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The Wenlock Herald

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



The National Garden Scheme runs throughout the summer but July is a popular month to visit. The Scheme has been funding charities since 1927 and announced donations of £3,875,596 at the end of the 2025 season. In 2026, over 75 Old Rectory and Vicarage gardens are included in the Scheme. Much Wenlock's Gardens Open Trail in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust is on Sunday 5th July - Details on Page 9.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND: THE WENLOCK TEAM OF PARISHES

✂ *Berrington with Betton Strange* ✂ *Church Preen* ✂ *Cound* ✂ *Cressage* ✂ *Easthope* ✂ *Harley* ✂
 ✂ *Hughley* ✂ *Kenley* ✂ *Sheinton* ✂ *Shipton* ✂ *Stanton Long* ✂ *Much Wenlock with Bourton* ✂

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Web Sites

Team: www.wenlockchurches.co.uk
Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock: www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk
Berrington: www.friendsofberringtonchurch.weebly.com



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



WENLOCK HERALD DELIVERY

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who deliver the Herald in Wenlock and surrounding areas each month. However, it is always useful if we have helpers available to take up a route as and when required. If you think you may be able to help in future, please contact Sally Cooper 07854 975829 or sally-cooper@hotmail.co.uk
 Thank you!

	5 th July Trinity 5	12 th July Trinity 6	19 th July Trinity 7	26 th July Trinity 8	2 nd August Trinity 9
SUNDAY LECTIONARY—YEAR A	First Reading: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67	First Reading: Genesis 25.19-34	First Reading: Genesis 28.10-19a	First Reading: Genesis 29.15-28	First Reading: Genesis 32.22-31
	Psalm 45.10-17 or Canticle: Song of Soloman 2.8-13	Psalm 119.105-112	Psalm 139.1-11,23,24	Psalm 105.1-11,45b or Psalm 128	Psalm 17.1-7,16
	New Testament: Romans 7.15-25a	New Testament: Romans 8.1-11	New Testament: Romans 8.12-25	New Testament: Romans 8.26-39	New Testament: Romans 9.1-5
	Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30	Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43	Gospel: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

CLERGY LETTER

Dear Friends



Further to Father Sam's letter of last month that Church is not just about Sunday. We are now in Ordinary time in the liturgical calendar, when church life gets seemingly quieter as we focus on growth and the wider world around us. The colours in church buildings have changed to green, earthing us in God's creation. Here in the rural parishes, we see the vibrant greens all around us dotted with the wildflowers and soon to be berries, it's hard not to stop and marvel at the beauty.

This Ordinary time is a good time to reflect upon the teachings from scripture and remind ourselves of what it means to be a follower of Christ: a life of love, patience, forgiveness and humility. A time to nurture our community life and the earth around us.

Which brings me to two events happening in Holy Trinity Much Wenlock which may help you to focus on scripture and creation:

Firstly, **'The Hereford Gospels for Today'**, which is touring the Diocese, will be on display during the week of 11th - 19th July in Holy Trinity Church (**See Page 8**). The Hereford Gospels connect to the monastic legacy we have here in Much Wenlock, which was founded as a religious organisation in 680 AD by St Milburga's father Merewald. The Hereford Gospels is a fascinating manuscript, created around 800 AD and is on display in Hereford Cathedral as the Diocese celebrates its 1350th anniversary. 'The Hereford Gospels for Today' is an exciting project commissioned to accompany the exhibition, **'Shaping Early Medieval Faith'**.

In response to this celebration, last year an artist callout was issued by Bishop David Thomson, inviting individuals to create artworks. The aim of the project was to create a new book which speaks of the beauty and faith of the original and also represents faith across the Diocese of Hereford today. Over sixty submissions have been inserted into a beautiful, handmade blank book, which was made using traditional techniques by Arthur Green of Green's Books. The works include images and words by artists, calligraphers and children from across local schools. The book and over forty more submissions will be available and viewers will be able to turn the pages and view this fascinating project for themselves. Come and join us during the week and maybe stay a little longer to soak up the medieval heritage. Further information on the Hereford Gospels - <https://www.herefordcathedral.org/news/gospels-for-today>

Secondly, we also have an important film screening in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 23rd July at 7pm - **'The People's Emergency Briefing'**. We are loved by a God who loves not just us, but all people and all of his good and beautiful creation. The film is seeking to show us some difficult truths about how we are not responding in love to God's beautiful earth. But always we know and trust that there is a path of forgiveness back to Him who loves us. The film is seeking to get these truths out into the open so we can discuss and face them together, and with many other people across the country. We offer this film in hope and look forward to warmly welcoming you at 6:30pm for refreshments and film starting at 7:00pm. Full details are inside on **Page 17**, under the **Holy Trinity Environmental Group**.

Finally, just an update on our **Youth Drop-in for 11-16s on a Thursday** (See Page 7): the group continues to grow and we average around 30-40 youths each week, providing a safe space for them to chill after school. The pizzas and hot chocolate continue to go down well. We are always hopeful of donations towards the treats we provide and to expanding our volunteer team. If you would like to help to provide in any way then please do get in touch with either me or Father Sam to discuss further. It is hoped that in the Autumn term we will also offer an extra half hour for question time, something requested by the youth and time to express concerns for the world and community around us, how they can respond and a time for prayer.

Please continue to pray for the ministry in this place and all the exciting events happening throughout the month.

Every blessing

Rev Lisa

FROM THE TEAM REGISTERS

BAPTISM:

Through the waters of baptism, may all be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit

MARRIAGE:

Jack Marshall and Beatrice Floyer-Ackland (MW)
Bless marriages, we pray, and walk beside them, through all their life together

FUNERAL:

Norma Jean Edwards (MW)
James (Jim) Christopher Moore (MW)
Ralph William Collingwood (Shrewsbury- details Page 7)

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them



RECTORS SABBATICAL

Every 7-10 years clergy can apply for what is known as a Sabbatical. Sabbatical leave is an extended break from parochial duties, allowing clergy to rest, travel, study, volunteer, or pursue personal growth.

With the blessing of The Bishop of Hereford and The Wenlock Team Ministry, the Team Rector, **The Reverend Prebendary Matthew Stafford will be on Sabbatical Leave from Friday 1st May to Friday 14th August 2026.**

During the Team Rectors absence The Revd Lisa Harper, Rector of Apedale and Team Vicar of Wenlock will be pastorally in charge, supported by members of The Wenlock Team Ministry.

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?

Join us in the Brookes Room at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock each Monday afternoon at 2pm 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 1st July
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 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,

13 Northgate, Bridgnorth WV16 4ER
01746 762348 iaingriffiths@hotmail.com

The Methodist Church MUCH WENLOCK



Minister: Rev Nik Wooler 07732 263838



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.a.m on Monday mornings in the Lady Chapel.

All are welcome.

Beryl Bull 01952 727427



THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING EDITOR:

I have now retired as editor of the Herald, which I have enjoyed being over the years and undoubtedly will miss it, but I know that my successor, Diane Finlayson, as the new editor, is keen to see the Herald continue to serve the Wenlock Team.

Many thanks for the good wishes sent to me and I ask you to encourage Diane and support her as she finds her way on a new project. With every blessing, Eirwen.

Thank you Eirwen. Hello all - please bear with me if (when) I make any mistakes. I am keen to know whether there is anything you would like to see in the magazine in the future eg gardening hints, planning applications, recipes, local sites of interest, photo competition? Obviously, this is a Parish and Community publication, so it needs to be appropriate but if you have any ideas, please drop me a note. Best Wishes to all, Diane.

