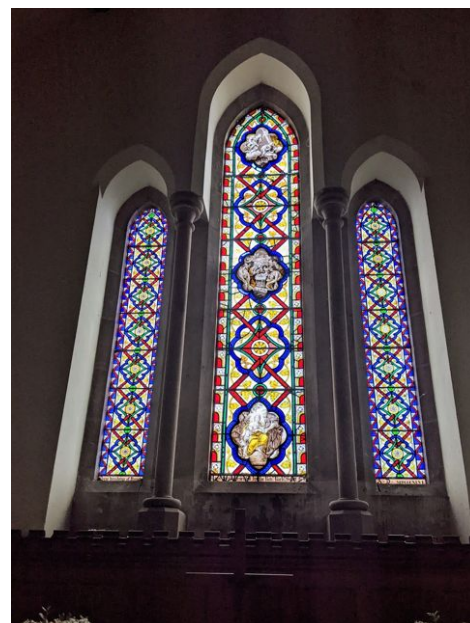


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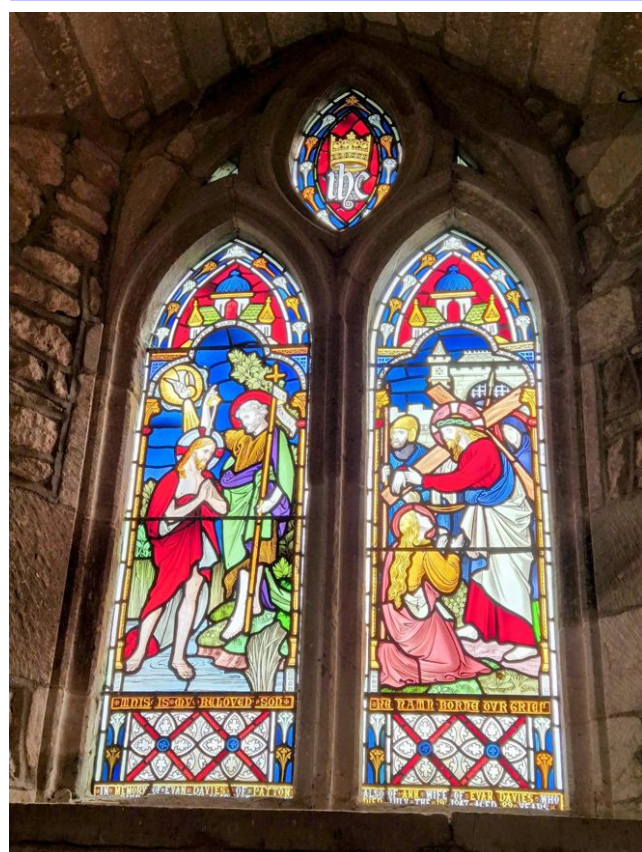
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News of Events in the Churches, Parishes and Communities on and around Wenlock Edge



Harley Church (above and right) is dedicated to St Mary, who's Feast Day is 15th August. Harley is the only "Thankful Village" in Shropshire - where during the First World War, all the men who marched off to war returned home. Part of the church tower dates from the 13th century and it has a large Norman font, although the main body of the church was rebuilt in the 19th century.



Stanton Long Church (left and below) is dedicated to St Michael and All Angels. The Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels falls on September 29th. The church mainly dates back to the 13th Century and the entrance door is dated around 1200. The timber-boarded bell-cote is a "modern" addition, dating from the 17th century.



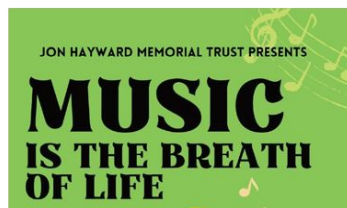
The Edge Arts Centre

at William Brookes School, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB



The Three Degrees

Thu 10 Sep 7.30pm £32



Wellington (Telford) Brass Band

Fri 11 Sep 7.30pm £15 (£10)



FiddleBop

Sat 12 Sep 7.30pm £15



Midwinter Break (12)

Mon 14 Sep 7.30pm £6 (£5)



André Rieu Viva Maastricht! (PG)

Thu 17 Sep 7.30pm £12 (£10)



The Joe Masterson Trio

Fri 18 Sep 7.30pm £15



The Three Musketeers

Sat 19 Sep 7.30pm £15



Save The Cinema (12)

Mon 21 Sep 7.30pm £6 (£5)



The Misanthrope (15)

Tue 22 Sep 7pm £12 (£10)



James McNeill Whistler (12A)

Thu 24 Sep 7.30pm £12 (£10)



Call of the Kraken

Fri 25 Sep 7.30pm £15



Ben Jordan

Sat 26 Sep 7.30pm £15



The Friend (15)

Mon 28 Sep 7.30pm £6 (£5)



Riverdance (U)

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THE FLAG OF ENGLAND (CROSS OF ST GEORGE) WITH THE HERALDIC BEARINGS OF THE DIOCESE OF HEREFORD WILL FLY FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER during the following days,

*Except on St David, St Patrick and St Andrew days, when the appropriate flag will fly.



MEMBERS OF CHURCHES WITHOUT A PLACE OF WORSHIP IN MUCH WENLOCK

Much Wenlock Ecumenical Committee invites members of any Christian Church to united services and interdenominational events in the Wenlock area. Details published in editions of this magazine.

We hope that you will worship with us at local church services, in so far as your conscience permits.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY - YEAR A	2nd August Trinity 9	9th August Trinity 10	16th August Trinity 11	23rd August Trinity 12	30th August Trinity 13
	First Reading: Genesis 32.22-31	First Reading: Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28	First Reading: Genesis 45.1-15	First Reading: Exodus 1.8-2.10	First Reading: Exodus 3.1-15
	Psalm: 17.1-7,16	Psalm: 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b	Psalm: 133	Psalm: 124	Psalm: 105.1-6, 23-26,45b
	New Testament: Romans 9.1-5	New Testament: Romans 10.5-15	New Testament: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	New Testament: Romans 12.1-8	New Testament: Romans 12.9-21
	Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21	Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33	Gospel: Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28	Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20	Gospel: Matthew 16.21-28
	6th September Trinity 14	13th September Trinity 15	20th September Trinity 16	27th September Trinity 17	4th October Trinity 18
	First Reading: Exodus 12.1-14	First Reading: Exodus 14.19-31	First Reading: Exodus 16.2-15	First Reading: Genesis 17.1-7	First Reading: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
	Psalm: 149	Psalm: 114 or Canticle Exodus 15.1b-11, 20,21	Psalm: 105.1-6, 37-45	Psalm: 78.1-4, 12-16	Psalm: 19
	New Testament: Romans 13.8-14	New Testament: Romans 14.1-12	New Testament: Philippians 1.21-30	New Testament: Philippians 2.1-13	New Testament: Philippians 3.4b-14
	Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20	Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35	Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16	Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32	Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

CLOSING DATE for October edition is 12th September 2026

CLERGY LETTER



Dear Friends

At the time of writing, the men's FIFA World Cup is getting towards the business end and England have just come through a hard-fought 2–1 victory over Norway and are preparing for their semi-final against Argentina. By the time you read this, we will know whether history has been made. Whatever the outcome, the tournament has reminded us that sport can have an amazing ability to bring people together. For several weeks, millions of people have found themselves caught up in the same story. Conversations have sprung up between neighbours who might never normally speak about sport. Families and friends have gathered to watch the matches together, and communities have shared in the highs and lows of the tournament, sometimes in the very early hours of the morning! It is remarkable how often football and other sports have the power to unite people who otherwise may have very little in common.

In a tournament that has had several memorable moments that have gone viral on social media, one of the moments that has stayed with me most did not happen during a match at all. After a group stage match between Curaçao and Germany, players from both teams came together in a circle to pray. Having spent 90 minutes competing against one another, they recognised that they shared something deeper than the result on the scoreboard - which was a 7-1 thrashing by Germany! It was a simple but powerful reminder that competition need not create hostility, and that respect and friendship can flourish even between opponents on the pitch. I sometimes wonder whether our society is longing for more moments like that. At present, it often feels we are becoming increasingly divided, at home and across the world. Public debate is often marked by anger rather than understanding and it is easy to see those who think differently from us as opponents rather than neighbours.

The Christian faith offers a very different vision. Throughout his public ministry, Jesus crossed boundaries that others believed should remain firmly in place. He sits at table with those who were excluded, speaks with those whom others avoided and calls people together who had every reason to remain apart. St Paul captures this beautifully when he writes that Christ "has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us" (Ephesians 2:14). At its heart, the Christian gospel is a message of reconciliation. It is about drawing people together, not driving them further apart.

Whether football has come home or not this summer, my hope is that we might hold on to the spirit the World Cup has fostered and the unity which sport and other shared activities can bring out in our communities. In a world that can sometimes seem all too quick to divide and drive people apart, may we each play our part in building the kind of community that Jesus calls us to be: one where barriers are lowered, where strangers become neighbours and opponents become friends.

I pray all of you continue to have a restful and enjoyable summer.

With every blessing,

Sam

FROM THE TEAM REGISTERS

BAPTISM: Rosie May Clay (Cound) Daniel John Walters (Harley)
Through the waters of baptism, may all be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit

MARRIAGE: Jordan Thomas Williams & Elizabeth Mary Jones (Shipton)
 Jack Marshall & Beatrice Floyer-Acland (MW)
Bless marriages, we pray, and walk beside them, through all their life together

FUNERAL: Mark Petford (Callaughton)
 Howard Godfrey Horsley (MW)
 Rachel Mary Bradley (MW)
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them



MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM RECTOR:

Camino Santiago de Compostela

Revd Matthew wishes to thank everyone who financially contributed to his Camino Walk between Oxford and Santiago de Compostela in Aid of AMMF.

