

Newsletter

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June 2022

Burghfield Common Sports Day

Free Event

Sunday 10th July from 12-3pm

Sports day races - start at 1pm

Inflatable climbing wall & wipeout sweeper, sports workshops, balloon modelling,
Face painting, ice-creams and lots of family fun!

Supported by:



Bring a picnic and blanket

Common Recreation Ground, Burghfield



Burghfield Running Club is pleased to announce that the fun run is back and will take place on Sun 10th July from 10am to kick-off the Burghfield Community Sports Day.

Built on the friendly and inclusive ethos of the running club this is an opportunity for runners of all standards to get together. There will be a 2k fun run for parents and children starting at 10.30am, followed by a 5k and 10k run for those who fancy more of a challenge.

All the action will start and finish from the recreation ground, and the routes will be clearly marked and marshalled. We encourage everyone to stay on afterwards for a picnic lunch and enjoy the rest of the Sports Day activities.

It's free to enter and there will be registration on the day, or if you wish to receive a custom medal you can prepay a small entry fee. For more info join the Burghfield Running Club's facebook group page, where you can also find out about our regular weekday and weekend club runs.

We have more than 500 members in the group with more joining each week. We're a friendly and sociable bunch who love to meet new runners and pride ourselves on helping to encourage and motivate beginners. So get the date in the diary and we look forward to seeing you there!



View from the Chair



Chairman's report for Annual Parish meeting

I am sorry that I cannot be at the Annual Parish meeting this year. Once again this has been an interesting year for the parish council. We started the year with a change of legislation preventing online meetings but still having to hold meetings to meet our legal obligations. This led to a new first with the parish council meeting outdoors on the Common

Recreation Ground in order to follow Covid legislation. Fortunately, the weather was pleasant and a lack of wind meant we could socially distance yet still hear each other talk.

The most exciting project this year was completing the refurbishment of the village hall. Much of this work was required to upgrade the village hall to meet the new Covid and post Covid requirements of having fresh air in the building consequently all the windows in main hall needed replacing as

none of them opened. We also took the opportunity to meet one of the key reasons the community hub project was started, increasing the available rental space, and proving a number of different room sizes and types. Following a public vote, the Parish Council decided to take out a loan to cover part of these costs, this is now looking like a good financial decision as the loan is on low fixed rate of 1.49%. With inflation increasing rapidly this means the cost of the loan is reducing in real terms.

The real benefit to the whole community of the refurbishment of the village hall is through the increase in revenue from booking the various rooms. The enhancement of the facility has meant that we have attracted new customers who could not rent space in the village hall as it was because it did not meet their requirements. The effect of this is revenue is up more than 30% and growing. This is one of the reasons that the parish council has not increased the precept this year.

The threat that Covid presented has dimmed but the impact of the war in Ukraine is beginning to have a big impact on all of us, as we did during Covid, we will continue to support and invest to make our community a stronger and happier place.

Tim Ansell

Community Committee APM

The Community committee is one of the busiest committees on the Parish Council and looks after the Recreation Grounds, the allotments, the pavilion and the jewel in the crown, the refurbished Village Hall.

The committee is also responsible for the play areas within the recreation grounds and ensures that regular safety reports and inspections are carried out and that any recommendations are acted on. For instance, one report noted that the safer surfacing area on part of the common rec is in need of attention, the committee has undertaken to obtain quotes to ensure the work is carried out in a timely manner.

Thanks to the hard work of two councillors on the committee, Councillor Ansell and Councillor Gallagher, the committee has introduced regular meetings up on the allotment sites so we can better understand the requirements of the plot holders. The recent price increase in the allotment rents was noted and the committee acted swiftly to reduce the rent for allotment holders who found the increase unaffordable and who had been tenants for a considerable period of time.

The village hall has gone from strength to strength following its

refurbishment and has increased its income substantially since it's reopening. We have had some wonderful comments from 2 regular hirers who have been delighted with the Wi-Fi connectivity and the layout of the hall which now allows access to all the rooms without having to cross through occupied rooms. More is to be done in the next few months to take it up a further level as areas of improvement having been identified through customer feedback. Disappointingly, there have been some negative and anonymous comments about an alleged budget overspend, I know the Chairman of the Finance and Governance committee will address those in the later report.

The committee is also responsible for maintaining the trees within the parish of which there are many. The rolling 5 year tree plan ensures that diseased trees are dealt with and regular replanting takes place.

This committee works very hard and does it's best to provide great facilities for the Parish. Please remember that we are elected members trying to do our best in what can be trying and difficult times.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work and diligence over the last 12 months, you all make the Community Committee what it is today.

