

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

NEWSLETTER

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Harvest Gold



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2024

Letter from the Editor

Is it just me or is the year just whizzing past? How can it possibly be that the next issue of the Community News will be the winter/Christmas one? But it is, so I'll need you to share your recipes for a warming soup, hints on what to do in the garden, your memories of Christmas past or your favourite poem, as well as posters for your events in November and December. I know lots of people really love reading the Community News so please put something into the next issue for everyone else to enjoy.

I hope you enjoy this issue's centre-page photos - the theme is 'My favourite thing/s'. The theme for the November/December issue is 'Our local wildlife'. Anything from bees to deer to hedgehogs to frogs to buzzards.

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

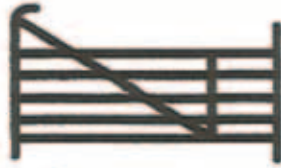
marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk or 0785 220 2353

Thank you for reading!

Marilyn, Annie & Molly



Fete at the Gate



Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Summer Fete held at Burley Gate C of E Primary school playing fields and Burley Gate Village Hall such a success by either running a stall or event, making refreshments, singing or being a visitor with pennies to spend. The weather was very kind to us and everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time.

I don't know the details of all the money raised but here are a few:

Burley Gate Village Hall – refreshments - £300

Ocle Pychard – stall - £137

Much Cowarne Church – stalls & games - £820

Burley Gate C of E primary School – bar-b-que, dog show & more – around £600

Thanks to the wonderful singing groups who entertained us and raised money for their favourite charities:

The Decibelles - Fishmongers' Friends - Bromyard Ukes4u and lastly, a tremendous '**thank you**' to Ocle Pychard Group Parish Council and Much Cowarne Group Parish Council who supported the community event by contributing money so that we could pay for things that were necessary but didn't actually earn money directly:

2 inflatables which were a great attraction, 2 banners, Printed flyers, Attendance by St John's Ambulance. Prizes for the dog show

The Community Christmas dinner – Sunday 15th December

The community Christmas Dinner held at Burley Gate Village Hall is one of the highlights of the year and this year we're focussing very much on 'community.'

Due to ever increasing costs the Village Hall Committee have decided to go back to the way it used to be done and members of the community are going to cook the Christmas dinner for the community. There will be two courses, main (traditional turkey and a vegetarian option) and a small selection of desserts. The price will be £15 (payable on the door) or free for children of primary school age. We will provide water and squash but bring your own alcohol. If you are interested in helping in any way (from folding napkins to buying the crackers (the ones you pull!) to cooking the carrots) then please come along to a meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th September. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting then please let Marilyn Pemberton know (see below).

I know it seems a long way off but if you hope to attend the dinner it would be great if you could book with Jerry Smith (see below). He'll ask a few questions which will help us plan how many peas to pod and also the seating.

The Christmas decorations are beginning to look a little sad so we are going to make some new ones – with your help! Materials will be provided but please feel free to bring your own. There will be a 'make Christmas decorations' morning during 'Meet at the Gate' between 11am – 12.30pm on the following Thursday mornings:

November 7th, November 14th, November 21st, November 28th

The Burley Gate Village Hall committee:

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Jerry Smith – jungletide@gmail.com - 07931733874

Want to join a Scratch Christmas Choir?

Would anybody in the local area be interested in joining a Scratch Christmas Choir this year involving only three practises!! You do not have to read music (although one or two people who do would help). No experience necessary!

We would do one carol to sing as a choir, one Christmas song and some descants and solo verses. The idea is to sing at the Burley Gate Christmas dinner and a few other Christmas events (to be decided).

Look out for further info in the next magazine. **For information ring Janet on 01432 320485**

The churchyard of St James the Great, Ocle Pychard

Recently we have started work on restoring the churchyard at St James's to a more manageable state. It is already looking much better and we are very grateful to Phil Jones for funding the costs so far. If anybody in the area with family graves would also like to make a contribution to the cost please contact me, Janet Bartlett on 01432 320485.

We are hoping to continue preserving and straightening the old grave stones and we are planning to put a detailed survey of the churchyard on line later this year to help any relatives who do not live in the area.

Stoke Lacy Village Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

'AUTUMN BREAKFAST'

We are holding our 'Autumn Breakfast' on Saturday 26th October. We will be serving from 9.30 – 12 noon. Come along and enjoy a full English with juice, toast and tea/coffee, be waited on and no washing up afterwards either! It's a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and people you may have not met before.

RACE NIGHT

We are holding a Race Night on Saturday 7th December. We are looking for people to sponsor a race with your name on for £30 and also to buy a horse in a race for £10 each. Contact 01885 400601 if you wish to be a part of this fun night!



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
Use of Audio/Visual equipment	£10

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

Email: Marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk

or call 0785 220 2353

Burley Gate Village Hall Pilates

Every Friday 13:00 - 14:00

Pilates classes are open to all. It can help improve posture, circulation, balance and help to re-align your body, spine and increase flexibility.

