

Village Directory 2018

ACTON BURNELL, PITCHFORD, FRODESLEY, RUCKLEY AND LANGLEY



Photograph by Barbara Stafford-Caines, the winner of our 'VILLAGE VIEWS AND VILLAGE LIFE' photography competition



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Information provided in this directory is intended to provide a guide to local organisations and services available to residents in the parish of Acton Burnell. The information contained is not exhaustive, and the listing of any group, club, organisation, business or establishment should not be taken as an endorsement or recommendation. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information included is accurate, users of this directory should not rely on the information provided and must make their own enquiries, inspections and assessments as to suitability and quality of services.

WELCOME

Welcome to the first annual Parish Directory for the communities of Acton Burnell, Pitchford, Frodesley, Ruckley and Langley. We hope that you will find it useful, and will enjoy reading about some of our local organisations. Please let us have your feedback, and any suggestions for items to be included in next year's edition.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in this directory, we do not accept any responsibility or liability for any errors that have occurred. It is recommended that you always check with providers that their service or organisation meets your requirements, and check opening hours and times where appropriate. If you discover any errors, please let us know, so that these can be corrected in future editions.

The Directory is a companion publication for Village Views, and the quarterly Village Views newsletter will continue to be produced as before, to keep you up to date with all the events in our villages.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support for Village Views and the Directory.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the photography competition (and to the judges for selecting their favourites). The winner of the 16 and under section was **James Johnson** with his snow scene, and the winner of the adult section was **Barbara Stafford-Caines**, with her charming photo of horses and riders outside the Acton Burnell Village Shop. A special mention to **Richard Johnson**, who came a very close second. All three photos are featured in this edition of the directory.

Thanks also to all the contributors who took the time to send information and articles for inclusion, and to the volunteer distribution team, who make sure that the Directory and Village Views reaches every household in the Parish.

And finally, thank you to everyone who takes the time to read this Directory, and makes the work involved worthwhile!

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THE PARISH COUNCIL

What does the Parish Council do?

The Parish Council has a range of responsibilities, which include looking after community buildings, litter bins, street lighting, bus shelters and traffic calming.

The Parish Council comments on planning applications, but does not make planning decisions.

The Parish Council also produces a 'parish plan', which reflects the wishes and opinions of the local community, identifies key facilities and services and outlines future improvements and developments for the community.

The Parish Council is not the same as the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which deals with religious issues in the parish.

Where does the Parish Council's money come from?

The Parish Council is allocated funding by the County Council. This is taken from the area's council tax and is called an 'Annual Precept', which is shown as a separate figure on the annual Council Tax Demand Invoice each household receives. The amount is based on the Parish Council's annual estimate of their costs.

In addition, our local Parish Council receives annual 'Community Benefit' payments from the operator of the local solar power farms. These monies are held in a separate account and are used as required for the benefit of deserving community groups and projects (eg refurbishment of the Village Hall and to purchase the four defibrillators).

Parish Councillors are not paid, but the Council Parish does employ a part-time Parish Clerk on a small salary to take minutes, look after the paperwork and so on.

Who can become a Parish Councillor, and how are they chosen?

Parish Councillors must be UK, Commonwealth or EU citizens, and must be at least 18 years old. They must have lived or worked in the parish for at least 12 months, or live within three miles of the parish boundary. Parish Councillors serve for four years, but can stand for re-election.

When there is a vacancy the Parish Council will ask for applications from the local community. All candidates must be proposed and seconded by local voters. If there is more than one candidate for a vacancy, then there will be an election, in which all registered voters in the polling district can take part. If only one candidate comes forward, then no election will be needed. If no candidates come forward for a vacancy, then the Parish Council can co-opt someone to fill the position.

How can I contact the Parish Council?

You can find contact details for all Parish Councillors on the Parish Council website at **www.actonburnellparishcouncil.org.uk**. Contact details are also shown on the 'Meet the Councillors' page.

Can I attend a Parish Council meeting?

Members of the public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting, although if the Council is discussing confidential matters, members of the public may be asked to leave the meeting.

Details of Parish Council meetings can be found on the Parish Council website.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS



Keith Faulkner Chair of the Parish Council

keithfaulkner@actonburnellparishcouncil.org.uk | 01694 731363

I have lived at Langley all my life, where we have a mixed farm of arable, beef and sheep. I am married to my wife Jill and we have two children. As well as being Chairman for the Parish Council, I am also Chairman of the West Midlands Area for the Tenant Farmers Association, and believe that if you want to see changes made you need to take part and engage with people.



Alex Argyropulo

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I came to Pitchford in 1984 with my wife and two very young daughters. Soon our third daughter was born here. I joined the village hall committee and served as chairman, then treasurer, for 13 years. I have been a churchwarden for most of my years here and represented Pitchford on the parish council for a long time too. I worked in 'social forestry', with the Small Woods Association charity, then in Shropshire Council's Forest School programme with many local schools. I am now mostly at home as full time carer for my wife.



Carmen Culliss

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I have lived in the village of Frodesley for the past 35 years with my husband Stuart and now grown up children (two children and 5 grandchildren). My interests include walking in our beautiful countryside we are lucky to live in and I am also a school governor at Church Stretton school and a trustee of the south Shropshire Academy trust. I enjoy being an active member of our community and supporting our schools and parish council.



