bishop Church	10.30am 10am
30 Th	'B Fit 4 Life'	Burley Gate Village Hall	2.30-3.30pm				
31 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm				

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The Frome Valley Group

May 2024	5th	12th	19th	26th	
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard					
	Easter 6 White Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 John 15.9-17	Easter 7 White Acts 1.15- 17,21-26 Psalm 1 John 17.6-19	Pentecost Red Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104.26- 36,37b John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	Trinity Sunday Gold or White Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 29 John 3.1-17	
June 2024	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins RA		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard					
	Trinity 1 Green 1 Samuel 3.1-10 Psalm 139.1- 5, 12-18 Mark 2.23-3.6	Trinity 2 Green 1 Samuel 8.4- 11 Psalm 138 Mark 3.20-35	Trinity 3 Green 1 Samuel 15.34 -16.13 Psalm 20 Mark 4.26-34	Trinity 4 Green 1 Samuel 17. 32-49 Psalm 9.9-20 Mark 4.35-41	Trinity 5 Green 2 Samuel 1.1,17-27 Psalm 130 Mark 5.21-43

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,

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Thankyou

Thank you so much to those who came to the Lent Lunch in aid of Embrace to help those poor people in Gaza and elsewhere who are suffering. It was a very jolly time with about 30 people here, and with some added donations from those who could not come I was able to send a cheque for £700, for which they have written to thank me. Apologies about the mud in the car park and potholes in the lane. The latter have been filled now but too late for that occasion. **Susan Dalton**



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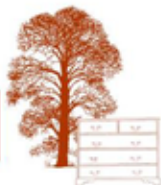
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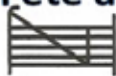


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- Highways – 01432 261800

- Waste Management, Bin Collections & Recycling – 01432 260051

- Benefits – 01432 260333

- Environmental Health – 01432 261761

- Main Switchboard – 01432 260000

Social Services:

- Adult Social Care: help and advice – 01432 260101

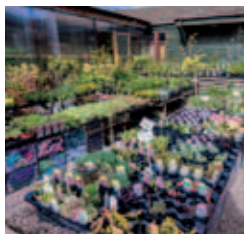
- If you have any concerns that a child might be at risk of harm or being harmed, contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01432 260800 (01905 768020 out of hours)

THE HOP POCKET Shopping VILLAGE

FAMILY FRIENDLY

HOME & GARDEN • FOOD & DRINK • LIFESTYLE & LEISURE

WARM & DRY ALL UNDER ONE ROOF • LOTS OF LOVELY SHOPPING • LARGEST TOY SHOP IN THE AREA



EASY TO GET TO • LARGE FREE CAR PARK • PLENTY OF SPACE FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

RURAL DESTINATION SHOPPING

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.

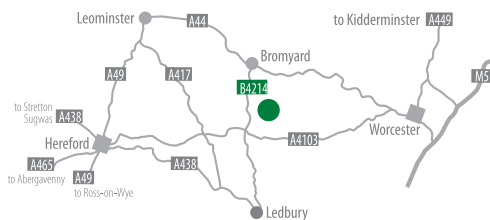
Well behaved dogs are welcome in our large covered courtyard and our outside covered restaurant area, but only inside if carried. For cyclists there is space to secure your bikes.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm.

Sunday 10.30am - 4pm.

Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays.



STAY SAFE! SHOP LOCAL!