£ **£7 per session**
(4 week block - £24)

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

 **13:00 - 14:00**

Contact 07411 754789
info@coolmovesdance.co.uk



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
HR1 3QR

Doors Open:
7.00pm

Eyes Down:
7.30pm

Raffle & refreshments.

For more information contact: Sue 01432 820127 or Helen 07816 773735



June to October 2024 – Much Cowarne Church Events

On 29th June Rev Richard Allaway ran another splendid 'Hymns & Pimms' Service in Much Cowarne Church attended by a good congregation who enjoyed the refreshments whilst listening to some excellent poems and prose.

Much Cowarne Church joined again with others at the 'Fete at the Gate' in Burley Gate School playing fields on 13th July. In their two marquees the hard-working volunteers ran Bric-a-brac, Plants, and Cakes & Produce tables, and with a Tombola and Field-Skittles raised the sum of £831 towards church maintenance.

Top marks at the Pet Service on 4th August must go to Nina the Donkey who didn't join in the singing, even if the attending dogs did sing a little! All the adults and children that attended seem to thoroughly enjoy the event.

Our Harvest Service this year at St Mary's is on Sunday 13th October when the preacher will be a representative from "We are Farming Minds". As usual we shall follow the service with a carvery lunch at 12.30pm in The Plough Inn, Stoke Lacy. Even if you don't wish to join us at the service you and any friends will be welcome to the lunch and there will be a list in the church to which you can add names nearer the time.

Future Events

Our Remembrance Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday November 10th in St Mary's when the preacher will be Rev. Richard Allaway.

We hope to hold a coffee morning in aid of Hereford Homeless in November or December - please watch the notice boards for details.



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

Local Cottage To Rent

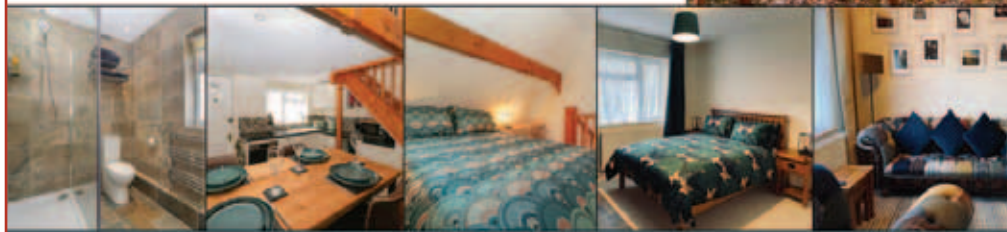
Renovated and refurbished to a very high standard.

Located between Ledbury and Bromyard, close to the Hop Pocket, with easy access to Hereford and Malvern.

Perfect for visiting friends and family.

Garden, off-road parking, sleeps 4.

www.sykescottages.co.uk/1150952





Gloucestershire
Wildlife Trust



Herefordshire
Wildlife Trust



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust

Severn Treescapes

Wye to Wyre, connecting nature and people

Severn Treescapes is a three-county project, funded by the Trees Call to Action Fund, working with landowners and communities to add more trees to the landscape. We provide **free** advice and reports to people who are interested in seeing if trees can help to support or improve their land. We've already helped over 120 people navigate the many varied grants and supported the planting of over 15 hectares of trees, with 212 hectares ready for future planting seasons.

Working with one landowner in Gloucestershire, we organised for a group of volunteers to help plant 150m of hedgerow and field trees along with restoring an old orchard on the land. Just in this small area, we were able to plant up 979 different trees and hedge plants, all through a variety of grants we helped the landowners navigate.

Our first planting in Worcestershire saw 250m of hedgerow planted and over 2,700 trees going into the borders of the Wyre Forest. This is crucial to creating a much-needed buffer around the ancient woodland and providing increased habitat for the huge variety of species found.

450 trees have gone into a village in Herefordshire, with the treescapes team supporting them in sourcing and planning where to plant the right tree, in the right place.

If you're interested in finding out more about the project or getting an advisor to come and have a **free** site visit, please visit <https://www.herefordshirewt.org/severn-treescapes>

Come along to

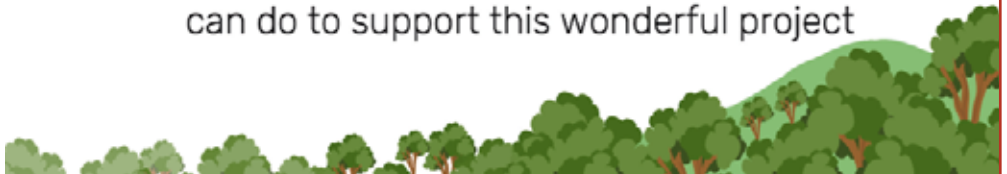
BURLEY GATE VILLAGE HALL on

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER @ 7pm

to hear what the

SEVERN TREESCAPES PROJECT

is all about and what they can do for YOU and what YOU
can do to support this wonderful project



Over the Burley Gate



The Mystery of the Missing Books:

There's a thief about, at least it seems like that. Why, what's been stolen? Haven't you noticed the empty shelf in the Book Box? All the children's books have gone, been cleaned out, not once, but twice!