The total raised including Gift Aid was £5000.

The Reverend Prebendary Matthew Stafford is on Sabbatical Leave from Friday 1st May to

Friday 14th August 2026.

William Charles Stafford 1938-2026

Revd Matthew wishes to thank all those who sent cards and letters of Sympathy at the death of his Father who passed away on Wednesday 10th June.

The Catholic Community In Much Wenlock



Please contact Elizabeth Sutherland
 01952 727 548 for Dates of Mass celebrations
 at the Priory Hall at 3pm when all are welcome,
 Tea/coffee afterwards
 The Catholic parish priest:
 Fr Iain Griffiths, St John's,
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 01746 762348 iaingriffiths@hotmail.com

The Methodist Church MUCH WENLOCK 

Minister: Rev Nik Rogers 07732 263838

Ecumenical Praise

A service uniting Christians of all traditions in our town

Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm

LECTIONARY HOUR

Did you hear something in one of the readings in church that surprised you, challenged you, or wasn't quite sure what it meant?

Do you want to dig deeper into something that came up in the sermon, or consider what God might be saying to us through that particular passage?

Lectionary Hour is now paused for the summer but will resume on **Monday 14th September at 2pm** in the Brookes Room at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock and each following Monday afternoon, to explore the readings from the Sunday service in more detail. We meet for an hour with no agenda, other than sitting with the readings and seeing where the discussion takes us.

For more information, please contact the Curate.

Pray and Share for the Climate

Wednesday 5th August & Wednesday 2nd September

12.00pm at Holy Trinity Church

A small group of us meet on the **first Wednesday of the month, at 12 noon** in Holy Trinity Church, to give thanks for creation and to share our anxieties and concerns about the climate emergency. We use the very moving and inspirational liturgy and the monthly news items published by Pray and Fast for the Climate. We are a very friendly group and we feel supporting each other is very important in this difficult time. Everyone is welcome. For anymore information please contact Gill Davis, 01952 727524, gillvdavis@gmail.com.



The Prayer Board in Holy Trinity Church

is open to all who want to write their requests or express their gratitude.

The meetings to read these prayers take place at **10:00 am on Monday** mornings in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome.

Beryl Bull 01952 727427



AUGUST 2026

DATE	EVENTS	PG
Sat 1st	Holy Trinity Flower Guild Coffee Morning	7
	Cricket Club Fixture - Calverhall (H)	18
Tues 4th	Free Cricket Camp (under 11s)	18
	Pray & Share for the Climate	5
Wed 5th	Harley Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	16
	Free Cricket Camp (under 11s)	18
Sat 8th	Cricket Club Fixture - Column (A)	18
Sun 9th	Ecumenical Praise - Methodist Church	5
Mon 10th	Telford Stamp and Card Club	12
Thur 13th	Probus Club	13
Sat 15th	Cricket Club Fixture - Quatt (H)	18
	Cuan Classic Car and Craft Fair	14
Sun 16th	Harley BBQ & Cider Tasting	16
Tues 18th	Singing for Fun - Open Practice	15
Wed 19th	Harley Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	16
Thur 20th	Mothers Union	8
	Farmers Butty Van, Cardington	16
Sat 22nd	Open Gardens at Wenlock Abbey	13
	Cricket Club Fixture - Alberbury (A)	18
Sun 23rd	Country Fest	25
Tues 25th	Age UK - Much Wenlock Friendship Group	12
Tues 26th	Singing for Fun - Open Practice	15
Wed 26th	Blood Cancer UK - Coffee Morning	7
Fri 28th	Tea at Wheatlands	12
	Telford & Shrewsbury Parkrun for Cancer	12
Sat 29th	Cricket Club Fixture - Whittington (H)	18
	Table Top Sale - Priory Hall	

FUTURE DATES

DATE:	EVENTS:	PG
Thu 1st Oct	The Edge Arts Centre - Riverdance	2
Fri 2nd Oct	The Edge Arts Centre - Krapp's Last Tape	2
	Race Evening, Priory Hall	14
Sat 3rd Oct	MWHT Soup Lunch Team Coffee Morning	7
Fri 9th Oct	Richie Ros - Irish Folk and Stories at Shipton Village Hall	17
9th - 11th	Get a Word in Edgways Festival	14
Sun 11th Oct	St Mary's Church Harley Harvest Festival	16
Thu 15th Oct	Iolo Williams - A Career in Conservation	14
Sat 24th Oct	Severn Hospice Support - Coffee Morning and Christmas Cards	13
Fri 30th Oct	Harley Village Hall - Michael Masser & Chaz Jankel	16
Fri Nov 7th	MWHT environmental Team Coffee Morning	7
Sun 29th Nov	Severn Hospice Support - Line Dancing at The Edge Arts Centre	13
Sat 5th Dec	Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre	22
Thu 17th - Sun 20th June	Much Wenlock Festival	15

SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	EVENTS	PG
Tues 1st	Singing for Fun - Open Practice	15
	Brockton and District WI	17
Wed 2nd	Pray & Share for the Climate	5
	Harley Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	16
Thur 3rd	Probus Club	13
Fri 4th	Pop-Up Shop & Fun Fashion Show - Priory Hall	10,20
	Holy Trinity PCC Coffee Morning	7
Sat 5th	Those Rascally Ringers - Talk - Cound	17
	Cricket Club Fixture - Wellington (A)	18
Wed 9th	U3A - Ordinary People's Gardens through the Ages	12
Thu 10th	The Edge Arts Centre - The Three Degrees	2
	Singing for Fun	15
Fri 11th	The Edge Arts Centre - Wellington Brass Band	2,10
	MWHT - Soup Lunch For Charity (Live Arts)	7
Sat 12th	The Edge Arts Centre - Fiddlebop	2
	Cricket Club Fixture - Guilsfield (H)	18
Sun 13th	Ecumenical Praise - Methodist Church	5
	The Edge Arts Centre - Midwinter Break (film)	2
Mon 14th	The Lectionary Hour	5
	Telford Stamp and Card Club	12
	Get A Word in Edgways Open Mic at The Pottery	14

DATE	EVENTS	PG
Wed 16th	MW WI - Kate McLanachan on The Foundling Hospitals	12
	Harley Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	16
Thur 17th	The Edge Arts Centre - Andre Rieu - Viva Maastricht!	2
	Mothers Union	8
	Farmers Butty Van, Hughly	16
	Cressage Gardening Club	17
Fri 18th	The Edge Arts Centre - The Joe Masterson Trio	2
	Flicks in the Sticks - in Cound Guildhall	17
Sat 19th	The Edge Arts Centre - The Three Musketeers	2
	Cricket Club Fixture - Forton (A)	18
Mon 21st	The Edge Arts Centre - Save The Cinema (Film)	2
Tues 22nd	The Edge Arts Centre - The Misanthrope (Film)	2
Thur 24th	The Edge Arts Centre - James McNeill Whistler	2
Fri 25th	The Edge Arts Centre - Call of the Kraken (Film)	2
	Tea at Wheatlands	12
Sat 26th	The Edge Arts Centre - Ben Jordan	2
	Shropshire Branch of Cancer UK - Coffee Morning	7
	Telford & Shrewsbury Parkrun for Cancer	12
	The Wenlock Mile	18
	Table Top Sale - Priory Hall	
Mon 28th	The Edge Arts Centre - The Friend (Film)	2
	Stanton Long 56th Harvest Supper	17
Tues 29th	Age UK - Much Wenlock Friendship Group	12
Wed 30th	Harley Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	16



Holy Trinity Flower Guild Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 1st August 10am until Midday

Please come and support us by having a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of tasty homemade cake

All welcome..... including dogs



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RIP Mark Petford

Of Callaughton, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday June 20, 2026, aged 75 years.

Beloved husband of Doreen, and a much-loved dad of Julie and John, special grandad of Lewis and Chloe, brother of Riona. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service took place at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury Thursday July 16, 2026 at 1:15pm
Any donations will be given to Cancer Research

The Shropshire Branch of Blood Cancer UK Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 26th September 10am until Midday



Please come along for a cake, a drink and a natter, while supporting this very important charity



BIBLE STUDY



Please do not let the word study deter you from thinking about attending to see for yourself. This is not a Bible knowledge competition and there are no tests. Rather we are a friendly supportive fellowship who meet every **Thursday morning** in Homer, or occasionally in Much Wenlock, to consider parts of the Bible, to share views on what it means to us and, particularly, if it raises questions or confusion for us. If you would like to try it out or for any further information please contact Alan Gainer on 01952 727879; or John Cumberland on 01952 727386

Holy Trinity Coffee Morning

A warm and friendly venue for both local people and visitors to the town and also providing a much needed financial contribution to our Parish Church.

If you wish to book a coffee morning please contact one of the Churchwardens:

Aug 1st	Flower Guild team
Sept 5th	PCC team
Oct 3rd	Soup lunch team
Nov 7th	Environmental team

and other small groups

Any queries or issues please contact:

Francine Coulson-Joy 07779 000450
francine.coulsonjoy@btopenworld.com



SOUP LUNCH

RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY

WHERE: Holy Trinity Church
Much Wenlock

No Soup Lunch in August!

WHEN: **Friday 11th September**

FROM: **Midday till 1.30pm**

ON OFFER: 3 soups, bread and cheese

COST: Donations to this month's chosen charity,

WHICH IS: **Live Arts**

July's Soup Lunch raised £240 for The Holy Trinity After School Club.



We are registered with the Parish Giving Scheme which allows you to give to this Parish securely and safely online.

The QR code can direct you to our Parish page for setting up a Regular direct debit or a One-Off Gift.

