

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

NEWSLETTER

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Ring out the old, ring in the new



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025

Letter from the Editor

I'm writing this on the day we had the red weather alert caused by storm Darragh and many of our homes suffered from low or no power. There was a lot of serious damage and even loss of life elsewhere but I hope you didn't suffer anything worse than a bad hair day or a missing fence panel.

I'm not a great one for new year's resolutions but I do rather like the concept of having a new start, rather like having a blank piece of paper waiting for me to write 'Chapter 1'. Could this be the year you send something to the Community News? Maybe one of your favourite recipes or hints on what to do in the garden? Do you have any memories of living hereabouts that would interest others, especially people who are relative newcomers (that is, anyone who wasn't born here!). Are you organising an event and want to invite the community to attend or have you held an event and want to tell everyone how good it was? 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 'Motion'. The theme for the March/April issue is 'Building'. There are some really interesting and unique buildings in the area so send a photograph of any man-made construction, from a pig pen to a converted cow shed, from a thatched cottage to a stately home.

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



Front Cover

Photograph courtesy of Phil Evans - "Ring out the old, ring in the new"

The Bromyard Patient Engagement Group works in partnership with patients, patients' carers and GPs at Nunwell Surgery to:

- help patients to take more responsibility for their health.
- contribute to the continuous improvement of services and quality of care
- foster improved communication between the practice and its patients
- provide practical support for the practice, and help to implement change.

If you wish to contact the PEG to find out more details about the group or volunteer to be part of the group, please email us at hwicb.nunwellppg@nhs.net

Social Prescribing

Social Prescribers connect people to non-medical community-based activities, groups and services that meet practical, social and emotional needs, including specialist advice services and the arts, physical activity and nature.

A member of Bromyard Patient Engagement Group met with the Social Prescriber at the surgery. Here's what they found out ...

Like many people, I had heard of social prescribing but wasn't really clear what it involved, so I met with Amy Roberts, the Senior Social Prescriber for Nunwell Surgery and Cradley Surgery to find out more.

We all know that problems or worries about things such as finance, concerns over benefits or feeling lonely or out of control, can adversely affect our health and mental well-being. By taking a more holistic approach and offering support to access a range of groups or advisors, the Nunwell Surgery team hope to improve the situation using a range of activities as an alternative or in addition to, medical services.

You can meet with Amy, who is based at Nunwell Surgery, on Wednesday mornings, either by being referred by your GP, or you can make an appointment yourself by phoning the surgery.

Amy provides a link between you and the group or community service that might be most helpful. After an initial meeting she will help you choose what support best suits you, and will help you make contact - often the most difficult part. Amy acts as your friend and guide, but the decision is yours.

Some of the services or groups that might help you include:

- Befriending, talking therapies and support groups
- Benefits and money matters
- Education and Learning opportunities
- Gardening and Horticulture
- Access to specialist services and support, e.g. domestic, drug or alcohol abuse or mental health issues
- Veterans support
- Employment training and volunteering opportunities
- Art, music, dance, sport or other group activities
- Healthy Lifestyles advice

Taking control in your own life really benefits your physical and mental health. Social prescribing is a way of helping you do that.



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

2025 dates:

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 28th MARCH
FRIDAY 25th APRIL
FRIDAY 23rd MAY
FRIDAY 27th JUNE
FRIDAY 25th JULY
FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST
FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER
FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

In aid of Ullingswick Church. Other local churches / organisations may also jointly run some dates above.

Burley Gate Village Hall HR1 3QR	Doors Open: 7.00pm	Eyes Down: 7.30pm
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Raffle & refreshments. Family friendly.
Variable selection of good quality prizes.
For more information contact: Sue 01432 820127 or Helen 07816 773735



St Luke's Church Ullingswick

Services for January to March 2025

All welcome

With all good wishes for peace
happiness and good health in 2025

Date	Service	1st Reading	Reader
January 5th - 10.00am 19th - 8.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Ephesians 1. 3-14 1. Corinthians 12. 1-1	S Dalton D Farrell
February 2nd - 10.00am 16th - 8.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Hebrews 2. 14 to end 1. Corinthians 15. 1-11	H Farrel J Stevens
March 2nd - 10.00am	Morning Prayer	2. Corinthians 3 12 to end	A Gardinar

