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Churchwardens:

Guarlford -

Madresfield - Mr Christopher Bennett, Hayswood Farm, Madresfield, 01684 891047; Mrs Liz Palmer, 33 Hall Green Close, WR14 3QY 01684 575914
Secretary: Wendy Palmer 01684 899223 E: wendy.palmer@outlook.com
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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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County & District Councillor: Tom Wells, 27 Upton Road, Callow End WR2 4TY 01905 831752 07702 996203 E: talwells@btinternet.com

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Madresfield Movement Club

Children's gym, dance, drama and ballet 01684 574378

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- * http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/vill_mag.htm This site also displays past editions.
- * <http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/news.htm>
- * <https://www.oldhillsmalvern.co.uk/>
- * www.madresfieldschool.net
- * <https://www.beauchampstleonard.org>
- * Google Guarlford in Worcestershire County Council's website.

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



A new QR Code for the Old Hills Malvern Churches

Chances are, you will have already seen these little boxes with strange looking black markings. They are quite out there at the moment. If you have a phone or a tablet, you can use it to scan this box - and if you do, it will take you directly to the Churches' website. No need to remember the www. address - scan and be teleported (or something) straight to the website. Give it a go.

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

What's On in the Parish

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

Tower Bell Ringers every Monday at 7.30 in Madresfield Church.

Guarlford W.I every second Tuesday in the month at Guarlford Village Hall.

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 Parish Council bi-monthly on Mondays in the Boardroom, Beauchamp Community, 7.30.

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

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>

What's On in the Parishes

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October

Saturday 15th Barn Dance, Guarlford 8

November

Friday 25th Christmas Craft Workshop, Guarlford 8

December

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For more details about what's on in Guarlford and where to get tickets:

Email:- guarlfordvillagehall@gmail.com

website:- <http://www.guarlfordparish.uk/halltrustees.htm>

George Herbert Celebration



On **16th October** Upton Parish Church is holding a George Herbert celebration combining a talk about his life and work and choral evensong based on his hymns. There is an eventbrite page where **free tickets** can be booked:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/george-herbert-celebration-upton-upon-severn-parish-church-tickets-401177331197?>

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

You are warmly invited to join us at the

PreSchoolers' Service

in St Mary's Church, Madresfield
on **Tuesday 13th December** from 1.30 - 2 pm

when the theme will be *Christmas*

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

You will be very welcome.



Malvern Green Space

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Everyone Welcome

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Part of the Climate Emergency Centre Network.

At the **Community fridge** at St Mary's Church, Sherrards Green Road, surplus food items that have been placed there by home-produce growers may be freely taken.



From Barbara Hill (*ALM—Pastoral*)

I am sorry to see the demise of the link across our parishes for the want of an editor to take up the reins of our *Grapevine*. Grateful thanks must go to Cora for her sterling editorship of these past 20 years; may she gain the rest she is seeking and all good wishes for the future.

Thank you too, to the readers who have often phoned me or personally commented on the articles I have written for the Grapevine over the past 30 years. I am pleased you have found them 'food for thought' and I very much enjoyed our discussions, and will be sad to break our link. I still have my ALM hat on so please still contact me if you so wish either in a practical way, or to discuss a topic or just to let off steam. I know you know everything is in strictest confidence, and we are as friends. So do not say good bye: please keep in touch.

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Pauline Rosemary Jones 17th July 1935 - 17th June 2022

Pauline was born in Sutton Coldfield, the daughter of Alfred Earnest and Dorothy Eileen. Alfred was a jeweller and the young Pauline was adorned with numerous rings on her tiny fingers.

Pauline's love of horticulture came from her father, who was a keen gardener. She had an in-depth knowledge of a huge range of plants, knowing both Latin and common names, an invaluable skill in later life when she began work with Malcolm Russell at Tan House.



Pauline wrote poetry; much of her dissertation was written in Old English; she studied ballet to the age of 15 years, gaining honours at grades 2 & 3 and had season tickets to the Birmingham Festival Ballet for many years.

