

# Credenhill Community News



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#### Services in February:

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	3-5.00pm	Messy Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	All Age Celebration of St Valentine's Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion



# Credenhill Community Hall



Day and Time	Group Name	Leader	Contact Details
Monday 6.30 - 7pm	Positive Enerje	Tom Donaldson	<a href="mailto:positiveenerje@hotmail.com">positiveenerje@hotmail.com</a>
Tues 5.15pm - 6.30pm	Beavers	Victoria Smissen	01432 279160
Tues 7.30pm	Magna Performing Arts	Val Lewis	01432 760115 07816 260838
Wed 6pm - 9pm	Slimmers World	Hillary Burcher	07789 951712
Thurs 6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs	Malcolm Cox	01432 274077
Thurs 7.30pm - 9pm	Scouts		07854299715
First Thursday in month 7.45pm	Friendship Club	Val Lewis	01432 760115
Friday 4.30pm - 5.30pm 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Rainbows Brownies	Donna Jones	01432 761056
Friday 7.30pm	Magna/Young Magna Performing Arts	Val Lewis Betty Morris	01432 760115 01432 760891
Sunday 2.30pm - 5pm	Young Magna Performing Arts	Betty Morris	01432 760891 07954 081999
Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm	Imagination Station	Suzanne Parkinson	01432 769387

## FEBRUARY 2016

2015 ended on a positive note for this wonderful community asset when a new kitchen door and window were installed, making the Hall more draft proof and warmer for the many groups who continue to use the facility.

We also welcomed onto the committee Jamie Dover, who will make an excellent addition to this hard working set of community minded people. If you would like to join to help us keep your community Hall a vibrant lively venue please contact me, the Booking secretary for details [Phone number on the back page ] Or any other committee member you know

We are delighted to say that many children parties are held in the Hall. It is a good space for little ones to run around and we are constantly trying to improve. Please contact us for more information.

Don't forget if you have an event coming up and would like to hold it in a pleasant, light, airy hall with a large outside grassed area [big enough for a marquee] then come along and have a look at Credenhill Community Hall. We can give you details of license holders who will provide a bar for your function if you need one. What is more it will not break your budget ! Please contact us for more information.

Betty Morris Booking Secretary 01432 760891

N.B CREDENHILL COMMUNITY HALL IS A CHARITY

### **BARN DANCE: MARCH 12TH**

See poster for details



**GREAT SPRING GARDENING EVENT**  
**WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL, 10.30AM-4.30PM**  
 NEWPORT HOUSE, ALMLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR3 6LL  
 Specialist plants, garden, home, food and gifts  
 For details visit [redcross.org.uk/gardeningevent](http://redcross.org.uk/gardeningevent)

## Magna and Young Magna

### MAGNA PANTOMIME 2016

#### BABES IN THE WOOD 2016

February is the start of our silly season when the pace hots up for the performance of our annual pantomime at Whitecross school 'Babes in the Wood' is on during half term so a perfect diversion for all the family. Please join us for an evening of fun with some amazing characters.

Hansel and Gretel adventure through the magic wood meeting witches, fairies and talking trees. Lively dance routines and music plus colourful costumes and sets make this a great evening's entertainment. Please watch out for posters with more information in your C.C.N. February 18th to 20th February 2016 each evening at 7.30 p.m Saturday matinee 2.30p.m

We are looking for new members for our Youth Group, so if you or anyone you know between the ages of 8 and 16 are interested, ask them to come along to Credenhill Community Hall any Sunday from 2.30 to 4p.m or ring numbers below for details

### MAGNA'S MAY PRODUCTION

May is the time for our first performance of 2016 at the Powell Theatre. This year we are going into the realm of corsets and powdered wigs, fops and scoundrels, and ladies who knew how to behave in polite society, but don't always do so. Restoration comedy is our choice of genre and the title is simply 'Restoration'

### YOUNG MAGNA 2016

Young Magna has gained so much in popularity over the last few years, but we have some vacancies in our Youth group, Young Magna. We meet on Sunday afternoons 2.30 until 5p.m each week, some rehearsals also take place on Friday evenings from 7.30p.m. There is a joining fee of £10 and a weekly fee of £2. We keep costs low to make it an easily affordable pastime for all.