NB: The Editor's email address remains the same but the phone number has changed:
Email: editor@wenlockherald.co.uk Tel: 07889 173254



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MONDAY	PG	TUESDAY *=-Every other week	PG	WEDNESDAY	PG	THURSDAY *=-Term Time	PG	FRIDAY *=-Term Time	PG	SATURDAY	PG
Lectionary Hour	4	Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir	11	Rainbows	10	Bible Study	6	Food Bank Collection	7	Much Wenlock Dog Walking	9
Prayer Requests at MWH	4	Explorer Scouts	10	Soft Tennis	13	Youth After School Drop-In *	6	Brownies, Guides and Rangers*	10	Cound & District Tennis Club Coaching	13
Beaver Scouts	10	Age UK Friendship Group	9,13			Housing Support Drop-In	13			Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club	13
Extend Exercises	13	U3A Art Group	13			U3A Art Group	13				
Melodic Ukulele	13	Belly Dancing	13			Much Wenlock Bowling Club	13				
Badminton Club	13	Coffee Group*	13							SUNDAY	PG
										Church Services	Back

WHEN	WHAT	PG	WHEN	WHAT	PG	WHEN	WHAT	PG
Wed 1st July	Pray and Share for the Climate	4	Fri 10th July	Soup Lunch for Charity	6	Sat 18th July	RDA Coffee Morning	10
	Harley - Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	12		The Edge Arts Centre - The Travelling Riverside Blues Show	16		Cricket Club Fixture - Montgomery	13
Thu 2nd July	Probus Club	10	Sat 11th July- Sun 19th July	Holy Trinity - The Hereford Gospel for Today	8		The Edge Arts Centre - Summer Disco	16
	The Edge Arts Centre - One Battle After Another (film)	16	Sat 11th July	Saturday Lunchtime Organ Recitals	7	Sun 19th July	St Peter's Cound Hymns & Pimms	12
Fri 3rd July	The Edge Arts Centre - Sarah McQuaid in Concert	16		MW Male Voice Choir at Tickleton	9	Mon 20th July	The Edge Arts Centre - H is for Hawk (film)	16
	Much Wenlock YFC 85th Anniversary Ball	19		Cricket Club Fixture - St George's	13	Thu 23rd July	The Edge Arts Centre - The Outrun (film)	16
Sat 4th July	Holy Trinity's Coffee Morning	6		140th Wenlock Olympian Games - Badminton, Netball	14		The People's Emergency Briefing - Film	17
	The Edge Arts Centre - West End to Wenlock (in aid of Severn Hospice)	10,16		Council Surgery	15,18	Fri 24th July	The Edge Arts Centre - Rea-Loaded - A tribute to the music of Chris Rea	16
	Charity Garage Sale	10		The Edge Arts Centre - Craven Arms Big Band Puttin' On the Ritz	16	Sat 25th July	Parkrun for Cancer Support Telford	12
	Cricket Club Fixture - Forton	13	Sun 12th July	140th Wenlock Olympian Games - Athletics, Fencing, 10k Road Race, Senior Tennis	14		Parkrun for Cancer Support Shrewsbury	12
	140th Wenlock Olympian Games - Junior Tennis	14	Mon 13th July	Telford Stamp and Card Club	9		Cricket Club Fixture - Acton Reynold	13
Sun 5th July	Much Wenlock Open Gardens Trail	9		The Edge Arts Centre - Is this Thing On? (film)	16		The Edge Arts Centre - Alistair McGowan	16
	140th Wenlock Olympian Games - Junior Tennis	14	Wed 15th July	MW WI - Dorothy Nicholl - English Pub Signs	9	Tues 28th July	Much Wenlock Friendship Group	9
Mon 6th July	The Edge Arts Centre - The Last Bus (film)	16		Harley - Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	12	Wed 29th July	Harley - Coffee, Chat & Carpet Bowls	12
Tues 7th July	Brockton & District WI	12		Rushbury & Cardington WI Meeting	12	Fri 31st July	Wheatlands Tea	9
Wed 8th July	U3A Talk - Dignity Freedom Network UK	9	Thu 16th July	Mothers Union Meeting	11			
Thu 9th July	Singing for Fun	11		Farmers Butty Van	12			
	Cressage & District WI	12		Cressage Gardening Club	12			
	The Edge Arts Centre - Double Bill - The Rising of the Sap (filmed in Wenlock)/The Golden Spurtle (films)	16	Fri 17th July	The Edge Arts Centre - The Snake Davis Band (world-renowned Sax player)	14,16			

FUTURE DATES

FUTURE EVENTS:		PG
July	Mothers Union Annual Dinner	11
Tues 4th-5th Aug	MW Cricket Club Free Coaching Sessions	13
Sat 22nd Aug	Severn Hospice Support - Open Garden at Wenlock Abbey	10
Fri 11th Sep	Music is the Breath of Life - Wellington Brass Band	11
Wed 16th Sep	Much Wenlock WI - Kate McLanachan on The Foundling Hospitals	9
Fri 2nd Oct	Race Evening, Priory Hall	16
Sat 24th Oct	Severn Hospice Support - Coffee Morning and Christmas Cards sale	10
Sun 29th Nov	Severn Hospice Support - Line Dancing at The Edge Arts Centre	10
Sat 5th Dec	Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre	

DON'T FORGET!!



August/September is a double issue, so make sure you send details of your events for both months to the Editor by 12th July!!



LETTER FROM HEREFORD DIOCESE

Recently, I've been thinking a lot about friendship: what starts it, what builds it and what sustains it.

Our family moved to Hereford a little over a year ago. When we sensed a call from God to come here, we knew we would be starting again. We knew no one locally, which meant building friendships and community from the beginning.

Friendship doesn't arrive fully formed. It grows slowly, often in what Scripture calls "the day of small things": small conversations, small acts of kindness, small decisions to keep turning up. Like many relationships, friendship begins with connection but grows through countless small choices over time.

Even Jesus invested deeply in only a few close friendships. We cannot invest deeply in everyone, but we can choose to show up consistently for a few people: to cherish them, serve them, forgive them and remain faithful companions through life's ups and downs.

I have often found this challenging because it means choosing to go first: starting the conversation, suggesting meeting up, offering help, buying the coffee and risking things feeling a little awkward. I have learnt from my husband, who is much more natural at including others and making space for friendship than I am. Yet, as I have been brave, I have discovered that many people are open to friendship. They are waiting, just as we are.

One of my most significant friendships began in my thirties in a very ordinary way. While volunteering, I simply said to someone, "This is a bit awkward, but I'd really like to be friends." It sounds disarmingly simple, but it takes courage. Often all it takes is one person willing to make the first move.

There are seasons in life that carry a particular loneliness: the early years of parenting, times of transition, when friends move away, or later, when friends go to glory. Loneliness is not unusual; it is part of the human experience. Yet rather than turning on the TV, perhaps the invitation is to look up and out: to join a club, volunteer, pick up the phone or invite someone for dinner regardless of the state of our life, kitchen or garden. Friendship is not only about reaching out; we also have to learn to receive. It can dent our pride to let it be known that we can't manage everything. Yet some of the greatest moments of friendship in my life have come through friends offering practical help when I didn't realise how much I needed it.

One of the great gifts the church can still offer is community: a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather regularly, be known and build genuine friendships. When God said to Adam, "It is not good for a person to be alone," he knew that would apply to all of us.

So my prayer this year is to learn how to be a better friend to those I already love, and to ask God who in my life is lonely, where I could be their friend, and they mine.

I wonder if God might be asking some of you to pray this too?

The Rev'd Jane Plackett-Ferguson
Chaplain to the Bishop of Hereford

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:

July 4th	Sidespersons Team
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

HTMW YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN

FREE PIZZA AND HOT CHOCOLATE AND MORE!



