

Burghfield Newsletter

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A free publication offering a roundup of news, views and information.



December 2016

Remembrance Sunday Parade



Burghfield & District Branch of the British Legion

Sunday 13th November 2016. The Remembrance Parade & Church Service, held on a lovely, clear, sunny Remembrance



helicopter from RAF Odiham flew low over the churchyard as the wreaths were laid.

Major John Steeds, President of the Burghfield & District Branch of the Royal British Legion said "There will always be solemn moments when older individuals remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice or were seriously

gave their lives in service of their country so that we might have the lives we have now".

The service was taken by Reverend Alison Jones and the Reverend Dr Anthony Peabody, and the parade was organised by Lt. Col. Bruce Neeves, Parade Commander, of the Burghfield Branch of the Royal British



Sunday, was attended by record numbers of young and old and every year it seems to gain in significance. There were more than 500 in St Mary's Church and many of them marched from the Hatch Gate and back again.

The Royal British Legion, regular Army and Royal Air Force were represented, along with the Rt Hon John Redwood, MP, the Army and RAF Cadets, Explorers, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers and a Chinook



Legion, who observed that he hoped the parade would be a successful and memorable one, in memory of all those men and boys who gave their lives one hundred years ago in the Battle of the Somme.

We also remember the lives of all the fallen, especially those from our local villages.

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wounded. But it is particularly important that the young are also very much part of this annual remembrance."

During the special Commemoration Service the 37 names of local villagers, who sacrificed their lives in World War I, were read out.

The Reverend Dr Anthony Peabody, who is the Chaplain to the Burghfield and District British Legion, commented "It is always a moving occasion, to remember those who



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Pet Behaviour Counsellor

Kris Glover BA (Hons), MSc (CABC), CCAB - Pet Behaviour Counsellor



Pets in Practise is owned by Kris Glover who lives in Burghfield Common, Reading.

Kris moved into Ragdale in 2003 with her fiancé (now husband) Tom and her two young dogs Penny (sadly now deceased) and Scamps. Kris has recently moved to School Lane and being so close to the recreation ground has been able to spend much more time there enjoying what it offers.

Kris has organised the Burghfield Dog Show, as part of the May Fayre, for the past 12 years.

She has had dogs since childhood and now lives with her Jack Russell Terrier (Scamps), rescue Terrier Cross (Timon) and rescue Lurcher (Maggie).

Her practical experience includes over 20 years of helping people to train and also modify their pet's behaviour.

Kris developed a keen interest in Canine and Human Psychology which led her to

complete several courses in Animal Behaviour, achieving not only a First Class Honours degree in Animal Behaviour Management (BA Hons), but also a Master's degree with merit in Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling too. This academic learning also includes passing, with distinction, an Advanced Diploma in Animal Behaviour Management; Advanced Canine / Human Interface course with the Animal Care College and Diploma in Animal Behaviour and Training from COAPE. Kris is a guest lecturer at Berkshire College of Agriculture.



In 2013 Kris starred on BBC1's Animal Crackers (episode two) in which she helped Ronnie Corbett and his dog Baz work through some behavioural and training issues. In 2014 Kris was the Animal Behaviour Expert for the whole of BBC2's Sport Relief's Top Dog programme (15 episodes). Since 2005 Kris has regularly appeared on BBC Radio Berkshire as their Pet Behaviour expert too.

Kris works with the RSPCA in Potters Bar and Stokenchurch Dog Rescue in a

behavioural capacity. She not only provides assessment for the rescue dogs for offers rehabilitation help for rescue dogs with behaviour problems too. Kris also actively supports Blue Cross animal charity as one of their ambassadors.

Kris is a CCAB (Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist), Full Member of the APBC (Association for Pet Behaviour Counsellors) and the APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers). Kris is registered, by the Animal Behaviour & Training Council (ABTC), as a Clinical Animal Behaviourist and Animal Training Instructor. Because of Kris' properly certified status as a Clinical Animal Behaviourist, all pet insurers, which include behaviour on their policies, will cover part or all of Kris' behaviour consultation service fee.

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For details of all our classes and services please view our website:

<http://www.petsinpractise.co.uk>

Join us on Facebook for access to our newsletter and training / behaviour articles

Burghfield and Mortimer Community First Responders

It's been another busy year for the local NHS volunteer Responders. We welcomed Austin Baird to the Burghfield team and we now have 6 volunteers in Burghfield and 2 in Mortimer with 4 emergency kits available on rotation. Calls are still running about 1 per weekday and we have responded to over 300 emergencies this year with 3000 hours of cover provided – all voluntary!