It is very rewarding to see so many young people who are enjoying acquiring performing arts skills. There is some amazing talent around and we hope you will join us for our next production to see it in action. If you would like to have your name put on the list please contact Val, details below

### WHAT MAGNA IS AND WHAT WE DO

Most of what Magna and Young Magna does is developed from performing arts workshops where we work out scripts and scenes, music and dance using improvisation. We aim to teach performance skills to those who wish to learn in a fun and fulfilling way to be a part of either group see details below

If you or your child would like to join, ring or e-mail now for information or to book your place. This is a community group and so is affordable and fun. If membership is full we have a waiting list

Your local performing arts group Magna, meets every Tuesday 7.30p.m. Young Magna for 8-16year olds each Sunday 2.30p.m. to 5p.m. New members are always welcome so come along and join us if you would like an inexpensive and enthralling way to pass some of your leisure time. Ring for details of how to join: Val 01432750115 Betty 01432760891





# Credenhill Social & Sports Club

**A very warm welcome awaits you at Credenhill Social & Sports Club.**

Don't forget you don't have to be a member to come and join us at the functions, or even just to come and have a relaxing drink in a warm and friendly atmosphere, A small visitors fee applies if you are not a member, or you are very welcome to join the club. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Our regular events are still on-going:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	12noon-2.30pm & 7.00pm 11.00pm
Hereford Darts league  3rd Monday Military Vehicle Club meet	Bingo 7.30pm  Pool	Ladies Darts 8pm  Indoor Archery Club  2nd Wednesday Preservation society 8pm	Hereford Pool league  Kington Mixed pairs Darts league  2nd Thursday 4x4 Club new members always welcome	Skittles.  In-house Darts premier league	Garnons Cricket Social	Members Open the box, Cash prize.

**The Social club is a big part of your local community, please give your support.**

Are you looking for somewhere to hire, at very reasonable prices. We have a very large function room with a bar, available day or night. The room is suitable for all types of events, family events such as wedding receptions, christenings, birthday parties, also for conferences meetings etc. For further information on any of the above please ring the Les on 01432 760600 or Sarah Armstrong Secretary on 01432 761750 or 07581031457

**Members who haven't renewed their membership are welcome to come to the club, but the visitor's fee will apply.**

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

## Up and Coming Events

### **6<sup>th</sup> February till 19<sup>th</sup> March – 6 Nations Fixtures**

**6<sup>th</sup> February – Scotland V England – 4.50pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> February – Italy V England – 2pm**

**27<sup>th</sup> February – England V Ireland – 4.50pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> March - England V Wales – 4pm**

See notice boards for any other events or changes

Please like us on facebook

<http://www.thebestof.co.uk/hereford>

**thebestofhereford**

"Mrs Margaret Ralph died on the 19th December at the age of 93 years.

She was one of our oldest and longest living residents in Credenhill. Margaret moved here in the early 60's with her daughter Diane and husband Ralph (Smokie) when he was posted here with the RAF. They lived in married quarters a short time until they bought a house in Glebe Close where Margaret lived until she moved in to a nursing home in 2006.

She was a very active member of the community being one of the founder members of the Over Sixties Club, now called the Friendship Club and was a proud member of Burghill W.I. Margaret helped her husband with adult literacy courses also assisting in the baby clinic held in the village hall.

Margaret had many friends in the village and her door was always open with the kettle rarely off the boil. I am sure she will be remembered by her friends and neighbours, past and present with love and fondest memories. God Bless you Margaret.

Larry & Kath Fowler"



### SAVE YOUR HEREFORDSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Herefordshire CAB has announced that this 49 year old service will close on 24 June 2016 unless new funding is forthcoming. In just the first 9 months of 2015/16 the service has helped to resolve over 8,500 problems and achieved over £3 million in financial benefits for people right across the county. Everyone can help raise the awareness of how important the service is to so many of Herefordshire's residents.

Go to the website [www.herefordshirecab.org.uk](http://www.herefordshirecab.org.uk) and click on HOW YOU CAN HELP. This will encourage you, in the first instance, to -

- Sign the Petition
- Write to your local County Councillor
- Share this message with family and friends - use Social Media to help
- Donate to the Campaign fund

Together we can prevent the closure of the CAB by using our voices to tell Herefordshire Council that Advice Services need to be protected and funded because access to justice is not a luxury service but an essential element of a fair and decent place to live.