Please click 'Regular Giving' to set up a monthly, quarterly, or annual Direct Debit or 'One-Off Gift' to make a single gift using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet.





LETTER FROM HEREFORD DIOCESE

I wonder how many journeys you have planned in your lifetime: the daily trips and the longer adventures; the familiar routes we take almost on autopilot and the journeys we plan carefully because of where we are going, or what we hope to do and see.

There are the journeys we make every day - to work, to school, or to see a neighbour. There are the journeys we make less often but still regularly: visiting relatives, going to church, or attending commitments. And then there are the journeys we may make only once in a lifetime. Each journey has a purpose, a beginning and an end: to see a loved one, to celebrate, to earn a living, to shop for food, to visit the doctor, to take a holiday, or to explore somewhere new.

As a family, we recently spent hours planning the route and places to stay for a road trip through Italy - from Lake Como to Naples and back. We wanted to visit the places on our "we would really like to see" list, while also making time to rest, explore and enjoy being together. The planning resulted in a wonderful holiday: we saw amazing things, experienced busyness and rest, encountered a different culture and came home refreshed - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Throughout the Bible, there is a great deal of journeying and often in those physical journeys, we see God at work in the lives of those who travel. We see the Israelites rescued by God and formed as his people; Elijah running away and discovering that God is with him; Paul shipwrecked yet protected, so that he can speak to others about Jesus journeying to the cross, revealing God's ultimate love through his words and actions along the way.

At the beginning of July, I was part of 2 joyful services as Bishop Richard ordained our new priests and deacons. As I sat through those services, I was reminded again of journeys - not physical journeys this time but spiritual ones, the journeys we make with God as we respond to his call and leading. As followers of Jesus, we are called by God into his service, a calling that takes many shapes and forms. Like our physical journeys, our spiritual journeys have a purpose. Paul speaks of doing whatever we do to the glory of God and Jesus teaches that in all we do, we reveal God to others - his light, his life and his love.

So, as we head into a season of holiday journeys, I wonder whether we might use the opportunity of a physical journey to reflect on our spiritual one.

The Venerable Sam Hustwayte, Archdeacon of Ludlow

MOTHERS' UNION

Christian Care for Families

Usually 2pm every 3rd Thursday of the month. We usually have a speaker.

Visitors are always welcome.

Venue will be announced in The Herald.



2026 sees the anniversary of the founding of Mothers' Union. In 1826, Mary Sumner, the wife of a parish priest in

Hertfordshire, felt the need to create a movement of women supporting each other.

It began in her living room and for 10 years it remained just a local group. In 1885 at a Womens' Congress she spoke of the need for mother's to understand their responsibility towards their children. Within 3 years there were 57 branches and now it is a global organisation with over 4 million members in 40 countries. It is no longer restricted to

Overseas we have a literacy campaign to help raise families from poverty and give support to gender-based violence campaigns.

Here in our diocese we have a Crisis Intervention Fund which helps people who are in need and this includes respite relief. We work with homeless charities and give support to the local hospital. In dioceses where there are prisons they are also supported.

Local branches meet in friendship to raise funds to support these causes.

It would be a great loss if the inspiration of one woman 150 years ago disappeared due to lack of support in the 2020's.

For further information, please contact one of the following:

LEADER: Gill Reynolds 727620
SECRETARY: Jean Gladstone 728520

LUDLOW CASTLE



If you missed this fascinating exhibition when it came to Much Wenlock, you can still see it in Hereford in August and September or in Ludlow in September. See details of precise dates below:

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

THE HEREFORD GOSPELS FOR TODAY

The Hereford Gospels for Today is an exciting project commissioned to accompany the exhibition, **Shaping Early Medieval Faith: The Hereford Gospels** and celebrate the 1350th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Hereford.

With thanks to members of Hereford Cathedral Congregation for supporting this project and to Arthur Green of Green's Books.

Hereford Cathedral
Sunday 24 & Monday 25 May 2026

Leominster Priory
Wednesday 27 May - Monday 22 June 2026

St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye
Saturday 27 June - Monday 6 July 2026

Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock
Saturday 11 - Sunday 19 July 2026

Hereford Cathedral
Sunday 25 July - Sunday 6 September 2026

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow
Thursday 10 - Wednesday 23 September 2026

This exhibition/project was made possible with Art Fund support

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National Allotment Week – 10th to 16th August

If you like allotments, then this week is for you. It raises awareness of the very practical good that renting an allotment can do, in both providing space to grow your own food, but also in encouraging more connectedness with your immediate community.

This year the theme is 'Grow to Learn – Lifelong Lessons from the Allotment'. This highlights how time on the plot acts as a living classroom, teaching vital life skills such as resilience, patience, and creative problem-solving. The National Allotment Society began in 1901, with the formation of the Agricultural Organisation Society. It grew rapidly, until by the time of WW2, from 1939 to 1945 there were 1.4 million plots supporting the 'Dig for Victory' campaign.

Nowadays there are about 330,000 allotment plots across the UK, managed by hundreds of different local councils and independent societies. The best crops for first-time allotmenters? You might want to try potatoes, onions, garlic, runner beans, courgettes, carrots, salad leaves, beetroot or strawberries.

Hot and humid – what to do with those amber and yellow health alerts

This year the UK Health Security Agency has issued a series of amber and yellow health alerts across the UK. Heatwaves can kill people, the Met Office has issued advice on how to keep safe in extreme temperatures.

Stay hydrated – drink plenty of water.

Avoid any exercise between 11am and 3pm, when the sun is strongest.

Close curtains in rooms that face the sun.

Wear sunscreen and a hat when outside.

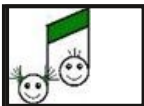
Remember that even on very hot days, the water in lakes and the sea is still very cold. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution warns that entering it suddenly "can lead to cold water shock, causing a sudden increase in breathing and heart rate, which may trigger panic."

If you find yourself in trouble in cold water, remember to Float to Live.

1. Tilt your head back, so that your ears are submerged.
2. Relax and control your breathing.
3. You may need to gently use your hands to help you stay afloat.
4. It's OK if your legs sink — everyone floats differently.

Where possible, choose a lifeguarded beach, and swim between the red and yellow flags.

In a coastal emergency remember to call 999 for the coastguard.



Jon Hayward Memorial Trust

Registered charity Number 1121391

Music bursaries available for Shropshire children aged 7-11

Is your child keen to learn music but the costs are too much to manage?

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit or have exceptional circumstances the Jon Hayward Memorial Trust may be able to help. We award bursaries on an annual basis to part-fund the cost of music lessons for children who are prevented from pursuing their interest by their family's financial situation and the lack of funding from elsewhere.

Our support can be for lessons in school, or arranged privately. In all cases, proof of family income will be required. Forms received by 10th July will have priority but we will consider applications at other times of the year if we are able to; we have a total of 25 bursaries available for the next academic year.

Referral forms and further details have been sent to all Shropshire primary schools, but can also be obtained by emailing:

Jonhaywardmemorialtrust@hotmail.co.uk

Jon Hayward was a well-known Shropshire folk musician and singer who died of cancer in 2006, aged 53. He loved sharing his enthusiasm for music, especially with children.

Family and friends, with the support of numerous musicians, have been fundraising since 2007 in order to enable children, who might not otherwise get the opportunity, to access music. The continuation of this support has been made possible by a legacy administered by a Bridgnorth church.

Much Wenlock Ecclesiastical Charity

A Grant Making Charity Supporting the Community of Much Wenlock with faith, hope and love.

If you or your organisation would like to discuss to see if you meet the criteria or apply please write to:

The Rectory, New Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6EQ

Or Email: mwec@muchwenlockchurch.co.uk

Application Forms can be downloaded from:
www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk

Much Wenlock Methodist Church Food Bank collection

Thank you to all who contributed to our Food bank collection every Friday morning. People of Much Wenlock are very generous and we hope to continue seeing you on **Friday morning between 9:30am and 11:30am** outside the Town Library.



JON HAYWARD MEMORIAL TRUST PRESENTS

MUSIC IS THE BREATH OF LIFE

A concert by
**WELLINGTON
(TELFORD)
BRASS BAND**

**The Edge Arts Centre
Much Wenlock
Friday 11th September 2026
7.30pm**

Tickets £15 adults, £10 under 18s.

All proceeds to Jon Hayward Memorial Trust,
supporting children's access to music

**Ladies
Pop-up Shop &
Fun Fashion Show!**

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT UP TO 70% OFF!**

Colours.
(FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOWS)

**Much Wenlock
TOWN COUNCIL**

Friday 4th September 2026
**Much Wenlock Town Council
in aid of the May Fair funds**

Priory Hall, Bull Ring, Much Wenlock, TF13 6HS
Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £6
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
Paula - 07807142369 - paulasivertsen49@hotmail.co.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - HOW TO.....

Over the last few months, people in Much Wenlock and the surrounding villages have become more aware of planning applications, particularly where these involve large numbers of new houses.

It has been suggested that the Wenlock Herald print details of new Planning Applications. While this would raise awareness, the timeline for producing the Herald makes this impractical. Many applications have short "windows" during which people can comment on the application in question and these are likely to be closed by the time residents receive their Herald.

People have reported that they find it difficult to access the Planning Portal, where Shropshire Council list all Applications, comments and the dates when people can comment on the application.

To try to address this issue and to encourage people to check planning applications which may be of interest to them, here are the steps you need to follow to register on and log into the Planning Portal:

Using your Search engine, look for "Shropshire Council" and **CLICK** on it in the list presented
In the box with a blue background, **CLICK** on "View Planning Applications"
CLICK on the box with a Green background "View the Planning register". The screen then presented will ask you to Register - you only need to do this once.