December marks the 4th anniversary of the Rapid Response Ford Kuga Car. It has covered nearly 15,000 miles across the local villages in all weather conditions. With Christmas approaching we will be busy with new training updates and hopefully purchasing some new specialist equipment such as paediatric blood oxygen monitors.

The Ambulance Service has launched a brand new charity to support us and keep you, our supporters up to date with events,

results and donations.

Please go to <http://sca-charity.org.uk/burghfield-cfr/> on the web and bookmark our page. You can donate to us there too!



There are several other things you can do to **help us to help you** as the cold and dark of winter descends on Burghfield.

Make sure your house number is clearly and brightly lit from the roadside. In a 999 send someone out with a torch to help show the Ambulance where you are (Keep one by the front door).

Make sure you know where your nearest AED (heart defibrillator is).

Download the new App which shows their locations in Burghfield.

<http://sca-charity.org.uk/volunteer/community-first-responders/save-a-life-app/>

It remains for us to wish you a happy, healthy & peaceful holiday season and maybe you might consider joining us in the New Year. It's very worthwhile

David Gregory
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Burghfield's Biggest Coffee Morning

Raise a mug to Burghfield's Biggest Coffee Morning



Burghfield Parish Council, with the much valued assistance of Café B, supported the Macmillan Cancer flagship fundraiser **"World's Biggest Coffee Morning"** on Friday 30th September.

The idea remains as simple today as it was in 1991: get together with friends, colleagues or neighbours, have a coffee and a piece of cake and raise money for Macmillan.

With 2.5 million people currently living with cancer, Macmillan needs more



people than ever to get involved. Every cup of coffee bought, cake baked and laugh shared helped Macmillan to continue providing their vital services so no one faces cancer alone.

More people than ever took part to help raise a **HUGE £662** for people affected by cancer.

This year was made extra special by the

local primary school choirs attending, providing the most wonderful



entertainment to accompany the delicious cake.

Our special thanks go to Mrs T Hipwell and Mr D Godwin, both Burghfield parish councillors, in their slick organisation of the event.

Thanks also go out to everyone who helped out on the day from erecting the Marquee, making coffee, baking cakes and of course showing off their amazing singing voices!



Burghfield's Walking Stick Service

One day a Burghfield resident saw a pair of crutches for sale online locally for £5. He bought them, thinking someone local might need them one day and he would loan them out for free. Within hours a local school-child had twisted their ankle and was pleased to receive the crutches on loan! He asked online if anyone else had spare crutches and the proverbial "heavens opened".

So the **Burghfield Walking Stick Service** was born.

It's really simple...contact Burghfieldcommunity@gmail.com if you need a short or long term loan of crutches, walking sticks or walkers. Sign a waiver form and they are yours. There are many pairs and other items.

The service is now advertised with Burghfield Pharmacy, the BRA and the Burghfield Volunteer Bureau. If the demand for these items dries up then they will all be cleaned and delivered back to the Royal Berks Hospital for recycling and re-use. A simple but useful community idea.



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burghfieldcommunity@gmail.com

Citizens Advice Bureau



We are looking for Volunteers

- to provide Receptionist and Administrative Support 9.30am -1.00 pm. One morning per week.
 - And Gateway Assessors.
- To start training in January 2017

For more information please call into our offices in –

Franklin Avenue
 Tadley
 RG26 4ET

Call – 0118 9817567
 Email admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk

We offer an **Outreach Advice Service** by appointment only every Monday morning at

Burghfield Village Hall
 Recreation Road
 RG7 3EN

Please call 03444 111 306 for an appointment
admin@tadleycab.cabnet.org.uk

BEAT (Beating Eating Disorders) Fund Raiser

The fundraiser I held was amazingly successful and I raised well beyond what I had imagined. Independently raising over £300 to go towards BEAT. I sent it off immediately and I feel fantastic for the help my money will raise for sufferers. As I know how important help is in beating an eating disorder. Below is a few paragraphs of my journey and my event I held, including a photograph of myself at the event.

I have suffered from anorexia nervosa for the past 5 years of my life, although at the beginning of this year I finally chose to recover. Recovering from an eating disorder is a choice everyone who suffers has within themselves. However, even though the person suffering has the

ultimate power to recover, along the journey they must have constant support, guidance and motivation. Which is why in September I held a fundraising event at Burghfield Village Hall to raise money for BEAT (Beating eating disorders) which is a community thriving to help people suffering from eating disorders to recover.