Everyone aged 11-16 is welcome!

A warm and safe space to hang out with your friends

Every Thursday in term time
3.30pm to 5pm
Holy Trinity Much Wenlock

SOUP LUNCH RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY

WHERE: Holy Trinity Church
Much Wenlock

WHEN: **Friday 10th July 2026**

FROM: Midday till 1.30pm

ON OFFER: 3 soups, bread and cheese

COST: Donations to this month's chosen charity,



WHICH IS: Holy Trinity After School Club

June's Soup Lunch raised £335.00 for Cronakay School.

RECTORS SABBATICAL PLANS 2026

JULY

In July, we have concentrated family time, travelling first to London to celebrate our very dear friend Laura Jourgensen's Silver Anniversary of her Priesting. The Preacher at the Service is our former Old Testament Lecturer from Cuddesdon Days, Paula Gooder, who was also my college Tutor.

We then head to our 'Go To' place, namely the Isle of Mull and Iona, where we shall be on the island for a month. I will have the privilege of Celebrating the Eucharist at St Columba's Gruline during that time.

It will be during my time on Mull I intend to do some concentrated writing on what Monasticism has to teach us today in our context here in Much Wenlock, the Diocese of Hereford and in wider society.

MUCH WENLOCK PARISH CHURCH

Saturday Live

Concerts and Recitals



Revd David Price
Saturday 11th July

Saturday Lunchtime Organ Recitals

These are free concerts featuring the new Church Organ.

Each event starts at 12 noon and will last around 45 minutes. There will be a retiring collection.

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 11:30 am outside the Town Library.



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



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.

RALPH WILLIAM COLLINGWOOD

Of Dawley Bank, formerly Much Wenlock, passed away peacefully at The Princess Royal Hospital on Friday June 5, 2026, aged 95 years.

Beloved husband of the late Ruth, Much loved dad of Helen, Mark, John, and the late Roy. Beloved Gramps and Great Gramps, also a cherished partner of the late Sylvia. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service to take place at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on **Friday July 10th**, 2026, at 12:30pm.

Family flowers only, by request but donations if so desired will be given to The Lingen Davis Cancer Support. All donations will be very much appreciated, for which purpose a donations box will be provided at the crematorium. All enquiries to Northwood and Sons.

Tel: 01952 727248,

Email: info@northwoodfunerals.co.uk

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



Wednesday 8th July - 2pm
'Dignity Freedom Network UK'

Janet Carleton, a Representative of the above charity, will tell us about the wonderful work which offers education, healthcare, economic empowerment and community development in India.

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

No Meeting in August!

GARDEN TRAIL

Much Wenlock

Sunday 5th July,
12-5pm

MUCH WENLOCK, TF13 6LX

A trail offering lots of interest from charming stone cottage gardens to a more contemporary-style in this delightful medieval town. Wenlock Abbey garden will also be open on the trail.

- CAKES AND TEA IN THE CHURCH
- PLANTS STALL
- DOGS ON LEADS ALLOWED IN SOME GARDENS
- WC* TOILET, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
- OPEN CHURCH: HOLY TRINITY, TF13 6FG
- CASHLESS PAYMENT
- £7 ENTRY

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2026

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Shropshire Historic Churches Trust
Registered Charity No. 1010690

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION www.shropshirehct.org.uk

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

Our next meeting for visitors will be at 7.00pm, on Wednesday July 15th, at the Priory Hall, when Dorothy Nicholle will be telling the story of English Pub Signs.



Visitors especially welcome. Non-members £5.

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.

Contact muchwenlockwi@gmail.com
01952 726748

at Wheatlands Care Home

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.



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



Girlguiding
Much Wenlock

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 Probus 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



We are so pleased to confirm that the plant sale held at Ann & Peter Wight's was enormously successful. We made an astonishing £1260, with the stall crowded from before opening time and free gardening advice given alongside the plant sales. With grateful thanks to Ann & Peter for all their hard work producing such wonderful plants.

Thanks, too, to other green-fingered locals who contributed some lovely additions. Of course, the weather helped too. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and contributed to such a magnificent total.

Our next big event is our ever-successful

West End to Wenlock

On Saturday July 4th at The Edge Arts Centre

An evening of songs from Stage and Screen, performed by stars of the West End - from Les Mis, West Side Story, Billy Elliott, Oliver, Dirty Dancing and more! Also featuring the Key Change Choir.

Tickets are £25 and available on the TicketSource site and at Penny Farthing, The Square, Much Wenlock. Buy early to avoid disappointment!!

Future Dates for your Diary:

Sat 22nd August – Open Garden at Wenlock Abbey – with a historical theme – more details to follow.

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

Sun 29th November - 2.00-5.30pm - Line Dancing at The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB

COME AND JOIN US AT EXPLORERS SCOUTS



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



Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th July 2026—10.30-12.30

Homer, Much Wenlock TF13 6NQ

Entry: £5 with welcome coffee and cake
Please book online using QR code

Cash Raffle and Stalls. On-street parking

Contact Helen Shipton
Helenjoanne.shipton@gmail.com
Funds will support the creation of a biodiversity hedge to enhance the grazing conditions of RDA horses.



Charity Number 244108



CHARITY GARAGE SALE

Garden and household items, tools, pictures, furniture and more!!

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2026

12 HUNTERS GATE, TF13 6BW

10am to 4pm

all proceeds split between
CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and
MARATHONS FOR MIRACLES
(TOMMY'S - the pregnancy and baby charity)
www.marathonsformiracles.com



MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

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

The recent joint summer evening concert on Saturday 6th June, featuring the **Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir** and the **Serendipity Ladies Choir** from Narberth, Pembrokeshire delivered a captivating, cross-border celebration of choral music.

Performing to an enthusiastic audience at Holy Trinity Church Much Wenlock, the evening successfully blended rich local tradition with vibrant Welsh guest artistry.

The concert paired the deep, resonant power of the Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir with the bright, expressive, and melodic delivery of Pembrokeshire's Serendipity Ladies Choir.

The program offered a balanced mix of traditional Welsh choral pieces, sacred music, moving spirituals, and uplifting selections from popular musical theatre.

The historic, stone-walled setting of Holy Trinity Church provided natural amplification, allowing both the quiet, emotional harmonies and the combined-choir finales to fill the space beautifully.

Both choirs enjoyed the collaboration and we hope to sing in Pembrokeshire in the future on a return 'fixture'.

Our final concert of this season will be at Ticklerton Village Hall, near Church Stretton, on Saturday **11th July**, at 7pm. The concert is a charity event to raise money for Parkinsons UK.

Why We Are Singing for Parkinson's UK....

Did you know that singing is a powerful therapy for people living with Parkinson's? The condition often affects facial muscles, speech, and swallowing. Group singing has been clinically proven to strengthen vocal control, improve respiratory muscles and massively boost mental wellbeing. If you enjoy listening to us why not come and join us? We practise on Tuesday evenings at William Brookes School, Much Wenlock.

By supporting our choir's performance, you are helping Parkinson's UK fund its' network of local therapeutic groups and specialist Parkinson's nurses. Together, we are raising our voices to raise vital funds, ensuring no one faces the condition alone and backing groundbreaking research to find a cure. Thank you for helping us make a difference through music!

Tickets are £15 each including tea/coffee and cake. Please contact Gill or Brian Joseph on 07885644291 or email g.joseph17@btinternet.com, or 07885290390 or email josephbrian886@gmail.com.

We will then be taking a summer break before beginning preparations for our Much Wenlock Male Voice Choir tour to Kent in October. More about that later!