Diary dates 2025

PCC February 25th to be held in St Luke's Church at 7.30 pm
PCC AGM 8th of April

The Rector Elizabeth Sidwell may be contacted on Tel: 01885 482737
Please view Parish and Church notice boards to confirm timing of services.
which may be subject to change. Details regarding church services and events can also be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/ullingswick-st-luke

*Readers If anyone is unable to read on the day listed, please arrange a swap directly with someone else on the list and inform the Church Warden



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

Gillian Hughes 27.03.48 – 08.11.24

You couldn't live in Burley Gate or the surrounding villages without knowing Gill, our Village Post Mistress at the old shop. So it was a huge shock to learn of her sudden death. Gill was a whiz in the Post Office managing numbers and knowledge at lightening speed and combining it with newsy village chat.

Gill and Bernard were a partnership in every sense of the word. Bernard helped in the shop when he wasn't doing his Postie work. Over many years they have both cared for their neighbours with a Sunday lunch, car rides to local clubs and shopping. Gill was always popping over or 'phoning to see if they were O.K. or check the shopping required. Gill had her opinion on matters and 'stuck to her guns', but that was fine because you knew where you were with her.

At the centre of Gill's world was her family, and she would be deeply proud of how they have pulled together, supporting one another at this difficult time. May they go forward knowing how Gill has enriched their lives. We wish them well with our love and thoughts. It was not surprising that the village hall was full to say a last farewell to Gill with everyone sharing memories and pondering a gallery of wonderful photos of Gill and her family.

Gill's distinct Black Country accent, her wonderful smile and laughter will stay long in our hearts. **Audrey Nunn**

Community Christmas Dinner 2024



This year the Christmas Dinner was 100% a community event. A team of around 10 slightly crazy people decided that getting caterers to cook the dinner was getting too expensive so they'd do it instead – how hard could it be??

They discovered that cooking for 65 people is very different to cooking for a family but they all did an absolutely sterling job – as proven by the number of people that went up for seconds.

Thanks go to the following for making such wonderful food, decorating the hall so beautifully, clearing up afterwards and generally being such good sports:

Audrey Nunn, Sally Martin, Jerry Smith, Wendy Paterson, Graham Paterson, Rosie Winn, Amanda Burn, Richard Leitch, Retha Carstens, Louis Carstens, Martin Hoskins, Julia Hoskins

Thanks also to the children of Burley Gate C of E Primary School, who gave a decorated jar full of little goodies, along with a little note (which brought tears to many an eye) to everyone at the dinner. People were very moved by this lovely gesture.

We were entertained by a small choir who sang traditional carols.

Yes, we made a few mistakes but we will learn from them and next year will be even better. *Marilyn*

Over the Burley Gate



'Did you know Darragh is an Irish name meaning black oak or oak tree from the old Irish daire?'

'Storm Darragh was certainly black. There were local folk travelling back from Liverpool who only made it to Shrewsbury. The two carriage train turned into a late night cattle truck, so they sought refuge in a Premier Inn or similar.'

'Always good to travel with a spare pair of knickers.'

'Did you hear about Betty Bowler – she only went up to the shop and couldn't get back home because the stream had come up so quickly. She had to park her car at friends and call up the amphibious brigade!'



'My motto is keep wellies in the car boot.'

'Good idea and a chain saw too. You know the other day, pre-Christmas, I had an emergency trip to the dentist and there facing me in the waiting room was a tree decorated with molars, apparently made of iced gingerbread! My only thought was – you're not going to get one of my molars to add to the decorations!'

Audrey Nunn





Burley Gate C.E Primary School Weekly News Letter

"Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:31



Nativity



Well done to everyone for their fantastic performance in the nativity this week which took place at Burley Gate Village Hall.



Meet at the Gate

On Thursday 12th December the children from Rowan class attended 'Meet at the Gate' located in the Burley Gate Village hall and sang Christmas carols in front of members of the community. They all did brilliantly and we are very proud of them.

Reindeer Run in Support of St Michael's Hospice

Everyone had a wonderful time during the Rudolph Run in support of St Michael's Hospice! So far, we have raised a fantastic £92.