I am now feeling brilliant and healthier than ever. In my recovery I regained over 4 stone of weight and I feel my beauty and health is back to full beam. My future is bright and I simply want to inspire others, help sufferers and show everyone that it's possible.

I am aiming to hold another fundraiser

next year and surpass the money raised with Burghfield's help.

Warmest wishes, Margherita



BURGHFIELD WAR MEMORIAL

This article looks at two more men who died in the First World War and who are remembered on St Mary's memorial.

G S Cooke Died 23 April 1917 Aged 35

George Silvester, one of 8 children, was born in Radley, later moving to Burghfield as a child with his family. His father, Charles, worked as a gamekeeper and George initially followed in his father's footsteps. He later became a domestic gardener and moved to Guildford with his wife Alice, whom he married in 1907. The couple subsequently had one child, Kathleen, who was 2 years old when her

father died. George served as a Private with the 1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) and was killed in action in France. He has no known grave and commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

C Searle Died 4 Oct 1917 Aged 19

Christopher was born and raised in the Burghfield area, one of 6 children born to Henry and Eliza, but one of only 2 children, and the only son, to survive beyond childhood. After enlisting in Newbury he served as a Lance Corporal

with 3rd/4th Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) and was killed in action at Passchendaele. In a letter to his parents his Commanding Officer explained that he had just gone through an attack with his Battalion safely and on going to fetch some water a shell burst close to him and he was killed instantly. "The Company all regret his death, he did his work well and was very popular". He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Together in Mission



Burghfield Silver Sunday Success

Silver Sunday is a national event to celebrate the senior members of our communities and TiM Friends organised the Burghfield event. On October 2nd seventy people sat down to a delicious roast lunch at the Burghfield CSA and were then entertained by Carol Wheeler who played well-known tunes on her set of handbells. The raffle prizes were kindly donated by local businesses. Bev French, TiM Friends Coordinator, said, "Everyone had a wonderful time singing along and even getting to join Carol in playing the handbells. Great fun!" Bev would like to thank everyone who made the lunch such a memorable occasion.

Next year Silver Sunday will be on October 1st.

Burghfield Gentlemen's Lunch Club

A monthly get-together for gentlemen only, at the Six Bells Burghfield. If you, or someone you know, would like to join us for a chat over a pub lunch contact Bev French. Lifts can be organised.

More Volunteers Please!

TiM Friends provides the local community with trained and dedicated volunteers who visit their clients on a weekly basis, often taking them to Café B on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

TiM Friends continues to appeal for new volunteers to ensure they can meet the demand for this much needed service. Thank you to all our current volunteers (see picture below) who make a real difference.

For more information contact Bev French, the TiM Friends Coordinator, on

07748 686615 or
bev@togetherinmission.org.uk



Even More Volunteers Please!

Café B is Burghfield's first community café and a wonderful meeting point for all ages to get together. It serves hot food and the usual range of hot and cold drinks on Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Burghfield Methodist Church Hall. There is also a large TV screen showing all the local events, one of which will be a:
Christmas Carol sing-along on Monday 19 December at 10.30am.

It is staffed by a wonderful team of volunteers and they are always happy to welcome new volunteers to join the team, whether it is for just a few hours in term time, a regular weekly spot, or to help out at busy times like Christmas.

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of Café B then please contact the Manager, Deborah Griffiths on 0785 725 2187 or
deborah@togetherinmission.org.uk



School Pastors

School Pastors continue to raise awareness and develop relationships with The Willink, the PCSO, the local council, and local churches.

We're grateful for all the invitations to speak about School Pastors and the prayer that many have given, as shared through our Facebook prayer page

(www.facebook.com/TiMSchoolPastors) and Twitter account (TiM_Pastors).

We've been approached by a few local churches and parents about the possibilities of going into other schools in the area, so we're busy trying to recruit more volunteers to meet the demand!

If you'd like to know more about School Pastors, or are interested in seeing our work in person, please contact the School Pastors Coordinator,

Libby, on 0777 891 1182 and
libby@togetherinmission.org.uk

Our website:

www.togetherinmission.org.uk gives more information on TiM or contact

admin@togetherinmission.org.uk
 Bev French

St Mary's Church Services

December:

Saturday December 10th

BIG CHRISTMAS SING Come and join us and your friends and neighbours around the tree on the Hatch from 6pm, hot drinks and mince pies! You know

Sunday December 11th

Christmas Tree Fayre opens. St Mary's Church Burghfield will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival in the Church this December. Last years was a great success with 25 trees exhibited.