Paul Harrison

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I am a mechanical engineer and have worked in the oil industry since leaving school in Kidderminster. Following UK and overseas postings we moved to Shropshire in 1992 and set up our own business and smallholding. After a period in France we returned to Shropshire in 2012 and were lucky to find a home in Acton Burnell. Chris and I have two children (son and daughter) and two grandchildren. My interests are wildlife, dog walking, photography and keeping up with current affairs. I am committed to preserving and developing our community and improving the quality of life for local residents.



Robert Morgan

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I have lived at Home Farm, Acton Burnell all my life and my family have farmed at Home Farm for the last 100 years. I am the third generation to see how the village has altered over the years. I have been a part of Acton Burnell Parish Council for a number of years and happy to help. My interest are sports, motorsport and shooting.



John Long Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

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After 25 years travelling the world with the RAF, I moved into business and, finally, set up my own minuscule management consultancy. Jo and I, together with our two daughters, moved to Shropshire 17 years ago and have no intention of ever moving away. Apart from being on the Parish Council, I'm also a member of the Shropshire Hills AONB's management board and volunteer with the NT at Attingham Park and as a guide at Pitchford Hall.



Gareth Ball

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I have lived locally for over 40 years, teaching in Telford and latterly Bridgnorth until retirement. I have always participated in community affairs of all kinds, also serving on a number of governing bodies of local schools including Acton Burnell before its closure. In addition I am a Church Warden at St Mary's Acton Burnell. I feel strongly that we all need to be involved with our communities to ensure a healthy future and I continually seek to promote this principle as a parish councillor.



Graham Davies

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I was born in Frodesley village in 1950 and have lived and farmed here ever since. Kathryn and I married 40 years ago and have two daughters, Jaci and Clare, who are both married to farmers, and we have three grandchildren. On our farm we have beef cattle and sheep. For many years I have been a churchwarden at St. Mark's Church and together with John Davies Snr. have looked after the Frodesley village borehole supply. I am proud of the history of Frodesley and proud to be a part of it.



Tracy Johnson

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I was born and raised at Oaklands Farm in Pitchford, and after Paul and I married we made our home in the village with our two sons. I have always worked in administration, including jobs with the Shropshire Star, the Road Transport Industrial Training Board, and Shropshire Young Farmers' as County Administrator. I now run my own holiday let business and am also involved in events management at Pitchford Hall. I am a keen horse rider, competing at British Dressage and Riding Club competitions. Pitchford and the surrounding area is at the heart of my life. I wish to ensure that our beautiful area is not spoilt and that our rural voices are heard.

POLICING AND SAFETY

Emergency services

For all emergencies, and to report a crime taking place, please call **999**. For non-emergencies, please call **101**, or email **contactus@westmercia.police.uk**.

Police

Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley, Frodesley and Acton Burnell are covered by the Shrewsbury and Rural East Neighbourhood Team. Based at Pontesbury Police Station, the team is made up of five police officers. This local team can be contacted by emailing **shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk**.

The West Mercia Police website has information leaflets to download on a wide range of issues, from dealing with cold calling and distraction crimes, on-line safety, and domestic violence to preventing farm theft and poaching. Go to **www.westmercia.police.uk/crime-and-safety** and follow the links to find information to help keep you safe.

Useful numbers

Child Protection, Shropshire	01743 450800
Crimestoppers (to report crime anonymously)	0800 555111
Domestic Violence helpline (24 hours)	0808 2000247

VETERINARY PRACTICES

Abbey Veterinary Centre

16 Holywell St., Abbey Foregate,
Shrewsbury SY2 5DB

01743 232713

Animal Trust Not for Profit Vets

Coleham Head, Shrewsbury SY3 7BJ

01743 296246

Malthouse Surgery

1 Shrewsbury Road,
Church Stretton SY6 6JA

01743 791246

Medivet Sutton Farm

Otley Road, Shrewsbury SY2 6QZ

01743 352274

Severn Edge Vets

Victoria Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6AH

01952 726007

6 The Square, Church Stretton SY6 6DA

01694 722546

Quarry Vets

Main Surgery, Brassey Road,
Old Potts Way, Shrewsbury SY3 7FA

01743 362 556

Branch Practice 57 Lythwood Road,
Bayston Hill SY3 0NA

01743 873651

Stretton Hills (Equine Vet)

Redcote, Lower Wood
Church Stretton SY6 6LF

01694 751748

The Animal Health Centre

106 Longden Road, Shrewsbury SY3 9DZ

01743 369999

Vets4Pets

Pets at Home, Meole Brace

Retail Park SY3 9NB

01743 264040

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Numbers:

Emergency services: **999**

NHS helpline: **111** for urgent medical concerns and to speak to a trained advisor

Shropdoc: **0333 222 6655** for urgent medical attention or advice that will not wait until your own medical practice is next open.