Could someone have taken them for summer reading?

It's possible, but then none have been returned. We even had a kind donor who went to a charity shop and replenished the children's books, but now they have gone too.

Is there a little entrepreneur selling second hand books, or are we bolstering another loan service?

My advice to the miscreant is to return the books; to be aware we are watching; and do they realise they are depriving our children of a good read. Of course, we can all check charity shops and book loans to see if they are sporting THE BOOK BOX on the title page.

UPDATE! Now there has been a third attack on adult books after 6.30pm Saturday 17th August **Audrey Nunn**

STOKE LACY CIDER PRESS

It has, unfortunately, come to my attention that not every household in Stoke Lacy parish is getting their copy of The Cider Press and that contributions are not coming in as you don't know the email address.

If you are NOT receiving a copy please email galeanierain@hotmail.com or better still text or ring me on **07817603840, Anne Reece**

To send any news or articles in please email ciderpress@stokelacy.co.uk We are a **VERY** small band of people, clueless, who are trying to get this little CP together and we **NEED** someone who may give a couple of hours bi monthly to put us right.....please!

STOKE LACY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are a friendly group of senior citizens (50s plus) who meet every third Tuesday of the month at 10.30 am at Stoke Lacy Village Hall. We commence with tea/coffee, biscuits and then usually have a Speaker and film show plus occasional outings.

Our next meeting is:- **17th September - Two Years in the Caribbean**
15th October - Outing to be advised

Look forward to seeing you all and welcome to all newcomers.

Any queries please ring **07929 108457 Daphne Montandon**

Winner of the Burley Gate Open 2024!

Today, Saturday 17th August, an intrepid band of table tennis players met together to flex their wrists at the Burley Gate Open.

The abilities were very varied but everyone got the chance of playing a few games and those who went out early were able to enjoy the bacon butties and shout their support for those still playing. There was a great deal of laughter but also some excellent playing and well done to Thomas Shears, who was the well-deserved winner.



In April the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust awarded £72,500 in grants to PCCs for works from mundane, but essential repairs to church walls, to adding features to churches to make them more community friendly. We are very keen to support those churches that are working hard to maintain the church for future generations. This could not happen without hard working PCC members (have you thought about joining?) and the generosity of donations to the churches, the Trust and supporters of our events.

Dates for your diary are;

Wednesday 2nd October - HCS Concert at Dore Abbey

Thursday 10th October - Coffee Morning at Lyde Arundel 10 to midday

Saturday 19th - October - Hannah Roper In concert 'Folk to Film' Lyonshall Church 7pm.

Wednesday 20th - November - Minims Musical Theatre Bishops Frome Church 7pm.

Monday 25th - November - HCS Christmas instrumental concert St. Francis Xavier Church, Hereford

Saturday December 7th - Octavo Much Marcle Church 7pm.

See our website for more details www.hhct.co.uk

STOKE LACY TO HOST 'WALK OF KINDNESS' PILGRIMAGE FOR HOMELESS CHARITY

On 14th September five walkers will arrive in Stoke Lacy on a 450 mile pilgrimage across the country aiming to shape change for people experiencing homelessness. They'll be walking for 6 weeks, averaging 10 miles a day, from August 26th to October 10th – World Homeless Day. The Walk of Kindness follows the route of the newly formed Via Beata, which runs from St David's in Wales to Lowestoft in Norfolk. Stoke Lacy Church is a designated Way Station along the route, and the walkers and their support team will be hosted by a local family overnight.

Four of them, Carlton, Jagger, Peter and Chloe, live in the Emmaus home in Ditchingham, Norfolk. They have experienced homelessness, housing insecurity and often severe trauma. The community has become a home for them, and now they want others to join them in helping other people out of homelessness. (Watch Chloe tell her story here: <https://youtu.be/eKn5KWLR4tA>)

Emmaus is a worldwide charity supporting homeless people 'with a bed and a reason to get out of it'. As rough sleeping figures continue to rise across the country, the Emmaus Norfolk-Waveney branch is seeing an increased demand for the services and support they offer. To ensure the charity can grow to support people they are opening a social enterprise Bed and Breakfast within their heritage 19th century site, a former convent in Ditchingham.

Once open, the annual income from one B&B room will provide someone who has experienced homelessness with a home and therapeutic support for a whole year. The B&B project was estimated to cost £2.7 million but now after much hard work they just need £360,000 to complete the refurbishment. To find out more about the Walk of Kindness and how you can help, visit <https://emmaus.org.uk/norfolk-waveney/wok/> If you would like to meet the walkers while they are in Stoke Lacy – or join on them on their walk on Sunday - **please contact Helen or Richard Combe on 07749759254**

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 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 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**

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.

The Freshfields strawberry season continues and the Lower Hope cherries and raspberries are as delicious as ever. We now stock Lane Cottage mixed salad leaves and currently kale. All freshly picked for delivery to us on Thursdays. Our own garden produce has been slow to crop this season and we are very grateful to those folk who have been able to donate what they can spare to the shop. Thank you all, it is much appreciated.