There is still time to help us raise funds for this fantastic cause. It's as easy as spreading holiday cheer! Sponsor your child or grandchild by donating via

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/burley-gate-c-e-primary-school-1733230386147>



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, Nat and Lisa 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 continues to bring plants, flowers, herbs and seasonal veg. both picked and potted when available. 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 Dogsboddy and a range of dog and cat food both wet and dried.

Post Office

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

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

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

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

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

MOBILE PHONE TOP-UPS.

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

MAILINGS: post letters and parcels, home or abroad. For urgent mail use Special Delivery before

1pm next day and tracked and signed for International Post and Parcelforce 24/48 for heavier parcels. Parcel returns can also be processed that are prepaid Royal Mail.

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

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.
Seasonal stamps should be on sale from 5th November and international and domestic posting dates will be displayed in the shop.

PLEASE POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS
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. Recently our customers will have seen a few new faces appearing behind the shop counter, we are very grateful to these folk for stepping forward and volunteering to help keep our shop open. We would welcome more if anyone is available to join us
Once again our thanks go to Christine and Erica for their seasonal handicrafts which were, as always, hugely popular. We thank you all, our customers, for the cards, biscuits, chocolates and good wishes, your generosity and thoughtfulness is much appreciated.
As always we thank you for your support and send our best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2025 and look forward to seeing you and hearing your news throughout the year.
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

Jan-25		
What	Where	When
1 We		
2 Th	Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall 10am - 12.30pm
3 Fr		
4 Sa		
5 Su	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church 10am 10.30am
6 Mo		
7 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall 7-9pm
8 We	Table Tennis Movement to Music	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9.30-11.30am 2.30-3.15pm
9 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9-11am 10am - 12.30pm
10 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall 1-2pm
11 Sa	Coffee morning	Stoke Lacy Church 10.30am-12pm
12 Su	Matins PM Praise with afternoon tea	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church 10am 4pm
13 Mo		
14 Tu	Bromyard & District Probus Club - talk by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Table Tennis	The Falcon, Bromyard 12noon
15 We	Table Tennis Movement to Music Film Night - The Lady in the Van	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9.30-11.30am 2.30-3.15pm 7.15pm 7.30pm start

Jan-25		
What	Where	When
16 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT Support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
17 Fr	MCGPC Pilates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 7pm
18 Sa	Burley Gate Doubles Open	Burley Gate Village Hall 10am start
19 Su	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church 8.30am 10.30am
20 Mo		
21 Tu	Stoke Lacy Friendship Club - Stoke Lacy & District Garden Club - talk on garden birds Table Tennis	Stoke Lacy Village Hall Stoke Lacy Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 10.30am 7.30pm 7.30am 9.30-11.30am
22 We	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall 7-9pm
23 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
24 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall 1-2pm
25 Sa		
26 Su	Holy Communion Santuary	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church 10am 4pm
27 Mo		
28 Tu	Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall 7-9pm
29 We	Table Tennis Movement to Music	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9.30-11.30am 2.30-3.15pm
30 Th	Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall 9-11am 11am - 12.30pm
31 Fr	Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall 1-2pm

February		
What	Where	When
1 Sa Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion for Candlemas	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church Oole Pychard Church	10am 10.30am 6.30pm
3 Mo Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7.0pm
4 Tu Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7.0pm
5 We Table Tennis Movement to Music	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30- 11.30am 2.30- 3.15pm
6 Th Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 10am - 12.30pm
7 Fr Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
8 Sa Matins PM Praise with afternoon tea	Much Cowarne Church	10am
10 Mo Bromyard & District Probus Club Table Tennis	Bromyard & District Probus Club Burley Gate Village Hall	12noon 7 - 9pm
12 We Table Tennis Movement to Music	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30- 11.30am 2.30- 3.15pm
13 Th Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support MCGPC	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 10am - 12.30pm 7.9pm
14 Fr Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm

February		
What	Where	When
15 Sa Holy Communion Holy Communion	Ullingswick Church Stoke Lacy Church	8.30am 10.30am
16 Su Holy Communion	Stoke Lacy Church	10.30am
17 Mo Stoke Lacy Friendship Club Table Tennis OPGPC	Stoke Lacy Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	10.30am 7.0pm 7.30- 9.30pm
18 Tu Stoke Lacy & District Gardening Club - Using hazel, willow & birch in the garden	Stoke Lacy Village Hall	7.30pm
19 We Table Tennis Movement to Music Film Night - Ladies in Lavender	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30- 11.30am 2.30- 3.15pm 7.15pm for 7.30pm start
20 Th Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 10am - 12.30pm
21 Fr Pilates	Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm
22 Sa Holy Communion Sanctuary	Much Cowarne Church Stoke Lacy Church	10am 4pm
23 Su Holy Communion	Much Cowarne Church	10am
24 Mo Table Tennis	Burley Gate Village Hall	7.0pm
26 We Table Tennis Movement to Music	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9.30- 11.30am 2.30- 3.15pm
27 Th Little Pips Meet at the Gate & IT support	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	9-11am 10am - 12.30pm
28 Fr Pilates Bingo	Burley Gate Village Hall Burley Gate Village Hall	1-2pm 7pm



Happy New Year from Muddy Boots.

I hope you all had as good a Christmas as possible but for many, sadly, the recent flooding may have dented celebrations somewhat. I can't begin to imagine what it be like to have your home and possessions invaded, wrecked and lost for ever like that. I've been burgled before and that's bad enough but flooding is on a different scale.

Well, the carols at Ocle were excellent. Pax singers at their best without the distraction of blown fuses this year. If you haven't been, watch out for next year. Lovely atmosphere. Having to back off the old trouser belt another seasonal notch as it was time to don the boots and get stuck in. Well, quite literally, from the mud off ploughed fields as we made our way from Cricks Green on the Three Horseshoes Loop.

Streams and rivers, like the Lodon we crossed at Stoke Lacy, well, would have but the bridge had disappeared, are having their banks undermined by the rising water levels. Seems to be on the increase everywhere. So what's to be done? Increase the length of bridges?

All beyond me as sinectitude beckons like a frustrated young rozzar on traffic control duty, which reminds me of days gone by, driving around Brighton when, at busy times, they'd be at the Lewes Road/Upper Lewes Road junction outside Coxes Pill Factory?

Unlike the rookies, seasoned old plod, Bill Sansom, had it honed to a fine art as though conducting an orchestra with one hand, one finger and with facial expressions of approval or disapproval depending on whether, in his eyes, you'd got it right or wrong. I digress, so returning to the Yuletide stroll and the route from Cricks Green, took us across a field by the houses, up Newton and Bredenbury Lane, down another aside Little Farm, downhill across a field and river Lodon. Left along the valley floor, then, after the second gate, bearing right uphill to a stile and downhill to yet another damaged footbridge bridge, which we managed to bypass, then uphill and beyond to the very welcoming pub.

Lovely drop of Robinsons before homeward bound down the road from the pub, then left, unfortunately through the front yard of a cottage (should be diverted for privacy!!!) across the field and stile corridor to Three Wells, then following the river Lodon on to Stoke Lacy, up the main road, along the village hall snicket, and Stokes Lane back to Cricks Green.

With boots weighing more at every stride I think both physical and mental exhaustion was creeping in by then. I have to confess we got a bit confused somewhere after the village hall ending up in a lovely old orchard. We weren't lost just not quite in the right place. It wasn't Robinsons which got me confused and before you dob me in, I wasn't on the pedals.

Anyway, happy new year again. Keep well, smiling, and if you can, hope to see you in the fresh air, enjoying and demonstrating just how important our open countryside be for heart, mind and body..... just in case the politicians and developers have any different ideas!!!

Stoke Lacy & District Garden Club

Programme for 2025

(more details prior to visit)

21st. January 7.30pm	Garden Birds speaker David Clapp
18th. February 7.30pm	Using hazel, willow & birch in the garden talk & demo. Jo Moreton
18th. March 7.30pm	Preserving the Harvest speaker Kevin Atwell
15th. April 7.30pm	Spring into Summer speaker Paul Green
20th. May 2.00pm	Garden Visit - members only
17th. June 2.00pm	Garden Visit - members only
15th. July 2.00 pm	Garden Visit - members only
19th. August 2.00pm	Garden Visit - members only
17th. September 2.00pm (Wed.)	Garden Visit - members only
21st. October 7.30pm	Propagation speaker Philip Ashurst
18th. November 7.30pm	AGM + bring and share supper

All evening talks and the AGM are in Stoke Lacy Village Hall

Information

This small, friendly gardening club has been running for almost 20 years. We welcome all enthusiastic garden lovers with any level of knowledge or experience. It is run by its members and encourages involvement from all.

