

Burghfield Newsletter

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



September 2017

Burghfield Sports Day



Burghfield Residents Association



Donations Day 15 October 2017

After yet another successful May Fayre this year, Burghfield Residents Association are now receiving applications from local charities, organisations and clubs for donations.

This year's event was as busy as ever, starting with the Madness Concert, who were supported by Deaf Dogs, on the Saturday, before moving onto the scheduled events on Sunday.



All information regarding how to apply for donations can be found on the web site: www.burghfieldresidents.org

The closing date for applications is Friday 29th September.

If your charity or organisation could benefit from the help of the Association please do get in touch.

www.burghfieldresidents.org

May Fayre 2018 Sunday 13th May

Even though it may only be September, preparations for next year's event have begun.

The May Fayre will be on Sunday 13th May, with Queen II, supported once again by Deaf Dogs, who will kick off the celebrations on Saturday 12th May.

In the weeks leading up to, and during the May Fayre weekend, there are a number of people who jump in and assist with the many tasks. Our thanks are expressed to the many helpers.



However, the BRA are constantly searching to recruit more volunteers to assist with pre weekend management and various tasks to ensure the weekend is a success. If you have time, and are willing to help as a volunteer please contact us via the web site or e-mail.

Chairman: davegodwin67@gmail.com

www.burghfieldresidents.org

Follow us on Facebook: Burghfield May Fayre@more - BRA

May Fayre 2018 Saturday 12th May

Queen II faithfully recreate the energy, excitement and emotion of a classic Queen concert!

An authentic four piece line up delivering powerful vocals, driving rock anthems and the closest sounding guitarist yet! Their shows are packed with costume changes, including that famous outfit from 'I Want To Break Free'!

All shows feature some of the UK's finest professional musicians using authentic instruments and equipment, including the 'red special' guitar, Grand Piano and a silver sparkle 'Roger Taylor style' drums



Performing hits from every decade of Queen's musical legacy Queen II truly are the Champions Of Tributes!

Hot food including vegetarian and a fully licensed bar will be available on site. Tickets for the Saturday evening are priced at £15.000 per person.

Tickets can be reserved now by e-mail and have already started to sell.

To reserve tickets please email Nadine Hofmann on: nad_hofmann@yahoo.co.uk

www.burghfieldresidents.org

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Burghfest is Back 22rd—23rd September

Burghfest is back and this year the Burghfield Santa's are promising a bigger and even more spectacular show than the Box Kart Bash and last years Burghfest combined!

Following last years event, the best bands from across Reading and Berkshire have been queuing up to play at the festival. The Santa's have ordered a showcase marquee and stage and expanded the

bar area to cater for a wider range of beers. As well as 36 different beers and 11 different Ciders there will be wine, prosecco and even lager available, and not forgetting hot food from around the world!

Tickets are selling fast, available from Wellers Fruit Shop, Parkers, NISA and Dads Shop. They are also available online, just search for Burghfest on

Facebook to find the link.

So mark your diaries - 3pm Friday 22nd and midday on Saturday 23rd September, Common Recreation Ground, Burghfield Common. Buy your tickets in advance to secure your limited edition Burghfest glass and your place at Burghfest 2017. Prices are £6.00 in advance or £7.50 on the day.

Thames Valley Alerts



Firstly I would like to thank everyone who attended our Community Conversation on 15/08/17. It was nice to be able to speak to members of the community about their concerns. I will be sending out a summary of the meeting in the near future. If you would like a copy of the meeting summary please email me on Joanna.willoughby@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. The summary will be sent out via Thames Valley Alerts.

In the Community Conversation on 15/08/17 we discussed setting up a group to tackle the issues of anti-social behaviour by starting a Community Incident Action Group.