Berkshire Vision

We all know that getting out in the fresh air and exercising is good for your health and wellbeing. But if you are living with sight loss this can sometimes be more difficult.

Pavements aren't always clear; with cars, tables, chairs and signs often blocking them.

Venues, sports and activities might not be accessible.

Transport might be sparse or too expensive.

Lack of confidence can lead to isolation.

But there are many charities set up to ensure that there is

access to fresh air, physical activity and socialising.

Berkshire Vision support adults, young people, children and their families across Berkshire. They offer a wide range of sporting and social activities that are adapted and accessible.

You could try rock climbing, axe throwing, tandem cycling, running, football and many more sports. Social activities include pub lunches, walks and quizzes as well as groups for 18-35's, teens and children.

Berkshire Vision also offer a transport service to ensure that everyone is able to access activities.

www.berkshirevision.org.uk or call 0118 987 2803



Finance and Governance Committee

Annual Parish Meeting- May 2022

The Finance and Governance committee is made up from the Chairs of the various committees within Burghfield Parish Council and its remit is to monitor the Council to ensure fiscal prudence and good governance.

It is one of the less glamorous committees, but it is probably the most important in that it is the guardian of public money.

The success of the committee can be measured by the manner in which it handles the finances of the council, and this is born by the fact that there has been no increase in the precept served upon West Berks Council for the last 3 years. We have managed to deliver a soundly financed and extensive refurbishment to the village hall at no increase in costs to the parish taxpayers.

I'm sure a number of you have seen the anonymous leaflets displayed within the parish referring to a massive overspend of the hall during its refurbishment. Wildly inaccurate figures have been quoted and the truth is there was an overspend, of

just £53.20. When dealing with a budget of more than a quarter of a million pounds I think that is an excellent achievement. The same leaflets have also been critical of the loan taken out by the council of £100k payable back over 20 years, that equates to £508 per month, just 2 regular hirers nearly cover that cost. It is a pity that the anonymous authors do not check their facts before spreading misinformation.

The Governance side of the committee regularly reviews the Council's standing orders to ensure they are up to date and fit for purpose. We also review the FOI requests that come in and have noted that recently there has been a significant increase. Whilst we understand and believe in the Freedom of Information, we are aware that the costs involved in complying to these requests does divert money away from other projects. To date FOI requests have cost the Council £11,552, - £7,600 of which being in the last financial year.

The committee will continue to work for the benefit of the community and not be diverted by a small number within the parish who want to be disruptive.

Ian Macfarlane Chairman Finance & Governance

The Asset Management Committee

Report of 2021 Municipal Year Burghfield Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 12th May 2022

In 2019/20 I wondered whether COVID-19 would blow over in a matter of weeks or whether it would be something that changes our lives forever including the way we as BPC conduct meetings. As we emerged from the various COVID-19 restrictions and started to return to something like business as usual, it became clear that COVID-19 is with us for the long-term and that we must try to live with it. Being guided by legislation we resumed in person meetings at the appropriate time.

The committee held x 5 meetings in this municipal year

2020 has seen the completion of the Village Hall Refurbishment project, the committee extends our thanks to the tireless work, co-ordination, project management and attention to detail to both our Parish Clerks.

The Community Hub project commenced in 2017. During this municipal year the council formed a dedicated committee to drive this project forward, and contracted ABC Business Consulting in the development of a business plan. It was agreed to proceed with an MVP (Minimum Viable Project) to provide a temporary café to be opened during 2022.

Notwithstanding, the council's originally planned hub as a solid building cost was also taken into consideration.

The Parish Council acknowledge a deviation from the original design of the Community Hub, however, within all designs presented, a Cafe has formed the main part of the brief. Whilst parishioners have expressed an appetite for a hub with a Cafe since 2017, the Parish Council has been extremely mindful of both risk and the potential financial burden upon the council and consequently in providing the originally discussed facility outweighed the financial commitment required without a test to the market to determine the success of a Cafe.

The action plan for the first phase of the Hub being the café was then discussed by the members of the Asset Management Committee at various meetings and ratified by the Full Parish Council. All minutes are available on the Parish Council Website.

The parish council have ear marked a reserve of £49,000 with the intention to obtain further grant funding. The parish council was successful in securing a total of £49,000 in grants for the village hall refurbishment project and is therefore confident in being able to secure external funding for a significant proportion of the cost in the provision of a community café.