Meetings are usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

During the winter we meet at 7.30pm in Stoke Lacy Village Hall for a talk followed by discussion with tea and biscuits. Speakers often bring interesting plants for sale.

During the Summer months we visit places of gardening interest.

In November, at our AGM, we discuss successes of the past year, plan for the future and enjoy a bring and share supper.

There is no meeting in December as everyone is busy.

We are part of Suttons discount seed buying scheme for gardening clubs, which gives a 50% discount on seeds.

*The cost of the annual membership is £7.
The fee for talks is £4 for members and £8 for guests.
The price of summer visits varies depending on the venue.*

Email: stokelacygardenclub@gmail.com

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St Peter & St Paul's Church, Stoke Lacy - Sidesmen/Refreshments, Prayers, Readers, Altar Flowers & Cleaning Rota YEAR C

PLEASE NOTE a change in service rotation: holy communion will now be held on 1st and 3rd sundays; pm praise on 2nd sunday and sanctuary on 4th.

January 2025						
<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 10.30am	Christmas 2 White	Holy Communion	T Lively H Combe	D Weston	G Weston H Combe	Helen Combe
12th 4.00pm	Epiphany 1 White/ Gold	PM Praise with Afternoon tea	T Lively H Combe	Combe	T Lively H Combe	Helen Combe
19th 10.30am	Epiphany 2 White	Holy Communion	C McNaught H Combe	S McKeeman	C McNaught H Combe	Riitta Henshall
26th 4.00pm	Epiphany 3 White	Sanctuary	S McKeeman	-	-	Riitta Henshall
February 2025						
2nd 10.30am	Candlemas White	Holy Communion	S McKeeman T Lively	PM/H Combe	S McKeeman T Lively	Jane Horton
9th 4.00pm	4 Before Lent Green	PM Praise with Afternoon tea	T Lively C Walters		T Lively H Combe	Jane Horton
16th 10.30am	Septuagesima Green	Holy Communion	C McNaught H Combe	D Weston	C McNaught G Weston	Laura Edwards
23rd 4.00pm	2 Before Lent Green	Sanctuary	S McKeeman	-	-	Laura Edwards
March 2025						
2nd 10.30am	1 Before Lent Green	Holy Communion	T Lively H Combe	PM/D Weston	T Lively H Combe	Bridget Mackereth

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING TEAMS – to refresh/replace flowers on the altar. Vacuum the floors including porch; clean away dead flies and dust surfaces; polish brass; remove cobwebs; tidy kneelers onto back of pews, clean toilet as required. If you are on duty on a 2nd Saturday please clean **AFTER** the Coffee Morning.

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; make and serve refreshments afterwards, wash-up etc. Be sure to turn off hot water – switch under sink on left.

Re: Community Newsletter Advertising Rates

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Any enquiries, ring **Tina Lively 07815 733565**

I will be collecting again in January for the start of a new year of The 100 Club in February

STOKE LACY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

HELLO EVERYONE,

Hope you are well and recovered from the exertions of Christmas. Our Christmas Lunch which we held in the Village Hall was enjoyed by all of us.

There is NO MEETING in January but the next date is 18th February 2025 at the usual time of 10.30 am in the Village Hall and PLEASE don't forget to bring a friend (or even 2 or 3).

See you then, Daphne

Any problems contact **Janet Iveson** on 01885 400601



A HUMUNGOUS 'THANK YOU' to all those who gave so generously to Burley Gate Village Hall Christmas Lunch Raffle. We made a grand total of £225 for Herefordshire Young Carers – now that's a real Christmas gift. *Audrey*

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Bromyard and District Probus Club

The death of our Chairman Peder Nielsen was a shock and a blow to the club. He was a friendly, larger than life character with that unmistakable voice... how will we know its time for lunch now without his booming command?? He was a dedicated member with new ideas for the continuing development of the club. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Jan and his family.

