

Burghfield Newsletter

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



September 2018

Burghfield Macmillan Coffee Morning.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

28th September 11-2pm
Common Recreation Ground.

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 28th 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.

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.

Local School Choirs will be performing from midday, please come along and show your support and of course, buy a slice of cake!

Come for a brew & donate too! Local school choirs, coffee, cake & company!



Please come to support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning & if you can't make it you can still help & bake a cake to donate!

Cake donations either on the day or at the Village Hall on Thurs 27th 6-8pm

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.



Burghfield Community Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/burghfield
The Burghfield Community Facebook Page passes 3,000th member.

The local and much loved page has just passed it's 3,000th member.

Started as just a hobby in 2011 and based at the mythical "Burghfield Towers Estate" it features a range of characters

from Smithers, the Butler to Mrs Pettigrew, the housekeeper and Ron Chewitt, the groundsman / gardener.

This light-hearted and unofficial social media page does a good job of keeping residents up to date with goings on around the Parish.

It was recently nominated for a Pride of Reading award and as well as the comedy items the numerous various contributing residents also do some well

regarded work such as funding and sourcing Public Access AED Defibrillators for public spaces, the Burghfield & Mortimer Free Mobility Aids Service and other ad-hock projects all designed to help and inform residents.

Last year they received BRA funding and hope to successfully apply in 2018 as well.

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Burghfield Neighbourhood Development Plan - NDP

Over the last few months you will have seen the NDP team out at various points throughout the area asking you what your priorities are when it comes to development in the parish.

It has been lovely meeting everyone and we are extremely grateful to The Cunning Man, The Fox and Hounds, The Santa's, Café B, Nisa and the Family Bike Ride team for allowing us to use their venues as well as Burghfield and Mortimer gossip girls and Burghfield Community pages for their support.

So far the feedback has been that people have chosen to and enjoy living in a semi-rural village setting. They value the shops and businesses that we have and enjoy being able to shop for most of their needs within the parish. They enjoy the community spirit and friendly supportive nature of the residents

A licensed café/pub which is open every day would be welcomed in Burghfield Common as people appreciate how valuable Café B is in providing support

and companionship to all ages in the community. Despite being busy we didn't find many from Burghfield in our parish pubs however we have yet to visit The Six Bells and The Hatch which are on our list.

Many Burghfieldians enjoy the local countryside and are keen to preserve the areas identified as being important to wildlife such as the flood meadows in the north of the parish around the canal.

Nobody that we spoke to wanted commercial development on these sites and felt that they were important for flood relief as well as preserving the rural feel and separate identity of the parish rather than a suburb of Reading. Being able to view and walk in large open areas as well as through smaller areas of natural habitat within the villages were felt to be important for the maintenance of mental and physical health. These should be incorporated into new developments.

Liaising with neighbouring parishes to establish safe wheelchair accessible

pathways to Mortimer and Sheffield Bottom is a priority to many as are benches on Hermit Hill and other areas in the parishes. Safe points to cross the road near The Guide Dogs and shops on Reading road has also been highlighted.

Infrastructure being in place to support further housing development is considered extremely important.

Over the Autumn you should receive a more detailed questionnaire seeking your opinions and as soon as West Berkshire council release the number of houses allocated to the parish and potential building sites we will organise further opportunities for you to have your say.

It is important that we receive your responses so that we can represent your views accurately and to demonstrate to auditors and future developers that Burghfield parishioners are passionate about their environment.

Thank you for your support so far.

www.burghfieldndp.co.uk

Burghfield's Chris Mears MBE

The British Diver and Olympic Champion, Chris Mears, returned to the Willink School, on Monday 2nd July, to unveil a



plaque recognising his achievements at the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Chris, who attended the school from 2004-2009, said that it was very nostalgic coming back after so long and the visit brought back many happy memories. "You don't realise how good [school] is

when you are here," said Chris who described his time at the Willink as "the best part" of his life. Chris said that the school had been incredibly supportive of his diving career and he urged the school to continue to be supportive of individuals to help them realise their potential.

The plaque was produced and donated by the Parish Council at the suggestion of a member of the local community, Penny Kent. Penny worked at Garland Junior School when Chris was a pupil there. She said, "What he has done is amazing and I felt it should be recognized somewhere in the village.