The trees were decorated by local businesses, schools and organisations. Viewing this year is from Sunday 11th December to and including Sunday 19th December between 2pm and 5pm.

There is no charge to view but donations would be appreciated. The Money will be going towards the pepper pot project

which is the part of the church roof that is shaped like a pepper pot and in need of repair. For more information please contact Penny Kent on 0118 9832748 or email pennykent@hotmail.co.uk



Sunday December 18th

10.30am Nativity Service: come dressed as a character from the Christmas story!

6.30pm Annual service of nine lessons and carols. Come and hear those

wonderful readings, and sing the old favourites with your friends and neighbours

Saturday December 24th

Christingle Services at 3pm and 5pm. Always an exciting occasion, full of the anticipation of small children....although big "children" love it too! A wonderful family celebration.

Midnight Mass (starts at 11.30pm)

Sunday December 25th

10am Joint service of celebration of Jesus' birth.

January:

Tuesday 10th January 7.30pm

Licensing and Welcome Service for Rev Glynn Lautenbach. Please come and join us as Rev Glynn is officially welcomed to our villages.

Burghfield Sailing Club



Theale Lake has been Burghfield Sailing Club's home for 40 years. In that time, we have welcomed the community through our doors – anyone interested in sailing from age 8 upwards is welcome. As a members' centre, most activities at the club are run by the membership, creating an active, vibrant and friendly community.

We have a mix of members from those improving their skills to national competitors. Alongside Berkshire Sail Training and Burghfield Sailability, people of all ages can learn and get out on the

water.

Club racing takes place every weekend throughout the year, and during the summer months the club runs a wide-ranging variety of family friendly activities for those wanting to enjoy a fun time on the water whilst also improving their sailing skills. Our youth and junior sailors are well catered for with our Oppie Club & Transition group run by an enthusiastic group of volunteer parents!

More dedicated volunteers run the Burghfield Sailability sessions, enabling

sailors with a variety of disabilities, from across the region, to get out on the water.

The club hosts a variety of racing events during the year, the largest being our Optimist Open in September with just over 120 sailors on the water, but we also run charity events including participation in the largest sailing event in the world - Bart's Bash. Off the water, the club provides excellent facilities for sailing association meetings and training, corporate and charity events, and water-based or shoreside training areas for local services.

Burghfield Sailing Club is currently part of a development plan and should it go ahead with a sailing friendly developer, the club will be able to secure a long-term tenure with all the opportunities for improvement of facilities and operation that that would bring.

If you would like to get involved in activities at the sailing club, training centre or Sailability, or would like to know more about the facilities on offer.

Please do not hesitate to contact info@burghfieldsailing.org / 0118 9303604.

Friendly Firs Ladies Club

Before the Club closes on the 14th December for the Christmas break, the ladies will enjoy a bingo evening to raise money for our charity the Breast Screening Unit at the RBH. There will also be an outing to Warings Bakery, a Christmas meal at the Angel at Woolhampton, a singalong evening with

Danni on her keyboard, a distribution of Christmas cards and our party on the last evening.

The Club reopens on the 7th January with a cheese and wine evening and following weeks will include talks on South Island NZ, Bonsai trees, TV Police Museum,

Length and Breadth of Britain, a quiz and bring & buy.

Then on the 22nd February members will celebrate the Club's 58th anniversary with a party and entertainment provided by singer Julia Titus.

Burghfield Residents Association



FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2017

Children's Section after school
(Everyone welcome to come and watch the fun)

18.30hrs : DISCO - aimed at children (must be accompanied by adults) this section will include some music based games for the REALLY little children ie "Musical bumps" "Statues" etc

19.00hrs : Children's Have a go "Lip sync" (£1 to enter MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE WITH SONG CHOICE PLEASE) The Lip sync winner will be decided by applause and cheers once everyone's been involved. It will continue until everyone who wants to have a go has "done their bit" then go back to children's disco until

20.00hrs After: Family Disco (no more children's games but don't be taking your kids home just yet)

20.00hrs: Disco for ALL

20.30hrs : Adult "Lip Sync" - £5 entry fee (The more contestants the BIGGER the Prize) The Lip sync winner is decided by applause and cheers once everyone's had a go. It will continue until everyone who wants to have a go has done their bit. When lip sync finished back to **DISCO**. Keep it decent please as children will still be around.....