If you would like to be part of a group that looks at reducing anti-social behaviour, please contact PC 5046 Willoughby on 101 or email me at: Joanna.willoughby@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Some of the feedback from residents on 15/08/17 related to people not knowing what was going on in their area. I would like to take this opportunity to let the community know about Thames Valley Alerts and how useful they can be in finding out about crime and issues in their area.

Often the Neighbourhood Policing Team are asked by members of the public how they can find out about what is occurring in their neighbourhood and we try and update members of the public wherever possible. However, Thames Valley Police have now designed a way where it is possible for residents to receive messages in relation to localised crime and safety alerts for their local neighbourhood via email, voice or text.

There is also the chance for multiple alerts. Multiple alerting areas give you the opportunity to receive alerts from other neighborhoods which are relevant to you. You may set one up for your home address, another for where you work and a third one for where your family or friends live so that you are kept informed about crime in the areas.

There is also new Thames Valley Alert App. The user-friendly app is freely available for the public to download on iPhone and Android and now allows use of GPS (Global Positioning System) to target messages at the people who need to know them.

Users can now receive push notifications on their mobile phone via the new app, giving them access to instant information on the latest / ongoing incidents around their current location (if they enable Location Services).

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.

H Woolford Died 30 Nov 1917 Aged 41

Harry was born and raised in the Ufton/Sulhamstead area and was the eldest son of James and Emma. Before the war he worked as a farm labourer and lived in the Burghfield area with his wife, Edith, step-daughter Edith and son, Harry. His second son, Fred, died in infancy the year war broke out. He served as a Private in the 5th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment, joining in 1916 and

was wounded later that year. He was subsequently killed in action in the Battle of Cambrai in France and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral.

R T Montague Died 8 Jan 1918 Aged 21

Richard Thomas was born in Buckinghamshire, the only son of Richard and Fanny Montague. He had one sister, Alice. Before the war he worked on a farm in the Burghfield area as a carter, living at Church Cottages and later The Hatch. He enlisted in 1915, landing in France in June of that year and served

with first the 7th and then 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal. Following his death his commanding officer wrote to his father "Your son was in my platoon before I took over the Command of the Company and I gave him his lance stripe. He was a thoroughly good fellow and a really fine soldier. The Company has lost a good man and he will be greatly missed". He appears to have been killed by a shell while out on patrol early on the morning of 8 Jan and, as he has no known grave, is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

Sarah Moss

Vacancy – Assistant Parish Clerk



Burghfield Parish Council is looking to recruit a self-motivated, self-reliant individual with a flexible approach to work to assist the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Candidates should have excellent interpersonal skills, be computer literate, time efficient and organised and able to work as part of a small team yet also confident working on their own initiative. Previous experience in the public sector and in a small office environment would be helpful, although not essential as training where required will be provided.

The successful candidate will be confident and enjoy liaising with local authorities, councillors, members of the public and the wider community.

This is a new role reflecting the increased workload brought about by numerous initiatives undertaken by the parish council and reflecting the changes in local government.

This role is 15 flexible office hours per week with some evening and occasional weekend work expected.

An application form and job description is available for download via the parish council website:

www.burghfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Completed applications should be returned by 7th October 2017 to the Parish Clerk, P.O Box 7381, Reading, RG1 9XP. Interviews will take place week commencing 16th October 2017.

If you would like an informal chat about the job please email the parish clerk burghfieldclerk@gmail.com

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Burghfield Macmillan Coffee Morning

Raise a mug to Burghfield's Biggest Coffee Morning this September

Burghfield, Common Recreation Ground
Friday 29th September 2017, 10.30am



It's time to dust off those coffee mugs and dig out your 'showstopper' recipe, as Burghfield supports the Macmillan Cancer flagship fundraiser

"World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on Friday 29th September. This year we are hoping that more people than ever will take part



and help to raise as much money as possible for people affected by cancer.

The idea remains as simple today as it was in 1991 when the first official World's Biggest Coffee Morning took place: get together with friends, colleagues or neighbours, have a coffee and a piece of cake and raise money for Macmillan. After all, cake really does taste better together.

