

Village Views

NOVEMBER 2017

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

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Village Views!

Following many years of hard work and dedication, Beth Davies has reluctantly decided to step down from her role running Village Views. We would all like to thank her for her tireless efforts at keeping the newsletter going, and providing such a valuable service to the community. A new committee has now taken over production of the newsletter, but you can still send all contributions, news and advertising to villageviews@hotmail.com, or speak to one of the team (Chris Harrison, Karen Fisher, Gilly Turner and John Glover).

The next edition will be a 'bumper' version, and will also act as a village directory, featuring information on a wide range of local services, organisations and clubs, and providing essential contact details. Please send any information you would like to see included to villageviews@hotmail.com, or call Chris Harrison on 01694 731120.

The closing date for contributions to the next edition will be 13th February 2018.



COMPETITION: Calling all photographers!

Would you like to see your photograph included in the next edition of Village Views? Dust off your camera and get out and about to grab the best shot portraying 'VILLAGE VIEWS AND VILLAGE LIFE'. There will be two classes – one for adults, and one for youngsters aged 16 years and under, and the overall winner will have pride of place on the cover of the next Village Views which is going to be a 'bumper' edition in full colour!

Please email your entries to villageviews@hotmail.com by 31st January 2018, include your name, age (if 16 or under), and contact details. All photos should be sent as a jpeg file in the highest resolution you can manage.



Here is one Karen made earlier as an example.... not eligible for the competition but it is her 'Village View'



Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice

The Surgery opening times for the Christmas period are:

Mon 25 December: Closed
Tues 26 December: Closed
Wed 27 December: Open as normal
Thur 28 December: Open as normal
Fri 29 December: Open as normal
Mon 1 January: Closed
Tues 2 January: Open as usual

The Surgeries can be contacted by telephoning 01952 726011 (Much Wenlock) or 01952 511166 (Cressage).

AGE UK - PARISH LINK NEEDED!

Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin is looking for a local Parish Link to raise awareness of their work and services in the local community. Age UK is a charity which relies on a team of over 800 local volunteers to help combat loneliness, provide advice and support health and well being in older age.

The Parish Link will be fully supported by the Parish Link Coordinator, and will receive regular updates and meetings with other local link volunteers. Parish Links act as a contact point for older people in their community.

If you are interested, please contact Bridget Mollekin on 01743 233123, or email bridget.mollekin@ageukstw.org.uk. More information on the work of Age UK can be found at www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford/



Are your neighbours missing out? Do you know of someone who would like to receive Village Views, but does not get a copy? We are working hard to make sure that everyone gets the chance to enjoy Village Views, but if you know of someone who does not get a copy through their door, then please contact villageviews@hotmail.com, and we will see what we can do!

What's on this Christmas

Acton Burnell WI invite you
to their
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
ON
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2017
AT
PITCHFORD VILLAGE HALL
10.00AM TO 1.30PM

Proceeds to be split between WI
funds and local charities

Grand draw, cakes, preserves,
books, Christmas wreaths,
flower arrangements, gifts,
cards, Christmas novelties,
Traidcraft, cards and stationery,
personalised clothing,
jewellery, scarves, hand-made
tree decorations, and for
refreshments..... our famous
BACON BUTTIES

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre

Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre will be taking place on 2nd December, with over 100 stalls lining the streets of Much Wenlock. In addition to stalls selling Christmas gifts and locally produced food, there will be the usual brass bands, local choirs, street theatre and children's entertainment. Father Christmas will also be in attendance!

There will be limited parking in the town, but park and ride services will be available from William Brookes School and the Stretton Road Overflow Car Park at a cost of £3 per car. Buses will be running continuously from 9.30am to 6.00pm, and wheelchair access will be available from the Stretton Road Overflow Car Park. Please note that the Back Lane and Wenlock Priory car parks will be closed on the day of the Fayre.

WHERE'S MY IGLOO GONE?

Longnor School, Saturday 18th November at 2.30pm

The Bone Ensemble tell the story of Oollik, who is worried that her igloo home is melting, and sets out on a journey to find help. A fun and interactive family show suitable for children aged 5 and over, featuring live music and striking costumes and design.