As Peder would want, Probus goes forward into the New Year. We have engaged speakers for our meetings in January and March. On Tuesday 14th January Toby Fountain of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust will give an insight into a large ecological survey covering the whole of Herefordshire, for which he has been commissioned by the county council. On Tuesday 11th March Val & Howard Allen - practicing driving instructors from Malvern - will draw our attention to key details in the "new" Highway Code. There has been a huge change in the Highway Code in the last few years and many drivers don't know what they are and how they affect us.

Thinking festively, why not make a New Year's resolution to join your PROBUS Club? You will receive a warm welcome. We have at least 2 new members joining in January why not come along too?

We meet at the Falcon, on the second Tuesday of each month assembling in the bar from noon, ready for lunch at 1.00pm. Good company and discussion is what the club provides as well as hearing, from time to time, from interesting speakers on a wide range of subjects. Our club is non-political and non-sectarian. It is not a fundraising organisation, though the club makes periodic donations to local charities.

All retired or semi-retired men are welcome to join our cheerful company.

If you would like to join us please contact

John Davies on 07980 859953 or at cottageold@gmail.com for more information

Grave goodies – another Sri Lanka tale

Sally's great grandfather, Henry Thomas Martin, was the first of her ancestors to settle in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) as a tea planter in the 1890s. He didn't last long, dying in his thirties. Cruel rumour has it that he fell out of his pony trap when he'd had somewhat too much to drink. The plantation he managed was called Luccombe, after his own former home in the Isle of Wight, and lies close to the beautiful and little-visited town of Maskeliya, in the shade of Sri Pada or Adam's Peak, the island's most revered mountain. We headed there one day to visit his grave in the pretty churchyard of All Saints. It's an overnight trip from our home near Kandy and we stayed in a delightful lakeside B&B in the town, which we learned was once the post office. It felt odd to be sleeping where great grandfather used to post his letters to England.

Next morning we headed off to the church, a mile or so out of town in a valley – half close your eyes and ignore the tea bushes and it feels like a Devoncombe. Belatedly we realised it was Sunday, perhaps not the best day to drop in unannounced on a church. But when we arrived, instead of the expected service a children's party was coming to a conclusion and we were ushered inside. The pastor said he would take us to the grave – we'd visited before but weren't sure we could find it again – but seemed embarrassed.



We said we understood that the church wouldn't have the funds to maintain the graves and would give him a donation when we left, but he was still nervous. And when we reached the grave we found out why. The villagers had decided that graves make excellent raised beds for growing vegetables. Rather than upsetting us, as the pastor had feared, we expressed our delight at this typically Sri Lankan practical approach to graveyard maintenance and said that it would be a good thing if the idea were adopted in England.

We accompanied the pastor back inside the church where someone asked Sally if she could play the organ. "No, but Jerry does" (cheers, Sal!) So I was ushered to the church's small organ and asked if I would play something for them. I managed to bash my way through a very faulty rendition of All Things Bright and Beautiful, to a round of undeserved applause. And, having signed the visitors' book and left our donation, made a grateful escape.

Jerry Smith

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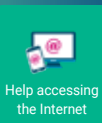
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PROBUS is NOT a fundraising organisation, though the club makes periodic donations to local charities.

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To learn more please do contact:

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MCGPC – December 2024

Over the last year the Parish Council have received comments about road safety issues on the A465. There are three particular areas of concern and we have been discussing them at recent Parish Council meetings.