We have in stock copies of Barry Lawrence's latest book 'Frozen in Time' which was detailed in the last newsletter. Barry, a keen local historian and long standing volunteer and supporter of the shop, is making a generous donation to the shop for each copy we sell. Thank you Barry, it is a fascinating read. He will even sign your copy at no extra charge, an ideal Christmas Gift! (sorry to use the C word so early).

It seems no time at all that we were looking forward to long summer days and now autumn is on the horizon with the clocks going back before the next edition of the newsletter. On a positive note we have apples, pears and plums to look forward to. Our mulberry tree has cropped well, if only I could reach them!

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

BURLEY GATE COMMUNITY SHOP LTD

The Annual General Meeting for the year ended

31st March 2024 will be held at:

BURLEY GATE VILLAGE HALL HR1 3QR

on THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7pm

ALL WELCOME

We look forward to seeing you

What an event not to have missed!!

Thank you to the 600 people who supported the Stoke Lacy Fete on Saturday. It was a gloriously enjoyable afternoon with exceptional entertainment provided by the Silurian Morris Men followed by the rendering of music old and new by the Worcester Ukulele Band. The stalls, the bar, the cakes and the burgers added to the feeling of bucolic bliss. Our very own celebrated Betty Arnett opened the fete with some well-chosen words and a neat snip of the ribbon.

Exhibitors for the Flower, Produce, Art and Photography show did themselves proud with a steady flow of admirers of their work throughout the afternoon.

The display of 60 antique, vintage and classic vehicles was something extra special - the range of Morgans was exceptional. To see them arriving along the road could not have failed to stir the very roots of your sense of nostalgia.

The 70 generous volunteers, many of whom laboured for hours on several days, made it all possible. Thank you. You gave a perfect display of community commitment.

Finally, a big thank you to the directors of the Stoke Lacy based businesses including Jane Horton of Hortensia Flower School who sponsored the Flower and Produce Show and Garry Willis of Local Hire Services, Simon Adam of WCM&A, Vernon Amor of Wye Valley Brewery, Martin Barrett of RJ Barrett and Co, Tessa of the Three Horseshoes, Simon at the Plough Inn and Tina Lifely of Countryside Cabins, all of whom generously donated to the event

A record total of £4500 was raised for the repair and maintenance of the "Morgan" church in Stoke Lacy (to which the Church of England makes no contribution!), for the community activities of Stoke Lacy Village Hall, for the Lions Club charity work in Bromyard and for Spectrum Days, a charity nominated by the Ukulele band for those suffering profound learning difficulties.

You can capture the atmosphere with the Facebook pictures from Ferenc Csullog Photography.

BROMYARD CHORAL SOCIETY

INVITING ALL SINGERS



A reminder that Bromyard Choral Society's rehearsals commence on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30 p.m. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays in term time at The Methodist Church in New Road. All singers are invited to join us particularly tenors and basses. No audition will be necessary but the ability to sing in tune would help!

The AGM will be held before the rehearsal on Tuesday 24th September. Our rehearsals will be for a Christmas concert on Saturday 14th December at St. Peter's Church, Bromyard at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and include choruses from The Messiah plus Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols and other seasonal music. We look forward to meeting you.

STOKE LACY PCC RESULTS

July 2024

1st - Jo Davies £20
2nd - Tony Harris £10
3rd - Mary Harper £5

August 2024

1st - Jo Burton £20
2nd - Georgia Barrett £10
3rd - Freddie Lewis £5

SUMMER FETE DRAW

Bridget Mackereth £100
Any enquiries, ring Tina
Lifely 07815 733565

ULLINGSWICK 100 CLUB DRAW

May 2024

£20 Jess Hobby (61)
£10 Janet Stevens (2)
£5 Holly Powell (68)

June 2024

£20 Amanda Mess (107)
£10 Laura Hall (10)
£5 Simon Fryar (16)

Update on 'B Fit for Life' & Pilates exercise classes

When we ran the exercise taster classes at Burley Gate Village Hall in March of this year, the 'B Fit for Life' and Pilates classes were very popular and ActiveHW agreed to fund these two classes for 12 weeks. This funding means that the leaders of each class receive the going rate but the attendees to the class pay just £3, which goes to the village hall. Pilates has now finished its 12-weeks and I'm pleased to say that Matt & Sarah have agreed to continue holding the classes as there are sufficient attendees to make them viable. The classes will still be held on Fridays @ 1pm – 2pm but the cost is now £7 per class (or £24 for a block of 4 classes) – see poster elsewhere in this magazine. For a number of reasons the 12 weeks of 'B Fit for Life' doesn't end until 22nd August but thereafter it will NOT continue due to the lead's other commitments.

However, Laura Lowe, an award-winning fitness instructor is happy to run a taster seated exercise class on Wednesday 11th September and Wednesday 18th September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm at Burley Gate Village Hall. The cost for these two classes will be just £3 but if the class continues then the cost will be £6.