HOW TO REGISTER:

CLICK on the top right box marked "Register" and put your name, phone number and email into the boxes presented. Type in a password - they give you guidelines on length, characters etc - **CLICK** "Next"
On the next screen, add your postcode - **CLICK** "Next"
On the next screen, select your address from the drop down menu - **CLICK** "Next"
The next screen shows your details - if anything is incorrect, you can **CLICK** on "Go back" at the bottom of the screen and change details. Otherwise, tick the boxes to Accept Terms and Conditions and Use of Data - **CLICK** "Next".
You will be sent an email for confirmation. Open the email and **CLICK** on the link provided. This brings you back to the Planning Portal. **CLICK** on "Confirm".
The next screen confirms your registration. You can now **CLICK** on "Login", which takes you to a page showing your profile and at the top left has a SEARCH button. **CLICK** on this.

HOW TO SEARCH FOR APPLICATIONS:

You will be presented with a drop down box. **CLICK** on Planning then on Simple Search (at least until you are more familiar with the Portal).
Ignore the comments about needing to register - you are registered by this point - and scroll down to the "Planning - Simple Search" table. This gives you various options. I suggest you select "Current" and a postcode or area eg "Brockton"/"Much Wenlock" etc. If you have the Reference Number of a particular planning application already, putting that in as a reference should get you straight to it. Otherwise you will get a list of all current applications. **CLICK** "Search".
You will get the list/specific application. You can filter it further - the boxes are fairly self-explanatory.

I hope people find this helpful!

Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least of All, and his nephew....by the Revd Dr Gary Bowness

On how to baffle the Church Committee

The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Sub-committee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a 'water feature' on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium. More than 25 years later, we are still actively discussing the idea.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their own land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place, well out of sight of their own homes.

While the Water Feature Group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work, and the matter will be discussed at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly.

Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

No Meeting in August!

Wednesday 9th September - 2pm

'Commoner's Gardens'

Peter Dunhill

tells the intriguing tale
of

Ordinary People's Gardens
through the ages

The talk will be followed by refreshments

*We look forward to seeing you
Non-members welcome – for a £2 entrance fee
New members always welcome*

U3a motto:

Learn, Laugh & Live

Just search 'Much Wenlock u3a'

or contact

Alison Richards: email amrichards64@icloud.com
07474040646



**MUCH WENLOCK
FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

A social group for people aged over 60 to meet up,
enjoy some light refreshment and make new friends.
The Pinefields Community Centre, 1 Pinefields Close,
Much Wenlock TF13 6DA, usually on the **last Tuesday
of the month, 10.30am - 12.30pm**, but meeting dates
can change, so please check with Wellbeing services
for details of the next meeting.

Cost: Free, but we would welcome a donation of £2.00
per session to cover costs

Contact: Wellbeing services 01743 233 123

Email: enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk



On the **last Friday of the month** we hold our tea, do
come and join us for any of these events. To find out
more, call the home on 01952 728497 and talk with
our Manager Lea-Ann Littler.

TELFORD STAMP and CARD CLUB

Telford Stamp and Card Club meets on the **second
Monday monthly** at the Belmont Hall, off the TN Bank
Car park, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1HJ, at 7.30pm until
9.30pm and has a varied programme on stamp or post
card related items. We are a friendly club and
visitors are welcome. There is no charge for visitors.
Any enquiries: Richard Camp. Tele: 01952-405458.

**MUCH WENLOCK DOG
WALKING GROUP
'UNLEASHED'**



Come and take your dog on a Sniffari!

Meet likeminded friendly and fun people for
a lovely off leash walk and a good sniff
around and a good natter about all things
dogs.

The walk will be approximately 1 to 1.5
hours long. There will be a brief etiquette
chat to ensure all dogs are safe and enjoying
the walk.

Bring your best friend! (don't forget the poo
bags).

Every Saturday at 8.30am and meeting
place varies week to week.
Fb group: dog walking group unleashed
Bridgnorth.

Further information from Daniela: 07976
411425



Much Wenlock WI

Usually meet on third
Wednesday of the month
at The Priory Hall

There is no meeting in August.

The September meeting will be at 7.00pm on
Wednesday September 16th at The Priory
Hall, where Kate McLanachan will speak
about the Foundling Hospitals, the
Shrewsbury building being built in
1760. Visitors especially welcome.
Non-members £5.

Contact muchwenlockwi@gmail.com
01952 726748

**5k Your Way Move Against
Cancer**

**A support group with a difference for
anyone affected by cancer**

Parkrun events on the **last Saturday of every
month**. Afterwards we go for coffee and a chat!
Our groups are all very friendly and supportive.
For Shrewsbury Parkrun, we meet in the Quarry
Park and for Telford Parkrun, the group meets in
Telford Town Park. Both groups meet at 8:45am
for a 9am start on the last Saturday of the month.
shrewsburygroup@5kyourway.org
telfordgroup@5kyourway.org



Our Rainbows meet on
Wednesdays 5.30pm–6.30pm
Brownies meet on Fridays
6.00pm – 7.30pm

Guides and Rangers meet on
Fridays 7.15pm – 8.45pm during term-time.
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/>
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

For an informal chat, feel free to call Lily (Rainbows) at 07711 111346, or Katie (Brownies and older) at 07503 893532.



The Much Wenlock Proboscis Club

is an association of retired or semi-retired gentlemen from all walks of life who meet up regularly, network, exchange stories and are entertained by a wide range of fascinating speakers. If you're interested in learning more, contact the Hon. Sec. initially to arrange to join us at the Fox Hotel on the **1st Thursday** of every month (**except August - 2nd Thurs**) for a social lunch and get-together.

Stephen Pridmore (Hon. Sec.)

Phone: 01952 727796

www.probusonline.org/much-wenlock/

Much Wenlock Severn Hospice



What a successful evening when the West End came to Wenlock on Sat 5th July. A full house enjoyed such wonderful performances from Lucy and Chris Key, Erica Ann Deakin, Jessie Hart and Alfonso Casado, alongside members of Key Change Choir.

The final total is still to be confirmed but will certainly be more than £4500. A magnificent contribution to the work of the Hospice. With thanks to performers who gave their time in support of this very important cause and to The Edge Arts Centre and its team of volunteers. Grateful thanks also go to local businesses who gave generous raffle prizes.

Much Wenlock Severn Hospice Support Group - future dates for your diary:

Saturday 22nd August, 2.00-5.30pm – Open Garden at Wenlock Abbey – with a historical theme – see Details on Right

Saturday 24th October - Coffee Morning and Christmas Cards sale, Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock

Sunday 29th November, 2.00-5.30pm - Line Dancing at The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB (on the William Brookes School site).

COME AND JOIN US AT EXPLORERS SCOUTS



EXPLORERS

Are you aged 14–18 and ready for something bigger, bolder, and more adventurous?

Join Explorer Scouts and be part of a team that pushes boundaries, builds confidence, and has loads of fun along the way.

Where: Scout Hut, Station Road, Much Wenlock

When: Tuesdays, 7:45 – 9:15 pm

Just turn up or, if you'd like more information email Loren at lor.reeve@gmail.com



BEAVER SCOUTS – PLACES AVAILABLE!

We're excited to announce that Much Wenlock Beaver Scouts currently have vacancies and are welcoming new members! Beaver Scouts is for children aged 6–8 and is all about fun, friendship, and learning through adventure in a safe, supportive environment.

Where: Scout Hut, Station Road, Much Wenlock

When: Mondays, 4:45 – 6:00 pm

To find out more or to register interest, please contact: Loren at lor.reeve@gmail.com



Our next event is in collaboration with the Louis de Wet Foundation

An Open Garden at Wenlock Abbey Hospice Care – an Ancient Story

Discover Wenlock Abbey's medical legacy - a Cluniac tradition which laid the foundations for the modern hospice movement

On Saturday 22nd August, 2.00-5.00pm

Entry £10 on the gate – with refreshments in Priory Hall. Under-16s free.

Entertainment and activities in the Bee Garden.

The activities will aim to give an entertaining glimpse of care for the sick in a Cluniac Priory with the focus on treating the whole person using the senses – pleasant smells, beautiful music, good food, companionship, rest and herbal medicine. All things that the Hospice movement would recognise today!

FREE activities for children

Well-behaved dogs welcome on the lead



A few years ago, just before Covid, Wenlock had two very fine festivals. The Poetry Festival and the Storytelling Festival based at Stokes Barn. Sadly these ceased, then Covid hit. Just after Covid, we applied and the Arts Council agreed to help with a new Festival. We called it *"Get a Word in Edgeways"*!

It's gone well and we are in the international events diary, bringing many people to the town over the Festival weekend, which will be **9th 10th 11th of October 2026**. This year, we will be having a Book Fayre in the High Street, with street performers, well-dressing, and folk dancers alongside the main performances and workshops.

These will include telling stories in sacred places and creative writing, as well as the poetry and storytelling and a community choir.

Our website is www.gawiefest.co.uk. Our club, which is our version of an open mic, includes everything done live. It's in the Much Wenlock Pottery on the second Monday of the month 7:30pm for 8 finishing around 10:30pm.

The next meeting will be the 14th September.

CUAN WILDLIFE RESCUE NEWS



Our wildlife hospital is having an unprecedented number of admissions this year, both birds and mammals. We are over 700 creatures up on admission numbers for the same time last year!

