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Annie and Joe were staying in Malvern Link and enjoying good weather on British Camp on the afternoon of 15th July 1932 when they wrote this postcard and sent it to Alice and Fred Stephens in Knowle Road, Sparkhill.

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

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

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MADRESFIELD

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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

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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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- * <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>

Madresfield Telephone Box/Book Exchange opposite St Mary's Church

The book exchange is looked after with a great deal of pride by two residents of Hall Green. It is very popular and we are grateful to those who donate adult and children's books, DVD'S. Craft and gardening magazines are welcome but do not survive well in the damp conditions. It is not hard work, looking after the book exchange but does have its moments and so we ask you to help us. Can we suggest that books that have been nibbled by mice or stored in a leaking shed go into a recycling bin and not put into the box. Outdated specialised books appear to be of no interest to visitors to the box as they do not get taken away, again these need to go into recycling. Keep donating; we know by the turnover of books that the book exchange is very well used. We have been congratulated by the local councillor for its smart, well organised appearance. Long may it continue.

Marguerite and Allan Barnwell



The Russell Memorial, St Peter's Parish Church, Powick



On the left hand wall of the Lady Chapel in St Peter's church is the most beautiful monument dedicated to Mary Russell.

It was created by sculptor **Thomas Scheemakers (or Scheemaeckers)** circa 1787 and is regarded as one of his finest works. He was the last of the family of sculptors originally from Antwerp. Thomas ceased working as a monumental sculptor after 1792.

There are many interpretations of the memorial, one being that it portrays a representation of motherhood in mourning, reclining upon a sarcophagus. The front of the sarcophagus bears a carved relief of Mary giving music instruction to her daughter. The little girl's hand rests on the keyboard of a spinet with music propped on the music desk. Her mother holds a book in her lap as she instructs her daughter, her left hand resting on the child's shoulder. The medallion of mother and child is flanked by a variety of musical instruments.

According to Mary's husband William, and carved on the front, 'by a sincere, complacent, and affectionate temper Mary endeared the conjugal union; the maternal office she discharged with singular judgment, attention and delight. In cultivating those qualities, and excellent principles, paternal love, and guardian care, implanted, she formed a character most worthy, amiable, and pleasing. Her musical talents were various and extensive - taste, sweetness, expression, distinguished her song; execution and grace her instrumental harmony. But far more important was her exemplary regard to religious, moral, and social duties; piety and benevolence prevailed in her mind; cheerfulness and simplicity in her manners; in all her conduct the influence of virtue.'



BIRTH

Mary was born on 21st June 1758. She was the eldest daughter of London barrister Joseph Cocks and Margaret Thorniloe, both originally from Herefordshire and buried in Easton Bishop churchyard. Mary and her younger sister Margaret were very wealthy co-heiresses and their father ensured that his two daughters were well provided for in his will.

The portrait (left) shows young Mary, aged 6, with her aunt Margaret. This was painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds in 1789. It may have been the last commissioned portrait made by Sir Joshua before his blindness.

Mary posed for the miniature (right) the year before she married William. It was painted on ivory by John Smart.



Joseph Cocks appointed his sister and two brothers as trustees of his estate until his daughters were aged twenty one or married.

MARRIAGE

Mary was the first wife of wealthy barrister-at-law, William Russell of Powyke Court, Worcestershire. They married on 18th March 1782 in St Martin's church, Worcester.

Just one year to the day later, Mary gave birth to a daughter, whom the couple named after her mother. Unfortunately young Mary, like her mother and maternal grandfather before her, did not have a long life and was only 23 when she died.

DEATH

Mary died on the 27th November 1786, age only 28. She is buried inside the church and at the bottom of her memorial it says '*Fiat Voluntas Dei*' - May God's Will be Done.

Mary's sister **Margaret** (nee Cocks, 1773-1847) was only 13 when Mary died. A painting (right) in the Victoria and Albert Museum depicts Margaret mourning at the urn of her sister.



This painting in the V & A depicts Margaret mourning at her sister's urn.



A portrait of Margaret (left), which was painted the year of her sister's death, shows her holding the miniature of Mary in her lap and wearing what may well have been a mourning ring.

Marguerite Barnwell

Monuments by Thomas Scheemakers in the church of St John the Baptist at Eastnor

There is a memorial to **Edward Charles Cocks**, who drowned aged 14 in 1782 whilst at Westminster School. Made by Scheemakers, it has a pile of books at the foot, the square cap of a Westminster boy and a lamb.

In the church tower is a bust in memory of **Joseph Cocks**, who died in 1775 at the age of 42. It was made by Thomas Scheemakers after a design of James Stuart and is in brown and white marble with a sarcophagus with a profile in a roundel and putti above.

