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

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Oak Island...

The fabled treasure of Oak Island is an enduring tale. I first came across this in a magazine series that my father used to subscribe to in the early 80's. Back then, if you liked a subscription, you had to get the Newsagent to order it for you and then collect it from the shop. Our Neighbourhood had two little grocery shops back then which also operated as News outlets. Corner shops were a sort of everything shop. Nevertheless, the series was called "Unexplained". It covered all sorts of unexplained phenomena. A few that still stand out are, 'spontaneous human combustion' (which is nonsense), 'Bigfoot', (to which I remain very sceptical: could be possible) and the mystery of 'Oak Island'.

This story was really interesting to me because it conjured up all sorts of possibilities. Oak Island is an Island just off Nova Scotia and upon it there lies the prospect of hidden treasure. Since the 1700's, people have been searching there for treasure, possibly from Captain Kidd or one such Pirate. Upon the Island, there is one such spot called 'The Money Pit', which has been the focus of this ongoing quest. No one has ever found anything, but the quest continues. Six people have lost their lives so far searching for this illusive treasure, to no avail. Up until this point, more than fifty books have been written about it, there have also been documentaries and numerous articles. At the time, I first read about it, I was very much into the Goonies, which was all about finding the secret treasure of the fabled pirate, one-eyed-Willie. Pirates were very much in vogue for young lads then.

As I look back on the story it has a different meaning for me today and is a kind of warning. The stories are a bit like a metaphor, like the story of the Sirens calling people to wreck their lives on the rocks. But what is it that makes such stories so dangerous? I believe it is the way in which the mystery encourages us to lay down our guard because of the enticement it offers. We get a high out of such stories, which makes us more intoxicated with its supposed truth. Yet, in the end, it is in truth a red herring, a false trail and, for some, a disastrous endeavour. We all love a story, but we should always be willing to admit, that at the end of every quest isn't a rainbow, or at the end of every pursuit, hidden treasure. Some things are just stories and nothing more.

Phill.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES



The Parish Council met on Tuesday 9th September. There were ten councillors present and eleven members of the public. Our Herefordshire Council Ward Councillor, Mrs Pauline Crocket was in attendance. Our Clerk, Mrs Paulette Scholes ensures that meetings are conducted effectively.

After welcoming those present and receiving apologies, we always start with the most important part of the meeting. We firstly get an update from Cllr Crockett about Herefordshire Council's activities that might affect the Parish. We then open the floor to local residents who can raise issues of interest or concern. We always listen carefully to these and do our best to respond including agreeing to consider issues at future meetings.

Issues raised included; traffic management, tree planting on Tillington Common and a ditch crossing to access Tillington Common. These issues will be discussed at our next meeting.

Traffic management including speeding is clearly a concern. As a Parish Council we don't have any direct ability to implement or enforce speed limits, or for road signs / markings. We can only try to work with Herefordshire Council who manage our local roads. We have recently had some success with extending 30mph limits and the new arrangements by the school. We now have two Speed Indicator Devices that rotate around the Parish. Following recent accidents on the Tillington Road we have asked Herefordshire Council to monitor vehicle speeds and we hope that this will lead to further initiatives.

There are usually a number of Planning Applications to be considered. These are always determined by Herefordshire Council but we are consulted and respond reflecting local views and our Neighbourhood Development Plan which is our guide to local planning policies. Our responses are always recorded in our minutes which are available as a draft on the Parish Council's website as soon as possible after a meeting.

Other matters discussed included a new drainage grant from Herefordshire Council, whether we can update our Neighbourhood Development Plan given that it's likely that the Parish will have to accommodate around 70 new homes by 2041 and the new Charter for Herefordshire's Councils which promotes partnership working between the Parish / Town Councils and Herefordshire Council. The Charter is managed by a new Herefordshire-wide Reference Group which represents all the county's local authorities. Our Vice Chair has been elected to Chair this Group.

Our next meeting is 11th November, 7.00pm. Please do come along and observe or make a contribution. We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council, if you are interested in joining us and helping to make a difference locally, then please do contact our Clerk (details on our website).

