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

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Village Hall Website:-<http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/halltrustees.htm>

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 01684 572495

Churchwardens: Mr Christopher Bennett, Hayswood Farm, Madresfield, 01684 891047; Mrs Elizabeth Palmer, 33 Hall Green Close, WR14 3QY 01684 575914

Secretary: Wendy Palmer 01684 899223 E: wendy.palmer@outlook.com

Treasurer: Situation vacant from Spring 2024 - church finance's enquiries to The Vicar.

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

Early Years Centre www.meyc.co.uk 01684 574378 (9am-2pm)

Mrs Alice Bennett 01684 574378

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

Parish Council: Clerk: Mr David Sharp, 20 Farley Road, Malvern Link 01684 573213
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Madresfield C E Primary School: Head of School: Emma Rose Tel:01684 573620
E: office@madresfield.dowmat.education

Friends of Madresfield School : Chairman: Helen Morgan;

Vice Chairman: Hannah Willey; Secretary, Christine Warner ; Treasurer, Hannah Hollick ; Press Officer, Tracy Williams

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: Duncan Westbury

Parish Council: Clerk: Jacqui Barker, 114 Fruitlands, Malvern WR14 4XB 01684 567674
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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)



Community Support Officer: PC Dee Stanley

County & District Councillor: Tom Wells, 27 Upton Road, Callow End WR2 4TY
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Malvern Hills Trust: Chase representative: Richard Fowler

Malvern Hub: for reporting abandoned cars and flytipping 01684 862151

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

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WHERE TO FIND THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE

- * <http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/news.htm>
- * http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/vill_mag.htm This site displays past editions.
- * <https://www.oldhillsmalvern.co.uk/useful-links>
- * www.madresfieldschool.net
- * <https://www.beauchampstleonard.org>
- * <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Publications.aspx?ParishID=94>

GUARLFORD HISTORY GROUP AND VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Guarlford village website



The Guarlford village website (guarlfordparish.uk) was set up twenty years ago and has been maintained since then by **Angus McCulloch**, who due to health issues now wishes to step down as webmaster.

Over the years, the website has been a useful 'one stop shop', bringing together links to all the village organisations, as well as maintaining its original purpose of storage for the GHG digital history archives. It has also been used by people tracing their family histories, requesting information and offering more memories. If anyone would like to consider taking on **the role of webmaster**, do please get in touch, and we can discuss the website, raising funding etc. (contact webmaster@guarlfordparish.uk) (If there are no offers of help, the website will disappear in August 2025, when the present hosting expires.)

The Guarlford History Group (GHG) was set up after the Millennium when the pond and churchyard

restoration schemes were awarded second prize in a Worcestershire community competition in 2002, and the parish council decided to use the money to research and write our village history. A group of local residents comprising Dr Eric Jones, Michael Skinner, Don Hill, Dr Peter Mayner, Janet Lomas and Rosemary and Angus McCulloch) met regularly to write *The Guarlford Story* (published 2005) and *The Guarlford Scene* (2008). We enjoyed gathering all the reminiscences of life in Guarlford decades ago, and memories that had been handed down through the generations, as well as capturing pictures of life at that time. It was fun organizing various community events and good to be able to set up the website for the village and fund many projects with the money raised by the sale of the two books – hope you enjoyed it too. But the few remaining members now feel that it is time to wind up this GHG.

If anyone would like to form a new Guarlford History Group, which could meet in the wonderfully regenerated village hall, there is equipment that can be used and the History archive cupboards, with documents, photographs, record books and other memorabilia. Again, do please get in touch and we can give advice about setting up a group.

Many thanks to all in the village who so generously provided material for our books and archive, and gave up their time for us to record their memories. (Perhaps we should all be writing down our own life stories to hand on to future generations?)

Rosemary McCulloch

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR - AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER

If a community is to survive and thrive, all the people who live there must take part to make sure that it does survive and thrive. Don't sit back and think there will always be someone else to carry you through life.

Volunteering can be exciting,
challenging,
rewarding
and can take your life in directions you never thought possible.

If you're retired and under 85 and think you're
TOO OLD
to help in your community, then you've made yourself too old.
And whose fault is that?



NATIVITY 24

in St Mary's Church, Guarlford

Friday 22nd November 1.00 – 4.00 pm
 Saturday 23rd November 1.00 – 4.00 pm
 Sunday 24th November 12.30 – 4.00 pm

*an Exhibition of Nativity Sets
 from around the world
 with activities for children*

*When you've seen the exhibition, why not stroll round to
 the Nativity Café in Guarlford Village Hall?
 Stairs or the stair lift will transport you to
 Teas, Coffees & Home made cakes*



A warm welcome awaits YOU!