Contact:	Website	www.mwmvchoir.org.uk
Dick Langford	Facebook	facebook.com/mwmvchoir
	Instagram	mwmalevoicechoir
	Email	chairmanmwmvc@gmail.com
	Phone	01952 728758 07530 545298

MOTHERS' UNION

Christian Care for Families
Usually 2pm every 3rd Thursday of the month. Visitors are always welcome.
Venue will be announced in *The Herald*



In May, Father Charles Lawrence came and gave us an insight to his journey as a clergyman. He told us about the various parishes he had served in and how they had developed his ministry.

On June 18th we held our annual Garden Party at 28 Walton Avenue. As this goes to print before that date, we are hoping that the weather will be kind and a full report will follow.

July will be our Annual Dinner which will be held at the Talbot.

For further information please contact one of the following.

LEADER:	Gill Reynolds	727620
SECRETARY:	Jean Gladstone	728520

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



Singing for Fun

Usually held on 2nd Thursday of the month
Except August

Thursday 9th July
2pm at the Methodist Church
and mid session refreshments are planned.

n.warrington993@btinternet.com
This is a dementia friendly activity

HARLEY NEWS!

**Coffee, Chat and Carpet bowls!
Wednesdays 1st, 15th and 29th July 2026**



**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

will be held on Thursday 16th July
at 10:30 to 12:00 hrs

At Merrishaw Farm, Harley

By kind invitation of Colin and Sam Campbell



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



CRESSAGE & DISTRICT WI

Cressage Village Hall

Details of all meetings from Ruth 01952 510546

Cressage and District WI met on
Thursday 11th June, with 17 members
and one visitor attending to listen to Tullis
Matson, the founder of Nature's Safe.



This charitable organization was founded to safe
guard the future of our natural world by preserving
live cells from animals at risk of extinction in one of
Europe's first charitable living biobanks. Tullis, no
stranger to the WI, gave an excellent presentation
about the pressing need being met by Natures Safe
both in the UK and many other countries.

Next month we meet on Thursday July 9th when
Alison Utting gives a performance featuring a local
Regency Diarist.

RUSHBURY AND CARDINGTON WI

We meet in Cardington Village Hall for late Autumnal and
Winter months and in Rushbury Village Hall for 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

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
COUNCIL

 A SUMMER CELEBRATION

With HYMNS AND PIMMS



SUNDAY 19th JULY AT 4PM



CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN AND
COME AND JOIN IN THE SUMMER SINGING

To nominate your hymn

Contact Janet on 07850386811

or j.je.mitchell@btinternet.com



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 June 2nd at Shipton Village Hall. After
discussing the recent County outing to Port Sunlight,
which was fascinating and our most enjoyable WI
visit to Brynkinalt Hall, we went on to talk about our
upcoming group evening at Stanton Lacey when the
speaker will be Jo Ward (from "Forensics: the real
CSI").

We will meet again on **July 7th** at 7.30pm in
Shipton Village Hall. New members are always very
welcome and the first two meetings are free.

Cressage
GARDENING CLUB

3rd Thursday every
month **except August** at
Cressage Village Hall.
7.30pm

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 chat! Our
groups are all very friendly and supportive.

We meet at Shrewsbury parkrun in the Quarry park
and one in Telford who meet at Telford parkrun 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



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



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



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

MUCH WENLOCK CRICKET CLUB



We are now well into the season and some good results have us nicely placed in the top half of the League table. Full details of results etc can be viewed on the Shropshire County Cricket League web page under Division 6. As part of our efforts to bring the community and club closer, we have arranged free coaching days for youngsters on 4th and 5th August at the Gaskell ground, with the assistance of qualified coaches from SCB. Notices in local schools and around the town detail how places can be reserved.

July fixtures:

4 July Forton. (H)
11 July St George's. (H)
18 July Montgomery. (H)
25 July Acton Reynold. (A)



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



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

Visitors fee just £5* Over 18's only

*3 visits maximum

Call Rob on 07527 153736 or just turn up on the night

MUCH WENLOCK LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Summer Reading Challenge for 5-11 year olds is coming to Much Wenlock library again this year. The theme is **Read to the Beat**, and it has a musical flavour. Pop into the library to collect a sticker pack from 18th July onwards, and complete the challenge to earn a certificate and medal!

The library will also have a treasure hunt running throughout the summer holidays, and the craft table will be available for musical themed creations.

As part of **National Year of Reading**, adults can participate in our year-long [Read-a-Lottery](#) challenge. Pick up a form in your library. Read through each of the 12 themes (eg 'something with a local connection'). Once you have completed a challenge, come into the library to have your form stamped and tell us if you enjoyed what you read. There is a prize draw for those who complete all 12 challenges!

Much Wenlock Library **Home Library Service** is available to anyone having difficulty visiting the library in person. Our lovely volunteers are able to deliver books to peoples' homes, for anybody living in Much Wenlock or the surrounding area. Radfield Home Care have very generously donated sturdy canvas bags to help us deliver this service.



UKULELE
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FROM HAWAII



Events at the Community Room Pinfields 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—12.30 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.

140th Wenlock Olympian Games return June–July 2026



The Wenlock Olympian Society will stage the sports events of its 140th Summer Games across June and July 2026, with 15 events taking place in and around Much Wenlock for both juniors and adults. Following a one-year pause, the Society is pleased to welcome back the athletics event at William Brookes School, made possible by the completion of track refurbishment works with generous support from the 3–18 Education Trust, the Walker Trust and individual donors.

Local residents are warmly invited to take part, volunteer or come along to support competitors as the Games return to venues across the area.

- **Tennis (junior)** – Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July, Cound Tennis Club
- **Badminton** – Saturday 11 July, William Brookes School
- **Netball** – Saturday 11 July, William Brookes School
- **Athletics** – Sunday 12 July, William Brookes School
- **Fencing** – Sunday 12 July, Much Wenlock Leisure Centre
- **Road Race (10k)** – Sunday 12 July, Gaskell Field, Much Wenlock
- **Tennis (senior)** – Sunday 12 July, Broseley Tennis Club
- **Additional events: Equestrian** (date/venue TBC) and **Hockey** (date/venue TBC).

Where they exist, full details, including entry information, timings and venue directions, are available on the Society's website:

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

Please follow the relevant links for event-specific information and how to enter.

Volunteers are also needed in Much Wenlock on Sunday 12 July (the main day of the Games). To help, please email info@wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk.

Two square stone markers have been installed beside the asphalt path around the Gaskell Field to indicate the start and finish of a measured mile. The Start marker is by the cricket pavilion; the Finish marker is approximately 50 yards further along the path.

The route begins at the Start marker, goes twice around the perimeter of the field, and ends at the Finish marker.

Can Anyone Help?

Artist Caroline Lees has been in touch, asking for our help.

In 1970, when her family moved to Kenley, the then vicar of Much Wenlock asked her to paint a set of Stations of the Cross. She created 8 lovely pictures (4 shown below), using many local volunteers as models.

The boards were made by a local carpenter and these large (around 2 feet tall) pictures were used every Good Friday in the Abbey grounds until a few years ago.

As they are no longer in use, Caroline would really like to have them back, especially as her late husband was one of the models.



If you have any idea of the whereabouts of these beautiful pictures, could you please contact Caroline on:

www.carolinelees.co.uk or email the Editor, who will pass on your details to her.

Thank you!

World renowned saxophonist, Snake Davis, is coming to Wenlock.

Heard on Lisa Stansfield's "Change," M-People's "Search For A Hero," and "Moving On Up," Klingande's "Jubel," & Take

That's "A Million Love Songs", he's collaborated with a diverse range of artists, from James Brown & Tina Turner to Paul McCartney, The Eurythmics, Amy Winehouse, Shania Twain and Olly Murs to name just a few.