There is also a marble statue of a woman seated by an urn, set against drapery and with an inverted torch which is in memory of **Mrs Mary Cocks** (1724- 1779), again by Scheemakers.

Thomas Scheemakers (c. 1740 – 15 July 1808) - he signed himself Scheemaeckers, was a sculptor in late eighteenth-century London, the son of the sculptor Peter Scheemakers.



GUARLFORD WI



The WI year began with our annual January lunch with husbands/partners at the Robin Hood in Castlemorton. A very enjoyable event with good food and good company.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, the village hall is undergoing a complete refurbishment. Part of this work necessitated the removal of the stairs and stair lift to allow for tanking of the exterior walls, which left our less mobile members with no means of accessing the upper hall.

We held our February meeting in the downstairs Peter Mayner room but this proved to be rather too cosy! Think shoehorns. Fortunately, our speaker, Caroline Butcher, was completely unfazed and gave us an excellent talk on the history, making and types of hat and how to choose the best shape for your face. She brought a large selection of feathers, ribbons and different fabrics and showed us how large straw hats and fascinators are made, as well as the best way to wear them.



We also learned that the beautiful small cartwheel hats worn on the side of the head and favoured by many members of the royal family are called hatinators. We now know who to go to for that special occasion hat.

The search for an alternative venue proved to be very difficult – there are an amazing number of groups and organisations in Malvern all requiring rooms for an evening meeting. We were fortunate to secure the Green Room at the Cube in Albert Road North, Malvern.

The meetings will still be on the second Tuesday evening at 7.30.

We shall be at this venue for March, April, May, June, August and September, the July meeting will be an afternoon tea at St Richards Hospice café in Worcester (details at a later date)

Unfortunately, in March, Mr Barnes, is not available to give his talk on Portmeirion but **Angela Lane** has kindly stepped in and will speak to us about her time *Living and Working in the Middle East*.

Sue Orgill

Sad but True

Found in the burial records for Malvern public cemetery:

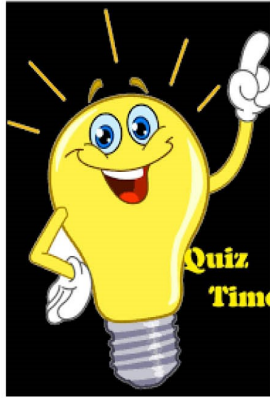
Burial of a child 15th February 1901, 'no ceremony, residence at time of death not known, found at Sewage Farm, Guarlford.'

Buried 6th February 1906 'Male child, age not known, place where death occurred not known, found at Sewage Farm'

Buried January 4th 1907 'Male child, infant, place of death not known, found at Sewage Farm.'



GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL



Bring your own bottle

EASTER QUIZ

In support of the village hall regeneration fund

Saturday 23rd March 2024

7.00 pm for a prompt 7.15pm start

Bring a team of 4 or
come on your own and join a team

Tickets include supper of soup, crusty bread
and delicious homemade puds

Prizes

£10 per person

Prizes

To book a place email guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

Or telephone the secretary on 07816 533251

***** COME AND SEE THE NEWLY FITTED KITCHEN AND *****
THE PROGRESS OF OUR MAJOR REFURBISHMENT

IF YOU LOVE GARDENS

OR ARE A GARDENER ...

This event is for you !

Saturday 20th April 2024 7.15 for 7.30 start



Reg is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker about all things horticultural. Formerly trained at Pershore, he is a writer, radio and television broadcaster and manages a nursery/garden centre. Come ready with your gardening questions or just come along to listen and prepare to be informed and entertained

Tickets £10 each to include tea, coffee and cake.

Booking essential via guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

Or contact the Secretary on 07816 533251

This will be the last event in Guarlford Village Hall before it closes for the summer to have the roof repaired. Watch out for the grand re-opening in the autumn.



REPORT FROM GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

March 2024

Refurbishment work commenced on the village hall at the start of January with the contract for works going to Paul and Mark Mucke, the same contractors who carried out the work on improvements to the toilets in 2023. This current phase of work is expected to be completed by September 2024.

The kitchen has been insulated and updated and is due for completion this week.



The Kitchen

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The **stairwell** has also been insulated and a new staircase has been delivered ready for fitting. Some insulation has been started in the **main hall** but the next phase of the project will be to repair the roof, entrance door and external brickwork. This external work has been programmed for May when it is hoped that the weather will have improved.



The village hall committee have organised two more community events for April and May, after which the main function room will be out of commission for most of the period until September 2024. The Peter Mayner room downstairs will still be accessible and it is hoped that this will be suitable for the Parish Council Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting in **May 2024**.