Last year Macmillan estimates that over 5

million people were involved with a staggering £138 million having been raised since 1991.

With 2.5 million people currently living with cancer, Macmillan needs more people than ever to get involved to continue providing vital services and support to ensure no one faces cancer alone.

This year St. Mary's, Mrs Blands and Garlands Primary School Choirs will each be performing for 20 minutes at the coffee morning from midday. Please come along and show your support and of course, buy a slice of cake!

Friday 29th September from 10.30am on the Common Recreation Ground

Burghfield Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Steering Committee has been bolstered by two more Parish Councillors, and during the holiday season it has been hard at work! After some consultation from May Fayres and public meetings our current work focusses on the NDP document itself.

We have set out its structure so that we can understand all the sections that will be required. We have held workshop sessions to agree some of the text and a

draft version has been assembled as a result. The next steps will be to review this by engaging with two Subject Matter Experts. Our contact on the West Berks Planning section will review the document and give feedback.

Secondly, we will invite a consultant who has produced a number of these NDPs before to review our progress and put forward proposals to guide us with the next phases of the project.

Meantime, if you have a serious view on the future of Burghfield and are prepared to contribute constructively to this long-term project then you would be welcome to join the committee.

Please let us know through the Parish Council.

www.burghfieldndp.co.uk

Burghfield WI

Burghfield WI ~ inspiring women since 1917

What a wonderful year this has been for us as we have celebrated our first "100 Years". A bench, commemorative plaques, yarn-bombing, a special birthday meeting where we welcomed many visitors from other WI's and the community and a special afternoon tea. This was enjoyed by members past and present and was concluded with a very special home-grown entertainment.

There is one more event to look forward to. To round off the year we are holding

an exhibition in Burghfield Village Hall.

Burghfield WI – the First 100 Years
Sunday 24th September
10am – 4pm

There will be free refreshments available all day and ploughman's lunches will be served at a small cost over the lunchtime period.

We hope you will come and see the displays of our history, our skills and our community involvement as well as a celebration of some of our special achievements.

It is always interesting to look back, but

looking forward now to the next 100

years will be the focus going forward so there is no better time to come and pay us a visit at one of our meetings and hopefully come and join a very special WI.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Burghfield Village Hall – we look forward to seeing you!

www.burghfieldwi.org.uk
secretary@burghfieldwi.org.uk

Jean Sheppard (President)

Cleaner required for Burghfield Village Hall

Burghfield Parish Council is looking for a flexible individual with high standards and a good eye for detail to undertake the role of cleaner for the village hall.

You must be able to work on your own initiative and preferably have previous experience of the following cleaning duties - vacuuming, brushing, mopping,

polishing, and cleaning toilets and washrooms.

4 hours in total, to be split as two hours on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

If you feel you meet our requirements then please email the Parish Clerk on burghfieldclerk@gmail.com or ring

0118 970 1754 for further details.

A copy of the job description is available on the parish website and notice board at the Village Hall.

Closing Date for applications is Friday 30th September 2017



Friendly Firs Ladies Club

This year is the 58th anniversary of the Friendly Firs Ladies Club who meet each Wednesday evening in the Burghfield Village Hall and shortly, Betty Berry, who is the founder and still a regular member, will celebrate her 90th birthday

and is delighted the Club is still thriving. Well done Betty. Have a great birthday.

Our programme over the next few months will include speakers, a musical evening, beetle, quiz, craft, Macmillan

evening and a Christmas Party. We are always pleased to welcome visitors. For more information telephone Pauline Parker on 01189 832852.

Pauline Parker

2402 Burghfield Air Cadets

2402 (Burghfield) Squadron Air Training Corps is a well established and vibrant organisation in the local community for male & female young people between the ages of 12 and 18.