Clr Carol Jackson-Doerge

Chair of Asset Management Committee

Burghfield & Mortimer Community First Responders

The Burghfield & Mortimer Community First Responders had an enjoyable day meeting the public at the Burghfield May Fayre. It's the first time the event has taken place since the pandemic of 2020. They demonstrated the importance of CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to help save a patient's life. They worked in a Covid safe environment demonstrating with new advanced mannequins which help simulate the correct techniques and pressures needed in such an event. Two of the team manned their On-Call

Response time during the day but were pleased to report the sum total of 6 plasters were issued.

<https://www.scas.nhs.uk/what-we-do/community-first-responders/>



Infrastructure Committee Report

The Infrastructure Committee continues to investigate, review and comment on planning applications submitted to West Berkshire Council that are within the parish or that may affect the parish, to ensure they are in accordance with the Village Design Statement and planning policy.

If you have concerns about an application that has been submitted it is important that your comments and observations are made direct to West Berkshire Council so the case officer is aware of your concerns. Please feel free to forward your comments to the Parish Council so the Infrastructure Committee can take them into consideration when reviewing the application. Three application of note are;

22/00325/RESMAJ	Land North Of Dauntless Road and South Of Pondhouse Farm, Clayhill Road, Burghfield Common, Reading.
22/00535/FUL	Erection of a temporary cafe (prefabricated unit), Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Recreation Road, Burghfield Common.
22/00244/FULEXT	Erection of 32 dwellings, Land at rear of The Hollies, Reading Road, Burghfield Common.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) through the community lead Steering Group has delivered the proposed NDP to the Parish Council for comment.

And finally, the Committee also considers Road Safety and Highways Improvements utilising funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy. If there are any areas roads or paths that you believe would benefit from improvements please let the Council know so the committee can consider them.

Paul Lawrence Chairman, Infrastructure Committee.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Is Burghfield Unique?

I'm sure it's a question you often ask yourself, in this instance it relates to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) that is nearing completion of what will be a 7 year journey.

The NDP started life with a community meeting at the CSA back in 2015 when Bryan Lyttle, West Berkshire Council (WBC), introduced the concept to a group of Burghfield Residents.

From there the group has been Chaired by Erle Minhinick and has had numerous members and contributors over the years. The NDP Group and Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has contributed and supported the group over this period.

So why has it taken so long?

The NDP forms part of the Development Plan Document (DPD) that is produced and adopted by WBC. This is refreshed from time to time in line with legislation, the latest refresh is going on as we speak. This latest edition will take us until 2036. On advice from WBC it was decided to sync the Burghfield NDP with the WBC refresh.

A NDP document should identify the sites allocated for housing and is a way to control the look and feel of the community as well as the style types of housing built.

This is where the uniqueness of Burghfield's situation comes in, when the NDP process started we were in line for additional

housing allocation. However the announcement for the replacement for Trident and that AWE Burghfield will be involved resulted in an increase of the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) to include the whole of the Parish of Burghfield.

What does all this mean?

It means that Burghfield has a housing allocation of 0 up until 2036.

So why carry on?

It was decided that we should progress for a number of reasons: The size of the DEPZ can change thereby opening up Burghfield for development

Having the document produced and accepted as part of the DPD allows for a refresh rather than a complete re write

Burghfield will benefit from an increase in CIL payments for any building that does take place (don't forget there are still 2 sites that were allocated in the previous DPD that may still proceed (land behind the Hollies and off Clay hill Road)

What happens next?

The draft document is made available for review and comment in the community – watch the BPC website and comms for when its published. Following this period any amends are made before the document is submitted to WBC for validation .WBC then publish the Draft NDP for a 6 week public consultation. This is then followed by a review and acceptance by the Planning Inspector before a Referendum is held in Burghfield requiring a simple majority

Burghfield and Mortimer Handybus

The Burghfield and Mortimer Handybus is a local Charity operating a volunteer run community transport service for our elderly and less able members of the Parish. We operate two specially adapted minibuses taking passengers on regular shopping trips and social outings. Following the easing of Covid restrictions we are now pleased to report that we are back in operation again and currently running shopping trips

Monday morning to Sainsbury's Calcot

Monday afternoon to Sainsbury's Tadley

Tuesday morning to Newbury

Wednesday morning to Sainsbury's Calcot

Friday afternoon to Sainsbury's Tadley

If you are interested in taking advantage of a door to door transport service to the supermarket, with an escort to help you on and off the minibus with your shopping, Tel. 0118 983 6611

email: thehandybus@gmail.com



Burghfield Community Heroes

Nomination: Janet Sykes

I moved to this area just before lockdown, having recently retired. Looking for something to fill my time when restrictions eased (apart from decorating a new home, gardening, etc) I volunteered at the local Burghfield Toy Library, held in Mortimer Methodist Church where I met the most community spirited, hard working young lady who amazed me with her enthusiasm and sheer energy for supporting a fabulous organisation.