Mystery of missing books

On examining the Book Box this morning I found that yet again over 75% of the children's books had been removed/ stolen? Those missing covered all ages from "first books" to teenage novels. The last time that this happened our stock was replenished with kind donations and even purchases from Charity Shops by our regular users. Recently I noticed that a quantity of "General Interest" books had also been taken but luckily I had enough to replace them. Who is doing this? I monitor the stock every morning on my trip to the Community Shop for a newspaper so without setting up a guard it is impossible to know who might be responsible for this anti-social action thus depriving local children of the pleasure of reading.

UPDATE! Sometime during the evening of Saturday 17th August a further "attack" on "The Book Box" took place. Over 50% of the paperback fiction stock which had only been re-stocked the previous Monday was taken along with some non-fiction books and hardback fiction. A pile of mostly useless old books were left piled in the corner as a replacement!! These anti-social acts to a community resource can only be deplored but please keep on reading and donating for the pleasure of others. *Barry Lawrence, Book Box organiser.*

Stoke Lacy Church Fete

It was just incredible to see so many people from near and far turn out to support Stoke Lacy Fete recently and to witness their obvious enjoyment at the entertainment on offer, coupled with the chance to appreciate the classic cars in attendance.

Massive thanks must go to John Davies who masterminded the whole event and who worked tirelessly for months beforehand to ensure the day ran smoothly. His attention to detail was astonishing and his enthusiasm, drive and determination inspired the many volunteers to also do their utmost to contribute to a wonderful afternoon.

Thank you John, from all in Stoke Lacy



September/October 2024

I want to start by saying a big 'Thank you' to John Davies and his team for such an enjoyable and successful Fete at Stoke Lacy church. Vintage cars, Morris men, ukelele band, produce show and around 600 people attending across the afternoon. £4,500 was raised for St Peter & St Paul, Stoke Lacy – thank you all for your love and support for this important community asset.

And suddenly it's September and October!

For all our children it means starting a new class or even a new school. A new teacher to get used to, a new classroom, a new school building to negotiate. And above all, new things to learn.

The word 'disciple' as used in the Bible, and especially in the stories of Jesus, describes a learner, someone who is learning. The disciples in the Gospels, as they spent time with Him, were learning from and about Jesus.

Those of us who are believers in Jesus, Christians, are also disciples; we are learning from and about Jesus. I've been on this learning journey for the last 60 odd years. The more that I learn about Jesus, and about God's love for us, the more I realise there is to learn. As St Paul said, when writing to the Christians in Corinth, 'Now we see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face-to-face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.'

The other 'big thing' coming up is the Bromyard Folk Festival, and St Peter, Bromyard will be hosting the Folk Festival Service on Sunday 8th September at 10:30am.

Traditional folk songs were/are a way of passing on community stories and history from one generation to another, often using allegories and metaphors.

The Bible uses allegory and metaphor to pass on truths about God and His love for us. It's easy to imagine family groups gathered round an evening fire telling the stories of Joseph and his many-coloured coat, Jonah and the big fish, Joshua and the battle of Jericho.

We don't often gather round a fire to share stories, to learn together. But we can still gather together to share the stories from the Bible, to learn together about Jesus and God's love for each one of us. Where we do this is called church. It can be a group of people chatting together in The Plough, the Village Hall, or while walking the dogs in our beautiful countryside. Most often it is in buildings like St Peter's in Bromyard or St Peter & St Paul in Stoke Lacy.

As our children start a new year of learning, I invite you to join us on Sunday by Sunday as we share the stories of Jesus, as we learn from and about Him, and about how much God loves each one of us.

God bless,

Rev Phil



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

September 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>
1st 4.00pm	Trinity 14	PET SERVICE with afternoon tea PM	C Walters T Lively	PM	M Morris	Janet Ivison
8th 10.30am	Trinity 15	Holy Communion PM	C McNaught M Morris	D Weston	C McNaught G Weston	Janet Ivison
15th 6.30pm	Trinity 16	Sanctuary DH	S McKeeman	PM	PM	Riitta Henshall
22nd 10.30am	Trinity 17	Holy Communion WB	J Horton H Combe	S McKeeman	R Horton H Combe	Riitta Henshall
29th 10.30am	Trinity 18	5th Sunday – service at St Peter's Bromyard only	ALL WELCOME			(Jane Horton)

October 2024

6th 4.00pm	Trinity 19	PM Praise with afternoon tea R & H C	C Walters T Lively	H Combe	T Lively	Jane Horton
13th 10.30am	Trinity 20	HARVEST FESTIVAL PM	C McNaught J Horton H Combe	PM	R Horton H Combe	All FLOWER FAIRIES
20th 4.00pm	Trinity 21	HARVEST at Moreton Jeffries (No service at SL)	MJ Team	PM	T Lively N Harvey	Sally Godsall
27th 10.30am	Trinity 22	Holy Communion WB	H Combe	D Weston	G Weston	Helen Bufton

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

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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Go on – you know you want to – it won't be an ARTISAN FAIR without you!