### For Sale

**St Mary's Church has  
4 oak, open backed,  
7ft pews for sale.**

**Offers around £60 each would be considered.**

**Contact Dorrie Coates 01432761935**

### **Do you have a few hours to spare?**

Age UK Hereford and Localities is currently recruiting volunteers for our footer service at different locations across Herefordshire. No previous experience is necessary. All you need is a compassionate and caring nature and a willingness to help others. Full training is provided and travel expenses are fully reimbursed. Volunteering is fun worthwhile and very rewarding.

To find out more about volunteering with our footer care service, please contact Margaret Metzger on 0845 688 1298 or email [margaret.metzger@ageukhl.org](mailto:margaret.metzger@ageukhl.org)

### **NEW Baby Group in Credenhill.**

I was surprised that we didn't have one and felt afterwards that perhaps there is something that I could do to help parents and babies in our village. I have two little boys myself..so I didn't feel that I had quite enough arms to set up a playgroup. However, my new years resolution was to set up a coffee morning! Once a week **every Tues morning from 10-12** I will be providing tea/coffee, freshly baked cakes, snacks for the children and will occasionally be doing a few songs, crafts, and storytelling.

I am hoping that our home will be somewhere that parents can relax and enjoy time for the kids to play without having to go too far. Please come along.

Jen Havard  
The Honey Orchard  
Mill Lane  
Credenhill  
HR47EH



## Churchwardens' Report.



A very big thank you to those of you who have supported our events over Christmas. The Festival of Stars and Light was amazing. Contributions of an innovative range of stars from many groups and individual members of the community were on display. Stars were received from each class in the school; from the uniformed organisations, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows; church groups including Messy Church and the residents of Credenhill Court. Individuals con-

tributed stars made from wood, cane, dough, straw, perspex, raffia, leaves and paper. There were stars that were embroidered, knitted, crocheted, painted, folded, baked, and fine filigree cut card. Members of the PCC displayed the stars around the church, on window sills, archways, the font, the screen and even hung some from the beams. They were brought together with a range of lights, candles, cut candle bags and lanterns. The archway was lit up with LED lights and multicoloured rotating lights lit up the altar and font.

All of this contributed to the awe and wonder of Christmas. I was lucky to be in church when 2 classes came in to see the stars and their reaction was amazing. They then sat in the starlight and listened to the story of the Little Match Girl. You could hear a pin drop and this is a memory I will cherish. I hope they do. We even had stars outside the church, at the bottom of the drive, on the porch and on the church tower.

The theme continued for the Starlit Carol Service when the church was full. The message was that Jesus, the light of the world came to us at Christmas. We shared this light and took it out into the village in the form of fireworks which lit up the sky above the church. The Crib Service was equally as moving as children and grown ups shared in preparing the crib for the birth of Christ. Everyone made their own crib star and each was given a Christmas Crib chocolate bar. It is wonderful to see the young adolescents who have been coming to this service for 15 or more years with their parents and grandparents to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

The theme for **Messy Church** was light. 13 children and their parents made candle bags, peppermint stars, star boxes, glass painted Perspex stars, star shaped memory clips, dough stars and finished by making a Christingle. We then finished the afternoon with a party tea.

**The next Messy Church** is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3-5pm and the theme is 'love and friendship'.

Everybody is welcome

Please contact Donna Jones 761056 ( [donnajones4249@googlemail.com](mailto:donnajones4249@googlemail.com) ) or follow us on facebook.

Over Christmas we thought of others, giving toys and gifts to Social Services to distribute and providing many seasonal treats for the Hereford Food Larder. On the second Sunday of every month we make contributions to the larder. The next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is the 14<sup>th</sup> February so please if you can spare anything do bring it up to church by the 14<sup>th</sup>. Baby food is particularly needed as is fresh veg.

Thank you to those who organised the Christmas Hamper Draw, sold and or bought tickets. The winners were Cath Greenaway, Andrew Slater, Powell's, Daniel Plank, Caroline Martin and Megan Meadows. £420 was raised.