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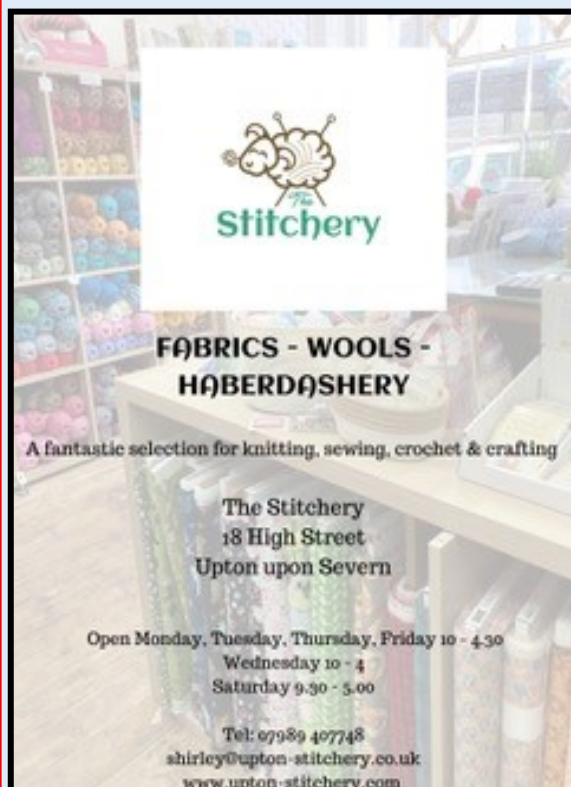
Work on the stairwell still has a way to go but it is now fully insulated.

The regular hirers of the village hall have all agreed to find alternative accommodation for the summer but the committee will be happy and eager to welcome them all back in the autumn. In addition to the current activities, the committee will be actively promoting the hall to new hirers in order to generate an increased regular income for the building to ensure its sustainability into the future. If you know of a group who would like to get ahead and express an interest in booking the newly appointed hall, please contact the secretary on guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

The village hall committee will be meeting in April to discuss the planned summer fete on the green in Penny Close in June and intend to continue with a programme of monthly social events for the local community following a re-opening event next September.

The committee are very proud to be guardians of the village hall during this period of regeneration and they certainly have a lot of fun joining in with various activities. If you would like to be involved why not put the date of the AGM in your diary. You can find out what goes on behind the scenes, what is planned for the coming year and add your own voice to any decisions.

Village Hall AGM Wednesday 12th June 7pm Venue to be confirmed



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.



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

MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd March

The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Lent Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Lent Communion at POWICK

Sunday 10th March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday

9.30am Mothering Sunday Service at CALLOW END

11.00am Mothering Sunday Service at MADRESFIELD



Sunday 17th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent/Passiontide begins

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Morning Praise at POWICK

5.30pm BCP Evening Prayer via ZOOM

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

10.45am Benefice Palm Sunday Procession and Service at MADRESFIELD

(Meet at Madresfield Early Years Centre at 10.30am)

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

9.30am Easter Communion at CALLOW END

9.30am Easter Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Easter Communion at POWICK

11.00am Easter Communion at MADRESFIELD

**Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green
Fortnightly on Thursdays from 10.30-11.30am**

01905 830270 www.oldhillsmalvern.co.uk

For Zoom Access codes and links, please contact us via
revgarycrellin@gmail.com or oldhillsmalvern@gmail.com



SCAN ME



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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

10.45am Palm Sunday Procession and Service at MADRESFIELD

(Meet at Madresfield Early Years Centre at 10.30am)

Monday 25th March

7.00pm Compline for Holy Week at CALLOW END

Tuesday 26th March

7.00pm Compline for Holy Week at MADRESFIELD

Wednesday 27th March

7.00pm Compline for Holy Week at POWICK

Thursday 28th March

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy at GUARLFORD

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

12noon An Hour by the Cross at POWICK

**There will be An Hour by the Cross at
GUARLFORD, CALLOW END and MADRESFIELD**

between 12noon and 3pm. Please see local notices for details.

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

9.30am Easter Communion at CALLOW END

9.30am Easter Communion at GUARLFORD

11.00am Easter Communion at POWICK

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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.



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

You are warmly invited to join us at the

PreSchoolers' Services 1.30 - 2 pm

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield

on **Tuesday 14th May** for

The Two Houses

and on **Tuesday 9th July** for

The Big Picnic

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

Everyone is welcome.



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

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

FOR SALE AND WANTS



Guarlford Village Hall is available for hire for small gatherings.

For more information contact Gill Hollick on 07816 533251

Gardener required for a local attractive holiday let, to include regular mowing, strimming and upkeep of hedges.

Please contact Rosemary Boaz 01643 703761

E: roseyboaz@gmail.com



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:

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Email: revgarycrellin@gmail.com

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