Probus 13 August 2024

We sat down thirteen for lunch, the rest of the members being on holiday or – good luck, John, mend soon! – in hospital. It being the thirteenth of the month, we commemorated things that had happened on that day. Chairman John had compiled a list, triggered by the Secretary's note that it was the 164th birthday of Annie 'Get Your Gun' Oakley. Paul, young but knowledgeable, described the ammunition used by the celebrated markswoman, and how it was arranged that she never missed: in essence, what that looked like bullets were miniature shotgun cartridges. It was the anniversary of Finland's national flag, and the Franco-Spanish Treaty of Noyon, and on August 13th Huygens discovered the south polar cap of planet Mars. The Battle of Blenheim was on this day in 1704. I can't list the other dates, because I was laughing too much to take notes. It was a Probus lunch, and well-fed and contented members set about entertaining each other with great gusto.

After lunch, members who had brought a piece of poetry to share, as suggested, duly shared. Hugh recited the only poem he ever wrote, about statistics and how they left him feeling part of a null hypothesis. We agreed that the poem had had no effect on our feelings about statistics. Bob related, in prose, the most embarrassing moment in his life, which deserves to be put into verse. Into the ensuing silence, as we all pictured that awful event, Malcolm read first 'He wishes for the cloths of Heaven' by W.B. Yeats, followed by Brian Bilston's version, to commemorate the foundation of the Lego company on August 10th 1932. The bricks came later, after the war, with their sharp corners and tendency to cover carpets. Suffice it to say that the last line of Bilston's verse is 'Tread softly, because you tread on my bricks'.

We shall be having our AGM next month, on September 10th, in which the post of Chair will be filled by election. John had said that he has been in the Chair for so long that he no longer wishes to stand. When you have worked out what that can possibly mean, please feel free to present yourself for the post. The meeting will be at the usual time of 12.00 for 1.00, at the Falcon, and all will be welcome. If you would like to join in, please let the Secretary know at malcolmpenny75@gmail.com or on 01885 490291. New members are always welcome. Just be a man over 60 and willing to take part, with a group of friends, in a series of very entertaining lunches.

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A Bird in the Head

Sri Lanka probably has the world's highest ownership rate of three-wheelers (tuk-tuks), usually driven by young Sinhalese men. There is a local saying: "The Tamils produce things; the Muslims sell them; the Christians catch fish and the Sinhalese drive tuk-tuks." And many tuk-tuks are used as travelling advertisements for the opinions of their drivers. For years I've collected these words of wisdom and this month I thought I'd treat you to a few of my favourites.

GET IN SIT DOWN SHUT UP HOLD ON
DON'T PLAY WITH ME. YOUR DEATH WILL CONFIRM
IF YOUR BAD I AM IN YOUR DAD
GOD RIGHT HIM THAT KEEPS SILENCE
ALL RELIGIONS RICE UP TO BUILD SRI LANKA
BUDDHIST TANK CENTRE
EFORT IS THE WAY FOR SUCKERS
ALL THAT GLITTER IS NOT GOOD
WIN WITHOUT BASTING
JOLLY JIB DANGEROUS LIFE
PAIN IS THE ONLY THING THAT'S TELLING ME
DO JORKE FOR LOVE BUT DON'T LOVE FOR JORKE
LOVE IS NOT SURE. BOOT IS FULL SURE

Sinhalese young men are obsessed with all things Caribbean or Latino. Especially revolutionaries, reggae artists and Pirates of the Caribbean. Here are a few:

CHEGUVRA WANT YOU RIBEL (Che Guevara wants you to rebel)
JAMAICA REVULSION THE BOB (I think this celebrates the revolutionary nature of Bob Marley)
PIRATES OF THE CAR BEAN
IRATE OF THE CARIBBEAN (the equivalent of 'Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells', perhaps)
CARE BEAN (a vegetable version of a Care Bear?)

But my all-time favourite has to be: A BIRD IN THE HEAD IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH



The bonus, if you look carefully, is a cobbler's and key cutting shop across the road calling itself "Mister Mint".

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Burley Gate Village Hall - October 4th at 7pm Meet The Bees!

We invite you to join beekeeper Simon of Bairns Bees for a fascinating, light hearted but educational talk on honey bees.

In this hour long presentation you will have the opportunity to learn why honey bees and other pollinators are essential for our very survival, and how the various bees work together within the hive to produce the gorgeous honey we all love.

Why do honey bees swarm? What's a drone? What's going on in my 'bee hotel' in the garden?.....all will be revealed, plus you will have the opportunity to handle frames of actual honey, see the workings in a miniature hive and be surprised to learn what's in supermarket 'honey'!

For many it's then a once in a lifetime chance to safely see a live colony of bees working in their hive. Behind the glass you will see the workers and brood, but can you spot Her Majesty the Queen? She will be there with a coloured dot on her back to help find her!

After the talk ask questions, taste the honey and smell the beautiful beeswax wax melts which are all available to buy, along with pure beeswax polish and pet paw balms. We look forward to seeing you on the night.....



Hello again from Muddy Boots.

Great to have dry boots at the completion of Bob McGregor's August walk around Much Cowarne, which isn't as flat as I had thought.

Great company, lovely views south towards Ashperton and fantastic refreshments so thanks to our hosts, everyone who took part and I look forward to the walk I saw advertised in the Cider Press which is a walk around Stoke Lacy on Sunday 22nd

September which I hope to make.