Saxes, flutes, whistles, and the ancient Japanese wind instrument, the Shakuhachi. His vocal abilities add an extra dimension to his performances. It's his unwavering passion and dedication to every note that captivates audiences. Snake offers something for everyone, from ethereal and contemplative melodies to infectious dance beats. His repertoire spans many genres, encompassing soul, northern soul, pop, jazz, and world music.



The Snake Davis Band

Friday 17th July
Edge Arts Centre

William Brookes School,
Farley Rd, Much Wenlock
TF13 6NB

Practice News

Friends and Family Feedback

After each appointment you will be sent a link asking for your feedback on your experience. Alternatively, you can complete a feedback form in the waiting room. Please take a few minutes to complete the questions so we can help improve our service. In May we received 104 responses.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to help us improve our service.

Patients who did NOT attend their appointment

The total number of patients who did not attend their appointment in May is 97.

Every missed appointment could have been offered to another patient in need. High DNA rates increase pressure on services and make it harder for patient to get seen quickly. Each DNA means fewer available appointments.

If you can't attend your appointment, please cancel as soon as possible by calling the surgery on **01952 726011** and selecting option 1.

Update your Contact Details

It is important the medical practice has your correct contact details. If you need to update your contact details, please visit our website or come into the surgery. You will be asked to provide ID for any changes you need to make to your name or address.

Much Wenlock & Cressage COCO Volunteer Service

Compassionate Communities is a local initiative to tackle loneliness and isolation. It is free and open to all.

We are all different, so the type and amount of care and support we can give varies greatly but at the heart of what we do is befriending. Here is an idea of the kind of support we offer: Befriending, visiting, listening and chatting. Reading or listening to music. Playing games. Shopping for or together. Walking the dog or feeding pets. Attending appointments together.

We need volunteers. If you can spare as little as an hour every couple of weeks, we would love to hear from you. **Please contact the Practice 01952 726011.**

Town Council Meetings

Forthcoming full Council meetings will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 2nd July and Thursday, 3rd September 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, 11th July 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 and is open for visits from members of the public between 9.00 am to 12.00 noon, Monday to Thursday (Closed Fridays). Staff are also available by telephone and email between 9.00 am and 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday (details above right).

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Issued by: Trudi Barrett, Town Clerk Tel: 01952 727509

Email: townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

Website: www.muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Adopted!

We can now confirm that the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by Shropshire Council and forms part of the statutory development plan for Much Wenlock. We are extremely grateful to members of the steering group, who freely gave their time and energy to help review the Plan, guided by our consultant, Alison Eardley. We would also like to thank all those in the community who responded to the consultation, attended events and voted in the referendum. Successful adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan is a great achievement for the town. A copy of the Plan can be viewed in Much Wenlock library and on the Town Council and Shropshire Council websites.

Floodlights for Much Wenlock Leisure Centre

Shropshire Council has granted permission for the installation of floodlighting for the all-weather pitch at William Brookes School. The new lighting will allow the pitch to be used into the evening, up to 9pm on weekdays and 6pm at weekends and bank holidays. The Town Council supported the application as the new lighting will enhance the existing sports facility, increase community use and contribute positively to the viability of the leisure centre. Town Councillors listened carefully to concerns from the community and worked with the school leadership to address those in the application.

Planning Applications for the Town

Local residents may be aware of two proposals for large housing developments in Much Wenlock: the outline planning application from Boningale Homes for up to 300 residential dwellings on land east of Bridgnorth Road, and a proposed development by Lovell Strategic Land of 150 homes on land south of Bourton Road. Please be assured that the Town Council is fully aware of these proposals and represents the interests of the community. Please note that Councillors are bound by the rules of predetermination until relevant planning meetings.

Decisions on planning applications are not made by the Town Council. Shropshire Council is the decision maker in planning matters for the county and when determining applications they must comply with the relevant planning legislation. Planning applications can be viewed on the Shropshire Council website: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning/applications/>

Abbey Nursery

As Rod and Viv Hall retire from Abbey Nursery, the Council would like to thank them both for their work and contribution to Much Wenlock. For many years Abbey Nursery has supplied the plants for the Council's hanging baskets and planters, providing a colourful, floral display for residents and visitors and brightening the environment in the town. We wish Rod and Viv a long and happy retirement.

Cemetery Grounds

We are very happy that you take your dog for a walk around the old part of the cemetery, which is a beautiful and quiet place. However, please ensure that your dog is kept on a lead and that you 'pick up' after it, otherwise you leave a very unpleasant task for volunteers.

The Guildhall

The Guildhall is open to the public Friday to Monday, 11am to 4pm. The July exhibition is fine art and mixed media work by Bridgnorth Arts Society. The aim of the group is to encourage, support and inspire artists of all abilities and experience. Entry to the Guildhall is free, although donations are very welcome. Do drop in!

The Edge Arts Centre

Sarah McQuaid
Fri 3 July 7.30pm
£15



Monday Night Cinema
The Last Bus (12)
Mon 6 July 7.30pm £6 (£5)



Thursday Double Bill
The Rising of the Sap / The Golden Spurtle
Thurs 9 July 7.30pm £12 (£10)

The Travelling Riverside
Blues Show
Fri 10 July 7.30pm £15



Craven Arms Big Band
Puttin' on the Ritz
Sat 11 July 7.30pm £15



Monday Night Cinema
Is This Thing On? (15)
Mon 13 July 7.30pm £6 (£5)



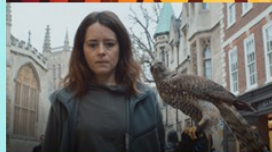
The Snake Davis Band
Fri 17 July 7.30pm
£25



Summer Disco
Stuart J Dancing Thru The Decades
Sat 18 July 7.30pm £5



Monday Night Cinema
H is for Hawk (12A)
Mon 20 July 7.30pm £6 (£5)



Rea-Loaded
A Tribute to Chris Rea
Fri 24 July 7.30pm £15



Alistair McGowan
Sat 25 July 7.30pm
£30



at William Brookes School
Much Wenlock TF13 6NB

Box Office: Penny-Farthing in The Square
Buy online at ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre
Ticket line 0333 666 3366 during office hours
Join our mailing list at edgeartscentre.com



AND THEY'RE OFF!

The Races are coming to Priory Hall!

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

Friday 2nd October 2026

£10 per head including hot supper
Licensed bar

Doors open 6.30pm. First race at 7pm

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

Save the date – more information to follow

The committee is always happy to receive any feedback via muchwenlockprioryhall@gmail.com and would particularly appreciate any thoughts about fundraising events.



60 YEARS AGO.....

On 30th July 1966, the 1966 FIFA World Cup Final took place. England beat Germany 4-2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a World Cup Final.



Hurst (now 84) is also the only surviving member of the England team that started the 1966 final, held at Wembley, where England played all their matches.

The tournament saw plenty of drama. Several months before it started, the Jules Rimet Trophy was stolen from a public exhibition. A dog named Pickles discovered it wrapped in newspaper under a bush in a South London garden a few days later.

The 1966 World Cup was unique in that it was the only one in history that had no matches played on a Sunday, because of the Sunday observance laws in force at the time. Professional football was in fact not played on a Sunday in England until 1973-74.

