

# *The Grapevine online*

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Yippee!  
The spring has sprung.



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

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## **GUARLFORD**

**Guarlford Parish Website:** [www.guarlfordparish.uk](http://www.guarlfordparish.uk)

**Churchwarden:** David Fellows

**Verger:** Vacant

**Malvern Hills Trust representative:** David Fellows

**Parish Council:** Clerk: Mrs Gill Hollick, 2 Bamford Close, Guarlford WR13 6PF

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**Parish Path Warden:** David Fellows, Green Fields, Rectory Lane, Guarlford

Tel: 01684 574243

**Tree Warden:** Rev. Peter Hughes

**Chairman, Village Hall Committee:** Mrs Jenny Cameron

Village Hall: E: [guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com)

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

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

President: Caroll Murphy E: [wifolk@guarlfordparish.uk](mailto:wifolk@guarlfordparish.uk)

## **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](mailto: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](http://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

E: [mrdasharp@btinternet.com](mailto:mrdasharp@btinternet.com)

**Madresfield C E Primary School:** Head of School: Mrs Rebecca Hibell 01684 573620

E: [office@madresfield.dowmat.education](mailto: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  
E: newlandpc1@gmail.com

*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

**Parochial Church Council:** Rector- Rev. Gary Crellin 01905 830270

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Vice Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Palmer 33 Hall Green Close, WR14 3QY 01684 575914

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**Parish Website:** www.oldhillsmalvern.co.uk

## **WHERE TO FIND THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE**

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

## IF YOU KNIT OR CROCHET - WE NEED YOU!

How many of you visited Inkberrow church in November to see the curtain of poppies that went from the top of the bell tower, all the way to the ground. It took an enormous amount of poppies, 5,000 - 6,000 - to achieve this amazing sight.

Our rector, Gary Crellin would like to do something similar at one of our four churches to mark Remembrance Day 2025. Before then, discussions need to take place and plans need to be made, but the number and type of displays that can be created will depend on the number of poppies produced.

That's where you come in. If everyone knitted one poppy a day between now and the end of October it would equal .... well an awful lot of poppies. I have been busy crocheting them since Gary came up with the idea in November and one thing I have learned already is that they take up a lot of room and that yarn is expensive. If you are unable to store the poppies when complete, please contact me and I will collect them.

I have managed to source 100g balls of Dk at £1.20 per ball. I'm happy to deliver if you would like a supply. Please contact me on E: [thebarnowls06@gmail.com](mailto:thebarnowls06@gmail.com)  
Tel: 01684 891760

Poppy knitting and crocheting patterns are readily available on the Internet, if you would like one printing out, again, please contact me.

Please feel free to pass the word on to any family, friends, clubs, groups, who may help to achieve this.

Marguerite Barnwell



## Guarlford Village Fund-Raising Event

A new programme of events for 2025 is about to begin at **Guarlford Village Hall**. Funds are now being raised **to refurbish the Peter Mayner room**, which will be a small meeting room downstairs complete with a small kitchenette. The first event will be 8th and 9th February. See page 6 for details.

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

You are warmly invited to join us at the

**PreSchoolers' Service 1.50 - 2.20 pm**

**[NOT THE USUAL TIME !]**

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield  
on **Tuesday 25th March** for

***Jesus's Friends***

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





# GUARLFORD VILLAGE HALL

## Art Exhibition



**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**2pm – 4pm**



**Free admission**



*Calligraphy  
demonstration*



Café Open for tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes

Art work for sale or just come and have a look and treat yourself  
at the café.





## Old Hills Malvern Churches Vicar's Pastoral Letter - February 2025

Dear Friends

Many people will now have discovered that their **new year's resolutions** have started to falter. All the best intentions can fail after a little time and ordinary life. We start out so well, but then time and circumstances take their toll, and we lose sight of what we had hoped for.

In the Church year, at the beginning of February we change over from finishing the Christmas season with **Candlemas** (2nd February'25, services at Guarlford & Powick) into starting to prepare for **Easter**. The idea is that we move from one celebration to another through seasons which prepare us appropriately. **Lent** will soon start but this year (Ash Wednesday is on 5th March'25). There will not be a Lent course as such in our parishes but I will be promoting other opportunities across the deanery where our presence will no doubt add flavour to the discussions and learning. I hope both church councils can agree on a charity collection opportunity for the coming Lenten journey.