Local Medical Practices:

The Beeches Medical Practice (Bayston Hill and Dorrington)

Bayston Hill Surgery, 1 Beeches Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 0PF

Telephone: **01743 874565**

Website: **www.thebeechesmedicalpractice.co.uk**

Opening times: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm
Tuesday 7.00am to 8.00am, and 8.30am to 6.00pm

Dorrington Surgery

The Maitlands, Dorrington, Shrewsbury SY5 7LD

Telephone: **01743 714486**

Website: **www.muchwenlockandcressagemp.co.uk**

Opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Much Wenlock Medical Practice (Much Wenlock and Cressage)

Much Wenlock Surgery, Kingsway Lodge, King Street, Much Wenlock TF13 6BL

Telephone: **01952 726011**

Opening times: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm

Cressage Surgery

Clifton Lodge, Sheinton Road, Cressage SY5 6DH

Telephone: **01952 511166**

Opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 08.30am to 12.30pm
and 2.00pm to 6.00pm
Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm

LOCAL HOSPITALS

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

Mytton Oak Rd
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
SY3 8XQ

Contact telephone: **01743 261000**

Website: **www.sath.nhs.uk**

Bus routes from Shrewsbury Bus Station

No. 11: Arriva Service from Shrewsbury Bus Station

No. 74 Shrewsbury-Ford-Llanymynech-Llanfyllin

No. 553 Shrewsbury-Bishop's Castle via Hanwood, Pontesbury,
Minsterley and Lydham

No. 558 Shrewsbury-Montgomery via Chirbury, Worthen and Yockleton

No. X75 Shrewsbury-Rhayadar via Ford, Welshpool, Newtown, Caersws,
Llandinam and Llanidloes

Car parking

Up to 20 minutes free

Up to 2 hours £3.00

Up to 3 hours £4.00

Up to 4 hours £5.00

Up to 5 hours £6.00

Up to 24 hours £8.00

Payment by cash or credit card

Concessions available for patients on long-term treatment plans, patients receiving twice-weekly dialysis, patients receiving outpatient cancer treatment, and people visiting the hospital for issues connected with bereavement. Information on concessions can be obtained from the relevant ward or department.

The Princess Royal Hospital

Apley Castle

Apley

Telford

TF1 6TF

Contact telephone: **01952 641222**

Website: **www.sath.nhs.uk**

Bus routes

- No. 4 Wellington Bus Station and Telford Bus and Train Stations
- No. 81 Four return journeys per day between Shrewsbury Bus Station and Wellington Bus Station taking 30 minutes
- No. X5 Nine return journeys per day between Shrewsbury Bus Station and Telford Bus Station taking 30 minutes
- No. 96 Nine return journeys per day between Shrewsbury Bus Station and Telford Bus Station taking 1 hour

Car parking:

Up to 20 minutes free

Up to 2 hours £3.00

Up to 3 hours £4.00

Up to 4 hours £5.00

Up to 5 hours £6.00

Up to 24 hours £8.00

Payment by cash or credit card

Concessions available for patients on long-term treatment plans, and people visiting the hospital for issues connected with bereavement. Information on concessions can be obtained from the relevant ward or department.

Parking is free for patients receiving twice-weekly dialysis or outpatient cancer treatment in the O'Connor Oncology Department. Information can be obtained from the relevant department.

DEFIBRILLATOR AT ACTON BURNELL

A public access defibrillator has recently been sited on the side wall of the Acton Burnell Shop.

The defibrillator can be used by any member of the public. It can be used if you think, or suspect, that someone has had a cardiac arrest or heart attack and is unconscious.

If you think someone has had a heart attack:

1. Dial 999 to alert the ambulance service. Do this before taking any other action.
2. Go immediately to the defibrillator and enter the code which you will find on the door of the cabinet (the current code is C1975 – if this changes the new number will be shown on the cabinet door). This will allow you to open the cabinet and remove the defibrillator. The quicker you can get the defibrillator to the patient, the better. Do not delay!
3. Picture guides will show you how and where to attach the pads to the patient's chest. The pads must be attached to the bare skin. There is a special set of pads (pedi-padz II) for use with children aged under 8 or weighing less than 55lbs (4 stone or 25 kilos).
4. The defibrillator will first run a check on the patient's heart rhythm. If there is a problem, the defibrillator will give you instructions on how deliver the necessary 'shock'. If the defibrillator finds that a shock is not needed, or would not be advisable, then no shock will be given – it is not possible to give a shock to a person who does not need it.
5. After a shock has been given, the defibrillator may instruct you to carry out CPR (chest compressions). The unit gives clear instructions on how to do this. (Please note: the CPR instructions are provided for adults only – the defibrillator does not give instructions on performing CPR for children)

There are plans to install further defibrillators in Pitchford, Frodesley and Ruckley in the near future. These will operate in exactly the same way.

This article is based on information provided by the defibrillator suppliers and is meant for guidance only

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY THE DEFIBRILLATOR UNIT.

You do not need any training to use the defibrillator – you will be guided step-by-step by pictures and recorded instructions. The defibrillator will only deliver a ‘shock’ if the patient needs it. Built in safeguards mean you cannot harm someone by using the defibrillator.



The location of the Defibrillator at Acton Burnell Shop

LOCAL CHEMISTS

Please note that some local medical practices are able to dispense prescriptions for their patients – please contact your local surgery for more information.

Please telephone the chemists listed to check opening hours.