The 1966 tournament was also significant for the famous commentary snippet from Ken Wolstenholme, which occurred when it seemed the crowd might be invading the pitch as Hurst advanced on the German goal. **"They think it's all over!"** said KW. Pause, then, as Hurst's shot hit the back of the net. **"It is now!"**

Many matches in the tournament were marred by violet play and contentious sendings-off. Vicious tackles on Pele, the world's leading player, put him out of the tournament and one angry player in another match had to be escorted off the field by police. As a result, the yellow and red cards familiar to us today were introduced, as was the use of substitutes.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD CEMETERY



We are in the full height of the season now as we approach longest day for the summer solstice, and the flora and fauna is abundant with life. Around the Old Cemetery, it feels as if the plants and trees are showing off their flowers and foliage in competition, advertising to birds and insects the bounty of nectar on offer. A painted lady butterfly and female holly blue with black spots are already fluttering about on the buddleia. Entering in through the gate from the parking area, I have to dodge through pink and yellow roses, the weight of their blousy heads pulling the stems down to almost touch each other across the path. I don't mind, as their scent is wonderful as the honeysuckle flowers creeping and threading through them all add to the hedonistic party.

Even the small cracks in the boundary wall offer places for growth as purple toadflax, vipers bugloss and ferns have colonised the spaces and created vertical shoots in an undulating contour line along the old stone wall. I love these wall gardens and accidental plantings, maybe not accidental at all, just plants making the most of all available opportunities for seeds to set.

Around the site, the grave gardens are full of white oxeye daisies crowding and jostling for space. Today I'm drawn to the rowan trees along the central path of the Queen's Canopy planting. The white blossoms are just going over and starting to set berries that will adorn them in autumn. The graves on this side of the cemetery have bistort, red campion, cornflowers, columbines, meadow cranesbill, herb Robert, lady's mantle, foxgloves and lady's bedstraw in amongst the oxeye daisies too. The lilac tree by the flame bench has gone over now but the roses in Suzanne's memorial garden are flourishing. The grass has been recently cut but there are still plenty of areas for slow worms and small mammals, ground nesting bees and insects to hide in the growth under the walls and bug hotel that offer shelter and peace from busy human activity.

The meadow circles are swaying beautifully in the light breeze and yellow hay rattle is finally growing in our wild flower beds. This is an something of an achievement to celebrate as we've been hoping that the seeds gathered in late summer from Windmill Hill over the past few years and scattered here would take hold. The rattle suppresses the couch grass and allows space for the wild flowers to thrive instead. After flowering, as it dries, the ripe seeds inside the fruit capsule rattle when disturbed, giving the plant its name.

Just as I thought the day was settled and sunny, in typical unpredictable English weather, it is starting to rain and so this poem by Michael Franti, that I was asked to include by our Friends of the Old Cemetery organiser, Lesley Durbin, comes perfectly to mind:

The memories come down
And once again
I am caught without an umbrella.

Jo Jukes

PLASTIC FREE Holy Trinity MUCH WENLOCK Environmental Group SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE muchwenlockplasticfree@gmail.com

We need you – please read!

There is a new and exciting initiative sweeping the country that aims to inform people about the climate and nature crisis while at the same time giving us agency to respond, grasping the opportunities that this crisis represents, and giving our government the mandate to act.

The film, *The People's Emergency Briefing*, is followed by a facilitated and friendly discussion on the implications and opportunities for us locally.

The People's Emergency Briefing will be screened:

- At – Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock
- On – 23rd July
- Refreshments, coffee/tea or a glass of wine will be served from 6.30pm

Did you know that more than eight out of ten people want our government to do more to protect climate and nature? Yet our governments consistently underestimate the popularity of climate-and-nature friendly actions.

In November last year, more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for a landmark national briefing delivered by leading UK experts. The event opened with broadcaster Chris Packham, who called for clear public understanding of the risks facing the UK.

Experts addressed the implications of climate and nature breakdown for our food security, health, national security, infrastructure and the economy, alongside practical evidence on how risks can still be reduced.

Chris Packham has said:

"I'd encourage people everywhere to attend a screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. It creates exactly the kind of honest local conversation we now urgently need, both about what these changes mean where we live, and about what we can do together to address them."

Revd Sam Rigby said:

"At our church we feel excited and privileged to be part of this national effort to respond appropriately to the climate and nature crisis with both urgency and hope. All are welcome, whatever your starting point or previous view – let's get together as a community, face up to the problem, and work out solutions together over tea or a glass of wine."

Local MPs, councillors and community leaders are being invited to attend and will be encouraged to take part in discussing how we respond as a community.

The National Emergency Briefing is supported by organisations across conservation, education, faith and civil society, including the Church of England, WWF, the National Trust, CPRE and the Royal Meteorological Society.

Find out more at nebriefing.org

Free tickets, to help us organise refreshments are available from <https://buytickets.at/publicemergencybriefing/2238969> or here

but please turn up if you have been unable to get a ticket.
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News from Shropshire Cllr Dan Thomas

Shropshire Council Local Plan

A consultation that will help to shape Shropshire Council's next Local Plan began on the 20th of May, and the county's residents, businesses and other interested parties are being encouraged to take part. The new Local Plan will look ahead to 2046 and will also incorporate the Minerals and Waste Plan, ensuring a coordinated and sustainable approach to growth, infrastructure and the environment.

The scoping consultation – which runs to 15 July – is an early stage of engagement and does not propose development sites or set out preferred options. Instead, it seeks views to shape the vision and priorities for the new Local Plan; the key issues and opportunities facing Shropshire; how future development should be planned sustainably; how the council should engage with communities and stakeholders, and the types of evidence that should inform future decisions.

Readers can see my [Statement opposite](#) for further details, as one of the sites is on land owned by my parents.

New Corporate Plan

Last month, Shropshire Council approved its' Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan supersedes the current Shropshire Plan and provides a clear focus for what the council will deliver, enable and influence for the county and its residents. The Corporate Plan is built around clear priority ambitions:

- A financially sustainable council, with clear priorities and purpose, and a workforce that is supported to excel.
- Communities that are connected by well-maintained roads, accessible transport and infrastructure.
- People live in safe, inclusive places with homes that meet their needs
- Everyone has an opportunity to be healthy and thrive at every stage of life.
- We have an environment that harnesses our natural assets and supports wellbeing.
- We have a thriving economy that benefits everyone.

Whilst these look like admirable aims, I have asked for more details on how we get from these aims to actual delivery; much of this is to be fleshed out.

Speed Watch in Harley

I met with Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer Nick Newton, Parish Cllr Victoria Todd and some residents from Harley. Nick committed to conducting a speed survey if the Parish Council (Cressage, Sheinton and Harley Parish Council) would contribute, which I'm delighted to say that they have.

Volunteers for the Wenlock Olympian Games

The athletics part of the Much Wenlock Olympian Games takes place on Sunday, the 12th of July. We require some more volunteer car park marshals and marshals for the road race. If you have an hour or two to spare, please get in touch with me as we require a few more volunteers.

Planning Permission for Flood Lights at William Brookes School

Planning Permission has been granted for floodlights as part of the funding I helped secure for the leisure centre. I understand residents' concerns, and I am working closely with the 3-18 Education Trust to ensure these are accommodated as much as possible. They have already committed to padding around the goals to reduce the noise from hockey balls and to turning the lights off at 8:00 pm.