Since our last update, we are very pleased to welcome new staff. Flying Officer (VRT) Katy Lee now leads our squadron as the new Commanding Officer. Warrant Officer (ATC) Amanda McHenry and Sergeant (RAF) Simon Brown also join the team. WO McHenry's areas of expertise are maintaining high

drill and discipline standards, whilst Sgt Brown provides knowledge of service life as he is employed as aircrew in the RAF; he is also our new Fieldcraft instructor.

We also welcome some new civilian instructors; they are in the process of receiving their security clearance and induction details and each bring their own skills to assist the cadets and squadron.

In the last few months, we've been busy enjoying lots of flying courtesy of 6AEF at RAF Benson, we've supported the 75th anniversary celebration at Blackbushe

airport and sent several cadets to support the world's largest military airshow, the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford.

We meet on Monday and Wednesday nights, 19:30-21:30, all year round and the squadron building is on The Willink School site, near the public library. Most of the uniform is issued without cost and the subscription is £8.00 per month.

Want to find out more? Get in touch by emailing 2402@aircadets.org

Burghfield School Pastors



It's been a busy summer for School Pastors! We met the Burghfield Parish Council to share some of our stories with them. We also visited Garland Junior School and Burghfield St. Mary's to meet some of the Year 6 students, who are now Year 7 at The Willink School.

We look forward to meeting up with them again and the other new students at the new term induction.

We're always keen to hear from students, staff, parents and any potential volunteers for ideas and feedback,

so please get in touch with our Coordinator,

Libby Hawkness-Smith on 0777 891 1182 or libby@togetherinmission.org.uk

www.facebook.com/TiMSchoolPastors
twitter.com/TiM_Pastors

Together in Mission



'SILVER SUNDAY' 1st October, 1.30pm

At the Burghfield Community Sports Association (BCSA), James Lane RG30 3RS. Seniors can enjoy a roast lunch (or vegetable lasagne) followed by entertainment. No charge and transport can be arranged if needed on a first come basis. Booking closes: 20th September. RSVP: Bev French 07748 686615

TiM Friends has celebrated the 4th Anniversary of its befriending service in the local community.

The Rt Hon John Redwood MP was the guest of honour at a special event in Burghfield Common Methodist Church Hall on 19 August. We would like to thank all our fantastic volunteers, as well as Cllr Carol Jackson-Doerge, Cllr Molly

Lock and Heather Wood (Linking Lives charity) for their enthusiasm and continued support.

Our thanks also go to Burghfield Common Methodist Church for the use of their hall. Volunteers are always needed. Full training given.

Contact Bev
bev@togetherinmission.org.uk

Burghfield Café B



Café B Mondays 9.00am to 2.00pm

with Drop-In sessions (free IT consultation every Monday with Barnaby Relf and prayer in the church on the first Monday of the month).

On Wednesdays we are open 0900 1200. Enjoy Kingdom coffee, freshly made lunches and home-made cakes.

Café B operates from Burghfield Common Methodist Church Hall where there is disabled access, a safe play area

for toddlers and free Wi-fi.

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of Café B then please contact the Manager,
Deborah Griffiths on 0785 7252187
deborah@togetherinmission.org.uk



Your Parish Councillors

Paul Lawrence (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

Member of the Infrastructure and Community Committees

Roger Hannington

Member of the Community and Infrastructure Committees

Royce Longton

Member of the Infrastructure and Community Committees.

Daniel Kellaway

Member of the Infrastructure and Community Committees

Angela Gallagher

Member of the Community and Communications Committees

Duncan Godding

Member of the Infrastructure and Governance and Finance Committees

Paul Wilkins

Member of the Community and Infrastructure Committees

David Godwin

Member of the Infrastructure and Communication Committees

Bill Neilson

Member of the Community Committee

Tricia Hipwell

Member of the Communications Committee

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

October 2017

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE	VENUE
5th	7.00p.m	Governance & Finance Committee	Village Hall Committee room
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	7.30p.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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