22.00hrs : "How well do you know your partner" Quiz

22.30hrs : Back to DISCO and : Some



adults games - when everyone's had a few drinks, who knows the results. Full Bar Available until 11pm. WHAT IS LIP SYNC I hear you ask ... Basically it's miming BUT you dress up as the adult you want to be and will be a fun start to the weekend.

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2017

KICK OFF TIME!!!!!!

On Saturday 6th May the May Fayre weekend will really be kicking off, with the fabulous tribute Madness Band - The Los Palmas 6!

The evening will commence with a performance from our local band Def Dowgs who will be performing as they have done so well over the past 2 years at the May Fayre.

The Los Palmas 6 was set up to offer the total Madness tribute. From the

beginning, the band has established a fantastic following with a large database of fans, ensuring packed gigs wherever they play.

The Los Palmas 6 only play Madness, offering ALL the hits from the early days right up to today, including Baggy Trousers, One Step Beyond, Nightboat to Cairo, Lovestruck and It Must Be Love etc.

Join us for an evening of music in the marquee on the Hatch! With the Bar opening by 7.00pm

Show starts at 7.15pm as follows:

7.15pm Live Local Burghfield Band Def Dowgs

8pm The Los Palmas 6 (Madness)

8.45pm Live Local Band Music Entertainment

9.15pm The Los Palmas 6 (Madness)

Live Music (Madness) finishing at 10pm

10pm Music until closing

Usual Bar Available until 11pm

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers available to purchase on site

Tickets for the Saturday evening £15.00 per person. Tickets can be reserved by emailing the Secretary to be purchased after 5th January 2017.

<http://www.burghfieldresidents.org>

May Fayre Sunday 7TH May

As per the normal, the stalls at the May Fayre now fill every area of the Hatch and offer all manner of goodies from homemade jams and cakes, locally grown produce and fun activities such as Ferret Racing, Coconut Shy's etc.

A plentiful variety of food is always available, including the traditional BBQ and Hog Roast, as well as many other selections.

Each year the Beer Tent attracts more custom and has proved to be even more popular since the added attraction of the Wine & Pimms Bar.

Last year saw a bumper number of winners who had winning raffle tickets.



Prizes ranged from days out at places like Child Beale and Wellington Park, to bottles of wine and hampers of delicacies, and much, much more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors who kindly donate these prizes and of course for doing so

again this year to an even greater extent.

There's a FREE bus again this year, plus the bike ride and park in the knowledge your bike will be secure.

So why not leave the car at home and jump on the bus down to the fayre or gets those bikes out and cycle down with the family.

You know the date of the Fayre Sunday 7th May so put it in your diary to make sure you don't miss out on what is going to be a tremendous occasion.

Chairman: davegodwin67@gmail.com
Secretary: tricia.hipwell@btinternet.com

<http://www.burghfieldresidents.org>

Burghfield Bake Off - at the May Fayre.

Because of the lovely cakes donated to the Parish Council Macmillan Coffee Morning

the BRA have decided it would be fun to have a small Marquee at their next Fayre called:

"The Burghfield Bake Off"

It would be for local folk to enter a cake with a winner being chosen at the end of the day. Anybody interested please call:

Tricia Hipwell (0118 9835163)

Your Parish Councillors

Paul Lawrence (Chairman)

Chairman of the Parish Council, member of the Infrastructure, and Governance & Finance Committees

Ian Macfarlane (Vice-Chairman)

Chairman of the Community Committee and member of the Governance and Finance Committee

Christopher Greaves

Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee and member of the Governance and Finance Committee

Matthew Paterson Borland

Chairman of the Governance and Finance Committee and member of the Community Committee

Nick Morse

Chairman of the Communications Committee and member of the Governance and Finance Committee

Maureen Cresser

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Roger Hannington

Member of the Community and Infrastructure Committees

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Member of the Community and Communications Committees

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Libby Sharp

Member of the Communications Committee

Tim Ansell

Member of the Infrastructure and Communications Committees

Carol Jackson-Doerge

District Councillor, member of the Community Committee

Notice of Meetings

January 2017

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE	VENUE
12th	7.00p.m	Infrastructure Committee	Village Hall Committee room
12th	7.45p.m	Parish Council	Village Hall
19th	7.30p.m.	Community Committee	Village Hall Committee room
26th	6.30p.m.	Governance & Finance Committee	Village Hall Committee room
26th	7.45p.m	Infrastructure Committee	Village Hall Committee room

The public and press are most welcome to attend the above meetings. Burghfield Parish Council cannot accept responsibility for the views, opinions, or accuracy of the information expressed by contributors.

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