Shrewsbury:

Rowlands Pharmacy

7 Lansdowne Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0HT

01743 872154

Boots

Meole Brace Retail Park, Hereford Rd, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 9NB

01743 236973

Lloyds Pharmacy, Sainsbury's

Meole Brace Retail Park, Hereford Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 9NB

01743 248307

Much Wenlock:

Re and Co Alman Ltd

14 High Street, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6AA

01952 727253

Church Stretton:

Hillside Pharmacy

18 Sandford Avenue, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6BW

01694 722799

Rowlands Pharmacy

40 Sandford Avenue, Church Stretton, SY6 6BH

01694 722806

RUBBISH COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

Kerbside collection is on Fridays (there may be a change of day around bank holidays). General household rubbish (darker coloured or grey wheelie bin) is collected once a fortnight and recycling boxes and garden waste (green bins) are collected on alternate fortnights. Go to **www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/** to find a collection calendar.

You do not need to sort cans, plastics and glass into separate recycling boxes – they can all be placed in one box.

Your blue bag is for all cardboard and paper.

Your green bin is for garden and food waste (including fruit, veg peelings, coffee grounds, tea bags and meat, fish and cheese waste).

Batteries can be placed in a clear plastic bag and put out next to your recycling boxes on recycling day.

Darker coloured or grey wheelie bin are for all items not included above and for all items which cannot be recycled.

For larger items or additional rubbish

Shrewsbury Household Recycling Centre

Vanguard Way, Battlefield Enterprise Park, Shrewsbury SY1 3TG

Open daily (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) from 9.00am to 5.00pm. It is open to all householders, but if you are visiting the site with a van or trailer, you may need to apply for a permit. This can be done on-line at **www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/** The centre accepts all types of rubbish and refuse, including electrical goods, chemicals, engine oil and furniture.

Bulky items can be collected for a fee by telephoning 0345 678 9007. Some items (such as furniture) can be donated to a local recycling charity or scheme. Many can offer free collection if necessary. Please note that soft furnishings must have a valid fire label.

Some local schemes include:

South Shropshire Furniture Scheme: **01584 877788**

www.furniturescheme.co.uk/donaterereceive/donate-furniture/

British Heart Foundation: **08082 500030**

www.bhf.org.uk/shop/donating-goods/book-a-free-furniture-collection

Reviive: **01743 588458** or **01743 442642** | **www.reviive.co.uk**

Severn Hospice: **01743 211092**

www.severnhospice.org.uk/support-us/our-shops/donate-shops/

Other charities may also be prepared to collect your good quality used items – please contact them direct to enquire.












You can also use the Freecycle and Freegle websites to offer items free to local people:

Freecycle: **groups.freecycle.org/group/ShrewsburyUK/posts/all**

Freegle: **www.ilovefreegle.org**

SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN AND AROUND THE FOUR PARISHES

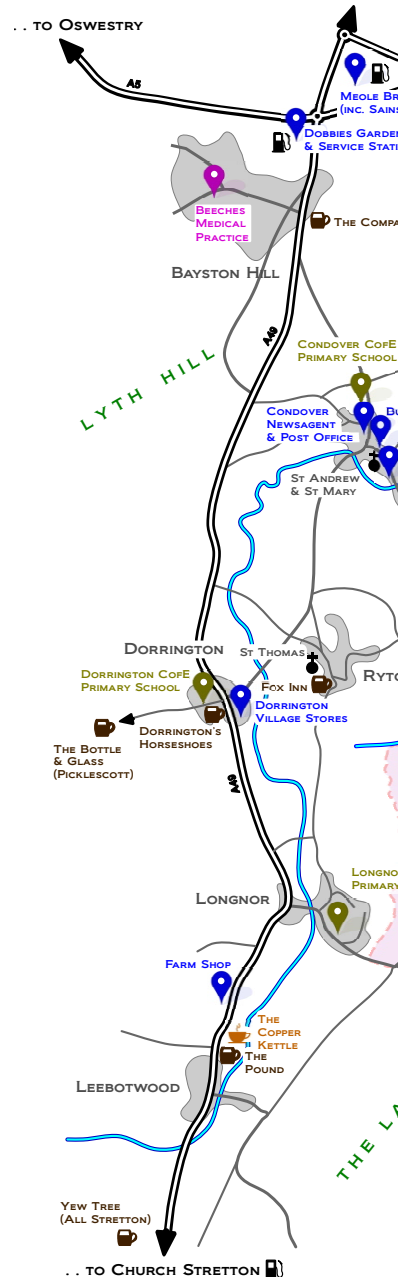
KEY

-  PUBLIC HOUSE
-  CAFE
-  CHURCH (MEMBER
OF THE BENEFICE OF
CONDOVER)
-  SHOP
-  SCHOOL
-  OTHER FACILITY
-  PETROL STATION
-  OTHER SERVICES
-  MEDICAL
-  ENGLISH HERITAGE
-  NATIONAL TRUST



PARISHES OF PITCHFORD,
RUCKLEY & LANGLEY,
ACTON BURNELL AND
FRODESLEY

SHREWSBURY





BUS ROUTES AND TIMES

Please note that these are subject to change, so please check before travelling!
 Bus route 540, provided by Boulton's, offers one bus into Shrewsbury and back on weekdays during College term times only (no bus on college holidays), and a bus into Shrewsbury and back on Saturdays.