Janet Sykes is the name of this 'angel' and for sometime I know she struggled with lack of volunteers but she persevered and now there is a merry band of 5 on the 4th Saturday morning of

every month at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall. It totally surprised me the amount of work behind the scenes Janet managed to cope with and apart from the Toy Library, she assists every Tuesday and Friday at Toddler Groups held in the church hall.

Apart from the physical stamina needed (moving large boxes of toys in and out of cupboards) there is all the administrative work and organisational skills that Janet seems to have honed to a fine art and knows virtually every Toy and Library member.

Janet is definitely a 'hero' in my eyes.

Received by: [Dorothy Harfleet](#)

Nomination: Caroline Boardman

I would like to nominate Caroline Boardman for a Hero of Burghfield.

Caroline goes out at least once every day to collect litter around Burghfield Village and Burghfield Common. She is an amazing 'plogger' and always returns with bags full of other

people's litter. She fits this around a busy job and whilst taking care of her allotment.

Without her hard work and determination our local area would not be such a tidy and safe place for local residents.

Received by: [Sarah Clifford](#)

Nominate a Burghfield Community Hero

In each edition of the newsletter, Burghfield Parish Council would like to crown a Hero of Burghfield. If you know someone who has made a difference, or someone who has gone above and beyond to make Burghfield a better place to live, please let us know.

To nominate your Hero of Burghfield for inclusion within the September edition of the newsletter, please send your nomination via email to:

enquiries@burghfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please include the full name and contact details of who you are nominating and why you think they should be awarded the title.

Burghfield & District Branch Royal British Legion

We have a busy summer ahead of us with Branch meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the BCSA, James Lane,

Burghfield. We always have excellent speakers talking about every imaginable subject from the Battle of Britain to Rowing Across the Atlantic, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the NHS. On Sunday 5 June we celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special lunch in Sulhamstead Village Hall.

FRIENDLY FIRS LADIES GROUP

Although our Open Afternoon did not go as well as we hoped in that we did not attract any new members, we did spend a very pleasant afternoon hearing about the evolution of the Club since its founding in 1959. I am surprised and disappointed that

in a village the size of Burghfield, there are no lonely older members of the community who feel that they might enjoy a weekly outing for a chat, a cup of tea, an interesting talk, even the occasional game of bingo. Our regular members certainly do. It is never too late to join us. Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Village Hall. [Sue Pearce](#), Secretary 0118 983 2386

Café B

NEW OPENING TIMES
Mondays AND Wednesdays
9.30am-1.00pm)
at the Burghfield Methodist Church Hall

In March we celebrated our 10th Birthday with our first ever customer!

Enjoy cake and coffee or takeaway soup. Our Loyalty Cards have returned – buy 5 hot drinks and the 6th is free!

<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityCaféB/>
ca-f@togetherinmission.org.uk
fab@togetherinmission.org.uk
Alex Lines Manager



tim
friends

The Burghfield Fayre was great fun and chance to meet and have a chat with some of the volunteers who make such a difference to people lives.

DANCE & JUBILEE QUIZ

Friday 17th June 10.30am – 12.30pm

At Sulhamstead Village Hall with light refreshments (no charge)
Presented by the Corn Exchange Newbury

Please book with Bev French, TiM Friends Coordinator :
07748 686615 : bevrench6@gmail.com



Burghfield's New Community Hub Cafe

Community Café Evolution

Meeting the needs of the community

2016	WBC plan to close library	BPC Surveys community 2017 & 19 to understand priorities	
Year	Events	Solution	Cost
2016	Plan for Community Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Additional Rental Space Cafe 	Est £2,000,000
2018	BPC save village library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Library ▪ Additional Rental Space ▪ Cafe 	Est £780,000
2020	COVID required village hall refurb. Additional rental space added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Library ✓ Additional Rental Space • Cafe 	£250,000 +£50k grant
2022	Purpose built café found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Library ✓ Additional Rental Space ✓ Cafe 	Est £50,000 - Grant fund

Meeting the community needs saving

£1,700,000 + Grant Funding

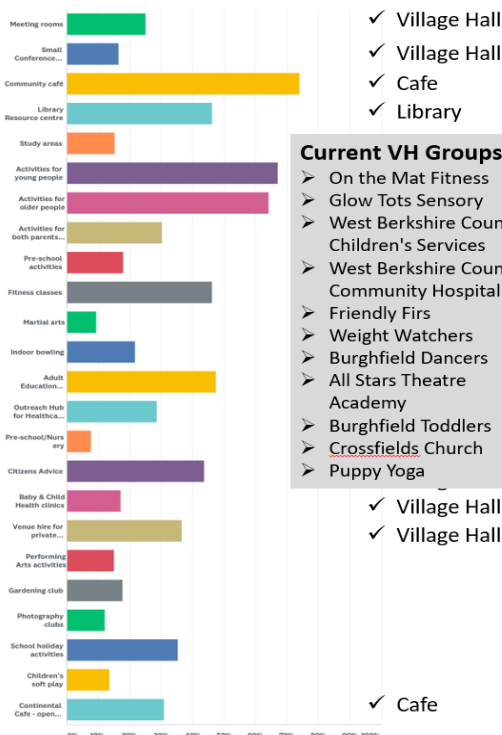
Why a Pre-Built Café?