This means lots of extra cleaning, feeding, rehabilitation and care, which is putting a lot of strain on our staff and volunteers. We are so grateful to have such wonderful volunteers. They really do contribute to the successful running of the hospital, especially in the incredibly busy summer months. Lots of creatures are admitted with dehydration, which requires them to have fluids and special feeds to get them strong again, before they can be released. A very simple way you can help our wildlife is to put out a shallow dish of fresh water each day, so that any wildlife visiting your garden can access fluids, particularly during this current hot spell of weather we are having. Of course, should you come across a wild animal or bird that is causing concern, do give our hospital a call for advice, they will be more than happy to help - **01952 728070**. **Our summer opening hours are 7am-10pm.**

To keep our rescue centre running, we need to raise **£500,000** per year. We have incredible supporters, people who organise events and fundraise for us, as well as arranging events ourselves. The next event that we have is our **Classic Car & Craft Fair on Sunday 16th August**, held at Cuan on Stretton Road in Much Wenlock, 11am-4pm. There will be lots of fabulous vintage vehicles on display, live music, line dancing and belly dancing displays, lots of craft and retail stalls, food and drink, bottle and teddy tombolas, bouncy castle and more! **Entry is just £3 per person, under 10s enter for free.** It would be lovely to see lots of you there!

Iolo Williams, wildlife TV presenter and naturalist, is giving a talk entitled **"Iolo Williams - A Career In Conservation"** on Thursday 15th October at **Llilleshall National Sports Centre** - with all proceeds being donated to Cuan. Talking about his childhood and career, from red kites to mountain gorillas, hen harriers to grizzly bears, it is a show not to be missed! **Tickets are just £20 per person** and are available online via our website - cuanwildliferescue.org.uk/event/iolo-williams-a-career-in-conservation

If you would like to be involved in any fundraising activities for your local wildlife rescue centre, please do get in touch, we would be very pleased to have a chat and see how we can help - email Tina at fundraisingcwr@gmail.com

Have a great summer! - from all the team at Cuan Wildlife Rescue.

RACE NIGHT



Get ready for a great night of thrills, fun and friendly competition!

Friday 2nd October 2026

At Priory Hall

Doors open 6.30pm. First race at 7pm



Cash prizes



Tickets £10
includes Hot Supper and Dessert



Licensed bar available

Whether you're in it to win it or just for fun, it's a night not to be missed!



Get your tickets now at Penny Farthing



MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Tuesdays 7.30pm
at William Brookes School
New members are always welcome

The final concert of our summer season took place on a lovely warm evening at Ticklerton Village Hall, in what proved to be a successful night for us, Parkinson's UK, the charity we were supporting, and also the England football team, who progressed to the World Cup semi-finals later that evening! The concert was very well attended, with the choir in fine form. Pleasingly, the organisers raised over £1500 for the work of Parkinson's UK, which is an excellent total for the evening.

Indeed, we are always pleased to hear from any fundraising group or organisation who may wish to host a concert with our support. **Please use the contact details below for an initial conversation.**

The choir takes a summer break until mid-August, and with the William Brookes School closed for the summer, returns for practices at the Priory Hall in the Bullring.

These will be **OPEN PRACTICES** where we invite folk to come and see if singing in a choir is for them. It usually takes a little while to get used to how it all works, but you may never regret it. You don't need a voice like a Pavarotti or a Sam Ryder, just a willingness to give it a go. More details are included in our flyer below.

Contact:
Dick Langford

Website: www.mwmvchoir.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/mwmvchoir
Instagram: [mwmalevoicechoir](https://www.instagram.com/mwmalevoicechoir)
Email: chairmanmwmvc@gmail.com
Phone: 01952 728758 07530 545298



Partner with Much Wenlock Festival 2027

Much Wenlock Festival returns Thursday 17–Sunday 20 June 2027. We're inviting local businesses to sponsor this much-loved community event.

Reach 600–1,000 attendees over a long weekend of arts, music, and family activities.

Flexible sponsorship from £50 to £5,000, plus in-kind support.

Options include sponsoring the family fun day, art trail, and more.

We can tailor something that fits your goals and budget.

Contact: muchwenlockfestivals@gmail.com

Chair: Zara Bowden, 07702 556935

Let's make 2027 unforgettable for Much Wenlock!



Singing for Fun

Usually held on 2nd Thursday of the month

Except August

Next Meeting:

Thursday 10th September

2pm at the Methodist Church

and mid-session refreshments are planned

n.warrington993@btinternet.com

This is a dementia friendly activity

MUCH WENLOCK
MALE VOICE CHOIR

OPEN PRACTICES

for potential new members



TUESDAYS
18th, 25th AUGUST
and 1st SEPTEMBER



FROM 7.30PM



**AT THE PRIORY HALL,
MUCH WENLOCK**



Events at the Community Room Pinefields Close & High Causeway

For information about Housing Support, Group Activities or use of the Community Room, please contact

Julie Painting (Housing Support Officer)

on 07582 004047 Julie.Painting@starhousing.org.uk

Mondays:

Extend Exercises weekly 10:15 - 11@15 (not Bank Holidays)
Ukelele Group 2:00 - 4:00pm

Tuesdays:

Coffee Group—every other week 10:00 - 12:00
Age UK Friendship Group 10:30 - 12:0 last Tues each month
U3A Art Group weekly 2:00 - 4:00
Belly Dancing Class. 5:30 - 7:00pm

Thursdays:

Housing Support Drop In 10:00 - 12:00
U3A Art Group 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

HARLEY NEWS!

Coffee, Chat and Carpet bowls!
Wednesdays 5th and 19th August
Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th
September



10:30am at...
HARLEY VILLAGE HALL

All are most welcome...so do come along
for coffee (or tea), biscuits, carpet bowls
and a chat.
See you there!

Farmer's Butty Van

Thursday 20th August at
10:30 to 12:00 hrs

at Villa Farm, Cardington,
Church Stretton SY6 7HN
by kind permission of the Pinches Family
&

Thursday 17th September

at 10:30 to 12:00 hrs

at Lower Hill Farm, Hughley, SY5 6MX
by kind permission of the Corfield Family

Thank you for your continued support
of the Butty Van and feel free to visit
our BV some time.



St Mary's Church Harley **Harvest Festival**

Sunday 11th October 2026 at



followed by lunch in the Village Hall

Tickets £16

Please bring donations of **non-perishable**
food items to the church. These will be given
to Bridgnorth Foodbank.

As usual the Offertory will also be given to a
local charity.

Please contact Anne Sharpe on 01952 510556 by
Monday 5th October for your lunch bookings
and to advise her of any dietary requirements.

HARLEY VILLAGE HALL (with Arts Alive)

are delighted and proud to present

MICHAEL MESSER & CHAZ JANKEL

Friday 30th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Supremo slide guitarist & songwriter Michael
Messer (favourite of Johnny Cash) and multi-
instrumentalist songwriter Chaz Jankel (Ian Dury &
the Blockheads) wear decades of combined musical
experience lightly, as their music displays a fresh
approach to their foundational influences in blues,
world funk, new wave and rock.

Not to be missed!

Tickets £12 (Card or bank transfer only
please)

(Harley Village Hall 08-92-99 67283860)

Phone Tom Dickins 07890 331985 to book

Or online artsalive.co.uk

Refreshments available

Harley Village Hall

Summer Get-Together

Sunday 16th August

Join us for a delightful

BBQ & Delicious Cider Sampling

Featuring locally sourced Shropshire ciders:



Beef burgers
Hot dogs
Vegetarian option
Fresh salads



Cider on sale • Bar • Soft drinks available

£8 per person

Includes a 'try before you buy' cider tasting
experience.

For tickets:

jojackson589@gmail.com
07917 670653

harleyvillagehall.com
SY5 6LP



CRESSAGE & DISTRICT WI

Cressage Village Hall

Details of all meetings from Ruth 01952 510546
**

Cressage and District WI met on Thursday 9th July to enjoy a performance from Alison Uttling, featuring a local Regency diarist.



3rd Thursday every month
EXCEPT AUGUST
at Cressage Village Hall at 7:30pm



Brockton and District WI

Brocktonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk

We meet on the **first Tuesday** of every month at 7.30 in Shipton Village Hall.

We met on Tuesday 7th July and our evening will be long remembered. Anna Dreda came to do a poetry reading and for an hour we were completely absorbed, concerns melted away while we listened to the beautiful words. We thanked Anna most sincerely for curating such timely and thought provoking poems.

NB: There is no Meeting in August

We meet next on **September 1st at 7.30pm** in Shipton Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome.



At Shipton Village Hall - in aid of Hall Funds....



Richie Ros
One voice. One guitar.
One unforgettable evening.
Irish Folk & Stories
Friday 9th October 7:30pm
Ticket price: £12.50

Contacts for tickets:
Denise: 07870 899778
Kate: 07824 444573

STANTON LONG 56th ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER

at Shipton Village Hall



Monday 28th September
Doors open 7pm

Delicious buffet and homemade desserts
Bar and Raffle

Tickets £15 from Jane 01746 712105 or Anne 712842

RUSHBURY AND CARDINGTON WI

We meet in Cardington Village Hall for late Autumnal and Winter months and in Rushbury Village Hall for the rest of the year, usually on the **third Wednesday of every month** at 2.00 pm Jan and Feb and at 7.30 pm for the rest of the year.

We welcome all - fellow WIs and those from our local communities. Anyone interested in joining or even road testing us please call or text our President,
Carole Martin 07967 715350



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

at Cound Guildhall

Friday 18th September

6.30pm meal 7.30pm film

Further details on Cound Guildhall website or ring 01743 761257



THOSE RASCALLY RINGERS

Tales of misbehaviour and astonishing achievements from the belfry

It's 300 years since the bells of St Peters Cound were removed and taken to the River Severn via Cound Lane and then sailed down the River Severn by a barge, called a Trow, to Gloucester in 1726 and re-cast by Abraham Rudhall II.