WEEKDAY BUSES

Cardington to Shrewsbury

Calling at:	Frodesley (opposite crossroads)	8.05am
	Acton Burnell (near Post Office)	8.09am
	Pitchford (opposite the Old Rectory)	8.12am
	Cantlop (opposite the crossroads)	8.15am
	Arrives at Shrewsbury Bus Station	8.35am

Shrewsbury to Cardington:

Leaves Shrewsbury Bus Station (Stand N) 4.20pm

Calls at:	Cantlop (opposite the crossroads)	4.39pm
	Pitchford (opposite the Old Rectory)	4.43pm
	Acton Burnell (near Post Office)	4.47pm
	Frodesley (opposite crossroads)	4.51pm
	Arrives Cardington (opposite Royal Oak)	5.30pm

SATURDAY BUSES

Wall under Heywood to Shrewsbury

Calling at:	Frodesley (opposite crossroads)	9.24am
	Acton Burnell (near Post Office)	9.28am
	Pitchford (opposite the Old Rectory)	9.31am
	Cantlop (opposite the crossroads)	9.34am
	Arrives at Shrewsbury Bus Station	9.56am

Shrewsbury to Cardington:

Leaves Shrewsbury Bus Station (Stand N) 12 noon

Calling at:	Cantlop (opposite the crossroads)	12.24pm
	Pitchford (opposite the Old Rectory)	12.28pm
	Acton Burnell (near Post Office)	12.32pm
	Frodesley (opposite crossroads)	12.36pm
	Arrives Wall under Heywood	1.04pm

LIBRARIES

Library membership is free to anyone who lives, works or studies in Shropshire. You can apply on-line at www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/join-the-library/ or in person at one of the libraries. You will need to provide proof of your address.

Borrowing books is free, but there is a charge if you do not return your books on time (currently this is 25p per day, up to a total of £5 per book). There is no charge for overdue children's books. There is a charge for borrowing DVDs, CDs and audiobooks.

Babies and toddlers can join the Bookstart Bear Club. You can collect a Bookstart pack from your local library.

Youngsters aged 4 to 12 years can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, organised each year by The Reading Agency.

There are libraries at:

<p>Shrewsbury (Castle Gates)</p> <p>Open: Mon 9.30am to 5.00pm Tues 9.30am to 7.00pm Wed 9.30am to 5.00pm Thurs 9.30am to 5.00pm Fri 9.30am to 5.00pm Sat 9.30am to 4.00pm</p> <p>Telephone: 01743 255308</p>	<p>Bayston Hill (Lythwood Road)</p> <p>Open: Tues 10.00am to 5.00pm Thurs 10.00am to 1.00pm 2.00pm to 5.00pm Fri 10.00am to 1.00pm 2.00pm to 5.00pm Sat 9.30am to 1.00pm</p> <p>Telephone: 01743 872412</p>
<p>Much Wenlock (The Corn Exchange, High Street)</p> <p>Open: Tues 9.30am to 1.00pm 2.00pm to 5.00pm Thurs 9.30am to 1.00pm 2.00pm to 5.00pm Sat 9.30am to 1.00pm</p> <p>Telephone: 01952 728293</p>	<p>Church Stretton (Church Street)</p> <p>Open: Tue 9.30am to 7.30pm Thurs 9.30am to 5.00pm Fri 9.30am to 5.00pm Sat 9.30am to 5.00pm</p> <p>Telephone: 01694 722535</p>

The mobile library van calls at Acton Burnell every other Thursday, and parks near the village shop for around 15 minutes, from 11.45am. From Acton Burnell, the van heads to Ruckley Hall Farm. For more information on the mobile library, please call **01743 255024**. Please note that we are on 'route 11'.

LOCAL SHOPS AND OPENING TIMES

Acton Burnell Stores and Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Open 9.00am to 5.00pm

Wednesday: Closed all day

Saturday: Open 9.00am to 12 noon

Sunday: Closed all day

Condover Newsagent and Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Open 8.00am to 5.30pm

Saturday: Open 8.00am to 12.30pm

Sunday: Closed all day

Dorrington Village Stores

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Open 6.30am to 7.30pm

Saturday: Open 7.30am to 6.00pm

Sunday: Open 7.30 to 12 noon

Cross Houses Stores and Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Open 9.00am to 5.30pm

Saturday: Open 9.00am to 12 noon

Sunday: Closed all day

SERVICE STATIONS

Sainsbury's

Meole Brace Retail Park, Hereford Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 9NB

Open 5.00am to 11.00pm Monday to Saturday, 7.00am to 10.00pm Sunday

ASDA

Old Potts Way, Shrewsbury, SY3 7ET

Open 7.30am to 10.00pm Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 4.00pm Sunday

Wheatland Services (Shell)

Bridgnorth Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6AG

Open 6.00am to 10.00pm every day

EG Shrewsbury (Esso)

Hereford Road/A5 (Dobbie's services), Shrewsbury, SY3 0DA

Open 24 hours every day

MILK DELIVERY

Cotteswold Dairy delivers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Some groceries also available. Telephone **01743 344494** to place your orders.

PITCHFORD VILLAGE HALL

A facility at the centre of our community, Pitchford Village Hall is located in Pitchford in the north of our area. It is available for hire for both public and private events.



Hire costs

Meetings from £15.00

Children's parties from £25

Other events from £30

Multi events are discounted at one free session per 10 booked

There is a coin operated electric meter for heating but other power needs are included in the hire charge.