Burghill Parish Council



CHURCH SERVICES

Burghill Benefice



2ND	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
5TH	16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/HARVEST	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Harvest Festival
9TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
12TH	HARVEST FESTIVAL	
10.00am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Joint Benefice Eucharist
16TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
19TH	ST LUKE	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
23RD	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
26TH	BIBLE SUNDAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
30TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Weekly Events

(All require booking unless stated otherwise)

We've done our best to provide accurate details, but dates and times may change. Be sure to check with organizers before making plans

Every Monday

- Pilates 9.30am/10.40am
(Simpson Hall)
- Tai Chi 1.15pm
(Simpson Hall)
- Bell Ringing 7pm
(St Marys)
- Bridge Club 7pm (Every other wk)
(Simpson Hall)

Every Tuesday

- Golden Meadow Play Group 10am
(Simpson Hall)
- Short Mat Bowling 2pm
(Simpson Hall)
- Brownies (Girlguiding) 5.30pm
(Burghill Scout Hut)

Every Wednesday

- Yoga 9.30am
(Simpson Hall)

Every Thursday

- Ageless & Active 12pm
(Simpson Hall)
- Handbell Ringers 6.30pm 
(Simpson Hall)
- Rainbows (Girlguiding) 5pm
(Burghill Scout Hut)
- Guides (Girlguiding) 7pm
(Burghill Scout Hut)
- Bridge Club 2pm (Every other wk)
(Simpson Hall)

Every Sunday

- Kendo 5pm
(Simpson Hall)

-  **One-Off Events- Lyde Arundel**
 - 9th October - 10am-12pm
Coffee Morning, Herefordshire
Historic Churches Trust

One-Off Events at Simpson Hall

- 7th Oct - 7.30pm Gardening Club 
- 8th Oct - 7pm Rock and Roll (Advert on next page)
- 8th, 22nd Oct - 2pm Knit One Natter Two 
- 10th Oct - 10am Community Café
- 10th Oct - 6.30pm - Movie night
- 15th Oct - 2pm Community Digital Awareness Talk
- 16th Oct - 2pm Retirement Club: My Life 
- 24th Oct- 12pm Good Neighbour Scheme Summer Lunch
- 31st Oct - Halloween Party

1950s & 60s

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OCTOBER**

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TILLINGTON STORES

Knit One, Natter Too

Autumn is a good time to start a new project or a new craft. You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along.



You can be sure of a warm welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise. We have some (almost) complete beginners as well as more experienced members who are always willing to provide advice or practical help.

You are also welcome if you only want to natter!

We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session.

Octobers meetings are on the 8th & 22nd.

If you need help with transport, do let me know.

Joanna Helme Tel:760816 email:joannahelme@gmail.com

St Mary's Walking Group

Our September walk took us back to Brockhampton, near Fownhope - a favourite route for the group. We enjoyed the gentle climb up to the church before finishing with a beautiful stretch along the River Wye.

**Our next walk:
Saturday 4th October
Meeting at Burghill church 9.50am**

We meet at 9:50am in the Burghill Church car park. From there, we share cars and drive to our starting point for a leisurely 4 to 5 mile walk. We warmly welcome newcomers to join us on our adventures.

For more information call Annie Ness: 01432 760552.



The Copse Leisure Trust

Reg. Charity No. 1118865

Thank you to the people who attended our recent Annual General Meeting and for the useful suggestions which the trustee will consider at their next meeting.

Forthcoming fundraising events in aid of The Copse Building Project at The Simpson Hall

Saturday, 18th October 2025 - 1950's/1960's night – see advert

Friday, 28th November 202 - Christmas Music Bingo for all the family

We now have a Burghill football team (Burghill Rangers AFC) who play on The Copse on Saturdays and spectators are welcome.

Their next match at home is on 4th October 2025, 2.30 pm kick off.



**BRINGING
HEREFORDSHIRE
TOGETHER**

The next free Digital Awareness Session will be on...

Wednesday 15th October 2-4pm

Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW

Those attending are welcome to bring their own device, laptop, tablet, or smart phone and we can help you to access relevant sites for information, give advice on security such as potential Scams, setting up emails, filling in online forms etc, or simply just getting to grips with your mobile phone. Alternatively, we also have two laptops provided by the Herefordshire Community Fund which are available for your use.