After grammar school, Pauline graduated from University College of North Wales, Bangor, then enjoyed 15 years teaching in Derby at Homelands Girls' Grammar. Then she met her life-long friend, Sylvia, whose daughter Rachel also became a cherished friend. Pauline moved schools to Ellerslie in Malvern and taught there for 13 years until retirement in 1986, when she looked after her Mum, who died in 1989.

Pauline's life blossomed in Callow End with her church activities, Welly Club, Women's Institute, Field Club (becoming President), choir and gardening interests. The Parish Singers were a source of great joy for Pauline; she had a lovely voice, even singing a solo in *The Crucifixion*. Her circle of friends made for a busy calendar and she loved travelling to gardens in the UK - Bodnant Gardens, Kew, Hampton Court and so on.

She ended her working life at Tan House Plants with Malcolm Russell and best friend, Sue Edwards. Together, they managed the markets and won a Silver Gilt for their display at the Malvern Show.

Pauline and Sue supported the Cat's Protection League, and were devoted to the many cats in their care. The trio of friends - Pauline, Sue and Malcolm - enjoyed a happy social life with many 'away days', including canal trips and pub lunches.

Pauline was a tremendous support in Malc's final month's and gradually she became part of the Russell family. When life became more difficult, Mary, her carer, Anne her gardener and Percy her handyman were a great support.

Eventually she moved to Welland where she was well cared for, enjoyed her cooked breakfast each day and shared a happy life with her new family.

She enjoyed pride of place in the corner of the lounge, surrounded by her books, papers, drawing materials and chocolates, befitting a woman of her culture and dignity.

She passed away, peacefully, in her sleep on Friday 17th June; a big thank you to all the Welland staff for their warmth and patience.

These are extracts from the eulogy written and read at Pauline's funeral on 13th July 2022 by David Russell, her friend for 30 years.

NEWLAND NEWS



Whew! how hot has it been. As a friend pointed out, England is the only country that has newspaper headlines about the weather (when there is no disaster going on). I can only say that, as an Englishwoman, the weather does indeed affect my life and I am happy to be back to normal, i.e., taking a sun hat and sun screen out with an umbrella and rain jacket and spare shoes. I mean, that is the usual way is it not?

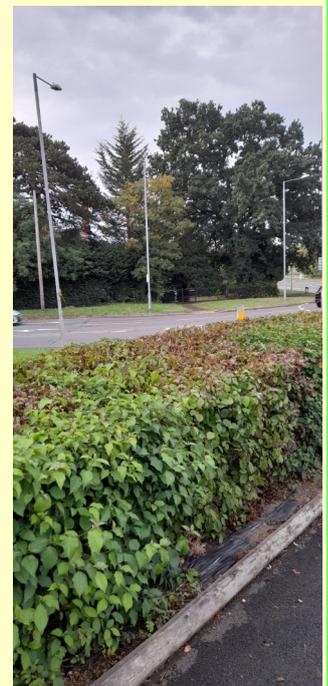
I heard something on the news that the UK is ranged for the usual temperature and that is why, when we go outside of the range, that we have so many problems. The range apparently is -5 to 34 degrees; anything outside this is considered unusual. I agree; anything outside that is too weird for me.



Lady Marmalade

As the grass recovers and the plants improve in the rain, and there is no longer a need to water, they certainly seem to be thriving more. **Super Trooper**, my orange rose, is as usual going great guns despite the odd weather we have been having. My newest rose, **Lady Marmalade**, is also doing well and is a lovely colour.

Recently, I was on the other side of the Newland island, at the garage there, and I took this photo (right). When you see the Beauchamp from a different angle, you realise why strangers sometimes struggle to find us. It does not help that Google maps directs you to Pinder Court instead of to the Beauchamp.



Beauchamp is discreetly hidden from the world by those trees.

I am sorry that this is the last edition of *The Grapevine*. My hopes of further editions have not been realised. Many voluntary organisations are struggling, as fewer people are willing to volunteer to do things and I fear many, many more voluntary or charitable organisations will close due to lack of help. I have already heard of two such that will be shutting down or have already closed due to a lack people willing to help.

I am not sure if this is due to a 'not me' attitude or a genuine lack of interest or that the retirement age has been raised and that the newly retired are needed more by their family and do not have the time to commit to helping others.