Facilities

Large kitchen area with cutlery, plates, glasses and cups, cooker, fridge and microwave

Large multi-use hall with tables and chairs

Projector and screen with sound system for laptops

Free wifi

Toilets, including disabled facilities

Large car park

The Management Committee run a monthly tote to raise funds towards the running costs of the Hall. This costs £12 per year and gives a chance of winning prizes of either £50, £25, £15 or £10 per month. All are welcome to join.

The Hall also hosts a 'pub night' open to all in the Four Parishes and beyond, on the third Friday of each month. These start at 7.30pm and the 'Nippy Chippy' mobile catering van is currently attending from 8.00 on such evenings. This is probably the only regular event which allows everyone living in the area to meet socially and enjoy a cheap bar! It is always a well-attended and jovial event and all are welcome including children and dogs!

Various other fund raising and community events also occur throughout the year and these can be viewed on our Facebook page (pitchfordvillagehall).

Contact details regarding joining the tote, bookings and indeed any other queries, are as follows:

Mike Price (Chairman, Pitchford Village Hall Management Committee):

Email: price622@btinternet.com | mobile: 07740 067955

Christine Jones (Secretary, Pitchford Village Hall Management Committee):

Email: csjay@btinternet.com | mobile: 07538 744807

CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL

Church Stretton School is a smaller than average, highly successful 11-16 rural comprehensive, serving the small market town of Church Stretton and the wider South Shropshire Community.



**CHURCH
STRETTON
SCHOOL**

The school is thriving and is amongst the top performing schools in Shropshire and the local area. We place our emphasis on ensuring all of our students achieve the qualifications, and equally importantly the skills to be successful in the ever changing world around us.

The curriculum we offer our students is broad, balanced and enables all students to excel and pursue their areas of interest. Whilst our students' academic performance is strong, our encouragement of participation in extracurricular activities is of equal importance. From the Duke of Edinburgh award to work in the arts, music and sport to name but a few, along with opportunities for trips locally and to other countries.

Church Stretton School continues to celebrate success amongst both its current and alumni students. We have recently learned of a fantastic accolade for some of our ex-students from the school who are currently studying at the Shrewsbury College Group and Hereford Sixth Form. Six students have been offered places at Oxbridge Universities this year. Their achievement is a representation of their hard work and dedication in reaching their potential but is also a reflection upon their academic journey which has been supported by Church Stretton through years 7 to 11 which we are proud to say has helped form the basis of their outstanding success.

Stella Farmer – Earth Sciences at Worcester College, Oxford

Mark Pepper – Maths at St John's College, Cambridge

Rose Laurie – Computer Science at St John's, Cambridge

Richard Parsons – Engineering at St John's, Cambridge

Sophie Scott – Biomedical Sciences at Lincoln College, Oxford

John Lewis – Geography at Brasenose, Oxford.

We wish to send a huge congratulations to all of these students on their success and we wish them well for the future.

LONGNOR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



- We are in the top 2% of schools in England for progress
- We are 18th in England for the attainment at the higher standard for the end of KS2, first in Shropshire
- We are second in Shropshire for the percentage of children attaining the expected standard at the end of KS2
- We teach an exciting, thematic curriculum enhanced by trips and visits
- Forest School is taught in every class on a weekly basis
- Wide range of extra-curricular opportunities
- We welcome the whole family and have strong links with the community
- Delicious meals are cooked on site

Longnor C.E School develops happy, confident, successful children. We have a very distinct ethos, based on learning through first-hand experience and a culture of mutual trust and respect. Thematic teaching, with a strong emphasis on learning outdoors, inspires the children and develops a love of learning that stays with them for life.

We are all very proud of our academic success from reception to Year 6, which is reflected in the consistently good results we get. We truly believe that these results reflect the exciting learning opportunities the children are given and that they achieve well because they are enjoying what they are doing. We all know that grades are not the goal of education, but we also know that when our children achieve more than they thought possible, they grow and develop their confidence.

In addition to the high academic results achieved the children are taught to think creatively and for themselves, to solve problems and to work both independently and as a team. Forest school is taught in every class, making full use of our beautiful and extensive grounds. Children who come to Longnor can develop a sense of self-worth, confidence and strong values. That is the real secret of Longnor's success and is what education is for.

For more details visit the website: www.longnorschool.org.uk,
Telephone: **01743 718493** or email: admin@longnorschool.co.uk



AN INTRODUCTION TO CONCORD COLLEGE



Concord College would like to thank the editors of Village Views for inviting us to be part of the first parish directory. Those of you who have lived in Acton Burnell for many years will probably know about the college but for some residents who have moved in more recently, here is a short introduction.

If you are not yet aware, Concord is a highly academic international co-educational boarding and day school for students aged between 13 and 18. Concord has been in the village of Acton Burnell since 1973, though it may be of interest to know that the College was originally established in 1949 as a direct response to the hatred and carnage of World War Two. The purpose of the college is to bring together young people from around the world to live and learn in harmony. Concord is a charitable trust.

In keeping with this original ethos, Concord is a school in which young people can flourish, find confidence and a sense of self-worth whilst achieving the very highest academic standards. Concord is also a warm, calm and friendly community in which values of trust and decency are shared between staff and students in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Academically, the students' results speak for themselves. Not only do Concord students produce astonishing GCSE and A level performances, but they also go on to attend top universities in the UK and around the world. These exceptional results have underlined Concord's reputation as one of the top performing schools in the country. In national league tables, the college is placed consistently in the top 10. Concord was placed 6th in The Times and 7th in The Telegraph based on A level results in 2017 and in rankings compiled by a UK government campaign 'Your Life' highlighting the A level performance of all schools in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects last summer, Concord was placed second. In the last four years, 90 students have been made offers by either Oxford or Cambridge universities.