An Illustrated talk by Chris Pickford in aid of
St Peters Doom Painting conservation fund
7:00 pm Saturday 5th September

Those wanting to ring must arrive by 5:30 pm

£15-00 to include refreshments

Booking essential ~ Scan:

Phone: 01743 761257

Email: coundguildhall@gmail.com





MUCH WENLOCK BOWLING CLUB

Gaskell Recreation Ground

COME AND JOIN US, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We run 5 teams in local leagues. Friendly competitions held throughout the year. Social bowling with friends **every Thursday.**

New to bowling? Free tuition and equipment available

ENQUIRIES TO OUR SECRETARY AT:

muchwenlockbc@gmail.com



Soft Tennis—

A gentler form of the full game of Lawn Tennis. Played indoors on a badminton size court.

The balls are softer and slower. Good fun and a proper piece of exercise.

All Ages Welcome.

We meet in the Leisure Centre, Much Wenlock –

Wednesdays – 5.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.

n.warrington993@btinternet.com



Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club

Do you enjoy running, jumping and throwing?

at The Leisure Centre. **Saturdays:**

9.00-10.30am for ages 8, 9 and 10

10.00-11.30am for ages 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

If you would like to find out more please see our website www.wenlockolympians.org

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Every Monday
7pm - 8pm
at the Sports Centre

PLAYERS
WANTED

We are a group of friendly social Badminton players looking for new adult members of reasonable ability for an hour of fun and gentle exercise

First
Night
FREE

Visitors fee just £5* Over 18's only



COUND AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

Come and join in our fun and social tennis community

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/coundanddistricttennisclub>

or use our Cound and District Tennis

Club Homepage QR Code



For membership enquiries please contact us at membershipatcound@btinternet.com

Adult beginners courses, adults drills & cardio, Juniors

Saturday coaching and private lessons

Please contact Club Coach Graham Hart on 07960 970 017 or email hartg734@aol.com

MUCH WENLOCK CRICKET CLUB



The club has been pleased to find that there is increased interest in Much Wenlock cricket with more players being available most weekends. We hope that this will continue in future years with the

club in a transitionary phase and requiring more members to step up to help with the administration etc as well as on the playing/coaching side.

The recent exceptionally warm weather has caused some problems on the cricket square which has required significant additional TLC. Many thanks to the groundsman for all his hard work in producing a good playing surface.

Our free Cricket Camp for youngsters up to 11years goes ahead on **4th and 5th of August** at the Gaskell Field with the assistance of SCB coaches. A few places were still available at time of writing this article.

Prior registration is required.

Future fixtures:

1 August Calverhall (H).	8 August Column. (A)
15 August Quatt. (H).	22 August Alberbury (A)
29 August Whittington ((H).	5 Sept. Wellington (A)
12 Sept. Guilsfield (H).	19 Sept. Forton (A)



WENLOCK MILE



A community running event hosted by Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club



Saturday 26th September from 11.00am

Gaskell Field, (parking and toilets at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre, Farley Road, TF13 6NB)

This UKA licensed event uses our permanently marked mile course on the Gaskell Field and is open to club runners, social runners, families and children over 8

This event will run as a series of time trials with medals for the first three male and females in the following categories: U10, U12, U14, U16 16-50 and over 50.

Entries will open in the coming weeks. Please check Wenlock Olympians Society's website for more information

<https://wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-sports/wenlock-mile/>

The Wenlock Mile, 26th September 11am on the Gaskell Field

Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club are pleased to be able to host our second annual "Wenlock Mile" on our permanently marked mile course on the Gaskell Field. This is an opportunity for club and community runners, young and old, to set an officially recognised mile time on an accurately measured course. The event will be run as a series of time trials starting at 11.00am. To find out more, and for entry details, please visit Wenlock-Olympian-Society.org.uk/wenlock-olympian-society-sports/wenlock-mile. If you have any questions about this event please get in touch with camillamstewart@outlook.com

Practice News

August 2026

Our very own **Dr Jess Harvey**, has been named national winner of the leadership award at the inaugural NHS Excellence Awards.

The awards, delivered by NHS England, celebrate the people, teams and organisations driving improvement, innovation and collaboration across health and care in England. Winners were announced during a ceremony at NHS ConfedExpo in Manchester in June.

The judges recognised Dr Harvey for her engaging, evidence-led style of leadership, recognising her work with the Primary Care Network to implement several initiatives successfully as part of a push to improve neighbourhood services. Judges said the breadth of activity and impact made her nomination stand out.



Dr Harvey said: "I am incredibly honoured to receive this recognition. It means a great deal. I feel very fortunate to do a job that I genuinely love and to have had so many opportunities to make a difference. Most importantly, I am privileged to work

alongside so many talented and dedicated people. They have supported me throughout my career and many of the projects I have led or been involved in simply would not have been possible without them. This recognition is as much a reflection of their contribution as it is mine.

Her achievements include helping create a Community Health and Wellbeing Centre in Highley by relocating and refitting Highley Medical Practice within the local leisure centre, securing healthcare into the heart of one of Shropshire's most deprived communities.

South East Shropshire Stoma Group News

A South East Shropshire Stoma Group supporting patients in the local area has been set up. The inaugural meeting was held at the Methodist Church in Much Wenlock on the 22 June and a further meeting has been arranged for 9 November 2026. For further information please contact the Practice and we will pass details on to the group organiser.

Bank Holiday Closure

Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice will be closed on Monday 31 st August. If you require medical assistance during these times, please call 111.

News from Shropshire Cllr Dan Thomas

Retention of the 437 Bus

At a recent meeting with Town Cllrs from Much Wenlock and Broseley, it was confirmed that the 437 will continue! The current provider, Tanat Valley, will end service on this route on 31st July. The route, with some very minor tweaks to the timings, will be taken over by Arriva on 1st August. The stipulation is that the route will be operated using NEW buses. Please encourage as many people as possible to use this service, so that we can prove just how important it is to our community. After being involved in the meetings about this, I'm delighted to see it secured.

Sheinton Street and Wilmore Street Resurfacing

Sheinton Street and Wilmore Street are provisionally scheduled for resurfacing on the 20th of October for 8 days. After meeting officers, I was keen to avoid the summer tourism period and the run-up to Christmas, whilst ensuring the work was not delayed any longer than necessary. They will be doing minor repairs in the interim. Please continue to use Fix My Street to report defects across Much Wenlock and our surrounding area. The A458, Much Wenlock to Bridgnorth road, is now fully resurfaced, and I'm pleased with the standard of the work. Thanks to everyone who put up with the disruption.

Government announcement of £4.5bn active travel funding

Shropshire Council has welcomed a £4.5 billion UK government funding announcement to expand active travel infrastructure, supporting new walking, cycling, and wheeling routes nationwide. I've expressed our interest in having Much Wenlock included in a scheme to submit a bid to the Government for some of this money.

Shirehall Update

Shropshire Council's Cabinet has held a special meeting to decide the future of the Shirehall site. The former headquarters has been largely empty since staff relocated and keeping it secure costs the council roughly £400,000 a year. A report said it would need around £54m to refurbish the building to a standard that would allow it to return as the Council's headquarters.

Shropshire Council's Lib Dem-run cabinet made the decision to sell the building and the relevant land around it.

Advice Surgery

My next Advice Surgery is on Saturday, 12 th of September, between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by Town Mayor Susan Crooke-Williams and a representative from the Police.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

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Facebook: much wenlock town council

Support needed for Flood Response in Much Wenlock!

As you probably know, the town has a long history of flooding. We have a Flood Action Group comprising local residents, Councillors and experts to address issues - we're keen to see new faces and get all the help we can. There is no need to sit through long meetings, unless you'd like to! We are looking for:

- Volunteers to keep an eye on our drains and report any severely blocked drains to Shropshire Council on FixMyStreet.
- Volunteers to help close some of our roads in the event of a flood (you'll have to do online training and you need to be able to lift and carry a folding sign and traffic cones). We'd particularly like volunteers who live in areas not prone to flooding.
- Community representatives for our quarterly meetings with Shropshire Council, Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency - the meetings tend to be mid/late afternoon on a weekday.
- Experts or those with a detailed understanding of surface water flooding, hydrogeology and geology - to advise the Town Council on longer term flooding issues and to input to our responses on planning applications.

If you'd like to help or find out more, please contact Much Wenlock Town Council or Councillor **Cherie Whiteman**: cherie.whiteman@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

437 Bus Service

Town Councillors are delighted that the 437 bus service will be retained following a re-tendering process undertaken by Shropshire Council. The service runs from Broseley to Shrewsbury via Much Wenlock and is particularly important for students travelling to Shrewsbury College. From 1st August the service will be run by Arriva, using new buses and with slight changes to the timetable. Please continue to support the service or give it a try.

Ladies Fashion Show – Friday, 4th September

Following the successful May Fair held this year, the Town Council has resolved to hold a similar event next May. To help raise funds for the Fair, we are holding a Ladies Pop-up Shop and Fashion Show at 7pm on Friday, 4th September at the Priory Hall. Shop your favourite High Street brands at up to 70% off! Tickets are £6 and should be purchased in advance. For tickets and more information please contact Councillor Paula Sivertsen on 07807 142369 or paula.sivertsen@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

Plastic Free Poster Awards

As part of 'Plastic Free July' the town's Plastic Free group organised a poster competition for children from four local primary schools. The wonderfully creative posters produced by the school children were displayed in shop windows around Much Wenlock for all to see. On 4th July, following an announcement by the Town Crier in the square, our Mayor, Councillor Susan Crooke-Williams, and Consort, Mrs Francine Coulson-Joy, were very pleased to present the prizes for the winning entries.

Thanks to all the children who entered and congratulations to the prize winners.

