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*Your news about your community -
Guarlford, Madresfield, Newland*

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The Grapevine will be posted online in the last week of January; March, May, July, September and November.

Articles for inclusion need to be with the editor by 15th day of those months.

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Village Hall Website:- <https://guarlfordvillagehall.co.uk/> - look in here for *The Grapevine* online

W.I : meets 7.30, Guarlford Village Hall, second Tuesday in the month. All welcome.
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MADRESFIELD

Bell Ringing: Practice Mondays 7.30 at Madresfield Church; contact Geoff Titmuss
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Treasurer: Situation vacant from Spring 2024 - church finance's enquiries to The Vicar.

Cricket Club: Secretary: Peter Hughes, Holly Lodge, Madresfield 01684 572649

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Mrs Alice Bennett 01684 574378

Movement Club: Children's gym, dance, drama and ballet 01684 574378

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Friends of Madresfield School : Chairman: Rebecca Perkins; Secretary, Helena Barley;
Treasurer, Lavinia Macdonald

Madresfield Club : Secretary, Mrs Jo Morgan 01684 573363

Madresfield *contd.*

Parent & Toddler Club: Tuesdays 11-12; Gymini classes throughout Wednesdays;
Holiday Play Schemes; After School Collection & Care
Babies to PreSchool Care 8am-6pm daily

Movement Club: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Madresfield Early Years Centre
01684 574378.

Parent & Toddler Groups run daily in term time at Madresfield Early Years Centre
01684 574378 or Mrs Elaine Ward 01684 565714.

NEWLAND

Malvern Hills Trust representative: David Reynolds

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Newland Parish Council meets bi-monthly at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at The Beauchamp Community (January, March, May, July, September, November)



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Meditation Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm 01905 831048

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WHERE TO FIND THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE

- * <https://guarlfordvillagehall.co.uk/>
- * Google 'The Grapevine parish Magazine' then look out for Old Hills Malvern
- * www.madresfieldschool.net
- * <https://www.beauchampstleonard.org>
- * <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Publications.aspx?ParishID=94>

Guarlford Village Hall Refurbishment Completed!

Guarlford Village Hall's major refurbishment project has finally reached completion. On Saturday, 6th June, the Chair of the Trustees, Phil Thomas, welcomed everyone to the hall for the opening of the last phase of the project.



The Opening Ceremony

The final room at the hall, to be known as **The Peter Mayner Room** in memory of the late Dr. Peter Mayner of Cherry Orchard, Guarlford, was officially opened by Becca Mayner, accompanied by her family.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mike Huskinson, chair of Guarlford Parish Council, shared his memories of the late Doctor Mayner and reflected on the valuable contribution he had made to the local community.

A toast was made to the memory of Peter Mayner and the good health of his family before everyone enjoyed an afternoon tea

This new cosy room, which has its own kitchenette, will be available for hire and will be ideal for small group meetings or as a treatment room.

Contact the Secretary, Gill Hollick for more details

guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com



GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

2026 / 2027

August 22nd	Summer quiz
September 12th	Barn dance
September 20 th	Living Histories exhibition (National Heritage)
October 10th	Harvest supper and music concert
November 7 th	Charities Morning
November 27 th	Advent Garland making
November 28th	X mas quiz
December 5 th	Christmas Fayre
December 11 th – 13 th	Nativity Cafe
December date tba	Carol singing
2027	
January 13 th	Open meeting
January 23 rd	Burns night supper
February 13 th	Coffee morning and market
March 20 th	Easter Quiz
April 17 th	An evening with Reg Moule
May 22 nd	Line Dancing with Gav
June 19 th	'Royal Ascot' afternoon tea

More details for each event will be sent out on separate flyers.
 If you would like to be added to the mailing list, send an email to
guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

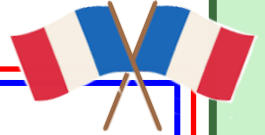


GUARLFORD WI News

In June, Guarlford WI celebrated its 85th birthday and we enjoyed a French evening. Members were welcomed to our village hall which

was decorated with many tricolours and red, white and blue bunting. A table was beautifully set out for supper, a delicious buffet of patés, cheeses, and tasty salads, followed by strawberries, cream and French cakes. Members dressed in red, white and blue for the evening, and we had a fun quiz and a game of boules. In all a very enjoyable evening.

Rosemary McCullough



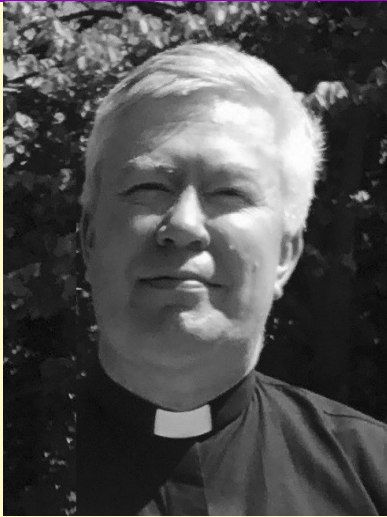
In July, Dorothy Cook gave an excellent talk about her career as a midwife. Dorothy trained as a nurse in Glasgow before undertaking her training as a midwife. She explained that it was expected that newly qualified nurses would specialise, and she fell in love with the uniform of a midwife, especially the cloak. Dorothy quickly came to realise that this was the profession for her and has thoroughly enjoyed her career. Over her 49 years in midwifery Dorothy has delivered over 4,000 babies. We heard many entertaining anecdotes about deliveries and her life as a midwife in the UK and Oman where she worked for 16 months. We enjoyed an entertaining and informative talk, thank you Dorothy.

Ann Johnson

In August our speaker will be Freddy Naftel, talking about **great film music**, and our September speaker will be Jill Salmons, whose talk is entitled '**Masquerades and Medicine Men, experiences in West Africa**'.

Paula Parsonage

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30, in Guarlford Village Hall.



Old Hills Malvern with Christchurch Malvern Churches

August 2026 Pastoral Letter

There is something rather special about **August**. For many, it is a month of holidays, family gatherings and the chance - hopefully - to slow the pace of life for a while. It is a season of journeys, whether to the coast, the countryside or somewhere a little further afield. This summer has reminded us of both the beauty and the fragility of God's creation. Here in the UK, we have experienced periods of intense heat, while across parts of Spain and France devastating wildfires have destroyed homes, livelihoods and precious countryside, disrupting holidays and bringing heartache to many communities. Our prayers remain with all those affected, and with the emergency services responding with such courage.

Yet there have also been moments that have lifted our spirits. Wimbledon and the World Cup - and right now the slimmed down Commonwealth Games in Glasgow - have brought excitement, encouragement and a welcome sense of togetherness. At a time when the world continues to face conflict and uncertainty, and as we adjust to a new Government at home, such moments remind us that hope and community still matter.

Journeys have featured quite a lot in my thinking recently. We recently celebrated St James' Day at Callow End Church, whose shrine at Santiago de Compostela has drawn pilgrims for centuries. Before long, I shall be making my own journey there once again. I should confess that my pilgrimage is rather less strenuous than many. It involves a cruise ship and a coach rather than weeks of walking across northern Spain. Even so, each visit reminds me that life itself is a journey of faith. The important question is not simply where we are going, but who is travelling with us.

That thought has stayed with me as I have looked back over the life of our churches this year. Concerts, exhibitions, community events and worship have brought hundreds of people through our doors. Along the way we have shared countless conversations over tea - and, I suspect, enough cake to have fed the five thousand! Every event has reminded me that our churches are not museums but places of welcome, belonging and hope at the heart of our communities.

One of my favourite verses from Isaiah begins with a simple invitation: *'Come, all you who are thirsty.'* People are thirsty in many different ways - for friendship, peace, purpose or simply someone to listen. Whether someone joins us for worship, visits a community event or steps into church for a few moments of quiet, my hope is that they discover something of God's generous welcome.

There has been another cause for thanksgiving too. We have now received permission for the next stage of the process to undertake the long-awaited repairs to the south roof at St Peter's, Powick. Caring for our church buildings is never simply about preserving old stones; it is about ensuring that these places of prayer and welcome continue serving future generations.

As August unfolds, I hope you find time to rest and be refreshed. Wherever your journey takes you this summer, remember that Christ walks beside you. We never travel alone.

With every blessing,

REV GARY



Santiago de Compostela Archcathedral Basilica is the burial place of St James the Great, one of Christ's apostles.



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SUMMER TASTER SESSIONS

MORNINGS OF FRIDAY 14, 21 & 28 AUGUST

WEEKLY CLASSES STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026

FRIDAY MORNINGS AT GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

Get in touch to discuss your health needs and **secure your place**

07867745774 | louiseclines50@gmail.com

1/1 sessions available pre-class if needed



BOOK CLUB

Would you be interested in joining Guarlford's new Book Club?

First Wednesday in each month

7.45pm in the Peter Mayner Room, Guarlford Village Hall

£2.00 donation per session to cover room hire costs

Join us for a light hearted relaxed evening – no compulsory reads

Come along to enjoy the chat and share some snacks



First meeting Wednesday 5th August 2026



If you have any good books you have enjoyed recently why not bring along your suggestions to share with everyone.



NEW CRAFT GROUP

Starting Friday

27th March

2pm – 5pm



Starting Friday

27th March

2pm – 5pm

Guarlford Village Hall

Calling all Crafters (and would be crafters!)

Would you like to learn a new skill or practise one you are already good at?

Would you like a peaceful afternoon with like-minded friends?



Why not join us at Guarlford Village Hall

No previous experience necessary.



Come to craft or come just for the chat.



Friday afternoon 2pm – 5pm

No need to book – just turn up



First session free - thereafter £2.00 per session



For more information contact the secretary guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com 07816 533251

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GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

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Table Tennis



Last Thursday each month

7.30 pm

No previous experience necessary

This is a 'just for fun' group

Turn up on the night or for more info
please contact the secretary below

Have a game of table tennis and
enjoy a cuppa



For more information email:
Or telephone the secretary on:

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07816 533251 Website:- guarlfordvillagehall.co.uk



Church Services and Online Worshipping Opportunities for Your Church in the **Old Hills Malvern Churches**

AUGUST 2026

Sunday 2nd August

Trinity 9

~~9.30am Living Communion at GUARLFORD~~ **CANCELLED**

11.00am Living Communion at POWICK

(With Revd Gary Crellin)

Sunday 9th August

Trinity 10

9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

(With Rev Dr William Rumball)

~~11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD~~ **CANCELLED**

Sunday 16th August

Trinity 11

~~8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK~~ - **CANCELLED**

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD

(With Rev Stephen Sealy)

11.00am Morning Praise Service at POWICK

(With the Lay Ministry Team)

Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12

9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD

(Both with Rev Gary Crellin)

Sunday 30th August

Trinity 13

11.00am Songs of Praise for a Summer Sunday at CHRISTCHURCH

(With Eileen Tomlin & Rev Gary Crellin)

Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green

Thursdays 13th & 27th August from 10.30-11.30am



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For Zoom Access codes and links, please contact us via
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The PSTN Switch-Off Checklist

The UK's 40-year-old analogue landline network is set to close at the end of January 2027.

If you have not done so already, it is **VITAL** you act now.

- ☐ **STEP 01 Don't wait. Start planning now**
Your provider should write to you before your line is switched, but letters can come late, get missed, or not arrive at all.
- ☐ **STEP 02 Ask your provider when your area is scheduled**
The switch-off is rolling out area by area across the UK. Be proactive, call your provider and ask directly. Don't wait for a letter. Knowing your date helps you sort everything else in good time.
- ☐ **STEP 03 Check if your home phone will still work**
Older corded phones that plug directly into the wall socket will not work on the new digital network without an adapter. Check with your provider, many will supply one replacement free of charge.
- ☐ **STEP 04 Check any personal or medical alarm**
If you or someone in your home uses a telecare device, such as a lifeline pendant alarm, fall detector, or emergency call button, contact the alarm provider before anything changes. These devices often rely on the phone line and may need replacing or reconfiguring.
- ☐ **STEP 05 Check your home burglar alarm**
Many home alarm systems use the phone line to contact a monitoring centre if they're triggered. Contact your alarm company to ask if your system is switch-off ready.
- ☐ **STEP 06 Know what happens if the power or internet goes down**
Unlike a traditional landline, your new digital phone needs your broadband router switched on and working. If the power goes out or your internet drops, it won't work. A charged mobile phone can be used in the unlikely event that power is offline.
- ☐ **STEP 07 Ask your broadband provider about emergency call backup**
Your broadband provider is required by Ofcom to offer you a way to call 999 during a power cut, usually a battery backup unit for your router, free of charge if you rely on your landline and don't have another device, such as a mobile phone. Contact them directly to find out more about battery backups.
- ☐ **STEP 08 Write down your key phone numbers today**
In case of any disruption during the switch, keep a few important numbers written down somewhere easy to find: your doctor's surgery, family members, and your provider's customer service number.
- ☐ **STEP 09 Ask for help, sooner rather than later**
You don't have to figure this out alone. Your provider **must** offer assisted migration support, and charities like Age UK can help. The earlier you ask, the more time there is to get it right.
- ☐ **STEP 10 You have switched**
You don't have to wait until January 2027 to switch. Over 85% of people have already switched and are using the service now. So, once you have switched you can simply sit back and relax.



NEWLAND NEWS

Due to the hot weather, the grass has gone brown and looks so sad, but the Catalpa tree has still blossomed and then provided a lot of shade for us to enjoy time outside, without getting too hot.

On a personal note, my lovely Mum passed away at the end of June, and it has left a big hole in my world even more so than I thought it would. Mum June Tilt was born in the Black Country, the industrial area around Dudley, just before the Second World War and one of her earliest memories was of the search lights tracking Luftwaffe bombers in the sky as she ran down the garden with her mother and little sister to the air raid shelter. One of the bombs fell on a house in their road instead of the factories across main road that run along the end of their street.

After leaving school at 15, she worked a variety of shop jobs in central Birmingham, discovering a love of reading on the train to and from work.

Mum joined the army where she met my dad; she had to leave the army when she married. (A rule that did not change until the 1990s.) After living all over with Army postings, we ended up in Malvern running a restaurant in Great Malvern. Mum moved away for a while to Redditch when she married her second husband but came back when the marriage failed.

After living at some 20 odd addresses, she found peace and a sense of community when she moved to the Beauchamp community in 2010. Mum always described living here as her reward for all the chaos of her life.

Mum had many creative hobbies in her life including painting on porcelain, drawing, knitting and upholstery.

Mum had been my travel companion; we visited many places together and I found the photo albums to prove it while clearing her flat. Her death has been met with great sadness by all who knew her. One thing that has kept me happy is the knowledge that I insisted that she have a birthday party in the Boardroom, the Saturday before her birthday and I try to hang on to the image of her laughing and greeting everyone as they arrived with cards and presents.



Life will gradually return to some kind of normal, and I know that deep down inside but for now it goes on day to day.

Jane Tinklin

**If you have to dial 999 or 112 and cannot speak
Dial 55
You can be found from your dialling location.**

Guarlford Village Hall is available for hire for
small gatherings.

For more information contact
Gill Hollick on 07816 533 251



Financial Help for Those in Need

The **Madresfield Relief in Need Charity** is an ancient charity for the benefit of those living in the ancient parish of Madresfield with Newland. The charity is overseen by the **Charity Commission** and managed by local trustees including Rev Gary Crellin.

The Covid pandemic has made life very tough for many. The trustees would like to help anyone within our parishes who needs support during this very challenging time.

If you would like to apply for financial support, please contact Rev Gary Crellin through the contact details below.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence.

To make an application please contact:

Rev Gary Crellin, The Vicarage, 31 The Greenway, Colletts Green, Powick WR2 4RZ

Email: revgarycrellin@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE that, like hairdressers, butchers and European museums,
Rev Gary's normal day off is **Monday**.