- The A465 East of Burley Gate. Residents were experiencing difficulty turning in and out of their properties due to the speed of traffic. The extending of the 30 MPH zone was discussed, but we were advised this was not feasible. The centre road markings have now been repainted by Herefordshire Council which will hopefully help a bit.
- Moreton Jeffries lane. The exit from the lane onto the A465 can be difficult especially during the summer when the hedge growth impedes vision. Over recent years the landowner has kept the hedge trimmed but with the increased quantity and speed of traffic this has had to be done several times a year. The Parish Council have agreed to pay for some of the extra cuts. We are also considering mirror(s) to assist viewing and have requested that the double white lines are extended on the junction to prevent overtaking on the junction. We have been told we will get the new line markings, but this was not done when the road was recently remarked. We wait and see!
- Burley Gate, by the Old Post Office. It has been a concern for some time for pedestrians crossing the road from outside the Old Post Office to the pavement on the other side in order to walk up to the Community shop, school, bus stop or Village Hall. Vision is limited, especially for vehicles approaching from the Bromyard direction. This has become more of an issue with the increase of electric cars as it is impossible to hear them approaching. We understand that when the new developments are done in Burley Gate there will be a new pavement on the southern side of the A465 and a pelican crossing near the Village Hall. Pedestrians using the Southern pavement would cross over the lane at the Old Post Office to access it. We are proposing to install a short section of footpath outside The Forge which will link to the new pavement when it is constructed. In the interim if pedestrians use this new footpath, they could then cross over the A465 from outside The Forge which would give much better vision in both directions. The Councillors are considering options about the books being stolen from the old phone box. *Martin Hoskins - December 2024*



BROMYARD CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choir will be getting 2025 off to a start at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th January at the Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Bromyard, rehearsing for its Spring Concert on Saturday, 12th April at Great Malvern Priory, together with Cradley Singers. Music will be provided for **HAYDN'S CREATION** and

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All paperback stock is changed on a monthly basis and the other categories as space on the shelves allow. Withdrawn books are given to either Much Cowarne church or to St. Michael's Hospice who are able to receive Gift Aid from their sales. I am sure that all our readers are pleased to know that their donations go eventually to such good causes. After five years of organising The Book Box and at my advanced age ! I am looking for a successor to take on this most satisfying task. There must be someone amongst all you avid readers who would relish the chance to sort and appraise the new additions to stock? If you are interested please give me a ring on 01432 820949 and I would be pleased to outline what is involved.

Thank you, Barry, the current Book Box Organiser.

The Frome Valley Group

January 2025	5th	12th	19th	26th	2nd Feb
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard					
	Epiphany Gold or White Ephesians 3.1-12 Psalm 72.10-15 Matthew 2.1-12	Baptism of Christ White Acts 8.14-17 Psalm 29 Luke 3.15- 17,21,22	Epiphany 2 White 1 Corinthians 12.1- 11 Psalm 36.5-10 John 2.1-11	Epiphany 3 White 1 Corinthians 12.12- 31a Psalm 19 Luke 4.14-21	Candlemas Gold or White Psalm 24.7-10 Hebrews 2.14- 18 Luke 2.22-40
February 2025	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	2nd March
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ocle Pychard	6.30pm Holy Communion for Candlemas SB				
	Candlemas Gold or White Psalm 24.7-10 Hebrews 2.14- 18 Luke 2.22-40	4 before Lent Green 1 Corinthians 15.1- 11 Psalm 138 Luke 5.1-11	3 before lent Green 1 Corinthians 15.12- 20 Psalm 1 Luke 6.1	2 before lent Green Revelation 4 Psalm 65 Luke 8.22-25	Sunday before lent Green 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2 Psalm 99 Luke 9.28-36

St Mary's Church Much Cowarne

Sadly the copy date for this issue of the Community News was too early to report on our Christmas Services but on Saturday December we held a Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of the Salvation Army Appeal for the Homeless in Hereford. Many thanks to those who found the time to join us and to those who provided the delicious refreshments. A total of £251 was raised for this important cause and we all appreciated the opportunity to chat and welcome some new residents at this busy time of the year.

The Churchwardens and PCC hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a peaceful and happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Mary's services and social events in 2025 and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the PCC or help in any way with church events or maintenance.

The Darkling Thrush

By Thomas Hardy

I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was spectre-grey,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eye of day.
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited;
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,
In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings
Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
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That I could think there trembled through
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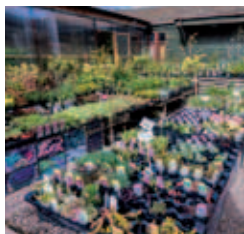
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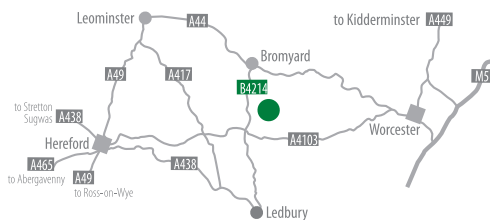
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