Of course, for all Concord's international ethos and reach, Concord is firmly planted in the heart of the beautiful south Shropshire countryside. Over recent years the number of Shropshire students attending the college has grown considerably and we currently have 90 day students on roll. Concord

continues to offer a significant number of bursaries to local students, with the college setting aside a sizeable amount of money to support gifted young people who might otherwise not be able to afford a private education.

Concord offers the use of its facilities to local groups, including the regular weekly swimming sessions in the pool for local residents and the use of the theatre for local schools. Local residents are also welcome to join us for our annual Christmas Fayre, to attend performances in the theatre that are open to the public or to join us after the village carol service in December for mulled wine and mince pies by an open fire in the Main Hall. Concord also supports the village shop and recognises the important role that it plays in the life of the community. The college endeavours to use local suppliers and the services of local businesses, while students and their families bring considerable business to local shops, taxi firms and companies.

It may also be of interest that Concord is one of the largest employers in rural Shropshire with nearly 200 full-time and over 100 part-time staff. Concord offers a wide range of employment opportunities in many different departments. If you would like more information about Concord, would like to enquire about bursaries for local students or would be interested in the current job vacancies please contact the college on **01694 731631** or **enquiries@concordcollege.org.uk** and your request will be forwarded to the relevant department.

CONCORD COLLEGE PARISH SWIMMING CLUB 2018

Residents of the Parish of Acton Burnell are very welcome to use the Concord College swimming pool free of charge. Enrolment into the Parish Swimming Club is now a requirement for those wishing to use the pool. To become a member please complete an application form which can be obtained from: **julia.kerslake@concordcollege.org.uk**

The pool is available 4.45-5.30pm on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays:

February:	1	6	8	13	15	27			
March:	1	6	8	13	15	20			
April:	19	24	26						
May:	1	3	8	10	15	17	22	24	31
June:	5	7	12	14	19				

- All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times
- We will provide two trained lifeguards. Please alert them to any relevant medical conditions or special needs.
- All persons using the pool do so at their own risk.
- The authority of our lifeguards and our safety rules must be respected at all times.

Please note: Entry to the Concord College site will be strictly monitored. Please enter the site through the main gate and present your Club card to the security guard. If travelling on foot, there is an intercom system in place at the pedestrian gate and a security guard will allow you entry on presentation of your membership card. You will be required to sign out upon your departure.

LOCAL CHURCHES

The churches in Acton Burnell (St. Mary's), Frodesley (St. Mark's) and Pitchford (St. Michael and All Angels) are part of a group of churches which include Condoover and Ryton. Collectively we are known as the United Benefice of Condoover and are coordinated under the ministry of our Rector, Rev'd Geoff Garrett. These churches are some of the oldest buildings in the villages and are the longest standing community buildings and facilities we have. Acton Burnell and Pitchford are as original as they could be with additions over time of modern facilities such as heating and lighting! Acton Burnell and Pitchford Churches date from the early 1200s. Frodesley Church stands on the ground of 2 previous church buildings, but the current building was erected in 1809. Langley Chapel is managed by English Heritage and we have one service a year there – usually on the 3rd Sunday of September at 3pm.

Having been a constant presence in our villages over the centuries and playing an integral part in the varying fortunes of local history, church history, village and family life, it is vital that we keep them as living and vibrant and open places of worship providing a place of sanctuary where locals and visitors alike can enter to soak in the atmosphere and reflect and pray. They have been places of village and family celebration through Christian Festivals, National events as well as weddings and Baptisms. They have also been places of solace during times of National Crisis as well as family sadness and tragedy. We are currently looking at a scheme to adapt St. Mary's Church Acton Burnell to provide toilet and refreshment facilities as well as celebrate the heritage of the church, the village and the locality. The church council has put forward some sketch plans for scrutiny by the Diocesan authorities and English Heritage to both consider and comment on. Once we have more information we will be hosting another community consultation, where we will be able to invite comments and ideas on more definite plans which we know will have official support. Watch this space! If anyone has any thought of how our church buildings could be used for the wider benefit of the community I would always be happy to discuss the options.

Meanwhile, we have a pattern of services each month which is constant, but is subject to change due to celebrating the annual Christian Festivals. These changes are advertised in Village Views, The Parish magazine (Benefice News), on church notice boards and on the website.

Contact

Rev Geoff Garrett, The Rectory, Condoover, Shrewsbury, SY5 7AA.

01743 872251 | revgeoff@live.co.uk | www.unitedbeneficeofcondover.co.uk

The following is the usual pattern of Services:

1st Sunday of each month

11.30am	Holy Communion	Pitchford Church
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2nd Sunday of each month

8.45am	Holy Communion	Acton Burnell Church
6.30pm	Evensong	Frodesley Church

3rd Sunday of each month

11.30am	Holy Communion	Frodesley Church
6.30pm	Evensong	Acton Burnell Church

4th Sunday of each month

No service in any of the three churches, but there is a service of Holy Communion at 10am in Condober Church.

5th Sunday of the month

10am Holy Communion Service hosted by each church in rotation (when appropriate) See notices for venues.



*St Mary's
Acton Burnell*



*St Mark's
Frodesley*



*St. Michael and All Angels
Pitchford*

LOCAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Cound and District Crafters

Meet on the first Monday of each month except for August. If the first Monday is a bank holiday, then the meeting moves to the second Monday. The club meets at the Guildhall, Cound at 10.00am for two hours and the cost is £5.00 per session to include tea/coffee. You can try various crafts ranging from making boxes, paper flowers, knitting miniature animals to wood crafts and quilling etc. The club members describe themselves as a very friendly group where everyone is welcome – no experience needed – lots of laughter and new experiences in a warm friendly atmosphere. Contact Sue on **01743 761355** or **sueshedden52@gmail.com** for more information.

Cross Houses Book Club

Meets on the third Thursday of each month (except August) at the Bell Inn, Cross Houses at 7.00pm. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Contact Sue on **01743 761355** or **sueshedden52@gmail.com** for more information.

The Ramblers (South Shropshire)

Sunday walks in the South Shropshire countryside. Most walks are around 7 to 10 miles, and start at 10.00am. Please note that dogs are not allowed on these walks. Telephone **01588 672437** for more information on membership and planned walks.

Cressage Gardening Club

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Cressage Village Hall. Contact Jan Halmshaw on **01952 510594** for more information.

Young Farmers Club

Dorrington YFC meets every Wednesday evening, with lots of exciting activities and events suitable for ages 10-26. Please contact Laura Wilde on **07854 931467** or Greg Fox on **07512041816** for more information.

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

The Trust manages 40 nature reserves across Shropshire. Membership helps to support the work of the Trust, as well as giving members free access to all reserves, a magazine three times a year, and exclusive entry to members-only events. Family membership also provides extras for children, including stickers, a poster and access to special family-friendly events. For more information go to **www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk**, telephone **01743 284280**, or call in at the Trust headquarters at Abbey Foregate.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (Shropshire)

Meetings usually held on 4th Tuesday of the month (September to April) at 7.30pm Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, Lyth Hill Road, Bayston Hill. Admission (including tea and coffee) £2 for members, and £3 for non-members. There are also regular walks and visits to local nature reserves. Membership is £6 per year (or £10 for members at one address). For more information and a list of upcoming events, please go to www2.rspb.org.uk/groups/shropshire/.

University of the Third Age (U3A)

No qualifications needed for this university – a self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. The U3A offers learning just for pleasure and enjoyment. Activities on offer include drawing and painting, bridge, hillwalking, country dancing, French language and singing for pleasure, plus regular monthly meetings with interesting speakers. Branches in Church Stretton and in Shrewsbury. For more information on the activities available, and membership fees, please go to www.u3asites.org.uk/churchstretton/home for the Church Stretton group, and www.u3asites.org.uk/shrewsbury/home for the Shrewsbury group.

Shropshire Family History Society

For anyone researching their family history and ancestors. The group meets once a month at The Old Chapel Community Centre, The Chestnuts, Cross Houses, at 7.15pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except for July and August). The Society has a growing library of reference books available to members, and access to other parish and local records. The Society encourages possible members to come along to a meeting to find out what is on offer. For more information, please go to www.sfhs.org.uk.

Shrewsbury Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club

Bringing together serving and former members of the RAF, Army, Navy, and Marines. The Shrewsbury branch of this national club meets in Shrewsbury on the first and third Sunday of each month for breakfast at 9.30am. If you want to come along and join in the banter, as long as you have a uniform service history, or association with such, and can cope with the sense of humour, just turn up at one of the meetings and you will be made welcome. For more details contact Karen Fisher on **07891257441** or visit www.shrewsburyafvbc.co.uk

ACTON BURNELL WI

Acton Burnell WI has been in existence for 95 years, which we celebrated just before Christmas.

During that time, there have been many challenges and changes, the most telling one being keeping it fresh and relevant to new members and taking into account the fact that many wives now work and have extra family commitments, whereas when the WI started, housewives – many of them from farming families – stayed at home and in many cases the WI was the only social life they had.

At the moment, we have a membership of eighteen. We meet on the first Thursday of the month, except for August when many members are on holiday, and June when we have a garden meeting either at a plant centre or a member's residence. Our venue is Pitchford Village Hall and meetings start at 7.30pm. We have a small committee of seven, each doing a different job and we endeavour to provide a programme that is educational, interesting and fun in equal measure through outings, workshops and activities within our group. We are one of five members of the East Shrewsbury Group led by Convenor Sally Joyner, and have access to many of their activities as well. The County Newsletter provides us with information every month on larger, more high profile, special events so as you can see, our social diaries are never wanting!

The committee members are listed below. Any of these ladies will be more than happy to give you details of our activities. If you are interested in how the WI works we also have information leaflets available on how the WI operates.

Jean Marsh, President (Church Stretton) **01694 722119**

Beth Davies, Secretary (Pitchford) **01694 731657**

Brenda Herod, Treasurer (Frodesley) **01694 731303**

Sarah McIlhinney, Programme Secretary **01694 731265**

Barbara Cooke **01694 731252**

Gill Farr **01694 731649**

Gill Turnock **01743 761239**



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