- ✓ Low cost < £50,000
- ✓ Rapid Delivery of café
 - ✓ No long building time
- ✓ No foundations required
 - ✓ Standing on pads
 - ✓ Minimal environment impact
- ✓ No permanent damage
 - ✓ Only concrete for disabled access
- ✓ Easily removable at end
- ✓ An Asset that can be sold
 - ✓ Recouping some of the £50,000

Responding to Parish questionnaire 2019

Q22 What services would you like to see available at the Community Hub? Please tick all that apply:

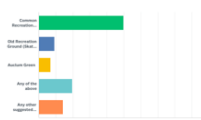


Responding to Parish questionnaire 2019

Q21 What would be your top 3 project ideas to improve Burghfield over the next 5 to 10 years?



Q6 Where would be the best location?



Café Plan



NB Purpose built - not a "container"

Burghfield's Escape Room Wins Award

The little-known Escape Room in Burghfield has won an international award for the best unique story line.

Escape The Chop is an escape room in the back of Burghfield Barbers on Clayhill Road. It has been open for just over a year. In that time, it has welcome over 200 teams, and received plenty of reviews on Google and TripAdvisor, and all of them the maximum of 5 stars.

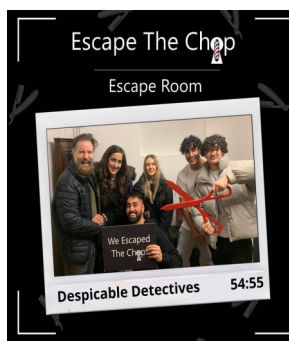
Following on from its initial success, Escape The Chop has now been awarded an international award from an independent Escape Room reviewer. It was the only UK winner in the best unique storyline category, and was praised for its innovative design, great story-line and being located in a real barber shop.

If you would like some fun, it makes a great activity for the

family, work social, or even a birthday.

In just 60 mins, teams of 2-6 people must try to solve the puzzles and find evidence to prove the barber's boss is behind the mysterious disappearances reported in the local news.

Bookings see [escapethechop.com](https://www.escapethechop.com).



Burghfield Oaks and Mini Oaks

The children at our Mini Oaks preschool (aged 2-5) and our Oaks after school club at Burghfield St Mary's (aged 4-11) have, as usual, been having great fun, indoors, and increasingly outdoors as the weather gets warmer.

At Burghfield Oaks, children have been designing and creating their own letters, postcards and stamps and enjoying posting them, ready for delivery to their friends and staff. At Mini Oaks, children have been celebrating Spring and talking about farm animals. We've been delighted to have Liza who leads our Burghfield Oaks team also running Forest School sessions for the children at Mini Oaks. As some of our 4-year old Mini Oaks children prepare to join 'Big School' at Burghfield St Mary's in September, we're sure they'll be delighted to see familiar faces when they get there.

We have funded places available at Mini Oaks Preschool for

September 2022 and guide you through the process of claiming your 15 or 30 'funded hours' for 2, 3, or 4 year olds. Lily, Natalie and the team would be delighted to meet your children and offer settling in and familiarisation sessions before they join. Once they have joined us, we love letting you know what your child has been up to in person, and you can also use our online ParentZone system to allow you to see updates and photos of your child's day with us. We have a gentle and varied education programme that introduces children to new friends and different environments and prepares them for joining school when they are ready. We follow the Early Years Education Curriculum, which is mostly taught through games and play. On Mondays we offer yoga, on Thursdays there is PE and on Fridays it's time for Spanish classes.