Advice Surgery

My next Advice Surgery is on Saturday, 11th of July, between 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by Town Cllr Cherie Whiteman and a representative from the Police. Best Regards, Dan Thomas

Statement – June 2026

With a planning application on Bridgnorth Road already submitted by Boningale Developments, local residents are understandably concerned about how they will be represented now that a further application is anticipated for land on Bourton Road, owned by my parents. I thought I'd explain how I have a conflict of interest as your local councillor and how it's being dealt with to ensure you are well represented. In law I have been advised that I do not have a pecuniary interest in the Bourton Road site. However, because my parents own the land, I have declared an "other" interest because I obviously have a close relationship with the landowner. This is a transparent step to ensure that no one can claim the eventual outcome, whether planning permission is granted or refused, is influenced by personal bias. It protects the town from legal challenges that could arise if a biased process were suspected. I understand the concern that my stepping back in this way might create a gap in representation but I want to reassure residents that Much Wenlock's voice remains loud and clear. It only affects the Boningale application and the potential Bourton Road application and doesn't affect me in any other representation. My 'absence' is strictly limited to those two specific planning applications. I remain fully 'in the room' and am still heavily involved in all other planning matters, including Farley Quarry, The Feathers at Brockton and many more. I am also leading the Gaskell Corner improvements with the Town Council Transport Working Group and Shropshire Council (SC) officers. I can still do all of these things and if a planning application is granted, I will be here to help mitigate any issues they cause. Whatever the next few months hold, Cllr Colin Stanford has come in to assume the SC role. He was a local doctor in Much Wenlock for nearly 40 years and knows the town well. He has already stepped in to speak with the SC planning officer about all the comments raised with the Bridgnorth Road application.

The government has mandated that SC should nearly double its previous housing-building target. Whilst SC can do little about the total number, it can allocate where such homes are built in the county. It seems likely that Much Wenlock will be required to accommodate between 200 and 400 new homes in the local plan period up to 2046.

Any planning application will have to demonstrate it is for "sustainable development" in terms of roads and infrastructure, including water supply, drainage, and services such as healthcare and education. Developers will be required to fund any shortfall in this respect.

On the Town Council side, people should understand that my ten fellow Town Councillors are people of integrity from a range of backgrounds who vote with their conscience; there's no detriment to Much Wenlock on that score.

Together, Shropshire Councillor Colin Stanford and the Town Councillors have this covered.



Letter from Westminster



MW YOUNG FARMERS CLUB



Amongst the recent chaos in Parliament, I have been using my position to stand up for South Shropshire's businesses. As part of the Government's 'Plan for Steel', Ministers have announced plans to cut tariff-free import quotas for the steel industry by 60% from July. Having been contacted by the family-run Amodil Group based in Cleobury Mortimer, I spoke in Parliament recently to raise their urgent concerns about the knock-on effects of this policy for downstream industries that heavily rely on imported steel products. I am delighted that, in a rare intervention during my speech, the Secretary of State for Business and Trade has promised to look into this matter personally. I will be working with the Secretary of State to ensure he delivers on this commitment made in the Commons Chamber. I want South Shropshire's homegrown businesses to get the support they need to thrive. Back in the constituency, I have met with representatives from National Highways to discuss the ongoing issues on the A49 at the Onibury crossing. Having informed the representatives of the serious concerns which residents have brought to me, I was glad to be reassured that work is continuing to progress following a number of unforeseen setbacks, with completion currently expected by early August. I will continue liaising closely with National Highways as the project progresses and will keep residents updated with the latest developments.

As part of my ongoing campaign to improve our local roads, I am delighted that a Road Warden Scheme is being rolled out in South Shropshire, giving local communities the freedom to carry out low-risk maintenance in their area. Having met with residents, I wrote to Shropshire Council in March to push for their adoption of this scheme. This is exactly the kind of practical, community-driven action which I have been calling for, placing local people in the driving seat to fix small problems before they become big ones. This includes litter picking, sign cleaning, leaf clearance and, crucially, small pothole repairs. I will be closely monitoring its implementation over the coming months.

Finally, earlier this year I launched the latest stage in my long-running campaign to improve the provision of health and social care services in South Shropshire. I want fellow residents to have access to the highest quality of care in our local area, not only matching the standard of other parts of the country but exceeding it wherever possible. So, I launched a Health and Social Care Survey to find out more about what residents think. Amazingly, over 1100 residents have already responded, but the survey is ongoing and you can share your views on my website or on the paper survey which is making its way around South Shropshire.

I recently held advice surgeries in Bridgnorth and Conover where I discussed a wide range of issues with local residents, and I am looking forward to my next MP Coffee Morning on Friday 10th July in Aston on Clun Village Hall. These events provide the perfect opportunity for an informal chat about local or national issues over a cup of tea or coffee and a cake.

Upcoming dates and locations are advertised on my website or you can phone my constituency office at 01746 555025.

Stuart Anderson MP
 Member of Parliament for South Shropshire
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 75a High Street, Bridgnorth, WV16 4DX

The club was in full force at the Shropshire Show with the tent full of new members entries, from crafts to flower arranging and of course the active competitions. This year these included yodelling and the best tribal dance, which was taken with great seriousness!

The shows finale is the parade of the eleven floats around the main ring, where the club was able to show off their work on producing the country of America for the theme of "countries" this year. The float looked great around the ring and great to see members taking pride in their hard work.

The club has had many more exciting meetings which included farm tours and coming up an opportunity to have a tour of Wenlock Edge Farm Shop after its recent reopening, which is very exciting to see. There will be a night for the members to work together to complete their static entries for the County Rally on the 27th June. The club seem keen to work hard again to bring home points for the club!

The county rally is at Frodesley Grange Farm SY5 7HX for those who wish to attend.

The club's 85th Anniversary Ball is coming up on Friday 3rd July 2026, Tickets are £50 per person and sold in tables of 10. Tickets are on pre-sale to past Much Wenlock YFC members until 30th April, thereafter they will be on general sale. If you would like to book a ticket, please email muchwenlockyfc@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Much Wenlock has 104 listed buildings, many of which are well-known icons of the town but in the recently "made" Neighbourhood Plan, 21 unlisted but important structures were Heritage Assets. Including them in the Plan means that they will be protected for future residents and visitors to enjoy.



Pictured Left is one such structure, the Victorian Post Box set in a house wall on the Gaskell Junction. This was dated pre-1900 and is the only post box of its' age in the town.



Much Wenlock Community First Responders (MWCFR)

When minutes matter, we're already on our way. In a rural community like ours, ambulance response times can sometimes be longer.



Much Wenlock Community First Responders are local volunteers trained to respond to 999 emergency calls. We are often the first to reach patients, providing immediate, life-saving care to residents and visitors alike. We deliver urgent medical assistance and support patients and their families through some of the most frightening moments they may ever face. Alongside emergency response, we help keep our community safer by delivering CPS awareness sessions to local groups.

Our Team: We currently have 5 responders based at the fire station, with plans to grow to 7 this year. **Pete** - A responder for over 4 years and our Team Lead Volunteer. Pete co-ordinates the team to help ensure consistent local cover. For him, the role goes beyond clinical skills; it's a privilege to support people at their most vulnerable, offering care, comfort and reassurance when it matters most. **Lou** - A responder for 4 years. Lou previously worked as a Nursing Sister for 30 years in A&E and ITU, bringing a wealth of clinical experience to the team. **Brian** - Now retired, Brian enjoys staying active in the community and finds real purpose in supporting others. **Olivia** - Olivia grew up locally and is now raising her own family here. Having seen the challenges of rural ambulance response times, she finds helping to bridge that gap both practical and deeply rewarding. **Elaine** - A busy Urgent Community Response (UCR) nurse based in Shrewsbury, Elaine volunteers in her hometown, contributing her professional expertise to support both patients and fellow responders.

Funding Our Service: MWCFR is a voluntary organisation and is entirely self-funded. We receive no financial support from the NHS or West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) and rely completely on fundraising and community donations. One of our most urgent priorities is our response vehicle. We recently acquired a vehicle after significant fundraising efforts, however at over 11 years old, it urgently needs replacing. Our goal is to raise £10,000 this year to fund a new vehicle.

