

Village Views

August 2022

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF ACTON BURNELL, PITCHFORD, FRODESLEY, RUCKLEY AND LANGLEY



Molly from Acton Burnell enjoying the Village Picnic

WELCOME

In this edition we are looking back at the celebrations we shared for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was wonderful to have the chance for everyone to join together to mark this important milestone. We hope that there will be more opportunities for the whole community to meet up in the future. If you want to keep that neighbourly vibe going, please remember that the monthly Pub Night at Pitchford Village Hall always welcomes old and new members of the community alike. Check out the What's On section of Village Views to find out when the next Pub Night is scheduled.

And if you have an event coming up that you'd like to publicise, please get in touch with Village Views at villageviews@hotmail.com. We are pleased to carry information on fundraising events, and any community gatherings, knees-ups, bunfights or shindigs free of charge!

Chris Harrison, Karen Fisher, John Glover, Rachel Johnson and Lois Johnson

ACTON BURNELL SHOP SUMMER OPENING HOURS

The shop and Post Office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm and from 2.00pm to 5.00pm only until 5th September.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The council met in May, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting, and again in July.

The Annual Parish Meeting was not well attended. This was unfortunate as we received interesting presentations from the local constabulary, PCSO Stuart Roberts, our County Councillor, Dan Morris and from Dr Michael Truss, the new Principal of Concord College who, in addition to updating us on college matters, advised that the college is keen to restart community events as pandemic issues ease.

At the May Parish Council meeting Cllr. John Long stood down as vice chairman and was replaced by Cllr. Carmen Culliss. Many thanks to John for his service as chairman and vice chairman over recent years. John continues his work as a councillor for Acton Burnell. I was re-elected as chairman.

We are very pleased to note that the Jubilee Beacon Lighting and the Jubilee Picnic were both well attended and very enjoyable events, despite the weather not being quite as pleasant as it might have been for the picnic. Many thanks again to the Acton Burnell and Pitchford

estates respectively for providing the venues and for their assistance, and also to the volunteers who worked hard to make the events successful.

We still have the Jubilee tree planting to look forward to in the autumn and, with a suitable site found so far only in Acton Burnell, those with land in the other villages are again requested to consider setting aside patches of land, preferably adjacent to existing footpaths, where trees could be planted. Please contact the parish clerk; clerk@actonburnellparishcouncil.org or **07842 324809** if you are able to help.

The defibrillators at Pitchford, Ruckley and Frodesley will be out of their 5 year warranties later this year and have been superseded since their purchase, as have the cabinets. All are to be replaced over the next few months along with the cabinet at Acton Burnell where the defibrillator is already a current model.

On the highways front it is good to see that resurfacing in Pitchford has been completed and that a mirror has been installed to improve the safety of vehicles exiting Stoneleigh Close. The plans for development of the lorry yard have been approved and a permanent

improvement to the junction will form part of this work. Progress with Shropshire Council regarding traffic calming, particularly for Frodesley, where a mirror is also being sought, is very slow. A new on-line reporting system for highways issues (potholes, signage, etc.) is available at www.fixmystreet.com.

The Parish Council has agreed to "adopt" the volunteer group who help to manage the Lodge Hill footpaths, which means they will be covered by Parish Council insurance. If you are interested in helping out please contact John Long.

Longer term projects in line with the Community Led Plan remain on our agenda.

Finally, our clerk, Anna Morris is taking maternity leave from August and we are currently recruiting a temporary replacement. We all wish Anna well and look forward to her return in 2023. Please note that contact details for the replacement clerk will remain the same:

Tel: **07842 324809** and Email: clerk@actonburnellparishcouncil.org.uk

Paul Harrison, Chairman, Parish Council

The closing date for contributions to the next edition will be **21st October 2022**.

Would you like to advertise your business in Village Views?

Contact us on villageviewsadvertising@outlook.com for more information.



