

Credenhill Community News



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for the people of Credenhill.**

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Words from the Editor...

Please keep your stories, photos, hobbies etc coming in so I can share them in the magazine, I love to see what people are up to. Also if anyone takes some lovely photos that you think would look good on the front cover, I would love to see them too.

Send to credenhillcommunitynews@outlook.com

Thanks, Liza.



Stay home

The NHS logo, consisting of the letters 'NHS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, set against a black rectangular background, which is itself on a blue background.

**Protect
the NHS**



Save lives

Advertising Rates

If you would like to advertise your business in the CCN, please email credenhillcommunitynews@outlook.com with a copy of the advert and your size preference. Payment will need to be completed before the advert will be included. All adverts can be in colour or black & white and are paid annually. Please email for any further information.

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1/4 page	£48
1/2 half	£85
Full page	£150



Telephone Support Network

**for anyone anxious
at this time of uncertainty**

Need someone to talk to?

Feeling isolated and alone?

**Want to know that someone is actually listening
and caring about you?**

We have a Telephone Support Network and with
one phone call you will be paired up with a
friendly person who will phone you back
with time to listen and support you.



To access this Network, phone
Rev'd Rana
01432 760443

On behalf of myself, Ian and family, we would like to thank everyone, including friends, neighbours and carers for the many cards of sympathy, donations and help given to us after the loss of Ron.

A dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away 2 weeks before his 86th birthday.

He will be sadly missed and he would have been so proud to think he was so well thought of.

Thanking you all

Sylvia Carpenter





Next Meeting

The press and members of the public are invited to the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting to be held by LIVE Video Conference on 10th February 2021 from 19:30.

You will be able to attend the meeting as follows:

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Credenhill/>

YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4JGYUbwTzS llls27KVFqg>

Any comments/questions made on the live stream during the meeting will be answered in public question time.

Roman Park

We have been working with an architect and play providers for over a year now to come up with suitable plans for the Roman Park. One thing that is clear is that we can not do much with the funds we have available at present; significant more revenue is required to fund even the cheapest of the quotes we have received. The Section 106 monies available from the 2 large developments proposed in the village will help to fund some of the project however it is evident that funding from grants will make up a significant portion of the costs needed to deliver the improvements.

Charities can get up to £50k but No funding for Parish Councils

As a result of the pandemic Sports England have opened up grants of up to £50k for such projects to help people become more active again. However as a Parish Council we are unable to apply for such grants. The only way to move forward our ideas for the Roman Park is to form a Charity that will run and support the Roman Park—this will only be possible if we can get enough Trustees. We therefore need to establish if we can get enough Trustees to support the Charity going forward.

Are you interested in making the Roman Park better for future generations?

Would you like to get involved in this exciting project?

Get in touch with the Parish Clerk to discuss what may be involved and eligibility criteria. Either email clerk@credenhill-pc.org.uk or call 07956 447 056.



Ongoing Matters

Dog poo can cause toxocariasis – *a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.*

We have received a number of complaints about dog poo around the village on pavements, footpaths and in the community centre. Please report all occurrences to Herefordshire Council using the simple online form:

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-dog-poo>

The more times an area is reported the more chance we have of the dog warden visiting and identifying the minority of people that give their dogs a bad name.

Play Area in Ecroyd Park - Litter has been an ongoing problem in this area; it is not managed by the Parish Council and there is not a litter bin in place because Herefordshire Council are unwilling to add further bins to the village. The area is designated a play area for children and the sign clearly states no dogs; please adhere to this. We are very lucky with the number of footpaths that surround the Parish, please see centre pages of this magazine for a map showing the footpaths and areas that are designated for exercising dogs.

Credenhill Park Woods - At the time of writing the Woodland Trust are still busy with the planned tree felling work. It is expected that this work will be completed by the end of January. Negotiations for the improved access by the Nursing Home are still ongoing but we are optimistic it will go ahead.

Two Councillor Vacancies

We need your help more than ever!

Could you be interested in joining the Parish Council?

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Vicar's Letter



Dear Friends,

Christmas is now behind us and we are well into the Epiphany Season as I write this and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is on the first Sunday in February, which marks the end of Epiphany the cribs and any Christmas decorations that lasted this long can all be put away until next December, unless, like me you plan a Christmas celebration in the Summer, when, hopefully, we can mix and mingle with our family and friends once again.

Covid 19 has turned out to be much more serious than we could ever have imagined - it's like a disaster movie or a bad nightmare we seem to be stuck in. I know that lock-down will be taking its toll on many of us, especially if you live alone, or if you are unhappy at home for whatever reason. I also know that financially many people are struggling having been made redundant, or 'let go', or your own businesses are unable to trade, and basic living costs have gone up. Whatever is going on in your lives, you are never alone, God has promised he will always be there for us and he has a purpose and a reason for each one of us to be where we are right now. This might seem little comfort if you don't believe in him, but I believe it for you. Also, I believe he has placed me right here in this village at this time, to be here for you now. If anyone needs a natter, a rant, or a sympathetic and understanding ear - that's my job as your vicar and I can always spare time for you.

I encourage you all to be vigilant, be aware of others around you (you don't know where they have been!), because the virus is everywhere at the moment - closer than you think. I have taken several Covid funerals recently and I don't want any more. We are so close to everyone having been vaccinated now that it would be tragic to fall ill because of carelessness.

We continue to pray every day at 7.00pm for our NHS, carers and keyworkers, for those rolling out the vaccines and our overstretched ambulance service.

The Vicar's Letter continued...