**Our annual church accounts** are in the process of being prepared and currently it seems that our expenditure this year (£22, 169.40) was more than our income (£19,737). The deficit ( £2, 432) was covered by last year's carry forward but this means we have a very much depleted carry forward this year Of £383.

We need to raise around £25,000 in 2016 so if you have any ideas as to how this may be done please contact Jean Hawkins-Bowles and the fundraising committee or if you would like to give a donation please contact Rev Rana or [dorriecoates@aol.com](mailto:dorriecoates@aol.com) .

Volunteers are always welcome. Please ring if you are willing/able to help in any capacity.

Easter is early this year so please check the dates and services elsewhere in the magazine.

Jean Hawkins-Bowles and Dorrie Coates.

A selection of star displays from St Mary's festival of Stars and Light



Dear Friends,

No sooner than Christmas is over we are making plans for Easter! Lent begins early on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Traditionally Christians often fast during Lent using the time normally taken for food preparation and eating in prayer, Bible study and meditation. Lent is the time between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and represents the time that Jesus spent preparing himself for his ministry in the desert following his baptism by John. He was there fasting and praying for forty days at the end of which he was tempted by the devil to turn stones into bread, and to gain glory avoiding the cross by bowing down to Satan, instead of obeying his Father God. Between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday there are 46 days, but the six Sundays have always been excluded as all Sundays are feast days when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, which helps even the most pious avoid becoming ill from lack of food as they can eat on Sundays. This is also useful because Mothering Sunday often involves cake and chocolates and it means we can enjoy eating them on mother's special day! This year Valentine's Day also falls on a Sunday and we intend celebrating it at St Mary's Church! We invite you to come along and join us - there will be refreshments afterwards and you will be very welcome to enjoy something a bit special and very interesting!

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January we celebrate Candlemas when we remember baby Jesus being brought to the temple by his parents and he was recognised as the Light of the world by the elderly faithful. Traditionally this is the time when the remnants of all our Christmas decorations are cleared away and it's a good time to tidy up the churchyard. If you have any Christmas decorations left on loved ones' graves that you want to keep please take them away by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> as after that we will clear everything up and bin it so that the churchyard is nice and tidy for the coming spring.

Our Lent Course 'Follow!' will be held at Headway every Thursday starting 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm and we will be looking at what the Good News of Jesus means to us and how should we respond to God's love working in our lives. Also on Thursdays in Lent at Mansel Lacy Church we will be hosting traditional Lent Lunches - soup and bread, for a donation towards the churches in the group. You can drop in anytime between 12.30 and 1.30pm and enjoy lunch with friends. In the past we have made it more of a meal, but for Lent this year we are going with the 'fasting' theme! We are hoping to do Advent Lunches in December when we can enjoy a little more variety and more calories in the meal!

With every blessing,  
Rana

### Refuse collection this month

February 2016						
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29						

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### BARN DANCE

Credenhill Community Centre

Saturday 12th March 2016

at 7pm

with Whiffeldy

Tickets from Gordon or any of  
the Church Wardens

Look out for notices around vil-  
lage and in next months news-  
letter.

## CREDENHILL FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Hi everyone Happy New Year to you all, it was lovely to see so many of you turn out to enjoy a good game of skittles in January. Well done Steve Davies who got the highest score of 22, Reg's team won by 4 points against Trevor's team so very exciting, well done everyone.

I would like to thank Burghill Golf Club for such a lovely Christmas Dinner, it was a great afternoon and lovely to catch up with everyone thank you Brenda for getting such great prizes.

Next month sees us back in the Credenhill Community Hall for our meeting, as the weather is about to get colder please remember we can't get in the hall till 7.45pm i don't want you having to wait outside in the cold, why not have a drink in the Social club first if you are early.

I am Looking forward to the new year and lets make it the best ever. I do hope to have your yearly calendar ready by February (fingers Crossed).

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY -----TALK BY FRED CLARK -----“ FALKLANDS PEOPLE AND THEIR HISTORY” see above for time and place.

Look forward to seeing you there, if you would like to know more about our club, you can phone me 760115 or better still come along to our next meeting and see for yourself,

See you soon Val.



### Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep  
The king-sized bed is soft and deep.  
I sleep right in the centre groove,  
My human beings can hardly move.  
I've trapped their legs, they're  
tucked in tight  
And here is where i pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude,  
Til morning comes and "I want food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin  
And nibble on my human's chin  
For morning's here, it's time to play  
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord, for giving me,  
This human person that I see  
The one who hugs me and holds me tight  
And shares their bed with me at night.  
Amen!



Magnis Group of Churches at  
St Mary's Church, Credenhill

**Saturday**

**13<sup>th</sup> February**

**3-5pm**

**Friendship and Love**

**Everyone welcome!**

**Join us for an afternoon of  
free activities and tea**

contact Donna Jones 01432761056 for more  
information

## How to minimise your IHT liability

As the Inheritance Tax (IHT) threshold has been frozen at £325,000 since 2010, an increasing number are finding that their estate is now over the threshold, thereby making their estate vulnerable to a tax charge at 40% on their death.

It is, however, possible to mitigate this IHT liability, but many do not take action until it is too late.

The following are a few ways that can help people avoid the pitfalls of IHT:

1. **Write a will** - a Will should ensure that your affairs are managed in accordance with your wishes and in a tax efficient way. A will is particularly important for unmarried couples because under intestacy rules, there is no automatic right to benefit under a deceased partner's estate. Also unmarried couples do not benefit from an IHT exemption on any gift between them.
2. **Gifts out of capital** - individuals can gift up to £3,000 every year free of IHT. Wedding gifts may also be exempt - the amount that is exempt will depend on the relationship between the donor and donee.

Any donation to charity will not be subject to IHT and if you leave more than 10% of your net estate to charity, your remaining estate will benefit from a reduced rate of IHT.

3. **Gifts out of income** - gifts out of income rather than capital, will be exempt from IHT.
4. **Utilising Trusts** - it is possible to gift an amount up to the IHT threshold into a trust. Once seven years have passed, the gift will be outside of your estate. This will allow assets to be ring-fenced and protected for the benefit of loved ones.
5. **Take advantage of Business Property Relief** - it may be possible to invest in a business asset - business assets held for at least two years will normally be exempt from IHT.

Any estate tax planning should be carefully considered with appropriate professional advice and then reviewed every few years, as circumstances change. If you would like advice regarding your estate, please contact Sally Smith at Harrison Clark Rickerbys on 01432 349670.

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**rickerbys**  
SOLICITORS

### Putting off making or reviewing your Will?

You can't know what the future holds, but you can ensure it's a better one for your loved ones

**For a FREE, no obligation, initial discussion please contact Sally TODAY!**

Hereford Office 01432 623368  
Ross-On-Wye Office 01989 476612

[www.hcrlaw.com](http://www.hcrlaw.com)



Sally Smith,  
Legal Executive

## Burghill and Tillington W.I.

In January a lovely lunch was prepared for us by the Courtyard, Hereford. It was an enjoyable afternoon and a chance to catch up on all Christmas and New Year activities.

**February 16th - OPEN MEETING** - We start our year with an evening to warm us up, as Rayeesa of Rayeesa's Indian Kitchen shows us how to make curry and chapattis.

We meet on the Third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Simpson Hall. For more information please contact either our Secretary, Liana Webster, on 01432 760352,

Occasional visitors are very welcome at our main meetings, so do please come along and see what the WI is all about. All are welcome at our Open Meetings. We can also be found on Facebook (Burghill & Tillington WI) and on [www.burghill-web.co.uk](http://www.burghill-web.co.uk)



### Flicks in the Sticks

Your chance to see popular films at reasonable prices – only £4.00

**Where?** At the Simpson Hall, Burghill

**When?** All performances start at **7.30 p.m.**

**What's on?**

**Friday 5th February:** [Mr. Holmes \(PG\)](#)

In 1947, the world famous sleuth has retired to a remote Sussex farmhouse, living in relative anonymity with only his housekeeper Mrs Munro and her young son Roger for company. Cantankerous, demanding and frustrated with the mis-representation of him in Watson's best-selling novels, he diverts his attention to an unsolved case. As the mystery deepens, Sherlock tries desperately to recall the events of 30 years ago that ultimately led to his retirement

Tea/coffee/ice cream available at interval



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**Colin Hadley contact details**

**Tel 01885 400337, Mob tel 07817 477850**

### *Knit One, Natter Two*

**FEBRUARY 10th & 24th**

**2pm to 4pm**

**In the Simpson Hall, Burghill.**

**£1 including refreshments**

Suitable for all levels from beginners to the extremely talented.



### CREDENHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2016**

10.30am - 12 Noon

#### CREDENHILL SOCIAL CLUB

Community information, magazines, Tea/coffee, biscuits available

FREE WIFI, Bring your Tablet or Computer down. Good Social Atmosphere, Free parking

Children always welcome but please note that we are unable to accept Library books that are taken out from any other source as we cannot guarantee immediate return and you may incur late return charges.



### HEREFORDSHIRE HEADWAY

Headway House, Trenchard Avenue, Credenhill

**Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 4th FEBRUARY**

**10.30am - 12 noon**



Tea & Coffee with Biscuits & Raffle  
All welcome

**Please come and support us.**



The following crimes and incidents occurred between 1st December – 31st December 2015

### Trenchard Avenue, Credenhill

**Vehicle Crime.** Between 20:00 on the 27/12/15 and 11:00 on the 28/12/15 a vehicle was damaged. Offenders used an unknown implement to cause a large/deep scratch along the side of the vehicle from the rear of the vehicle to halfway along the side. Vehicle was parked on the road outside the front of the property.

In response to feedback, 'WEOBLEY MUSIC 2016' will be  
**An Evening With The Remi Harris Project**  
(with little introduction from Alive and Pickin')  
**On Saturday 16th April**



A trio line up of Remi on a variety of acoustic and electric guitars along with a rhythm guitarist and double bassist. They take traditional Gypsy Jazz and Swing characteristics and infuse them with influences from Bebop, Blues, Rock, World Music, Hip Hop, Funk and Pop. The Remi Harris Project were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in the 2015 British Jazz Awards in the Small

roup category.

7.30 to 9.30 pm (doors open at 7pm), with a bar,  
at Weobley Village Hall, HR4 8SN. Tickets again just £10

To book: email [weobleymusic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:weobleymusic@hotmail.co.uk)  
or call Bob and Kate Best on 01544 318513

**We were SOLD OUT in advance in 2013, 2014 and 2015**

### Simpson Hall Entertainments Committee

Invite you to a

### Pancakes and Games Evening



In the Simpson Hall

At 7.30 pm

on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Tickets £5 Bring your own drinks  
For more information contact Joe on  
760816

### Weobley Theatre Goers

We shall be going to see *Toast* in Malvern on Wed 24 Feb, leaving Weobley at 12.30pm. If you are interested in cancellation seats, please give me a ring.

We will then be going to Malvern again, this time to see the *The End of The Rainbow* on Wed 6 April 2016, leaving Weobley at 12.30. The play tells the story of Judy Garland as she makes her explosive London comeback at the height of the swinging sixties. The cost is £31.50 to be paid before 5 March

We will be going to Malvern again to hear **Nigel Kennedy** and the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra playing Nigel Kennedy's New Four Seasons and English Collection in the Forum Theatre at Malvern on Sunday 17 April, evening performance. seats in rows N and O - which should give us a good view as well as being not too near the stage. Tickets are £55 each to include the coach, payable before 15 March please. NB The coach will leave Bell Square at 5.45pm and we should be back in Weobley around 11.15/11.30pm.

Kate Best 01544 318513  
[bobkatebest@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bobkatebest@tiscali.co.uk)



**Spring clean your home this month and bring all your pre-loved and unwanted quality goods to any of our Hospice Shops.**

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**Pooling Together Work Party**

**Tues 2, 23 & 28 February,**

**9.30am-3pm**

Join the **Pooling Together** work party team to restore historic ponds. Please do let the team know in advance if you are planning to come to a work party session. The project is a collaboration between Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team. You can follow the project on [Facebook](#) for all the updates. Venue: meet at Bromyard Downs Main Car Park, Bromyard Downs, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4QP, before making their way to the day's location. Please be aware that there are no toilets or hand washing facilities on the Downs.