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Judith Knott and
 Rosemary McCulloch



A Special Service for pre-schoolers, their parents & carers



You are warmly invited to join us at the

PreSchoolers' Service 1.30 - 2 pm

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield
 on **Tuesday 24th September** for

Harvest

Do come along, sit on the carpet, sing songs and listen to a story.
 Everyone is welcome.



GUARLFORD WI

Old Hills Malvern Churches

WI REPORT AUGUST 24



- 1) How many fire alarms do you have in your house?
- 2} Where are they situated?
- 3) When was the last time you checked them?

These were among the questions asked by members of the Fire Service who came to speak to us at our August meeting.

The ideal number for the family house is two, one upstairs and one downstairs and they should be checked every six months.

We are all familiar with the Fire Service attending building fires, traffic accidents, animal rescue and even adventurous small children with heads stuck in railings. Much of their time is also taken up with educating schools and the public in the best ways to help keep themselves and their families safe.



It is possible to book a free home visit to have alarms checked and, if necessary, replaced. Fire safety advice is also available for people with sight, hearing or mobility difficulties.

Several of our members signed up for a home safety visit. An excellent service, well worth checking out.



Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer - members of Guarlford WI

For our last meeting in the Green Room we learned about the wonderful work undertaken by the charity, 'Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer'. They are a caring community of amazing women and men fighting and surviving breast cancer. The charity was established in 2000 by Veronica Kumeta and Sue Macmaster after their friend, Carol, died of the disease.

The LFBC offer support services on line and within the community, free of charge for anyone affected by a breast cancer diagnosis. There is a closed Facebook group run by trained volunteers who have experienced breast cancer themselves. They also offer online sessions

in small groups during the daytime, evening and 1-2-1 on request.

Coffee mornings and other events arranged across the county are posted on their Facebook page and the choir has proved to be very popular. Weekly practice sessions help to reduce stress and improve mood. The LFBC choir has a wide repertoire and sing at corporate charity events – they have even appeared on Britain's Got Talent!

First chemotherapy or radiotherapy sessions can be extremely daunting and the Hug-In-A-Bag initiative was created. A fabric bag filled with useful items eg water bottle, moisturiser, book, blanket nail varnish and many others. These were given free to anyone given a BC diagnosis

within a 70-mile radius of the QE hospital. Unfortunately, this may have to stop because of an overwhelming demand.

Members of the Craft group have made underarm breast cushions and knitted seamless hats and seat belt pads. New hat patterns were available.

It was good to hear a first- hand account of the effect that this disease can have, not only on the patient but also on the immediate family.

Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer is an amazing charity that believes that nobody should have to face breast cancer alone.

They are well worth any support we can give.

Sue Orgill



Members of the Craft group made underarm breast cushions.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

Everyone is welcome to advertise their services in our *Grapevine*.

In return, we would like a donation to be paid to the *Grapevine* account. See page 2 for bank details.

When there is enough money to be useful, a small team will decide which community project is supported with *Grapevine* funds. It might be new curtains for a village hall, prefect badges for a school or the hire of a digger to clear a pond.



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OCTOBER 2024

Sunday 6th October

The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Living Communion at POWICK

Sunday 13th October

The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD

Sunday 20th October

The Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Morning Praise at POWICK

Sunday 27th October

Last Sunday After Trinity

Bible Sunday

9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END

11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD

Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green

Thursdays 10th & 24th October from 10.30-11.30am



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For Zoom Access codes and links, please contact us via
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SCAN ME

YOUR CHURCHES

Church Services - Each church notice board will have a list of services but you can visit the online calendar at <https://www.OLDHILLSMALVERN.CO.UK>



QR Code for the Old Hills Malvern Churches

If you have a phone or a tablet, you can use it to scan this QR code, which will take you directly to the churches' website. No need to remember the www. address - scan and be teleported as if by magic straight to the website. Give it a go.

**If you have to dial 999 or 112 and cannot speak
Dial 55**

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**.

HALL FOR HIRE



Guarlford Village Hall is available for hire for small gatherings.

For more information contact Gill Hollick on 07816 533251

FOR SALE AND WANTS

Gardener required for a local attractive holiday let, to include regular mowing, strimming and upkeep of hedges. Please contact Rosemary Boaz 01643 703761
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