There are so many things unstated in our lives that it is good to sometimes have a chance to think about how things are going and how we might improve. Our society now considers many things acceptable which used to cause terrible guilt: **divorce** is one; and conversely, we now look down on things which used to be perfectly acceptable: **smoking** is one. There is an intellectual idea that if we can remove the restrictive ideas of the past, then we shall no longer feel guilt. **Guilt** is an internal feeling imposed on ourselves by memories of the past. **Shame** is when that guilt is imposed from other people. The Church looking down on divorced people where it wanted to promote marriage caused huge guilt and shame in those who were divorced. In society, those who were divorced were excluded from certain social events. Nowadays we feel rightly differently; many people had this trauma of marriage breakdown in their lives and there should be no need to keep heaping guilt upon them. With our parishes' wedding preparation happening soon at Valentine's, I will be welcoming couples who have found love again and it will be a privilege to marry them in their local church this year.

And the Church is not immune. With **safeguarding** rightly at the forefront of all of our ministries, I know how hurt and saddened people have been by the way the Church has not learned lessons from countless safeguarding reports and so many people have been harmed. We should all take safeguarding very seriously and there are routes to report concerns should you need to. As the Church of England wrestles with the challenges it is facing, we all need to be reminded again and again that we have a Saviour. We celebrated His arrival at Christmas, and we celebrate His victory over sin and guilt at Easter. What we need to do is accept our part in the failures of the past (whatever they may be), and then bring them to our Saviour and ask for his forgiveness and mercy. Then we need to receive that **forgiveness** and start to move into a newly forgiven part of our lives.

I have found the Serenity prayer, which guides us to seek God's help, to be really useful in my life and I commend it to you.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference

Every blessing

**Rev Gary**

*The Reverend Gary Crellin, Area Dean of Malvern & Upton and Vicar of the Parishes of Powick with Callow End, Guarlford & Madresfield with Newland*



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

## FEBRUARY 2025

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

*Candlemas*

**9.30am Living Communion at GUARLFORD**

**11.00am Living Communion at POWICK**

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

*Fourth Sunday Before Lent*

**9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END**

**11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD**

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

*Third Sunday Before Lent*

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK**

**9.30am BCP Holy Communion (Said) at GUARLFORD**

**NO 11am Service**

**4.00pm Taizé Service at POWICK**

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

*Second Sunday Before Lent*

**9.30am Living Communion at CALLOW END**

**11.00am Living Communion at MADRESFIELD**

**Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green**

**Thursdays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30-11.30am**



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## MARCH 2025

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

*Sunday Next Before Lent*

**9.30am Living Communion at GUARLFORD**

**11.00am Living Communion at POWICK**

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

*Ash Wednesday*

**12noon Ash Wednesday Service at MADRESFIELD**

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

*The First Sunday of Lent*

**9.30am Lent Communion at CALLOW END**

**11.00am Lent Communion at MADRESFIELD**

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion at POWICK**

**9.30am BCP Holy Communion at GUARLFORD**

**11.00am Morning Praise at POWICK**

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

*The Third Sunday of Lent*

**9.30am Lent Communion at CALLOW END**

**11.00am Lent Communion at MADRESFIELD**

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday*

**10.30am Mothering Sunday Café Church at CALLOW END**

**Midweek Communion at The Orchard Room in Colletts Green**

**Thursdays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30-11.30am**

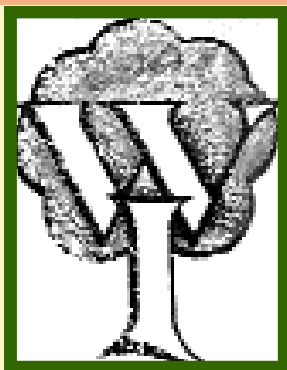


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## GUARLFORD WI

December was a busy month for Guarlford members. Early in the month we had our **annual Christmas party**, which was held in the newly-refurbished village hall. Members contributed a wide array of delicious buffet food and drink, and there was plenty of chatting and laughter.

Also early in the month the village hall was the venue for the annual **Guarlford Christmas Craft Fair**, and as usual some of our talented craft members helped out with making some of the items for sale, some baked cakes, and others helped by manning the stalls, and serving refreshments to all the people who braved one of the windiest days of the year to come and browse the stalls, buying gifts for friends and family for Christmas. The event was a great success, and raised funds for the village hall.