The Guildhall

The Guildhall is open to the public Friday to Monday, 11am to 4pm. Entry to the Guildhall is free, although donations are very welcome. Do drop in!

The August exhibition is ceramics by Deb Williams. Deb's clay pieces are hand-built and thrown on the wheel. Each piece is organic and original as well as functional, decorative and ideal for a gift.

The September exhibition is abstract paintings in acrylic by Gerry O'Donnell. Gerry uses pouring and swiping techniques, allowing colour, movement and fluidity to shape each piece. All works are acrylic on canvas, shadow-framed and ready to hang.



Town Council Meetings

Forthcoming full Council meetings will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 3rd September and Thursday, 1st October at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

There is no August meeting.

Meeting dates and agendas are available on the Town Council's website and notice board. Meetings are open to the public and a period is set aside for public participation at full Council and Planning & Environment Committee meetings.

Council Surgeries

The next Council surgery will be held on Saturday, 12th September 2026 between 10.30 am and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. Members of the community will have the opportunity to raise matters of concern with a Town Councillor, Shropshire Councillor and a member of our local policing team. No appointment is necessary.

Contact the Town Council

The Town Council office is upstairs in the Corn Exchange at 62 High Street, Much Wenlock. The office is open for visits from members of the public between 9.00 am to 12.00 noon, Monday to Thursday. Staff are also available by telephone and email between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm, Monday to Thursday (See above left). The office is closed on Fridays.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD CEMETERY



The recent heatwave has accelerated the plant cycle almost to the point of being overspent and autumnal in colour. The grass is tinder dry and the meadow circles are wilting and drooping in the heat. The fields around the town have already been cut and baled in a race to store winter feed but the growing seasons are shortening and areas once left as meadows till August are lost to feeding birds, mammals and insects before chicks have fledged. The grave gardens full of wall flowers, wild geraniums, purple toadflax, love-in-the-mist, great willowherb, red campion and foxgloves are looking parched and past their best. The summer solstice arrived with full-on sun but not all of the flora and fauna are thriving. We are desperately in need of some rain too. Strange to be saying this after the saturated ground of winter and early spring. Our unpredictable climate is changing and all species are having to adjust, including us.

Here in the Old Cemetery, we try to leave nature to adapt and not interfere in the planting too much. Knapweed, oxeye daisies and Californian poppies seem to be coping but the large blousy tea roses are struggling and even in the areas of partial shade under the old stone wall nettles, hedge woundwort, cow parsley, herb Robert, lady's bedstraw and feverfew are setting seed and the honesty plants are already wearing spikey, spherical seed heads. Purple Verbena though does seem to be thriving. This is a plant that loves full sun and won't flower in shade. Some variants known as purple-top vervain, Argentinian vervain or tall verbenas originate from the hotter climates of South America. Whilst the common variety of vervain, *Verbena officinalis* was known to the Romans as "Herba Sacra" and used in rituals and medicinally for a variety of ailments including headaches, digestive issues and fevers. It has anti-inflammatory, antispasmodic and astringent qualities and like plantain can be used topically for skin complaints and rheumatism.

Another plant well adapted to the heat is buddleia whose tall purple spears are hosting a crowd of red admiral butterflies and cinnabar moths feeding on the sweet nectar. I stand very still as one lands on my blue top, offering up its wings for a moment of closer inspection. Next up are the bees. The patch of lavender, creeping thistle and ivy by the wall is humming with them. Black and orange bumblebees, white tailed bumblebees, ginger throated tree bumblebees, red-tailed bumblebees, honey bees, masonry bees, all pollen laden and delirious with it. If you needed any proof of the value of these so-called weeds, then here it is, staring me in the face.

Down in the grass the tiny flowers of selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*) catch my eye. Their violet blue petals branch out around the purple bracts, inching up the hairy stems like rock climbing holds. Selfheal has an old herbal reputation as a wound healer and was said to grow where it was most needed. It's quite similar to another low going plant up here, the creeping bugle which also has bluish flowers growing up a vertical spike but this time with a conical head differing from selfheal's flat top.

These are old plants that have stayed seeded in the grasses here for many years. Before 1890 when this land became a cemetery to replace the overcrowded churchyard, it would have been farm land and these wildflowers tell testimony to the fact that it has never been sprayed with commercial, synthetic pesticides like DDT which were destructively unleashed in the 1940's with such devastating effects on our wildlife. I am thankful that this area can now give birth to a whole host of old native flowers and plants that were safely residing in the soil.

Jo Jukes

PLASTIC FREE
MUCH WENLOCK
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

Holy Trinity Environmental Group

muchwenlockplasticfree@gmail.com

As I write this article we are in 'Plastic Free July' which is a 'shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple everyday choices and be part of the solution to reduce plastic pollution.' Have you joined in and made a pledge?

The children at Much Wenlock Primary School, Brockton CE Primary School and Christ Church CE Primary School joined in by making posters to warn us about what single use plastic is doing to our planet. These posters were judged by our Mayor, Susan Crooke-Williams and we had a presentation in Much Wenlock Town Square on Saturday July 4th. It was a delight to see all the children and their families attend and receive their certificates and prizes by the Mayor and her deputy Francine Coulson- Joy. The children from Year 6 at Christ Church School had been doing a topic all about plastic pollution on 'Why do oceans matter?' They have been learning all about plastic pollution and understand the impact it has on the world.

We hope to make this an annual competition and as the children gain an understanding of plastic pollution they can start to spread the word to their families and the wider world. The winning posters are on display in the Much Wenlock shop windows and the other entries are on display in Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock. Please do go and look at them. Thank you to the shops and the library for displaying them.

I have been sent an email from breast cancer UK. Director of Research Dr Hannah Moody tells us 'by switching from plastic to wooden or metal utensils, we can reduce our chemical load immediately. Wooden utensils don't break down when we are using them. They are built to last decades. Breast Cancer UK wants the UK Government to ban EDCs (Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals) from everyday products, unless they have been properly tested. Let's swap plastic spatulas, spoons and whisks for wooden alternatives and demand tougher rules on chemicals in consumer products. Certain plastics used in cooking may increase risk of cancers and should be swapped for metal or wood'.

Could you write to our MP Stuart Anderson to tell him what you think? Remember to include your address so he knows that you are one of his constituents.

His email is:
stuart.anderson.mp@parliament.uk



Letter from Westminster

July marks the second anniversary of my election as the Member of Parliament for South Shropshire, and it remains an absolute honour to represent the people and places that make our area so special. As I continue to listen, support, and deliver for my constituents, I am reminded every day of how lucky I am to have the privilege of representing the most beautiful part of our incredible nation.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who has taken the time to contact me, attend meetings and events, or simply share their views. Whilst I remain focused on the year ahead, this anniversary provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on some of the work which has already been done.

The state of our roads has been a key focus in 2026. I have pushed relentlessly for better repairs, secured support for local areas including Church Preen, and backed the rollout of a Road Warden Scheme by Shropshire Council following my campaign. In response to a significant number of complaints from my constituents, I have also raised concerns about Royal Mail delays and unreliable deliveries at the highest level with Royal Mail chiefs and continue to press for improved services in our area.

To support South Shropshire's extraordinary towns, I have been working with local stakeholders to remedy concerns about neglected and unused buildings, including the former Costa Coffee building in Ludlow, New Market Hall in Bridgnorth, and the Manor House in Cleobury Mortimer. My Shop Local Survey and High Street Survey provided me with valuable insights from local residents, leading me to campaign for improved street cleanliness, more free parking, vital banking access, and no more concerning 'pop-up shops'. On a similar note, my Best Pub in South Shropshire Competition is ongoing, forming part of my wider campaign to support the locals which we all love.

When it comes to rural areas, I have relentlessly called for increased support for off-grid energy users following the conflict in Iran. I have also backed calls to scrap the 10% Sales Commission for South Shropshire's park home owners, recently leading to a much-needed Call for Evidence from the Government. Improving broadband and mobile connectivity, especially in harder-to-reach areas, remains a key part of my work in Parliament, and I have had meetings with Ministers to push for meaningful action. Protecting nature also remains a primary focus. Having secured a vital extension to the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme, I am now campaigning for South Shropshire's waterways to be cleaned up as a matter of urgency.

These are just a few areas which I have been focused on over the past year. I look forward to continuing all of this exciting work in the year ahead.

Stuart Anderson MP

Member of Parliament for South Shropshire Tel: 01746 555025

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Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre – Saturday 5th December 2026

**Did you enjoy last year's Christmas Fayre?
Could you offer a little help for the 2026
Fayre?**



In the middle of a heatwave, the committee of volunteers is working hard on the preparation for the 2026 Christmas Fayre! So much is already in place – but there's more to do – with the opportunity for traders to book stalls opening very soon. We know this will be a busy time; we always have a rush for bookings, and a long waiting list.

The committee members cover all the main tasks and, of course, we are supported by a wonderful group of volunteers, including a large group of marshals. However, we would really appreciate any extra help both with marshalling but also with some "odd jobs" on the Friday afternoon (4th) and on the day itself. None of the jobs would take more than an hour or so and most are of the "lifting and shifting" variety – so the more help we get the less time it takes.

If you think you could offer an hour or two in the afternoon on Friday 4th December, early Saturday morning, during the day for marshalling or after the Fayre closes at 5pm we'd love to hear from you. Just call or message Lesley on 07896211829 or Anne on 07973977986.

**Promise not to give you a very long list
– just the odd job or two.
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THE MARY WEBB MILLENNIUM PLAQUE IN MUCH WENLOCK

Once the Mary Webb Society based in Shropshire decided we would like to celebrate the millennium with an art piece dedicated to Mary Webb, the-Shropshire born novelist and poet, Much Wenlock was the unanimous decision as it had been Mary's childhood home.