" The unveiling was attended by Councillors Carol Jackson-Doerge and Royce Longton as well as a number of governors including the Chair, Alison Kerevan, his former PE teacher Mr Gordon Read as well as the Head Teacher Mr Peter Fry. Mr Fry said, "We have followed Chris's career with great

interest. We were delighted that we were able to support him in the early years and have followed his successes representing



England at the Commonwealth Games, European Championships and, of course, Olympic Gold at the Rio Games in 2016."

The plaque is in the school's main reception area along with a photograph of Chris with his Olympic gold medal

Burghfield Litter Bins

The Parish Council provides many litter bins across Burghfield to enable residents and visitors to readily dispose of casual waste such as food wrappers and drinks containers.

Bins are emptied on a regular basis, depending on their usage and location. The Parish Council repairs or replaces bins that become damaged or vandalised as soon as possible.

Please note that dumping waste next to a litter bin, or filling a bin with household waste is regarded as fly tipping, it is also illegal to fill litter bins with either household or business waste.

Burghfield and Mortimer Community First Responders



Burghfield & Mortimer Community First Responders have continued to be busy over the summer break. As well as responding to the normal call workload our team of resident volunteers have been upgrading their skills and introducing new equipment and services which will dramatically help our local patients and reduce waiting times.

Non Injury Falls and Concern for Welfare Community First Responders (CFRs) can now be sent out to ascertain the status of patients who have not been seen for an extended time or where there may be a concern for their own welfare. With help from other emergency services when needed, CFRs can gain access to properties and assess the condition of patients before calling in to say things are

OK or mobilising other resources.

In cases where someone has simply slipped off their bed and there are no obvious injuries, Responders may now assist patients by lifting them back up with a special cushion which acts like a slowly inflating chair! The local Responder Car will now carry this and other specialist lifting items.

New Communications

For the first time since the CFRs were formed, new state of the art Samsung Communications systems are being deployed which integrate data, speech, video and mapping services to enable us to see and treat patients quicker.

All of this has been paid for by kind



donations from our local Sponsors and supporters and we remain extremely grateful for all your support.

Police College Open Day – August
Thousands of visitors streamed through the gates at Sulhamstead TVP college Open Day in August and many of those came to the SCAS Ambulance Display where local Burghfield Responders carried out continuous demos of CPR and AED resuscitation during the day. Visitors also got to see the inside of our working Ambulances and Rapid Response Cars

Recruitment for 2018/2019 CFRs is now open.

Contact David.Gregory@SCA-Charity.org.uk or call 07 59 59 59 479

Burghfield gets its 3rd Public Access Defibrillator (AED)

Thanks to generous support and sponsorship from Wellers Fruit Shop staff and their agreement to be a PAD site, Burghfield Parish Council, Burghfield Community Facebook and the Burghfield Community Responders have come together again to provide central Burghfield Common residents with its third Life Saving Public Access Defibrillator.

The unit is sited on the side of Wellers Shop wall in a locked cabinet and is available all the time. Residents suspecting a family member in Cardiac Arrest should send someone quickly to the cabinet with a mobile phone.

Dial 999 and give the cabinet location to emergency call takers and you will be provided with an unlock code and further information.



David Gregory from Burghfield Community Facebook Page and Burghfield Community First Responders said "These partnerships are what Community is all about. People getting together to come up with solutions.

I am grateful to the members of my NHS

CFR team who give their time freely to help install and train residents on these devices"

The Wellers AED is the third Public Access Defibrillator in Burghfield Parish joining the Village Hall and Hatch Gate Pub as 24/7 access points.

There are other static AEDs available around Burghfield. For more details and to download a useful free app go to

<https://www.scas.nhs.uk/news/campaigns/savealife/>

If you'd like to know more about AEDs, CPR and other free life saving training email :

David.gregory@sca-charity.org.uk

Burghfield's Family Fun Day - Sunday 1st July 2018



Burghfield / West Berkshire Library

Wanted: Community Library Volunteer Organiser

Burghfield library has a great team of volunteers and we really value both the time and help they give us as well as the benefits they bring to library customers, staff and the wider community.

We are now looking for a Community Library Volunteer Organiser at Burghfield Library to play a key role in supporting front line volunteer cover and day to day activities. The role requires you to be able to:
Organise the volunteer rota to ensure

adequate cover for the opening hours. Be the point of contact for volunteers and staff.

Arrange cover for volunteers if they are unavailable due to sickness or holiday.

This opportunity would suit someone with good communication skills, can liaise with volunteers and staff to compile and organise the volunteer rota.