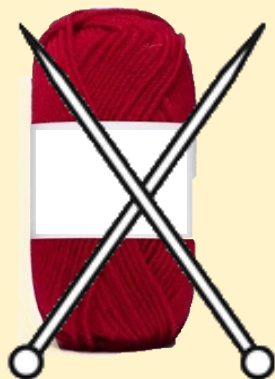


Our **skittles team** was in action on two occasions, against Poolbrook ladies in December and in mid-January against the West Malvern team. We surprised ourselves by winning one of the matches, but I am afraid to say yours truly was the weakest link on both occasions. As ever, the evenings were good fun, with all of the teams enjoying both the games and the company. As usual, Barnards Green cricket club was the venue for our matches.

In early January, our New Year meal was once again held at the Robin Hood at Castlemorton. Many of our members and their partners enjoyed a delicious lunch, and convivial company.



Our next ongoing project is to help the Guarlford community by knitting poppies for the celebration later in the year to mark 80th anniversary of VE Day. The reason our crafty ladies are starting so early is that it is hoped to decorate not only the war memorial outside the church but, if we can manage it, poppies to place around the perimeter walls of the churchyard. This is a community project, so hopefully enough people will feel inspired to pick up their knitting needles.



So you can see that our WI has plenty to keep it busy.

We will soon be planning our programme of speakers for the coming year, so we have plenty of interesting things to look forward to in 2025.

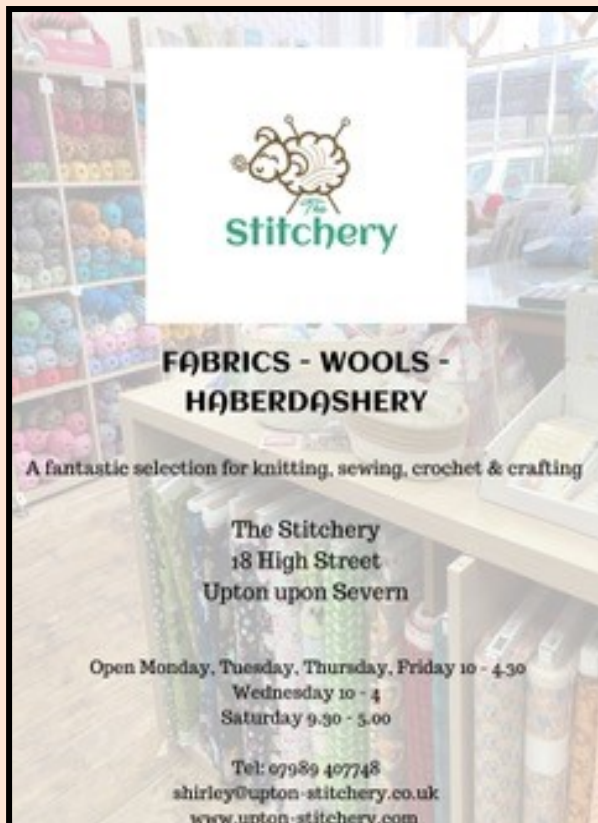
Paula Parsonage

## 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.



The Stitchery logo features a stylized green sheep with a needle in its mouth, above the word "The Stitchery" in green. Below this, the text "FABRICS - WOOLS - HABERDASHERY" is displayed in bold black letters. A tagline reads "A fantastic selection for knitting, sewing, crochet & crafting". The address "The Stitchery, 18 High Street, Upton upon Severn" is listed. Opening hours are: "Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 - 4.30, Wednesday 10 - 4, Saturday 9.30 - 5.00". Contact information includes "Tel: 07989 407748", "shirley@upton-stitchery.co.uk", and "www.upton-stitchery.com". The background shows shelves of colorful fabric and yarn.



The advertisement for Taylor & Kerby features the company name in a large, gold, serif font, with "ANTIQUE CLOCK REPAIRS" in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font below it. A central image shows a round, ornate antique clock with a white face, Roman numerals, and a dark brown leather strap. Below the clock, the website "www.taylorandkerby.co.uk" is listed, followed by the address "Malvern, Worcestershire" and the phone number "01684 259135".

### 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



## 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 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.



**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 533251

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