**The work of the Brecon Beacons National Park** - talk by Julian Atkins, **Wed 3 February 7.30pm**

Director of Countryside & Land Management. Venue: *The Hopelands, Weobley Village Hall, Gadbridge Road, Weobley, Herefordshire, HR4 8RZ* Cost: £2.50 HWT members, £3 non members. No booking required

**Your estate your legacy: financial planning seminar**

**Thurs 11 February**

**10.30am-2.00pm**

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust have partnered with Herefordshire based Kidwells Solicitors and St. James's Place, provider of financial planning and wealth management services, to offer its members a valuable opportunity to save money and plan for the future. Leaving a legacy, however small, can make a real difference to helping a charity such as the Trust to preserve Herefordshire's wildlife and attendees will be given advice on the best strategies to ensure their personal estate is invested wisely, avoid unnecessary inheritance tax, and save money by donating to a nominated charity. Advice will be given on wills, gifts to charity, inheritance tax and financial protection.

Refreshments will be served between 10:30 and 11.00am, followed by presentations from speakers from Kidwells Solicitors, St. James's Place and Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. This will be followed by an opportunity to mingle and ask questions of the speakers over a buffet lunch from 12.30 to 2.00pm.

Venue: Kidwells Solicitors, Kidwells House, 4 Coldnose Road, Rotherwas Industrial Estate, Hereford HR2 6JL. **Free** Booking is essential. To view the event details and book, go to [www.herefordshirewt.org](http://www.herefordshirewt.org) and click on the Eventbrite link to reserve your free place or call 01432 278179 for further information.

**Pruning Young Fruit Trees Workshop**

**Sat 13 February**

**10am-4pm**

On this one day practical workshop you will discover the pruning essentials required to nurture your young fruit trees. By the end of the day you will understand why and how we prune fruit trees which will give you the confidence to manage your own trees. Venue: Houghton Court, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 3HZ. Cost: £50 HWT members, £60 non members. Booking is essential. Book online at [www.herefordshirewt.org](http://www.herefordshirewt.org) or call 01432 356872

**Butterflies of Herefordshire** – talk by Martyn Davies

**Tues 23 February**

**7.30pm**

Venue: Kington Primary School, Mill Street. Kington, HR5 3AL. Cost: Free but donations welcome. No need to book

**The Plynlimon Project: ecology and wildlife** – talk by Dr Liz Lewis-Reddy **Thurs 25 February 7.30pm**

Venue: Aymestrey Village Hall, A4110 Aymestrey, HR6 9SX. Cost: £1 members, £1.50 non members. No booking required

### Coconut crêpes with raspberry sauce

For the raspberry sauce

200g raspberries

2 tsp cornflour

2 tsp maple syrup

For the coconut crêpes

140g plain flour

2 large eggs

300ml coconut milk

2 tbsp toasted desiccated coconut



Method

Set aside 6 of the raspberries. Mix the cornflour with 1 tbsp water until smooth. Measure 300ml water in a pan, and stir in the cornflour paste. Heat, stirring, until thickened. Add the remaining raspberries and cook gently, mashing the berries to a pulp. Strain the mixture through a sieve into a bowl to remove the seeds, pushing through as much of the mixture as you can. Quarter the reserved raspberries and add to the sauce, along with the maple syrup.

To make the crêpes, tip the flour and a pinch of salt into a large jug, then beat in the eggs, coconut milk, 200ml water and 1 1/2 tbsp toasted coconut to make a batter the consistency of double cream. Thin with a little more water if it is too thick. Heat a small frying pan with a dash of oil, then pour in a little batter, swirling the pan so that it completely covers the base. Leave to set over the heat for 1 min, then carefully flip it over and cook the other side for a few secs more. Transfer to a plate and repeat with the remaining batter until you have at least 12. Stir the batter to redistribute the coconut as you use it. Serve 2 crêpes per person with a drizzle of the sauce and a little of the remaining toasted coconut.

## Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust

5 College Cloisters - Hereford HR1 2NG 01432 374261

### Wednesday 10 February – Thursday 22 April

#### *That They May All Be One*

Charles MacCarthy's dramatic sculpture will be on display in the cathedral.