Covering gaps in the timetable often requires making several calls to find replacements, sometimes at short notice, and we require someone who can make

a regular commitment to ensure the smooth running of the volunteer timetable.

Having IT knowledge is desirable along with good organisational skills.

We make sure that our volunteers have a full induction and training before starting the role. To get involved please contact Gemma Taylor:

volunteerinourlibrary@westberks.gov.uk
01635 519533

Please note that one character reference will be required on application.

TiM Friends

Silver Sunday 7th October, 1.30pm at Burghfield CSA

TiM Friends is organising this annual event to celebrate the seniors in the community. There will be a roast lunch, followed by entertainment and a raffle.



Transport is available. Please contact Bev ASAP to book your place.

Bev French
TiM Friends Coordinator 07748 686615

Geoff Lovelock RIP

Geoff, one of our most committed volunteers, passed away in July. He was involved in TiM Friends and Café B for some years and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.



School Pastors 5th Anniversary celebration

Many parts of the local community came together in July: the Willink School, the Police, Church representatives and Youth organisations as well as Berkshire dignitaries.

The current School Pastors were commissioned and blessed by Revd Glynn Lautenbach and they would like to thank everyone for their messages of encouragement and support.

Two School Pastors will be retiring at the end of 2018 so we are looking to recruit their replacements this term.



Burghfield and Area School Pastors with Chairman of West Berkshire, Cllr Carol Jackson-Doerge, and HM Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, Mr James Puxley.

[photo: Jeremy Gamon, Burghfield Camera Club]

If you are a church member and have a couple of hours spare each month to join our team at The Willink, please get in touch with Libby

Libby Hawkness-Smith, School Pastors Coordinator: 0777 891 1182
libby@togetherinmission.org.uk

Café B

Burghfield Common Methodist Church Hall Mondays 09:00-14:00 (Except Bank Holidays) & Wednesdays 09:00-12:00

A new manager for Café B is needed following the resignation of our current

manager, Deborah Griffiths. Deborah has managed the Café for the past two years but will be stepping down at the end of September.

We would like to thank her for continuing our commitment to provide the community with high quality food, good

service and a friendly welcome at Café B. Details of the job are advertised in this newsletter.

Café B Manager, Deborah Griffiths
0785 725 2187
deborah@togetherinmission.org.uk
www.facebook.com/CommunityCafeB/

Café B - VACANCY Café Manager

Part-Time Position, up to 32 hours per month. Excellent remuneration

Would you like to work alongside a

friendly team of volunteers helping to run and organise our vibrant café in Burghfield Common?

Catering experience and an understanding of Food Hygiene preferred

Closing date for applications is Friday 21st September. For full details and an application form, please contact:

admin@togetherinmission.org.uk

Burghfield Running Club

Family Picnic And Fun Run

The Burghfield Running Club was formed in 2014 by local Dad Rob Barnes. Rob started the club to allow friends, then other villagers, a means to meet up for social runs around the village.

Now at 324 runners, several weekly scheduled runs, numerous ad-hoc runs and many new friends made, the club decided in July to run its first family picnic and fun run.

Whilst not quite on the scale of the Mortimer or Silchester running events, the fun run included approximately 90

participants from small to large, each running 2, 5 or 10 kilometre routes from the Recreational ground, around the village and Ufton woods and back to the Rec to then enjoy a picnic with family and club members.

Each participant was awarded a custom medal sporting the multi-coloured scheme adopted by the club members flamboyant running shirts (you'll have seen them running around the village!).

Despite the exceedingly hot weather on that Sunday morning, all entrants

completed their runs (even some smaller members, carried, pushed or dragged by family!).

The club hopes to run a similar event next year, again with the blessing of the Parish Council, and with more clement weather.

To be the first to find out about new runs, next year's family run picnic and more, please search for Burghfield Running Club on Facebook, or visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/888451664518508>



BURGHFIELD WAR MEMORIAL

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

W H Lay Died 16 Aug 1918 Aged 36

William Henry was born and raised in Sulhamstead, living with his parents, Richard and Isabella, and his 8 siblings. He moved to Burghfield, possibly after his mother died in 1909, and took up lodgings with Mrs Pembroke and her son, Harry Jack, who also later died in the war, only 6 weeks after William.

He enlisted in Reading in July 1915, joining

the Royal Engineers and was sent to France the following year. He was wounded on 12th August and died 4 days later. He is buried in the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery.