Anyway, this is the 21st and last *Newland News* article I have written, and I am sad to sign off; but, as I was reminded by Mum I already have far too much to do and cannot take on anything else. As usual, the Mum is a very wise and sensible lady.

Details of all activities and services at the Beauchamp can be found on the website

www.beauchampstleonards.org

Jane Tinklin



In early September, volunteers once again cleared unwanted vegetation from the pond in Hall Green. It may have been dug as a dew pond for watering livestock in days gone by when cattle and sheep roamed the commons in droves - before the animal trough was installed on the corner of Hall Green and Guarlford Road; before the houses that you see in

the picture were built and before the invention of motorised vehicles.

Guarlford Village Hall Great News! The Trustees and supporting committee have raised £30,000 - enough to begin work on the village hall. Phase one will start early in the new year with damp-proofing and insulation downstairs and the installation of new toilets with disabled facilities.

Thank you to everyone who came to our coffee morning in August; we raised £188.00. Thank you also to everyone involved in the National Heritage week which raised another £270 for the village hall regeneration project

The next fundraising events will be: a **Barn Dance on 15th October**; **Christmas craft workshop on 25th November**; the fantastic **Guarlford Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 3rd December**. Details to follow on the village website or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=guarlford%20village%20hall>

Guarlford Parish Council are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. On behalf of the residents of Guarlford, we send our condolences to The Royal Family at this sad time.



A **book of condolence** was placed in Guarlford Church (left). On the right, Mike Huskinson, Chairman of Guarlford Parish Council, signs the book of condolence at Guarlford Village Hall.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



Gill Hollick (left) and Kay Shuard (centre) prepared tea and cakes at Guarford Village Hall for visitors taking advantage of Heritage Open Day or for anyone attending the 3pm service at Guarford Church.

Grapevine editor Cora Weaver (right) visited the village hall, signed the book of condolence and captured the scarecrows on camera (see below and page 10).



Above left: Harry O'Hay and Betty O'Barley tie the knot at Guarford Church; centre: this crow would scare anything; right: just watching the world go by in Penny Close.

SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER CONTINUED



Guarford History Group set up an exhibition in the village hall

WHILE IN MADRESFIELD



At Madresfield Church, the Union Flag drooped sadly at half mast.



The Madresfield Grand National



And finally

Thank you, Cora

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank Cora sincerely for all she has done over the years for our community in Guarlford, Madresfield and Newland. Back in 2002, no one had stepped forward to take over the editorship of *The Grapevine* from Mick and Val Levick, until Cora said she would take it on for a while. She has diligently produced issues for twenty years, and very well she has done it, made it ready for the printer and then the dedicated team of collators/deliverers. I still recall that wonderful edition when we celebrated the **150th anniversary of the consecration of St Mary's, Madresfield.**

Cora took us through the pandemic and online, as contributions etc couldn't keep pace with the increasing costs of printing copies free for every house in the parish. And such a surprise to see how colourful a magazine it is online. The recent **Platinum Jubilee edition** makes a very good souvenir of an historic celebration.

So, thank you, Cora, for bringing news, information and entertainment to the community, exactly what The Grapevine was set up to do.

Rosemary McCulloch

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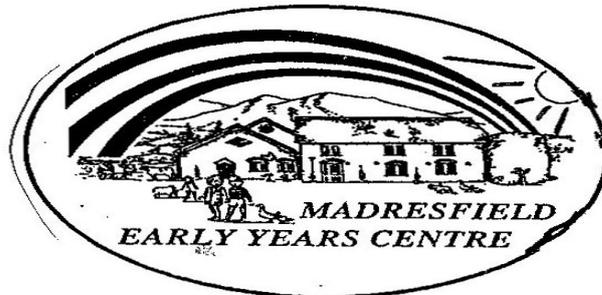


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Madresfield Early Years Centre www.meyc.co.uk 01684 574378 (9am-2pm)

Mrs Alice Bennett 01684 574378

* Madresfield Parent & Toddler Club; Tuesdays 11-12; Gymini classes throughout

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Social

Madresfield Club : Secretary, Mrs Jo Morgan 01684 573363

Bell Ringing: Practice Mondays, 7.30 at Madresfield Church

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