If you would like more information, please leave a message, or text, 07889285657 and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email: janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Burghill in Bloom

Advanced notice. There will be a presentation evening on 7th November at 7.00. in the Simpson Hall. This is open to everyone who entered, all who help with planters and anyone who is interested in what we can plan for next year. For more information contact the chair, Max Jenman - 07485142141 - rmjenman1485@hotmail.com



Burghill CAP & Community Library

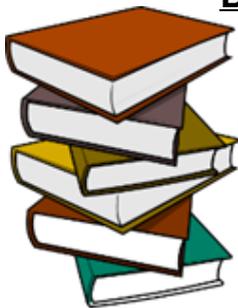
Our next session is:

Friday, 10th October 2025

10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall
during the Community Café Session

A selection of new books & Jigsaws

**Green bags available to purchase at
£7 for a pack of 5 bags.**



From 28th March 2026, the green bags will be replaced by bins or reusable sacks so that residents can compost their garden waste. Therefore, from 1st March 2026 you will not be able to buy green bags and the last collection of these sacks will be made on 27th March 2026.

Burghill Church Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday October 5th at 11.00am, to be followed in church, by a light Harvest lunch of soup, a roll and a harvest pudding. Please bring your own wine, cider or soft drinks – tea and coffee will be provided.

Payment will be by a suitable donation.

Do join us for this traditional service and meal and please let us know if you are coming for lunch for catering purposes.

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Burghill & Tillington Good Neighbour Scheme Including the Community Café



We can help with any of the following:

- Delivering a hot meal from Burghill Valley Golf Club to any one in the village, on Monday to Friday
- **Trips** around the village and to town
- Running errands, such as fetching prescriptions, library books, shopping,
- Simple DIY jobs
- Befriending, if you would like **someone to talk to**
- **Socialising** at the Community Café or outings Simple gardening in an emergency

Contact Joe Helme: 01432 760816 or jfhelme@gmail.com

The Community Café

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on Friday 10th October from 10am to 11.30am. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones. Don't worry if you are on your own - you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to.

If you enjoy the café, why not bring along a friend or neighbour ?

You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub.

If you think you might like to take some goodies home with you, please bring a container. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates: Fridays: October 10th, November 14th, December 12th

Time 10 to 11.30 noon

The GNS Welcome Pack

Is now available for anyone new to the village. If you are new, or if you know someone who is, and would like a Welcome Pack, please contact

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Pre-Booked movie themed supper: Tetws pum munud (Five minute potatoes - Chunky potato, bacon and leek broth with Welsh rarebit), served at 6.30pm: £11 includes food, film & interval beverage. To book your meal email annie.ness23@gmail.com or leave a voice message 01432760552. Please book your supper early to avoid disappointment. CASH ONLY and bring your own drinks. Film only is £5.50

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HEREFORD UKELELE GROUP



Saturday 8th Nov, 7pm

Simpson Hall, Burghill HR4 7RW

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Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

October: On **Thursday 16th** is a talk given on the importance of **Wills, Legacy's etc** by **Silverline**.

November: On **Thursday 20th** is a talk by **Penny Littlewood** who lives in our village.

Tickets for the draw, that take place at each meeting, cost £1.

We meet in the **Simpson Hall**. We start gathering from **2pm onwards and commence at 2.30pm**.

The cost is £3 and it includes light refreshments.

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club Simpson Hall **Tuesday 7th October - 7.15 pm**

This month David Griffiths will talk about "Unusual Bulbs". Be inspired to create a Spring/Summer display that's a bit different next year.

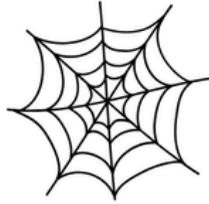
All are welcome, just £4 on the door to include refreshments.

sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net

Simpson Hall Management Committee

Simpson Hall committee needs more members and in particular as of January 2026 a new Chair, new Treasurer and a new Secretary.

If you're interested in filling any of these roles or just to become a committee member, please contact Colin Palmer at colinpalmer67@gmail.com or 07815556533.