Your donations help cover: Our response vehicle - purchase, maintenance, insurance, fuel, MOT and signage. Essential medical equipment - including defibrillators, monitoring devices and consumables such as batteries and pads. Uniforms and protective clothing - required to meet strict standards and supplied by approved NHS providers.

Thank You to Our Supporters - We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported us so far, including: PCC Much Wenlock with Bourton, Shropshire Homes, Ironmen and Severn Gorge, Much Wenlock Town Council, SDY PrsnBbintac, Mary Nicklin - and all those who have contributed through fundraising and donations. Your generosity keeps this vital service running.

How You Can Help: Residents and visitors of Much Wenlock - we need your support. If every person gave just £1 a year, we could continue providing rapid medical care and invest in the latest life-saving equipment. You can donate by Scanning the QR Code or Using the Collection boxes in local shops and pubs.

Help for When it's Hot Information for Pet Owners

It is important to know how to care for your pet during hot weather. Pets have different ways of staying cool than people. Here are some ways to keep your pet comfortable and safe during hot weather, and what to do if your pet shows signs of heat stroke.

<p>Stay Cool ❄️</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide lots of water and shade for your pet • Limit exercise on hot days • Pets that are older, overweight, or have heart or respiratory diseases are especially sensitive to heat. 	<p>Heat Stroke ⚠️</p> <p>Heat stroke is an emergency. If you notice symptoms of heat stroke, take your pet directly to a veterinarian.</p> <p>SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lethargy • Vomiting • Seizures • Difficulty breathing 	<p>Caution 🚗</p> <p>Never leave a pet in a parked car, even for just a minute. In hot weather, a car can reach dangerous temperatures in minutes, even when the windows are down.</p>
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Come and see our Nursery in action!

We were delighted to officially open our new Early Years outdoor area this week, celebrating a project that has been long anticipated by both staff and pupils. The opening was marked with a special event led by members of our PTA, whose incredible generosity has played a significant role in bringing this vision to life. Their contribution funded nearly half of the canopy build and we are hugely grateful for their ongoing support and commitment to enhancing opportunities for our children.



It has been wonderful to see the space already in full use, with children eagerly exploring, playing and learning in this well-designed and inviting environment. The covered canopy is already proving invaluable, enabling outdoor learning to take place in all weathers and encouraging children to enjoy extended periods of discovery, creativity and collaboration.

This outdoor provision reflects our belief that high-quality learning extends

beyond the classroom. The space supports children's physical development, imagination, communication and wellbeing, while also nurturing curiosity and a love of the natural world. It is a joy to see the area already making such a positive difference to our youngest learners.

We are proud of all that has been achieved and excited for what is still to come. We warmly invite any families considering a place in our Nursery this September to come and visit us and see this fantastic space in action. We currently have a small number of places available and would be delighted to welcome you for a look around.

Emma Clarke, Acting Head of School

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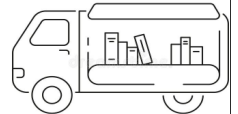
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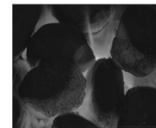
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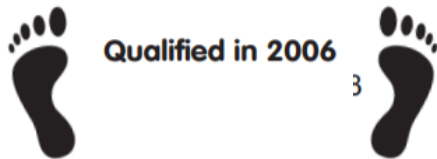


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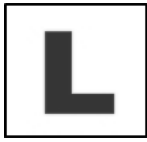
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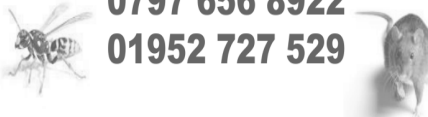


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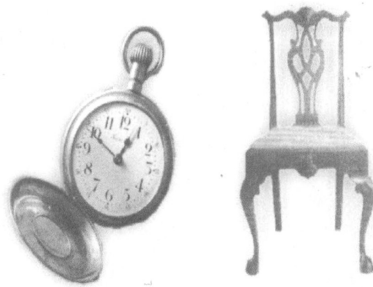
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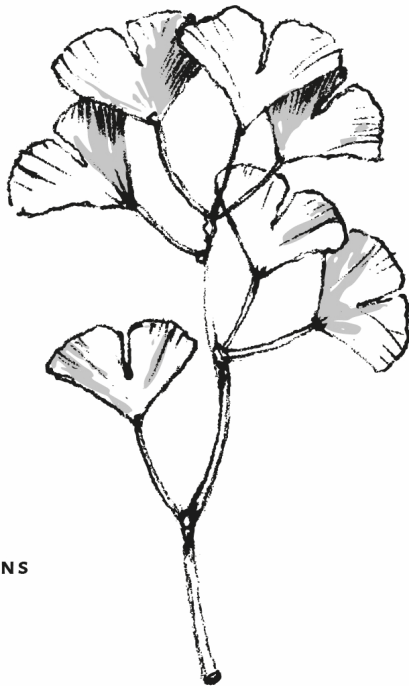
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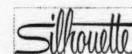
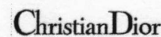
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Enjoy the countryside responsibly with your dog

***Keep your dog close, under control, in sight and on a short lead around cows and sheep.**

***Cows are nosey and may come to investigate, especially if you have a dog with you.**

***Don't panic or run if cattle follow you - stay calm and walk quickly and quietly around the herd.**

***Remember can be protective of their young.**

***Never get between cows and their calves - go around the herd and rejoin the path as soon as possible.**

***If you are threatened by cattle release your dog so you can both get to safety separately.**

***Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals. Bag it and bin it wherever you are. Any public waste bin will do.**

***For the health of your pet and farm animals, prevent your dog from getting into water troughs and follow your vet's advice on worming.**

✘ Berrington with Betton Strange ✘ Church Preen ✘ Cound ✘ Cressage ✘ Easthope ✘ Harley ✘

THE WENLOCK TEAM OF PARISHES

Hughley ✘ Kenley ✘ Sheinton ✘ Shipton ✘ Stanton Long ✘ Much Wenlock with Bourton

Sunday Services in JULY 2026

PLEASE NOTE: On some occasions, times and details of services may change after printing

Churches listed by neighbourhood	5 th July Trinity 5	12 th July Trinity 6	19 th July Trinity 7	26 th July Trinity 8	2 nd August Trinity 9
Berrington and Betton Strange	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	To Cound
Cound	11.00 MP (LL)		No Morning Service 4.00 Hymns & Pimm's (SR)		11.00 MP (LL)
Cressage	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	To Cound
Sheinton				11.00 E (SR)	
Harley		9.30 E (SR)		6.00 EP (PT)	
Kenley	9.30 HC (CS)		6.00 EP (SR)		9.30 HC (SR)
Church Preen			11.00 E (CS)		
Hughley				9.30 E	
Much Wenlock	8.00 BCP HC (SR) 9.30 E (SR) 6.30 BCP EvS (SR)	9.30 E (CL)	9.30 E (RB) 6.30 BCP EvS (LL)	9.30 E (SR)	8.00 HC (SR) 9.30 E (CL) 6.30 BCP EvS (SR)
Bourton		11.00 HC (SR)			
Easthope				6.00 E (LH)	
Shipton	9.30 MP (LL)		11.00 E (CL)		9.30 MP (LL)
Stanton Long				11.00 HC (CL)	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT MUCH WENLOCK - 10.30AM WEDNESDAY

KEY TO OFFICIANTS:

MCS = Revd Preb M Stafford SR = Revd Sam Rigby LH = Revd Lisa Harper
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KEY TO SERVICES:

AAW = All Age Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer E = Eucharist EvS = Choral Evensong
 EP = Evening Prayer HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer