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Local residents, friends and families gathered together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Beacon lighting on Acton Burnell Hill drew a crowd of spectators on a fine evening to enjoy watching the lighting of the bonfire. The clear conditions meant that beacons being lit elsewhere were also clearly visible on nearby hills. The Village Hall Pub Night challenged everyone with a quiz which covered all seven decades of the Queen's reign.

The weekend drew to a close with the Jubilee picnic at Pitchford Hall. Unfortunately, the weather had turned chilly and damp, but spirits were high as everyone enjoyed music from Ruby Allen and The Upbeats, and an entertaining performance of 'The Adventures of the Gingerbread Man', which held all the younger children spellbound. The crown competition drew a large number of inventive and colourful entries, with Ollie Harrison winning the children's competition and Hannah Higgins handed the prize for the best crown by an adult.

Thanks are due to the many people who helped to organise the events, to Adrian Bruce-Smythe for permission to light the beacon on Acton Burnell hill, and to Rowena and James Nason for allowing the use of the walled garden and Orangery at Pitchford Hall for the picnic.



Beacon Lighting



Beacon Lighting



Afternoon Tea at Concord College



Adult Crown Winner



Ben and Ollie Harrison



Elsie Johnson and Emma Barrett



View of the Picnic



Vintage Buses



Vintage Vehicles



Watching the Gingerbread Man



Ella Wilson



View of the Orangery



What's on



15th to 19th August

Purple Prickles and Poisonous Warts at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms, gives 3 to 11 year olds the chance to enjoy some Gruffalo themed activities, including searching for signs of the animals living in the meadows. Runs from 1.00pm to 2.30pm, fee £4.40 per child (all children must be accompanied). Booking essential; call **01588 676060**.

20th August

Charity Car Boot sale at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre to raise funds for Hopton Rehab and Homing's Winter Hay Fund, to provide winter feed for rescued horses. 2.30pm to 4.30pm; free entry for shoppers; £5 per car for sellers. Pre-booking essential for stallholders; please call **07989 602773**.

20th August

Shropshire's oldest agricultural show takes place at the Minsterley Showground, Lea Cross, from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Tickets £14 for adults; £5 for children aged 5 to 16; family ticket £32 for two adults and up to three children. In addition to livestock, food and craft competitions, there will be parades of vintage vehicles, tractors, foxhounds and beagles. Motorcycle stunt rider 'Flyin' Ryan' will also be performing in the main arena.

21st August

Edge Villa at Edge, nr Yockleton, opens its two acre garden to the public under the National Garden Scheme Open Gardens programme. Admission £5 (children free). Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Call Mr & Mrs W Neil on **01743 821651** or email billfneil@me.com for more information.

22nd to 26th August

Experiment with lighting fires with a fire bow and steel, and cooking your own popcorn, bread and marshmallows at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre. Suitable for 4 to 11 year olds. Runs from 1.00pm to 2.30pm; tickets £4.40 per accompanied child (all children must be accompanied). Booking essential; please call **01588 676060**.

24th August

Attingham Park hosts an outdoor production of Peter Pan. The performance begins at 6.30pm and is suitable for everyone from 5 years upwards. Bring a picnic to enjoy during the show. Tickets £15 for adults and £10 for children. Book online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/outdoor-theatre-with-illyria-peter-pan-by-j-m-barrie-tickets-269652597177 or call **03442 491895**.

29th August to 2nd September

Step back in time at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre and find out what life was like in an Iron Age settlement. Paint your face with woad and try out a sling shot. Suitable for 4 to 11 year olds. Runs from 1.00pm to 2.30pm; tickets £4.40 per accompanied child (all children must be accompanied). Booking essential; please call **01588 676060**.

2nd to 4th September

A weekend of open-air films at Attingham Park, including of West Side Story, Encanto, Mamma Mia, The Greatest Showman Sing-a-Long and A Star is Born. For more information and to book tickets, please go to www.adventurecinema.co.uk/venues/attingham-park.

9th September

Pub Night returns to Pitchford Village Hall after its August break, with a bumper evening of fun. If you have entered the onion competition, please remember to bring it along for the grand judging. Other attractions will include a quiz, raffle, free food (until it runs out!) and of course the usual range of drinks. Please note that the bar is cash only. Doors open at 7.30pm. Children and dogs very welcome.

9th September

A live outdoor production of The Pirates of Penzance takes place at Attingham Park. Tickets cost £10 for children and £15 for adults. Go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events/d9183226-bc9d-47dd-9c31-8fa394c37c6e/pages/details to book.

10th September

A marathon with a difference! Take part in the Shrewsbury Photo Marathon and meet the challenge to take 12 pictures on 12 different topics over 6 hours. All photos will be included in a free public exhibition, and there will be prizes for the winning submissions. Entry £5 per adult, £4 for students and free for under-12s. Go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shrewsbury-photo-marathon-competition-2022-tickets-348335630247?aff=ebdssbdestsearch for more information and to purchase tickets. Closing date 7th September.

16th September

Flicks in the Sticks presents a showing of 'The Duke' at Cound Guildhall. Go to <https://artsalive.co.uk/films/film/?id=15785> for more information or call **01743 761451**.

14th October

Pub Night at Pitchford Village Hall. Everyone welcome – come along for a pint and a natter with your friends and neighbours (other drinks are available!). Doors open at 7.30pm.

16th October

Millichope Park at Munslow welcomes visitors to its grounds as part of the National Garden Scheme programme. Enjoy autumnal walks through 14 acres of woodland walks, lakes and cascades. Admissions £6 (children free). Gates open 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Refreshments available in the Walled Garden. More information available at www.millichopepark.com.

21st October

Benedict Cumberbatch stars in 'The Courier' showing at Cound Guildhall, courtesy of Flicks in the Sticks. Go to <https://artsalive.co.uk/films/film/?id=15747> for more information and to book tickets, or call **01743 761451**.

11th November

Pitchford Village Hall hosts its regular Pub Night. Doors open at 7.30pm. Come along to meet up with friends and neighbours, and maybe meet a few new faces. Dogs and children welcome, as always. Please note that the bar is cash only.

DOGS – AGAIN!

Sadly, we are once again seeing dog mess in and around the grounds of Acton Burnell Castle and along local footpaths on almost a daily basis. As well as being unsightly and immensely unpleasant if it gets on shoes and clothes, dog poo can harbour a number of infectious diseases that can affect humans as well as other dogs. Roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms are common gastrointestinal parasites that shed eggs in dog faeces. The eggs can remain dormant in soil or sand for weeks or months, and remain infectious for long periods.

A bin is available opposite the entrance to the castle, and can be used to deposit dog poo bags, and there is also a bin by the crossroads in Acton Burnell. Bags can also be placed in your general waste wheelie bin at home.

Finally, a word to all the many local dog owners and walkers who carefully pick up after their dog (and often pick up after other people too) – our community appreciates you taking the time and effort to make sure our paths and open spaces are kept clean for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you!

Shropshire Council opens more opportunities for carers to help shape services

Unpaid and family carers across Shropshire are being offered more opportunities to get involved in helping shape health and social care services. Carers can now complete an online feedback form which asks for their views on the health and social care sector, including community and voluntary organisations and groups. The form is available at:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/news/carers-are-asked-to-help-shape-improve-services-in-shropshire/

Paper copies can also be found in local libraries and will be distributed to local carer peer support groups. You can also phone Shropshire’s carers support team to give your feedback (you will not have to give your full name/contact details unless you would like to). Shropshire carers support team phone is: 01743 341995, Mondays-Fridays 9am to 5pm.

The new feedback process set up by Shropshire Council’s carers support team will help the service see what is working well and what may need improving, so that they can share ‘best practice’ across the whole of Shropshire and send the feedback of poor experiences to the relevant service area across health and social care for them to look at how they can improve that area of their service.

The feedback form gives carers the option to have someone to call them to discuss the points they have raised. All feedback will be forwarded to the appropriate work area for response within two weeks, and carers will be called to be kept updated on responses from the organisation involved, and progress in addressing their concerns.

The feedback will also inform a report to Shropshire Carers Partnership Board (SCPB), as a standing item on the Board agenda, on the types of feedback and any emerging patterns, which will be passed on to the Health and Wellbeing Board. An annual report from SCPB will be shared

with Shropshire Council’s information and insights team for their annual public feedback report.

Shropshire Council want carers to have more opportunities to get involved in shaping services and support across health, social care and community and voluntary organisations. It is hoped that the carers feedback form will give carers and their representatives a means of feeding back their experiences, good or bad, with the whole health and social care sector, including community and voluntary sector organisations and groups. So if you or someone you know is an unpaid or family carer, then please do get involved and help us and our partners deliver services that are right for you.

If there are any issues you feel I can help on, please do not hesitate to contact me by email dan.morris@shropshire.gov.uk, by mobile on **07902 408400**, on facebook **dan4burnell** or Twitter **@dan4burnell**.

Dan Morris



CHURCH PREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful summer term which saw us celebrating, not only the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, but also our own 150th anniversary. Parents and pupils, old and new, joined together to enjoy a street party style celebration on our school field and the Village Hall. It was so interesting to hear stories about our school from former pupils and to see the photographs loaned to us for our special display. The weather was glorious and we topped off the afternoon with a helicopter fly-by courtesy of RAF Shawbury.

We are now looking ahead to the Autumn term where we are welcoming new members of staff and new pupils. Our outdoor learning curriculum is to be our main focus and, being surrounded by beautiful countryside, we will have plenty of opportunity to really develop this area of learning for our children.

If you would like to join our wonderful team, we have an opportunity available for a lunchtime supervisor. Please contact the school office on **01694 771359** or email admin@churchpreenschool.co.uk for further details.

Have you ever considered becoming a school governor? The Edge Schools’ Governing Body is looking to recruit new governors. Being a governor means looking at information and evidence to have conversations and ask school leaders questions about the school. You will also help to make decisions about how the school’s budget is spent. To fulfil the role, you will need to: attend regular meetings (around 6 each year); visit the school(s) occasionally; do some background reading; take part in induction training and ongoing development. If you feel this might be for you, please contact our Federation administration at Lydia.foster@taw.org.uk for further details.



VILLAGE CHURCHES NEWS

AUGUST SERVICES

- 7th Aug **Pitchford Church-** 11.30am
Holy Communion
Frodesley Church- 3pm
LAMMAS Service (followed by the sharing of a LAMMAS loaf and cider)
- 14th Aug **Acton Burnell Church-** 8.45am
Holy Communion
- 21st Aug **Acton Burnell Church-** 6.30pm
Evensong

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

- 4th Sept **Pitchford Church-** 11.30am
Holy Communion
- 11th Sept **Langley Chapel-** 3.00pm
Annual Service
- 18th Sept **Frodesley Church-** 3pm
Michaelmas Service (a service celebrating light, the Michaelmas Daisy and a sharing of a Michaelmas Bannock loaf)
Acton Burnell Church- 6.30pm
Evensong

OCTOBER SERVICES

- 2nd Oct **Pitchford Church-** 11.30am
HARVEST CELEBRATION
- 9th Oct **Acton Burnell Church-** 8.45am
Holy Communion
- 16th Oct **Frodesley Church-** 3pm
HARVEST CELEBRATION
Acton Burnell Church- 6.30pm
HARVEST CELEBRATION

Rev Geoff Garrett, Rector

THINGS TO BE DOING IN YOUR GARDEN RIGHT NOW (EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT A GARDENER) *by Chris Harrison*

The scorching hot weather of July has left many gardens looking rather the worse for wear. Plants may be wilting or look past saving, and many lawns are brown and parched. A good period of rain will help bring your garden back to life to a certain extent, but here are some things you can do to help.

Lawns are particularly badly hit by periods of dry, hot weather. If the ground has been baked hard, just popping the sprinkler on is unlikely to do any long-term good, as the water will find it difficult to penetrate the soil. You can help things along by spiking the lawn to allow any water to sink down to feed the grass roots. You can buy special wheeled lawn aerators or even spiked sandals to do the job, but you may prefer just to use a garden fork. You can get an even more effective result if you use a lawn rake first to remove any dead grass or moss.

Once you have thoroughly spiked your lawn, you might want to give it a feed to perk it up. Choose a feed that contains nitrogen for growth, phosphorus for root strength and potassium to help fight disease. Ideally, feed your lawn before rain is expected, to get the best effect.

If your lawn is growing, try setting the blades on your lawnmower a little higher than usual, to give the grass a chance to recover.

And if all else fails, autumn is a good time to encourage the growth of new grass by spreading some grass seed over the existing lawn. Again, doing this when rain is expected is likely to give the best results.

Your borders may also be looking a little weary and wilted (much like the rest of us!). Giving plants a good soak every few days (and preferably only once a week) rather than a quick sprinkle every day encourages them to put down deeper roots and become more tolerant of dry periods. Plants grown in pots can be stood in a bucket of water for an hour or two to thoroughly rehydrate the compost (stand the pots on some crocks or a few stones to lift the base off the bottom of the bucket and allow the water to seep in through the drainage holes).

Don't give up too quickly on plants that look as though they are past saving. Pruning perennial plants back can encourage them to put up a new flush of growth, and it is always worth waiting until

spring to see if a plant you thought was gone will reappear.

Finally, it may be worth looking at your garden to decide if you can make it more drought and heat tolerant. Climate change seems likely to mean that periods of scorching heat become more frequent. Choose drought tolerant plants when you head to the garden centre. The Royal Horticultural Society's website has lists available to help you make your choice (go to www.rhs.org.uk/plants/for-places/drought-resistant for more information). Invest in a water butt (or butts) to help make the most of what rain does fall, and use a mulch to help trap water in the soil and prevent it evaporating. Wood-chips, shredded bark and spent compost all work well.



WILD SWIMMING

Wild swimming has become increasingly popular in recent years, with increasing numbers of people keen to take the plunge in rivers, streams and lakes. The recent heatwave – and the prospect of more hot weather to come in the future – has led keen swimmers to look beyond the confines of their local pool to find other places to take a dip.

However, swimming in rivers and lakes can be dangerous, and every year sees people sadly lose their lives while swimming or playing around in water. Wild swimming is not for weak swimmers or non-swimmers, but if you are a confident, strong swimmer, there are ways to keep safe.

Only swim where you can enter and exit the water easily (getting in is always easier than getting out!).

It's not advisable to jump straight into the water. No matter how hot the day, the water is likely to be very cold, and jumping in can give your system a shock. If there is a current flowing, always swim upstream first, so that the current will help carry you back to your start point when you get tired.

Swimming after drinking alcohol is also not a good idea.

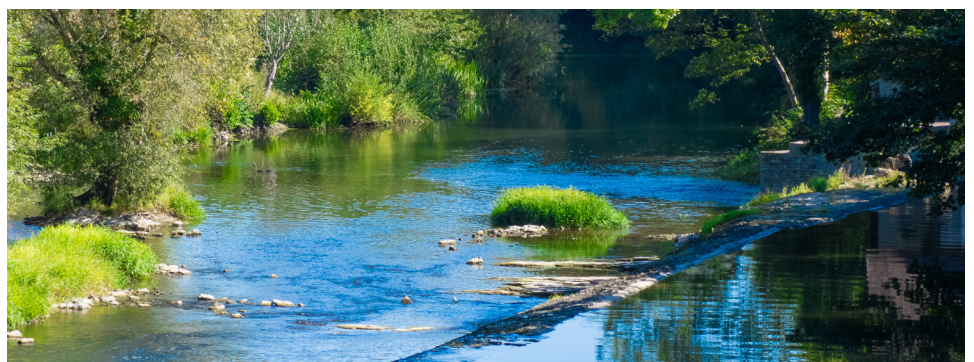
If you want to have a go at wild swimming, the following local spots are recommended by wild swimmers:

- Carding Mill Valley reservoir (close to the top car park, or walk up from the visitor centre and café). The café provides a good spot to warm up and refuel with tea and cake!
- The River Teme at Ludlow. Start your swim at the weir by Millenium Green and swim upstream towards the pontoon. You may spot a kingfisher or comorants. The Green Café is on hand for your post-swim coffee.

ACTON BURNELL SWAP SHOP

The 'Swap Shop' at the phone box in Acton Burnell remains popular with the local community. Paperback books are particularly sought-after, so please think about donating a few if you are tidying up your bookshelves (and borrow one or two while you're at it!).

Pop in to see what is on offer, and help to keep this valuable local resource going!





NEW ONLINE COACHING SERVICE IN SHROPSHIRE FOR PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE WITH READING

It's taken for granted that we all learned to read and write at school, however there are many people who struggle with this essential life skill. Just imagine how your life would be if you couldn't read forms or letters, follow medicine instructions, or read a new recipe?

Read Easy Shropshire Hills provides a free service that matches adults of any age who want to learn to read with a trained reading coach, so that they can work together through reading manuals, in private, at a time to suit them both.

Everyone can learn at their own pace without feeling rushed. There's no pressure or targets or exams to worry about and no reminders of what it was like at school.

Before the pandemic all coaching sessions were held face-to-face in quiet locations such as cafes and libraries, but when these were no longer available, coaching online or via WhatsApp was

tried. This has proved successful and convenient for many reading pairs and Read Easy now offers this service to anyone in Shropshire during the day or after work.

Read Easy can loan readers a tablet, set it up, and show them how to use it even if they have no computer or keyboard skills. However, online coaching isn't for everyone and for some readers prefer coaching by phone. Face-to-face coaching is also still available if there is a suitable local venue.

If you would like to find out more, or you know someone who would like to learn to read, please contact Amana Winchester on **07707 762653** or email her at shcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk. For volunteering enquiries email Ros at shrecruiter@readeasy.org.uk. More information on the Read Easy scheme can be found at www.readeasy.org.uk

KEEPING OUR COUNTRYSIDE SAFE

During the recent heatwave there were large numbers of fires across the country, including six field fires in Shropshire over the course of a few days – one involving a 60 acre field of stubble and straw.

Thankfully, none of the Shropshire fires were on the scale seen elsewhere in the UK, but with the long term forecast showing the possibility of more hot, dry weather to come this summer, care still needs to be taken when out and about in the countryside.

Some simple precautions can help to reduce the risk of fire:

- Do not make camp fires or use portable or disposable BBQs in woodlands or fields.
- Do not leave glass bottles (or even glass fragments) in the open – the glass can act to focus the sun's rays and cause nearby dry grass or rubbish to catch fire. If you find some glass in a hedgerow or by a footpath, please dispose of it in a safe place (but please handle with great care!).
- Do not release sky lanterns. Once set alight they can drift over long distances, risking causing a fire where they finally land.

- Do not discard cigarette butts in the countryside or out of car windows, even if you think they are safely out. Modern cigarettes are less likely to cause fires in the open, but can still smoulder in the right conditions.

If anyone finds themselves in a position where they encounter a wildfire move to a safe location up wind and call the emergency service on 999 immediately, giving an accurate location of the fire as far as possible.

Take care too when enjoying a BBQ in the garden, or if using garden candles or torches. A stray spark can quickly set fire to nearby dried out grass or plants. Make sure you have a fire blanket or a bucket of water to hand to put out any smouldering material before it develops into a fire.

And keep an eye on your compost bin, if you have one! As vegetable peelings and grass clippings rot down to produce compost, they produce heat, and in already very hot weather this can very occasionally lead to the compost beginning to smoulder. Regularly turning the compost and keeping it well watered will prevent it getting too hot, and won't spoil the quality of the compost produced.

CONCORD SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES WITH END OF YEAR DONATIONS

Students and staff at Concord have generously donated clothes and food to a number of charities in Shrewsbury, following the end of the academic year.

According to Concord's Domestic Services Manager, Mr Paul Simpson: "The students, in particular, can't always take all of their possessions home with them for one reason or another – and many of our boarders fly from all over the world.

"For clothing or other possessions they have accumulated during their time at the College, our students would rather it be used to help the local community.

"They recognise the importance of giving things 'a second life' and these items can be hugely worthwhile elsewhere."

This year, Concord has supported Severn Hospice, Hope House and also the Shrewsbury Food Hub.

With students generously leaving some possessions, clothing and non-perishable foods, the Domestic team have boxed up over 40 parcels to support these charities and donated the equivalent of three vans worth of materials.

Last week, Lorraine Owens from Severn Hospice commented: "The donations are helping us, in essence, raise money for terminally ill people who need care. Without generous donations like these, Severn Hospice – and other local charities – could not operate and do the life-changing work they do.

"Our store is actually the largest charity shop in Shropshire, so these recent donations and those from previous years are hugely appreciated.

"Thank you very much to the students and staff at Concord College."

The staff and volunteers at Hope House and Shrewsbury Food Hub were equally as 'delighted' for the support and expressed their thanks to the students.

For more information on the charities involved, and to find out how you can also support their valuable work, please visit:

www.severnospice.org.uk/support-us/
www.hopehouse.org.uk
www.shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk



NEWS FROM PITCHFORD VILLAGE HALL

Plant Fayre last May

Many thanks to all those who came along to our Plant Fayre in May. The event was a big success as evidenced by the large numbers of people who came along, the large numbers of plants bought, the roughly £1000 profit and the many positive comments from our clients! A big 'shout' needs to go out not only to our organiser, Daphne Lewis, for the huge amount of skill and effort it took to make it happen, but also the many folk who helped to set up, donate plants and were otherwise involved in the event which was a true team effort. We are looking at the possibility of making this a bi-annual event so roll on 2024!

Upgrading at the Village Hall

The latest part of our Village Hall re-vamp is taking place at the moment and involves the installation of a brand-new kitchen. The old one has gone and a bright new shiny one, with associated range cooker, dishwasher and other technologies, should be ready by the end of the summer. This has been made possible by a generous grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery's "Awards for All" scheme and another £5,000 from the Bernard Sunley Foundation for our upgrade and associated works. Exciting times!



Up-coming pub nights

Due to the above-mentioned kitchen refurbishment, the August Pub night has been cancelled. This means, assuming the kitchen works go to plan, our next Pub Night will be on Friday 9th September, and we aim to continue what has become a staple of the Pub Night calendar, to have a bumper event to mark the beginning of the Autumn.

We will be holding the final of the Grand Onion Competition and entrants can bring their offerings along from 7.30pm when the doors will open, and judging will take place later that evening. If anyone who has bought an onion but who cannot make this event, then we will provide details of how your entry can be counted on the Acton Burnell Facebook page and the Pitchford Village Hall Facebook page nearer the time. Or you can simply get a friend who is attending to bring your entry along on the assumption that, if yours is clearly larger than theirs, you trust them not to swap them around!! Good luck with your final six weeks or so of nurturing!

There will be a quiz on the night, similar to that which worked so well at the Platinum event back in June, which you can work on quietly on the night, with the winning team picking up a round of drinks 'on the house'!

We will also have a simple raffle on the night where we put your raffle ticket money into a bucket and if your ticket is drawn then half of the bucket's content will be won by you (while we keep the other half towards our upkeep). As usual, there will be a good range of drinks available and free food from about 8.30pm until it runs out. As usual, details to follow on the various Facebook pages so keep an eye out for those in the run-up.

Finally on the theme of pub nights, please remember that this is, as always, a 'cash only' event!

Contacts

The Hall is open for private hire from the end of August and if you wish to make an enquiry or indeed have any other questions, feel free to contact the following:

Mike Price (Chairman PVH Management Committee):
email: price622@btinternet.com
mobile: 07740 067955

Chris Jones (Secretary PVH Management Committee):
email: csjay@btinternet.com
mobile: 07538 744807

Jeanette Reaney (Tote Organiser)
email: jeanettereaney@hotmail.com
mobile: 07971 780963

John Glover

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY

Don't forget that you can keep in touch with your local community by using Facebook. Just search for Acton Burnell Community, Pitchford Village Hall or Frodesley Community Hub to see what events are taking place in your area. You'll need to join as a member to see who's in the group and what they post on the Acton Burnell page, but this only takes a minute or two.

England's Premier International School
ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
www.concordcollegeuk.com



enquiries@concordcollege.org.uk | 44 (0)1694 731631




THE FOX INN

**Shropshire's best kept secret.
 A traditional pub that sells food.....
 not a restaurant selling beer!**

All our food is prepared and cooked from fresh ingredients by our chef

Closed on Tuesdays

Ask about our Diners Courtesy Transport
 01743 718499
 TheFoxInnLittleRyton@hotmail.com
 Facebook: TheFoxInnLittleRyton
 Little Ryton, Dorrington, Shropshire, SY5 7LS




Croft & Oakes

Are you worried about how the current situation is affecting your pension, savings or investments?

Why not book a free initial socially distanced or remote consultation with a locally based Independent Financial Adviser with over 25 years experience.

Please contact **Keith Croft** on **07815 075793** or email **keith@croftandoakes.co.uk** to arrange your appointment.

www.croftandoakes.co.uk

Registered office
 Suite 7 Business Development Centre,
 Stafford Park 4, Telford, TF3 3BA




Garden Services
 Garden maintenance and clearing
 Hard landscaping
 Hedge trimming

Tree Surgery
 Fully insured ground based tree surgery
 Qualified to NPTC Standard
 Wood chipping

Bespoke Timber Products
 Garden furniture
 Raised beds
 Planters

Richard Denyer
 Tel: 07721 889 718
 Email: richard@karkloof.co.uk



SUPPLIERS OF COAL, LOGS AND GAS BOTTLES

COAL AVAILABLE IN OPEN TOP SACKS AND PRE PACK BAGS

ALL FUELS AVAILABLE INC SMOKELESS

FREE DELIVERY

RING US ON **01743 241122**
 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.ridgefuels.co.uk



Agricultural Merchants and Garden Machinery Sales, Service and Repair
 Husqvarna Automower® • Specialist Animal feed
 Garden Tools and Compost • Calor Gas Cylinders
 Animal Health Products • Fencing Materials
 Equine Supplies • Shavings • Coal and much much more

Free local Delivery Service | Open to the Public

Unit 85, Conover Ind. Estate, Shrewsbury SY5 7NH
01743 718955 | www.acefarmsupplies.co.uk
 enquiries@acefarmsupplies.co.uk
 Mon-Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm | Sat 8.00am – 12 noon

Chimney Sweep



Local and Reliable Service

from £50 per sweep

Free Smoke Tests
 Certificates issued

Contact: **07805 643422** or
www.StantonSweeps.com



Hardwood Logs

Free local delivery

Seasoned, Barn Stored & Kiln Dried

Visit our website for our full range of logs, coal and kindling

01746 785606 **www.logs2yourdoor.co.uk**