Tickets are £5, and numbers are limited, so please book early at www.artsalive.co.uk.

Looking for Christmas cards or a stocking filler,
and want to help a good cause at the same time?

Christmas cards and calendars in aid of Severn
Hospice are on sale at Acton Burnell Post Office.

The Hospice gives specialist care and support free
of charge to families across Shropshire and North
Powys who are living with an incurable illness.



CONCORD COLLEGE

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Winter Concert

Concord College will be
hosting its annual Winter Concert
at Theatre Severn on Saturday
18th November at 7.30pm.

The evening will feature students
from the college performing
music and dance from their home
countries, and will raise money
for the Shropshire Federation of
Women's Institutes and Rotary
Charities. Tickets are £15 and can
be obtained from Theatre Severn, or
online at www.theatresevern.co.uk.



Christmas Gift and Food Fayre

Sunday 26th November 2017
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Food & Festive Delicacies
Christmas Gifts
Guided Tours of the Campus

* Neal's yard * Brooklyn Craft * Thyme for Tea *
* Darwin's Crepes * Toot Sweets *
* Authentic Hogroasts * Wenlock Deli *
* Shropshire Salumi * Pica Pica beads *
and many many more!



Frost Fayre

Sunday 26th November | 2-4pm, at Longnor School

Start your Christmas shopping early with stalls from local artists, craftspeople and small businesses.

Festive fun - sprout roulette, tinsel tug, penguin tumble and more!

Refreshments by Jenny's Catering

We hope you can join us!

Christmas Church Services

Acton Burnell

17 December 3.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day:

10.30am Family Communion

Frodesley

17 December 11.30am Crib Service

Christmas Day:

9.00am Family Communion

Pitchford

17 December 3.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day:

10.30am Family Communion

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

11.15pm Christmas Eve at

Condover

Church Stretton School Theatre, Shrewsbury Road, Church Stretton

Tickets for all performances can be booked by calling 01694 722209, or just turn up on the day; adults £12 and children £6.

FOLLIES

Thursday 16th November at 7.00pm

Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical, will be broadcast live from the National Theatre. Featuring Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee and Imelda Staunton, as the Follies girls who gather 30 years after their last performance to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves.

THE NUTCRACKER

Tuesday 5th December at 7.15pm

Broadcast live from the Royal ballet, this magical Christmas ballet tells the story of young Clara, who is swept off on a magical adventure through the Land of Snow to the Kingdom of Sweets by the mysterious magician Drosselmeyer.

RIGOLETTO

Tuesday 16th January at 7.15pm

Verdi's tragic opera, beamed live from the Royal Opera House, conducted by Alexander Joel and with a cast led by Dimitri Plataniyas, Lucy Crowe and Michael Fabiano.

For 'Follies' and 'The Nutcracker' a pre-theatre meal is available at 'The Place' - a fantastic two-course meal provided by the school's award winning chef at a cost of £13.50. Please call 01694 722209 to book a table.

Church Stretton School

Craft Fayre

Saturday 18th November

10am to 4pm

Christmas present ideas, Fairtrade and ethnic gifts

Freshly cooked food available all day

Frodesley PCC Annual Supper

Frodesley PCC's Annual Supper Dance will take place on Friday 2nd February 2018 at Ryton Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm and finishing around 11.30 pm

Supper will be provided by Ed Potter and Oak Apple Catering.

This is great chance to meet up with old friends for a good old natter, enjoy some good food, and have a dance, or just listen to the music.

Tickets are £15.00

For more information contact Kath Davies, 01694 731237

GODOLPHIN EDWARDS CHARITY

The Godolphin Edwards Charity welcomes applications for financial help with a wide range of needs from people who live in the parishes of Frodesley, Pitchford and Acton Burnell - the parishes which are covered by the charity's terms of reference.

The charity would like to thank Kath Davies for many years of service as the Secretary/Treasurer for the charity and for her willingness to continue as a trustee.