R P Bullivant Died 24 Sept 1918 Aged 34

Ritchie Pelham was born in Kent, the elder son of William and Jessie who went on to have 2 more children. He attended Rugby School, later going on to study at Trinity College, Cambridge before becoming a Civil Engineer. He moved to Mill House (by Burghfield Mill) sometime after 1911.

He entered the war as a Lieutenant, later Captain, in the 1st County of London Yeomanry, serving at Gallipoli in 1915 where he was wounded and invalided back to England.

He rejoined his regiment in Egypt in 1916 and was awarded the Military Cross in February 1918 for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

He was killed in Palestine, has no known grave and is commemorated on the Jerusalem memorial.

Sarah Moss

Burghfield WI

Well what a year!

WI in Burghfield has been going for over 100 years.

We aim to present an inspirational and exciting programme to motivate our membership. Our varied programme includes superb speakers, craft evenings, taking part in national and international topical campaigns, and a chance to catch up with all the local and national WI news. This year we have been to Oxford to see Calendar Girls, watched the Lion King, we had a stall at the May Fayre, we are going to the Isle of Wight, we helped at Box Kart, we have a walking group, Book Club, Craft Group, Ladies who Dine, Ladies Who Lunch, we run a Knit and Knatter group at the Library and we run the Bra Box at the Library.

Over the past year WI Burghfield have supplied over 250 hospital bags for emergency patients at the Royal Berkshire Hospital (RBH).



We have also made blankets and shawls for the elderly, knitted toys and have made dementia sleeves and armbands for patients in RBH.

Members have also been busy with a project called 'Dresses for Africa'. We reused pillow cases donated and turned these into dresses for girls in Africa.

This year some of our ladies attended the March in London celebrating the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote.

Thank you to all the local community for your continued support of WI in donating toiletries, wool, duvets and pillow cases.

Each month we have an activity at WI whether it be a Speaker, event evening or celebration.

The age range of members is varied and our meeting are always light hearted and fun. Of course there is also time for meeting old friends and making new ones over a cup of tea and a slice of cake. We look forward to welcoming you!

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. www.burghfieldwi.org.uk Jennie Abbott-Hauxwell (President)

Picture - Sally Reid (Vice President), Sheila Langston-Hopgood (Treasurer) Hilary Fraser (Assistant Treasurer)



Burghfield Friendly Firs Ladies Club

After the Summer break the Club reopened on the 5th September with a talk on "Off the Beaten Track in New Zealand" and future programmes will include speakers on a variety of subjects, bring & buy, harvest supper, bingo, craft, demonstrations

from Body Shop and Chocolates Continental and a Christmas Party.

The Club will close on 12th December and reopen on 9th January 2019.

The ladies meet each Wednesday evening

in the Burghfield Village Hall from 7.30-10.00pm and visitors are always welcome to join us to make new friends.

For more information telephone

Pauline Parker on 0118 9832852

Burghfield Guides

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have enjoyed their meetings over the summer which have included: water fights, outdoor cooking, walks, games, making and flying kites.

The Guides have taken a narrow boat from Hungerford to Great Bedwyn and learned how to operate locks. 3rd



Burghfield Brownies celebrated their 50th Birthday with a party at Burghfield St Mary's school and have spent a weekend at Thirtover Place - Girlguiding Berkshires own Camp and Holiday venue.

A big thank you for Lynda for her work running 3rd Burghfield Brownies and as District Commissioner. Also a big thank you to Emma for running Mortimer

Rainbows.

We are currently looking for new leaders for Mortimer Rainbows, if you would like to volunteer for this or another section of Girlguiding please go to:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer to register your interest.

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
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Christopher Greaves
Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee and member of the
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Matthew Paterson Borland
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Libby Sharp
Member of the Communications Committee

Tim Ansell
Member of the Infrastructure and Communication
Committees

Carol Jackson-Doerge
District Councillor, member of the Community Committee

Daniel Kellaway
Member of the Infrastructure and Communication
Committees

Notice of Meetings

October 2018

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE	VENUE
11th	7.00p.m	Infrastructure Committee	Village Hall Committee room
11th	7.45p.m	Parish Council	Village Hall
18th	6.30p.m.	Community Hub Committee	Village Hall Committee room
18th	7.45p.m.	Communications Committee	Village Hall Committee room
25nd	7.00p.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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