There seems to be lots more yellow flowering ragwort about this year, and while I was brought up to believe that ragwort was against the law **I was and am wrong.**

We spotted ragwort on the Much Cowarne walk and one of the walkers suggested that while not against the law as such, a landowner could be called upon by the authorities to remove it.

It's a fairly shallow rooted plant which, wearing gloves if you have sensitive skin or want to, gently pull it up from the base of the stems/s to get all the root out and then bag it. No good plonking it on the ground to be eaten by horse or cattle who it affects, and where it will likely self seed or end up in a hay bale with potentially dire consequences. Don't compost it, don't ignore it

BAG IT AND BIN IT

Mind, Body, and Soul - Stoke Lacy Village Hall

7 September Noon - 3.00pm

12 October Noon - 3.00pm

9 November Noon - 3.00pm

22 December Noon - 3.30pm then meal at The Plough

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

September				October			
	What	Where	When		What	Where	When
1 Su	Pet Service	Stoke Lacy Church with afternoon tea	4pm	1 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7 - 9pm
2 Mo				2 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am 7pm
3 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7 - 9pm	3 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
4 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	4 Fr	Pirates Meet the Bees!	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7-8.30pm
5 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm	5 Sa			
6 Fr	Pirates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	6 Su	PM Praise with afternoon tea	Stoke Lacy Church	4pm
7 Sa	Mind Body & Soul	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	12-3pm	7 Mo			
8 Su	Matins Folk Festival Service Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church St Peter's Church, Bromyard Stoke Lacy Church	10am 10.30am 10.30am	8 Tu	Probus Table Tennis	The Falcon, Bromyard Burley Gate Village Hall	12 noon 7-9pm
9 Mo				9 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am 7.15 for 7.30pm
10 Tu	Probus - AGM Table Tennis First Bromyard Choral Society rehearsal	The Falcon, Bromyard Burley Gate Village Hall Methodist Church, Bromyard	12 noon 7-9pm 7.30-9.30pm	10 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
11 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	11 Fr	Historic Churches Trust Coffee Morning MCGPC	Lyde Arundel Burley Gate Village Hall	10am-noon 7-9pm
	Exercise Class with Laura Lowe	Burley Gate Village Hall	2.30-3.30pm		Pirates Quiz Night at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 6.30pm for 7pm
	Film Night - 'Grow Your Own'	Burley Gate Village Hall	7.15 for 7.30pm	12 Sa	Mind Body & Soul	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	12-3pm
12 Th	Little Pips Healthwatch Herefordshire	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 10am-12.30pm	13 Su	Harvest Festival followed by a carvery lunch	Much Cowarne Church The Plough Inn, Stoke Lacy	10am 12.30pm
	Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	11am - 12.30pm		Harvest Festival	Stoke Lacy Church	10.30am
	MCGPC	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm	14 Mo			
13 Fr	Pirates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	15 Tu	Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - Outing to be advised	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	TBA
14 Sa	Visit to Stoke Lacy by four walkers on the 'Walk of Kindness'	Contact Helen or Richard Combe on 87749759254	6.30pm		Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm
15 Su	Visit to Stoke Lacy by four walkers on the 'Walk of Kindness' Sanctuary	Contact Helen or Richard Combe on 87749759254	7pm	16 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
16 Mo	Talk on Severn Treescape Project	Stoke Lacy Church	7pm	17 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
17 Tu	Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - 'Two Years in the Caribbean'	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	10.30am	18 Fr	Pirates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7pm
	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7 - 9pm 7.30 - 9pm	19 Sa	Hannah Roper in concert 'Folk to Film'	The church of St. Michael and All Angels, Lyonshall	7pm
	OPGPC	Burley Gate Village Hall	7.30 - 9pm	20 Su	Harvest service	Moreton Jeffries Church	4pm
	Stoke Lacy & District Garden Club 'Foraging the Hedgerow' by Tim Kaye	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm	21 Mo			
18 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am	22 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm
	Exercise Class with Laura Lowe	Burley Gate Village Hall	2.30-3.30pm	23 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
	Christmas Dinner meeting for volunteers	Burley Gate Village Hall	7pm	24 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
19 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm	25 Fr	Pirates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
	Community Shop AGM	Burley Gate Village Hall	7pm	26 Sa	Autumn Breakfast	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	9.30am-12noon
20 Fr	Pirates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm	27 Su	Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church	10am
	Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall	7pm		Holy Communion	Stoke Lacy Church	10.30am
21 Sa				28 Mo			
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	Holy Communion	Stoke Lacy Church	10.30am	30 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30-11.30am
23 Mo	Making a Will - a FREE meeting by Silvertime Legal	Burley Gate Village Hall	7-9pm	31 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate	Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
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27 Fr	Pirates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm				
28 Sa							
29 Su	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Bromyard	10.30am				
	Harvest Festival	Ocle Pychard Church	6.30pm				
30 Mo							

Stoke Lacy and District Garden Club

Tim Kaye

will talk about

Foraging the Hedgerow

Tim Kaye is an ecologist, project coordinator and educator from Hereford based CLaN CIC – **Cultivating Learning and Nature**. Their aim is to engage people in ecological issues, natural history and wildlife. This evening Tim will give us some pointers about getting out and about to do some foraging.