### Wednesday 10 February

#### *Ash Wednesday Eucharist*

The service will include the imposition of Ashes. With music including Allegri's *Miserere*. All welcome. 5.30 pm

### Wednesday 2 March

#### *Westminster Quiz*

The Perpetual Trust's popular London quiz held at St Columba's Church, Pont Street. 01432 374261 for further information. 7 pm

## A Wander from Weobley

A pretty black-and-white village is the focus for this pleasant amble.

**Distance** 5 miles (8km)

Minimum time 2hrs 15min Ascent/gradient 164ft (50m) Level of difficulty Easy

**Paths** Minor lanes, meadow paths, village streets, 19 stiles

**Landscape** Gentle farmland and orchards, village

**Suggested map** aqua3 OS Explorer 202 Leominster & Bromyard Start/finish SO 401517

**Dog friendliness** Leads needed on lanes and preferred in fields

**Parking** Village car park (signposted) **Public toilets** Beside museum in Weobley, on B4230

**1** Begin by perusing the map in the car park. Also, you can speculate on the function of the quirky little building to your left, within the car park. Not only does it have a brick base but, above the doorway, the 'white' cladding is over more brickwork. Opposite the car park entrance is an exemplary medieval black-and-white property, but instead of diving into the village turn left, then left again, towards the Church of St Peter and St Paul. It has a Norman south doorway, parts of the chancel are 13th-century, and the tall tower is from the 14th century.

**2** Walk round two sides of the church lane, then go straight ahead on a dirt track. Keep on this track at a cluster of gates. At a single gate take a stile to cut through a traditional orchard, then walk down the left side of a huge field, later guided by power poles. Turn right to walk, fenced in, beside a lane. At the T-junction go right, on a tarmac lane beside a Bulmers' orchard planted in 2000. In the hedgerow, at regular intervals, 'standards' have been planted. The unseemly bits of plastic bag tied to these trees are to ensure that the hedge-cutter does not chop their heads off!

**3** After 275yds (251m) take a stile into this orchard. In perhaps 60yds (55m) is a massive oak - walk just 20yds (18m) beyond this, to a waymarker on a chest-high pole. This points you diagonally left, through the orchard, then two fields bring you to a minor road. Turn right for nearly ¾ mile (1.2km), through the hamlet called Weobley Marsh, where you may see horses grazing on the common. Pass a red telephone box then, 50yds (46m) after Link Cottage, take the stile, left. Over the next stile turn right, not ahead, then cross a two-plank footbridge to walk beside Stone House. Follow its driveway to a T-junction. Turn left for 100yds (91m). Turn right (or continue for barely 200yds/183m for the Marshpools Inn). Follow the left field boundary to another minor road. Turn right, then left at the T-junction. At the 'Give way' turn left, but in just 30yds (27m) turn right, through a strip of woodland, into Garnstone Park; very little remains of Garnstone Court. Now go 650yds (594m) along this gravel track to a gate and stile. Here take the right diagonal yellow marker (not ahead), aiming for the flakily whitewashed far end of a long, high brick wall. Turn right here on another dirt track, keeping ahead when it bends right.

**4** At the next gate don't go through but turn left - now, along a green motorway, make a beeline for Weobley, guided by its church spire, the second tallest in the county. At a kissing gate go straight through, over the ring and bailey. Another gate and you are at the top of the main street.

**5** To return to the car park, go straight down the main street, then turn left at The Old Corner House.

### While you're there

Weobley's museum is open Monday to Thursday only, and bank holidays (phone in advance). Just off route, before the Marshpools Inn, is the Lance Hattatt Design Garden. A few miles north, towards Pembridge, is Dunkertons Cider Mill (closed Sunday), and a restaurant in two 16th-century barns.

### What to look for

In the village, find the grandly named The Throne, a large box of 400-year-old architecture - Charles I spent the night of 5 September 1645 there, after the Battle of Naseby. Diagonally opposite is the former grammar school, of roughly the same era, before schools were built to look like schools; it had 25 pupils in 1717.

### Where to eat and drink

On the route is the Marshpools Inn (closed on Tuesday) at Ledgemoor. In Weobley is the Salutation Inn, Unicorn Inn or Red Lion. There are several cafés, and behind the Unicorn Inn is Ye Olde Unicorn Fish'n'Chip Shop and Café.

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