JOIN US FOR A

Kids
HALLOWEEN
Party



(suitable for ages 4-11)
October 31st - 5pm start



Simpson Hall

Snacks & Nibbles

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Bird Resistant Ornamental Berries and Fruits

Although it is good to plant fruiting and berrying plants which will feed our local wildlife, it is also rather pleasing for the gardener to be able to enjoy the sight of ornamental fruits and berries which will persist a little longer into winter. Here are some suggestions:

Red berries and fruits are normally regarded as the most tasty and attractive colour by wildlife and tend to get gobbled up first. However, the clustered red crab apples of *Malus* 'Red Sentinel' are hard and waxy, and can often last on the tree well into the New Year, eventually succumbing to frost damage and bio degrading.

Another persistent red is the scarlet berried low evergreen *Gaultheria procumbens* which makes a great winter basket or tub feature, as do young plants of *Skimmia reevesiana* with their very hard red berries.

The clustered berries of some types of 'Mountain Ash' (*Sorbus aucuparia* types) can feed the birds if you grow the red and yellow forms, yet other types with white or pink berries often remain untouched (e.g. *Sorbus hupehensis*, 'Pink Pergoda' or *Vilmorinii*), decorating the bare branches of the winter tree on pink stems long after the leaves have disappeared.

Generally white berries are much less attractive to birds so the white fruits of the Snowberries (*Symphoricarpos*) – as well as its pinky-violet berried forms – will also persist. So too will the blue flushed, white berries of some of the coloured stem dogwoods (*Cornus alba* types.)

For a real steely blue, the bird resistant berries of a pollinated female plant of *Viburnum davidii* are difficult to beat and can often still be seen the following spring. You will need both a male form and a female form together to get a good show of berries on the female shrub.

Another distinctive and eye catching shrub is *Callicarpa* 'Profusion' which bears clusters of small berries of bright violet colour on pollinated female plants. A personal berrying favourite of mine worth mentioning (even though, alas, one whose berries will not persist uneaten into Christmas) are the profuse clusters of red flushed, creamy-yellow berries of the prickly *Berberis wilsonii*, complemented by its lovely autumn leaf colour. These fleshy berries are very underrated yet are an autumn joy to behold.

Wishing you a fruitful autumn!

Sue Watts-Cutler (for Burghill and Tillington Gardening Club)

THANK YOU...

We want to say a huge thank you to Heather at Tillington Stores.

Heather opened the doors **20 years ago (15th October)** and works every long day without question and makes a huge difference to many people's lives throughout the village.

Before the shop opened there was nothing for locals (non drivers etc) so again, a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Heather from the whole village.



THANK YOU!



If you visit the village shop you will notice that the nearby cross road grass area is always kept very short and tidy- it helps motorists and even pedestrians to enter the main road safely.

This is actually down to David Taplin the nearby garage owner who employs a company to keep it like this. Thank you David!

Annual General Meeting Invitation

**Wednesday 15th October at 6:00pm-
Three Elms.**

Everyone is very welcome to attend.



As this is our AGM, new members will be elected, so it is especially important that we have enough attendees present to carry this out.

If you are interested in standing for a role (and we know some people expressed interest before the summer break), please let us know in advance.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Kelly Benjamin- FAB Chair.

Golden Meadow Playgroup

Tuesdays (term time only) 10-11:30am

£3 per family (rates differ for child minders)

Simpson Hall, Burghill for 0- 4 year olds

Join us for themed activities including messy/sensory play and crafts, regular areas (kitchen, tractors, playdough, puzzles), singing circle, story time and snack.

Tea and Coffee available for carers.

Dates for Sept/October:

30/9 Normal group

7/10 Autumn

14/10 No group- open morning at Burghill School

21/10 Halloween (please pre-book)

28/10 No group- half term

We will be a helper down until November so if anyone from the parish would be willing to lend a hand setting up group from 9:30am on a Tuesday we would be very grateful! Get in touch with Jo - 07807630534

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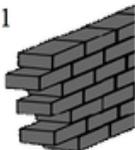
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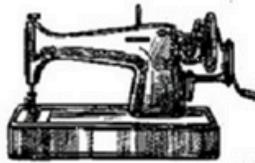


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