We are pleased to welcome as the new Secretary/Treasurer Michael McElhinney and applications should now be addressed in writing him at: Mr. Michael McElhinney, Arbore House, Acton Burnell, Shrewsbury, S Y5 7HR

The next Trustees meeting is on Thursday 25th January 2018, but urgent requests can be dealt with if received before.



Pitchford Village Hall

NEWS FROM PITCHFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall in Pitchford serves all of the four parishes in our area and is home to numerous and a wide variety of events. We hope this means there will therefore something of interest to everyone in our locality.

This amenity is, however, not cheap to run and one way we try to raise funds is through the **200 CLUB**. This has been in operation since around 1979 and the £2400 raised each year is split 50:50 between prizes for the lucky ones whose names are drawn from 'the hat' every month and for the electricity and the insurance bills for the Hall. Annual membership costs £12 and this is collected early in January. If you are interested in joining for 2018, then you can contact the Chairman of the Hall's Management Committee, Mike Price whose details are listed below. If you register your interest with Mike then you will get a knock on your door in early January by one of our collectors who are:

- Gilly Turner for Acton Burnell
- Judith Smith for Frodesley
- Mike Price for Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley and other outlying areas

Monthly prizes consist of a £50 first prize, with a £25 second prize, £15 third prize and a fourth prize of £10.

One of the regular events is the **PUB NIGHT** which occurs on the 3rd Friday of each month and the final two for 2017 are on **Friday 17th November** and **Friday 15th December**.

These events are usually very well attended and provide a vital service for our community in that it is the only regular meeting point for everyone in the area in addition to the local churches, so do come along and help to reduce our

drinks stock (you were particularly successful in that at the October event where the barrel ran out by 9pm meaning we will have to supply a larger one in November!!). All are welcome including kids, dogs and even adults!

The Hall can be hired for private parties or if you wish to hold an open event (such as plant sales, meal events such as October's Harvest Supper) or other meetings. Rates are extremely competitive and are designed to encourage use of the hall rather than be inhibitive. Details again can be obtained from Mike Price (Chairman) or Christine Jones (Secretary).

The Hall is in the process of some maintenance work at present (which should not affect events) including the repair of the gable ends which is being dealt with by the insurers. We also have plans to update the kitchen facilities from its current perfectly functional state to even better and there are other plans for ensuring our facility meets our future requirements.

If anyone wishes to find out more about our plans, have any ideas of their own about either events or other ideas, or indeed wish to hire the Hall for your own event, then please do contact Mike or Chris or check out our Facebook page.

Mike Price

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Christine Jones

(Secretary, Pitchford Village Hall Management Committee):
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Facebook: Pitchford Village Hall

Yoga or First Aid

Interested in getting fit in the New Year?

Daphne Lewis is looking into the possibility of arranging yoga classes at Pitchford Village Hall, and is currently approaching instructors for availability and costings.

If this appeals to you, please let Daphne know on 01694 731357, or email L.DAPHNE26@YAHOO.CO.UK.

Daphne would also be keen to hear if anyone would be interested in a series of first aid courses - please contact her to register your interest.

LITTLE POPPETS PLAYGROUP

Little Poppets Playgroup started in Pitchford Village Hall in the summer holidays as a tester to see if a playgroup would be an asset to our parishes. The playgroup is alternating dates to find the most popular days and the next meetings are Friday 10th November and Friday 24th November, Monday 4th December (to be confirmed) and Friday 29th December from 12-2pm.

The cost is £1 per child, and all little ones from 0 to 5 years welcome (and older siblings welcome in the holidays). No need to book, but please check the group's Facebook page (Little Poppets Playgroup Pitchford) to make sure the session is going ahead. All enquiries to Juliet on 07931 969396.



The Nippy Chippy mobile fish and chips van will be at Pitchford Village Hall between 8.30 and 9.30 for our next Pub Night on 17th November. A varied menu will be available – no pre-ordering necessary.

Open to all local residents whether attending Pub Night or not but why not join us for a drink and make a night of it.

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Would you like to advertise your business in Village Views? Contact us on villageviews@hotmail.com for more information.