Have a look at our website and feel free to contact the office with any questions. We hope to see you and your children soon. www.theoakschildcare.co.uk



Burghfield Residents Association May Fayre 2022

Burghfield Residents Association would like to say thank you to everyone who attended and supported the BRA May Fayre Weekend. Our Friday night family disco was a huge success with many families enjoying the free entertainment and the bar remained busy all evening. The Saturday Barn Dance had everyone up on their feet for some old fashioned fun. Sunday saw our biggest and busiest May Fayre ever with a huge selection of stalls and new food & drink options. The Hatch Gate once again retaining the Old Derby Tug of War.



you want to help organise next year's event, please get in touch via our website www.burghfieldresidents.org

We are still totalling up the amount raised which will be announced shortly, followed by accepting applications for grants from local good causes and charitable needs. The May Fayre weekend profits are given away to these local groups.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the event. It really does take a small army on the day and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers and support from the local Scouts, Cadets, BRA volunteers and Santa groups. If



Burghfield WI

It has been a busy few months since the last Parish newsletter. In April we had a demonstration on the Japanese art of gift wrapping using scarf squares - furoshiki. At the May meeting local artist Jason Leggatt came and talked to us about how he became an artist working with glass and brought beautiful examples of his work. Our meeting in June will have some Bollywood dances encouraging us to join in and have fun and July will be a hands on art evening with another local artist, member Denise Hoare who will be showing us paper clay picture art and then we will all have a go making our own!

Our cake stall at the May Fayre was a success and we helped the Morsbags Stall with their give away material bags so that everyone who purchased one of our cakes received a Morsbag to take it away in. Such a fabulous idea to decrease the use of

plastic bags.

We are also busy with plans to decorate the telephone box and the fences around the Village Hall car park for the Jubilee celebrations. Garlands and St. Marys Schools are helping us by producing art work to go on the fences. By the time you receive this newsletter the Jubilee will have come and gone so I do hope you enjoyed looking at the art and the floral display in the telephone box. Did you notice that her majesty had also paid a visit?!! We also hung the Union Jack in one of the windows of the Village Hall.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and the first visit is free so if you would like to join us for any of the above meetings to see who we are please come and you will be assured of a warm welcome and a cup of tea.. and cake!

Sally Reid President Burghfield WI
burghfieldwi@berkshirewi.co.uk 07772721247

Governor Vacancy

Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Primary School is overseen by a governing board made up of parents, staff, and representatives from the diocese and local area. A vacancy has arisen for a Local Authority governor to join our governing board.

Who is eligible? Any member of the Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet community, and/or a professional wishing to volunteer their skills to contribute to the effective governance of the school, is welcome to apply. A Local Authority governor is not appointed or employed by the LA, but would make an effort to understand the LA's priorities and views, and to represent these in governing board meetings. We would particularly welcome nominations from people with experience of, or interest in, financial management and/or business management.

Being a governor requires a willingness to learn, a commitment to the school's vision and ethos, and an interest in ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible educational outcomes. Our school is greatly enriched by the contributions and perspectives

of supportive members of the local community.

What does being a governor entail? Our governing board has three core functions, as laid out in the Governance Handbook: to offer clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; to hold executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and to oversee the financial performance of the organisation and make sure its money is well spent.

A successful candidate will be appointed to the full governing board for a term of four years, and also to a committee specialising in a particular area of governance. The full governing board and each committee meet once per half term. Meetings are held usually in the evenings and are approximately 60 to 90 minutes in length. (Currently virtually). Induction training and governor skills training are plentiful, and offered free of charge. **Interested?** If you are interested in joining the governing board or would like more information about the role, please email Angela Hartley-Kane (Chair of Governors) at fice@sun.w-berks.co.uk to make an appointment.



St Mary's Burghfield

Events For Families, Young People and Children

We have three voluntary Children's Leaders, Sara, Amy and Gary, who have been busy planning some exciting events: Please join us for food, fun, films, friendship, fellowship on Fridays(!) for 2 different age groups (Details in the table below)

Secondly we have Crafty church: all ages are welcome to come and get creative together

Thirdly we hope you will join us for **Breakfast@Church** on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and stay for some children's activities during the 10 am service.

For both Crafty Church and the Film nights we are now using Eventbrite for bookings.

Children-teens@stmarysburghfield.org

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 10 th June	18.30-20.45	Food & Film ages 8-13 - Book on Eventbrite https://burghfieldstmarysfoodandfilmwithfriends8to13s.eventbrite.co.uk
Sunday 19 th June	09:15 10:00	Breakfast@Church for all ages before the 10:00am service Children's Church during 10:00am service
Saturday 25 th June	10.30-12.00	Crafty Church - Book on Eventbrite
Friday 1 st July	18.00-20.15	Film & Food ages 4-9 (Encanto) - Book on Eventbrite
Saturday 9 th July	10.30-12.00	Crafty Church, games & Picnic - Book on Eventbrite
Friday 15 th July	18.30-20.45	Food & Film ages 8-13 (tbc) - Book on Eventbrite
Saturday 17 th Sept	10.30-12.00	Crafty Church - Book on Eventbrite

Festival of Creation

Come and join us for our fun packed family days
24th and 25th September 11am – 5pm
St Mary's Church Burghfield

There will be so much to see, make and do as we learn how to care for our lovely world so all its creatures can feel at home.