After permission was granted, in 2000, the society commissioned local artist Humphrey Hallward to create a bronze plaque featuring Mary Webb to be mounted on a piece of Wenlock stone and erected in the garden at the rear of the Guildhall in Much Wenlock.



Two of Mary Webb's nephews, Donald and Ian Meredith unveiled the plaque, surrounded by Liz Thomas, Mayor of Much Wenlock, the Town Crier, society members and friends.

The plaque has been cleaned and polished regularly each year and two stepping stones have been placed in front for a closer look.

If you look closely you will see a fox running across the plaque, this was included as a fox features in Mary Webb's novel 'Gone to Earth'.



If you haven't seen our plaque please do look out for it on your next visit to the Guildhall garden.

The Mary Webb Society

Dear Readers

The software which has been used to create Your Wenlock Herald is going out of support, with no identical upgrade available.

This month's magazine has been created using new software, which does not work in the same way. If you see issues, please let the Editor know and she will aim to resolve these when creating the next magazine.

Thank you for your patience!

The Editor



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The Trust invites applications for grants with its Objectives requiring that these must be for the relief of financial hardship, sickness and poor health amongst elderly people in and around Much Wenlock but also within Shropshire, but not from elsewhere.

Applications for projects that might benefit a number of individuals will be welcomed by the Trustees.

Applications forms can be obtained from the Trust's website at

www.mwfcstrust.com or email to mwfcstrust@gmail.com or

telephone the Trust's Chairman,
Mark Laws 07703 114823

Much Wenlock and Cressage Compassionate Communities (CoCo)

We always need more Coco volunteers

Coco volunteers provide companionship and a willingness to help people in practical ways. This could be helping with paperwork, collecting prescriptions, shopping together, befriending, walking a dog or feeding a cat; anything that the person and their volunteer agree might be helpful. If you are able to support someone in the community, please contact the surgery for more information on 01952 726011.

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Carer Connect

A community group dedicated to our unpaid carers; providing an opportunity to connect with other carers and local support services. Meet 1st Tuesday of the month at Priory Hall - from 2pm until 4pm. Carers can attend alone or with the person they care for. Refreshments are provided. Please contact the surgery for more information on 01952 726011.



Shropshire Charities Unite to Support Isolated Elderly

A new advocacy service is now available to support older people living in Much Wenlock and the surrounding area, thanks to a partnership between the **Wenlock Forester Trust** and Oswestry-based Shropshire **PCAS (Person Centred Advocacy and Support)**.

The two charities are jointly funding a dedicated advocate for an initial three years to help older people who may be experiencing loneliness, rural isolation, ill health, or difficulties accessing essential services. The advocate can provide independent, one-to-one support with issues such as housing, health appointments, social care, safeguarding, benefits, energy concerns, and signposting to other organisations.

The Wenlock Forester Trust has long supported older residents facing financial hardship and poor health, while Shropshire PCAS has been helping vulnerable adults across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin for over 30 years.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this free, confidential support, please visit www.shropshirepcas.co.uk or www.wftrust.org.uk to find out more. No one should have to face life's challenges alone.

Shropshire families turn frustration into hope with new community festival supporting children outside education

Families who have experienced the challenges of children being unable to access education in school are transforming frustration into hope by launching a brand-new community festival in the heart of Shropshire.

Country Fest, taking place on **Sunday 23 August 2026** at Russell's Meadow, Church Stretton, will bring together families, local businesses, charities and community groups for a day of fun, inclusion and fundraising.

Organised by Individual Pathways Shropshire, the volunteer-led event aims to tackle isolation, celebrate inclusion and raise vital funds to support children and young people who face barriers to education. The festival has already attracted overwhelming support from local businesses, organisations and volunteers, who have donated prizes, sponsored activities and given their time to help create an inclusive day where every family feels welcome.

Funds raised will be shared between Individual Pathways Shropshire, helping the group continue its weekly sessions in Church Stretton, and a CrowdJustice legal campaign challenging proposals that campaigners believe could reduce legal protections for children and families navigating the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) system.

Everyone is welcome, and tickets are available now (£5) as well as being available on the gate (£7.50).

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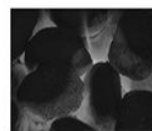
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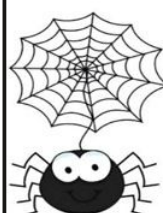
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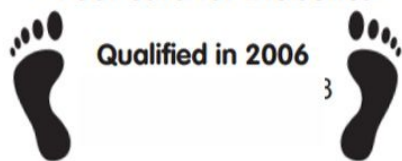


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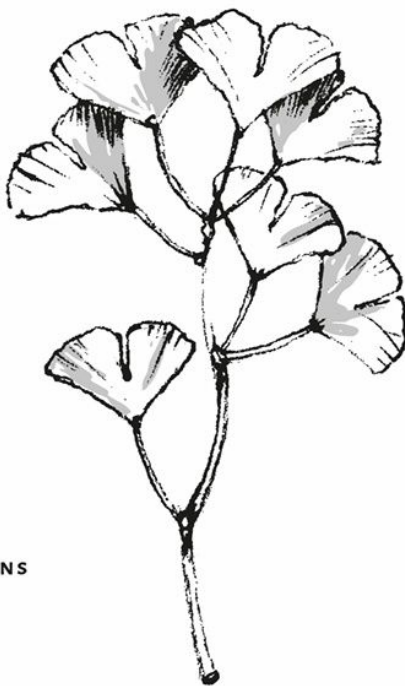
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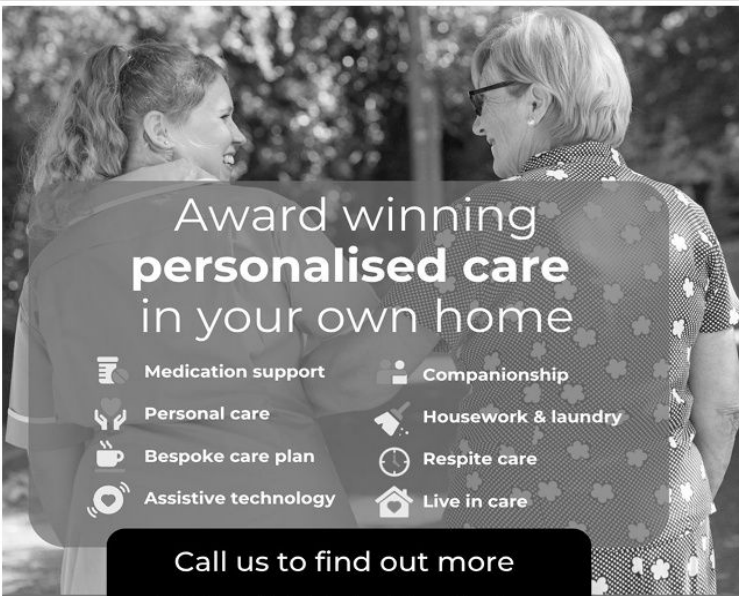


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Sunday Services in SEPTEMBER 2026

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Churches listed by neighbourhood	6th September Trinity 14	13th September Trinity 15	20th September Trinity 16	27th September Trinity 17	4th October Trinity 18
Berrington and Betton Strange	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	To Cound
Cound	11.00 E (MCS)		11.00 Harvest Festival (MCS)		11.00 AAW (LL)
Cressage	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	To Cound
Sheinton		Harvest 4.00 (MCS)		11.00 E (SR)	
Harley		9.30 E (DJ)		EP 6.00 (MCS)	
Kenley	9.30 HC (MCS)		6.00 EP (SR)		Harvest Festival Friday 9 th 6.30pm (TBC)
Church Preen			11.00 Harevest (SR)		
Hughley				9.30 HC (SR)	
Much Wenlock	8.00 HC (DJ) 6.30 BCP Ev (LL)	9.30 E (MCS)	9.30 HC (SR) 6.30 BCP Ev (MCS)	9.30 E (MCS)	8.00 BCP HC (MCS) BCP Ev Song For Harvest 6.30 (MCS)
Bourton	9.30 HC (CL)				9.30 AAC for Harvest (MCS)
Easthope		Harvest 6.00 (MCS)			
Shipton	9.30 MP (LL)		11.00 E (CL)		9.30 MP (LL)
Stanton Long		9.30 MP (LL)		11.00 Harvest Festival with Holy Communion (MCS)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT MUCH WENLOCK - 10.30AM WEDNESDAY

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Sunday Services in AUGUST 2026

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Churches listed by neighbourhood	2nd August Trinity 9	9th August Trinity 10	16th August Trinity 11	23rd August Trinity 12	30th August Trinity 13
Berrington and Betton Strange	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Much Wenlock	To Much Wenlock
Cound	11.00 MP (LL)		11.00 E (SR)	11.30 Holy Baptism (SR)	
Cressage	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Much Wenlock	To Much Wenlock
Sheinton				12 Noon Holy Baptism (MCS)	
Harley		9.30 E (SR)		6.30 Evensong (PT)	
Kenley	9.30 HC (SR)		6.00 EP (MCS)		
Church Preen			11.00 HC (EO)		
Hughley				9.30 HC (SR)	
Much Wenlock	8.00 HC (SR) 9.30 E (CL) 6.30 BCP EP (SR)	9.30 E (CL)	9.30 E (MCS) 6.30 BCP Ev (MCS)	9.30 E (MCS)	To Bourton
Bourton					11.00 E 1.00 Holy Baptism (MCS)
Easthope				6.00 HC (DJ)	
Shipton	9.30 MP (LL)		11.00 E (CL)		
Stanton Long				11.00 HC (EO)	

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