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September 2024	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion SB	
Ocle Pychard					6.30pm Harvest Festival SB
	Trinity 14 Green Song of Solomon 2.8-13 Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9* Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23	Trinity 15 Green Proverbs 22.1- 2, 8, 9, 22, 23 Psalm 125 Mark 7.24-37	Trinity 16 Green Proverbs 1.20-33 Psalm 19 Mark 8.27-38	Trinity 17 Green Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1 James 3.13 – 4.3, 7-8a Mark 9.30-37	Trinity 18 Green Esther 7.1-6, 9, 10; 9.20-22 Psalm 124 Mark 9.38-end
October 2024	6th	13th	20th	27th	3rd November
Much Cowarne		10.00am Harvest Festival Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion SB	
Ocle Pychard					
	Trinity 19 Green Job 1.1; 2.1-10 Psalm 26 Mark 10.2-1	Trinity 20 Green Job 23.1-9, 16, 17 Psalm 22.1-15 Mark 10.17-31	Trinity 21 Green Job 38.1-7 [34- 41] Psalm 104.1- 10, 26, 35c* Mark 10.35-45	Trinity 22 Green Job 42.1-6, 10- 17 Psalm 34.1-8, 19-22* Mark 10.46-52	4 before Advent All Saints' Red or Green Deuteronomy 6.1-9 Psalm 119.1-8 Mark 12.28-34

Harvest Festivals

Sunday 29th September – 6.30pm at Ocle Pychard

Friday 4th October – 6.30pm at Castle Frome

Sunday 6th October – 11.30am at Acton Beauchamp

Friday 11th October – 7.00pm at Stanford Bishop, with cottage pie and puddings

Sunday 13th October – 10.00am at Bishops Frome

Sunday 13th October – 10.00am at Much Cowarne

Sunday 27th October – 11.30am at Evesbatch

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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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October**
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November**
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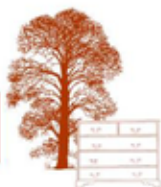
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Much Cowarne Group Parish Council

Traffic visibility issues on the A465 were discussed at the July meeting. There have been concerns at the Moreton Jeffries junction. The hedge that is regularly trimmed by the neighbouring landowner has grown very vigorously this year (probably due to the abundance of water!) and the Parish Council have agreed to help with the work and investigate the possibility of erecting a mirror.

There are continuing concerns about pedestrians crossing the A465 by the Old Post Office in order to walk from Burley Gate up to the Village Hall and Community shop. Visibility from the Bromyard direction is limited and made worse with the increasing number of electric cars on the roads which cannot be heard. At the Parish Council meeting, it was proposed that a section of walkway was installed outside 'The Forge' which would eventually link to the proposed pavement and pelican crossing planned next to the new housing developments on the South of the A465. Until the new pavement is constructed, if residents at the Old Post Office wishing to cross the A465 first crossed over the Bishops Frome lane onto the proposed walkway, they would have better vision of traffic in both directions.

It has just come to my attention that there have been issues at the Book Box located in the old Telephone box in Burley Gate. Quantities of children and fiction books have been taken on several occasions. It is disappointing that this valued asset for the community is being abused. There is no charge for people to borrow books, but if individuals take a lot of them then it spoils it for others. It would be good if everyone could keep an eye out. MH 19.08.24

Useful Contacts

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Police, Fire, Ambulance: Emergencies only – 999

Crimestoppers – 0800 555111

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Electricity – 0800 328 1111 or New Number 105

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Hereford County Hospital, Union Walk, Hereford HR1 2ER – 01432 355444

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25-27a St Owen Street, Hereford – 01432 265123

Herefordshire MIND, Ferncroft, 144 Ledbury Road, Hereford – 01432 275380

St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford – 01432 851000

Ledbury Community Hospital – 01531 632488

HELP AND SUPPORT

Police (for non-emergency help and advice) – 101

NSPCC Helpline (24 hour) – 0808 800 5000

Child Protection Helpline – 0800 800500

Childline (24 hours) – FREEPHONE 0800 1111

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Herefordshire Carers Emergency Card Scheme – 01432 356068

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Action Fraud (for fraud and cyber crime) – actionfraud.police.co.uk – 0300 123 2040

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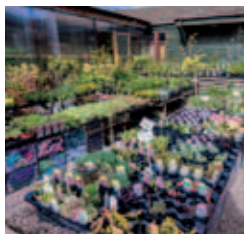
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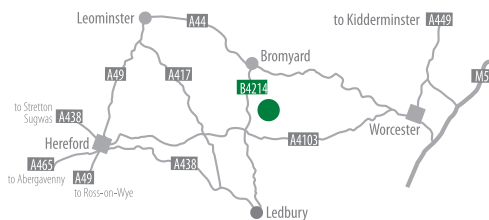
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