Entry free. Refreshments will be available all day

If you would like to exhibit at the Festival please contact us on www.stmarysburghfield.org or find us on Facebook- 'St Marys Church Burghfield' or call us on 07979871608 or email us on

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com We'd love to hear from you!



St Mary's Church - Churchyard Community Work Parties

The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church have agreed to hold three churchyard working parties each year and are delighted to invite residents who are interested in the upkeep of the churchyard to join them.

Bring suitable gardening equipment and clothing, together with friends, neighbours or family, and we shall carry out some additional maintenance to supplement that provided by the Council's contractors (eight cuts per year -monthly April-October plus one other when required).

The churchyard at St Mary the Virgin church (St Marys) has been used for burials for at least 600 and probably more than 1000 years. It is far enough from the main road to be relatively free of traffic noise and is regularly visited by those who wish for a time of quiet reflection, whether or not they actually go into

the Church building.

Many graves are regularly and lovingly maintained to a very high standard, but in other cases there are no family members left in the area able to carry out these duties, and the Parish Council carries out routine grass cutting, the cost of which is met from public finance. Invariably the British weather does not co-operate and as a result there are periods when the churchyard looks somewhat unkempt.

By coming together, we can make an overall improvement and appreciate the difficulties in meeting differing public expectations in this area. Our first work party has already taken place in March and our next work party will take place on:

Saturday 2nd July 2022 from 10.00 a.m.

The final one for this year will be on: **Saturday 5th November 2022** – please save the date

[Colin Thompson](#) Churchyard Liaison for St Marys



Burghfield Ladies FC

This time last year we were delighted to announce the formation of our new Burghfield FC Women's team ahead of the 2021/22 season. The team became the first women's side incorporated as part of the club. This has been a long-held ambition for us and is another positive step as we continue to offer football for all within our community.

Going into a season as a new team it is hard to set expectations on how the season would pan out. However, finishing second and earning promotion in their debut season is something none of them would have predicted.

We caught up with the ladies management team, Vicki and Steve, who said the following:

"We look back on this season and struggle to believe the amount of development that has taken place in just 8 months. When we cast our minds back to September, this team was a mix of players that had very little experience, been out of the game for a while or was somewhat unsettled at their previous clubs.

The aim this year was always "to establish ourselves" and towards the beginning of the season the results were a bonus if



they went our way the more important aspect was that we were gelling as a team and creating a blueprint of how we wanted to play football. We have been a team that has consistently added players to our squad throughout giving us more depth as the season progressed, this became evident as we went on to win 6 of our last 7 games after the Christmas break. Ultimately earning us that promotion spot.

We are so incredibly proud of every single one of the ladies and cannot wait for the next season to begin to carry on our journey!"

After Enjoying the League Presentation Day, the ladies look forward to next season and what that may look like. The club have committed to expand into two team's next season which will enable us to improve our offering and encourage more ladies to enjoy the beautiful game.

If you are looking to get involved, we are welcoming of all abilities. We train on a Tuesday evening with Games on Sunday afternoon.

For more information please reach out to:

Steve 07941609267

Do you like to sew?

Burghfield Morsbags will be meeting at the Village hall over the next few months and would like to invite anyone who is interested in sewing to come along and join us.

You can "have a go" and make your own Mors-bag or just come along for a chat about your latest project. We have experienced sewers and those who are just starting, all are welcome.



We will be meeting on the following dates 21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 13th September from 9.30 am until 12.30.

Our first two meetings were great fun so why not pop the dates in your diary and come and join us?



Guide Dogs family fun day

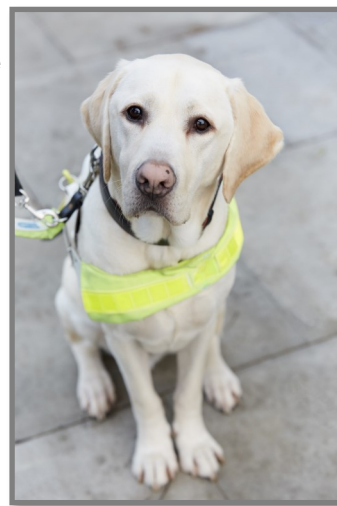
Guide Dogs holds its Reading Hub Family Fun Day on Saturday 16 July, from noon until 4pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what goes on at Hillfields in Reading Road, the home of this well-loved national charity since 1992. There will be demonstrations of guide dog training, plus the chance to find out more about how this charity helps people with sight loss to live the life they choose.

Children's entertainment includes fairground games, face painting, a tombola and a lucky dip, while grown-ups can browse the numerous stalls selling local crafts and more.

Dog owners are welcome to bring their dogs for our pet dog show, where we'll be looking for the waggiest tail and the best trick, among other categories!

If you arrive hungry, you'll be well catered for as there will be a barbecue (plus vegetarian and vegan food will be available), a cake stand and coffees on sale

Entry and parking are free and if you're arriving by car, please park at the nearby Burghfield Community Sports Association in James Lane (postcode RG30 3RS for satnavs), where a free shuttle bus will transport you to and from Hillfields. The event is kindly sponsored by Bewley Homes.





Girlguiding in Burghfield had a busy day at the May Fayre – the Brownies were busy handing out programs, the Guides busy making cakes to raise money for Cancer Research and complete a badge and the leaders selling Scarecrow Trail

sheets and raising awareness of Girlguiding in our area.

By the time you read this the Scarecrow Trail will be over and if you took part – thank you for your support and we hope you enjoyed the trail. The photo is of Antonio from Encanto, a scarecrow from this years trail made by the Boltons. Thank you to our sponsors for the prizes – Davis Tate, Live FX, Platinum Pro, Burghfield Footcare and the Post Office and to our Trail Sellers – Wellers, the Post Office, the Co-op and Burghfield Common Library. We would not be able run the trail without your help and support – thank you. The money raised from the event is put back into running Girlguiding in the area. The theme this year was 'Let's celebrate – anything goes', at the time of writing the guides scarecrow was going to be either

Peppa Pig (nearly 30 years old) Shrek (because he married a princess and we're celebrating the Queen's jubilee) or was something entirely different (the guides haven't decided yet). In Girlguiding the girls are included in decision making right from the youngest Rainbow through to the leaders, this helps them with their confidence and leadership skills and helps the leaders provide a girl led program.

If you would like to inspire the girls, help them reach their full potential and have a great time yourself, please volunteer to be a leader - enabling more girls to have the same experience and opportunity. Please go to

www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/

for more information on how to volunteer or register a place for a girl.

Frances Allison
Girlguiding Warren's Wood District Commissioner



SULHAMSTEAD & UFTON CRICKET CLUB

The Watson Oval, Jack's Booth Ground, Bath Road, Near Theale, Berkshire RG7 5HP

The first full season of cricket is in full progress with matches home and away every Saturday and some on Sunday. Our newly refurbished pavilion is a great improvement and worthy of the excellent cricket played by our 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Colts XI's.

If you would like to watch please just come and enjoy the atmosphere and the cricket (the pavilion bar is open most of the afternoon and evening).

If you would like to play, please contact Doug Macdonald on 07765 970191 or for Colts call Sarah Mercer on 07540 924471 or email SUCcsecretary@outlook.com



Would you like to join in the fun at 1st Burghfield & Sulhamstead scouts?

We need a few more volunteers to join our amazing team. We are based on Hollybush Lane, Burghfield

Common (next to the skate park) If you don't know about us, we have just over 300 young members aged 6 to 24 years old, with a team of 50 volunteers running the sessions and supporting behind the scenes. Beavers aged 6-8, Cubs aged 8-10, Scouts aged 10-14, Explorers aged 14-18 meet weekly, with the exception of Network aged 18-24 who meet monthly. Scouting provides a fabulous opportunity for young people to make new friends and try something new in a safe, welcoming environment.

It has been wonderful for the HQ to once again be buzzing with activity, some of our Beavers have been at the Englefield

Estate, pond dipping and digging for worms. Some of our scouts are off on a survival camp in a few weeks, we have 30 Scouts and Explorers travelling to Denmark for an International camp this Summer, as well as several others heading for a camp in the Alps and a Scout jamboree in South Korea next summer, exciting stuff!

We certainly have something for everyone, but we can't do it without our amazing team of volunteers. If you think you would like to volunteer with one of our sections or could help behind the scenes, we have a fabulous HQ but it takes time to look after, we would love to hear from you.

www.1stbands.org or email Burghfieldgsl@outlook.com to get in touch



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Notice of Meetings

June 2022

DATE	TIME	COMMITTEE	VENUE
9th	7.00pm	Infrastructure	Village Hall
9th	7.45pm	Parish Council	Village Hall
16th	6.30pm	Community Hub	Village Hall
16th	7.45pm	Community	Village Hall
23rd	7.00pm	Communications	Village Hall
30th	7.00pm	Infrastructure	Village Hall

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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