Join us if you would like to, on our Magnis Group Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/710895009243384/?ref=bookmarks>

Sunday Worship at 10.00am is also livestreamed on this group page although we are discouraging public worship until we are sure it is safe to continue.

I will let everyone know when we can resume our worship in the church.

With every Blessing,

Rana

Funerals

23rd December 2020 at Hereford Crematorium - Jean Hawkings-Bowles

Credenhill Friendship Club

I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas an New Year, despite the Covid restrictions.

It was good to see so many of you at our Club Christmas Dinner at The Bay Horse. They certainly did us proud at such short notice, so much so, we have booked them for this year. A big thank you to Lyn for supplying the superb raffle prizes, which, as always were perfect for everyone.

I hope by now many of you have had your first virus jabs (if not 2nd too). I'm sure it's given you some piece of mind. Us young ones are in the next batch so waiting patiently!

I wonder how many of us have a conversation each day about the birds in your garden, how many jobs you thought you would do, but haven't, TV, your highlight of the week food deliveries, even meal deliveries!

Please call if you are struggling or are in need of something. Don't sit there and worry or get low. Lets hope at some point this year, we can resume our meetings and have a good chat with a drink or two.

In the meantime, stay safe in your little bubbles.

Trevor

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Churchwarden's Report

As I write this report I am reminded of the loss of my fellow Churchwarden. Jean Bowles sadly died on December 6th and She will be truly missed by everyone in our community. Jean was a lovely, caring person who quietly and diligently made a lasting impact on those around her. She raised thousands of pounds for our church.



Many of us have mementos through her amazing paintings and every time we go to church we will appreciate her almost sole efforts in fundraising for its decoration. Many of us remember her kindness, her cooking and catering, her flower arranging, her role as the organist, her photography, her willingness to help, but most of all we will miss the her friendship and love. We send our love and prayers to Wally and her family.

Our thoughts and prayers are also sent to Ray and Gareth Evans on the loss of Hazel. The family were active members of our church and community for many years until they moved to Devon a few years ago. They have many friends in Credenhill and attended church on their visits back to Hereford.

We also remember Shirley Williams who previously lived in Glebe Close and was an active member of our community being churchwarden for many years and helping at Brownies before moving to Swainshill and Stretton Sugwas community. Shirley continued to be an active member of Magna and touched the lives of so many. She died in November (after my last report) and will be missed greatly by Terry, Gareth, Philip, Karen, Chris and their families and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

It may seem like a long time since Christmas. For many of us it was quite a quiet time and very different to previous years but despite everything the celebration in church still went ahead. We started with Messy Christingle which was livestreamed using Zoom by Donna from Glebe Close. Only a few families collected a Christingle kit and joined in making Christingles but it helped us to start thinking about Christmas.

Next was the Messy Christmas Eve Crafty Crib Service. Donna livestreamed this from church and we all joined in making various things to remind us of the Christmas Story.



Churchwarden's Report continued...

A number of people attended Midnight Mass which Rana livestreamed so that those who could not get to church were able to access it from home. On Christmas morning Fiona and Mike let us into their home where they shared a Christmas Service with their family.

Thank you to all of those who enabled us to come together to celebrate Christmas during these difficult times.



Thank you also to Don, Darren, Amanda and Amber who brought the symbols of Christmas into the village for us with an Advent Wreath around the tree and a stable scene at the bottom of the church drive.



(Photos were taken by Lynda Clifton of her granddaughter Sapphires by the Advent wreath and Stable)

We raised £32 over the Christmas period from our easy fundraising page. You can still join this. If you do any shopping on line the church can receive a donation at no additional cost to you. All you need to do is go to [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easypfundraising.com) and sign in to support St Mary's Church, Credenhill.

The Christmas Hamper Draw was also quite different this year. People gave donations instead of buying draw tickets and their names were drawn out for the hampers provided by Fiona and Mike, Donna and myself.

The winners were Bea Densham, Mike & Maggie Wilkinson and George & Debbie Scott, £400 was raised for church funds.

As you will all appreciate without holding our regular services and fund raising events our income has been very much reduced. If you give regularly to the church through our envelope scheme or occasionally on the collection plate you can still give via direct giving to the bank:

PCC Credenhill Lloyds Bank sort code:30-94-14 Account number 00359034

Or by cheque made out to PCC Credenhill and posted into the Vicarage, 8 Hillside View, Credenhill or D Coates, Japonica Bell, Tillington, Hereford HR4 8LH

Many of us are currently struggling because of illness, isolation through being clinically extremely vulnerable and lockdown. This time round we know the names of individuals who have Covid and it all seems so much closer. We are praying for an end to this and hope that with more vaccinations we will be able to be together again in the not too distant future.

Thank you. Stay Safe

Dorrie Coates Churchwarden/Treasurer.

Lent Lunches from St Mary's Church, Credenhill

Wednesday 17th February,
24th
3rd March
10th
17th
24th

Order a soup lunch to be delivered to your door between
12 noon and 1pm

Soups include:

Leek and Potato*

Cream of Tomato*

Broccoli and Stilton

Mushroom*

Carrot and Orange*

All served with fresh chunky
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Dorrie Coates dorriecoates@aol.com or 01432761935

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Credenhill and placed in an envelope for collection on delivery.



Value of the Half Term

Perseverance

*“Great works are performed
not by strength but by perseverance”*

Samuel Johnson

SCHOOL LIFE IN A PANDEMIC

As you can imagine we have had to work in a very different way since March 2020.

In order to ensure a flow of fresh air, the external doors & windows of the classrooms are open – which is lovely in July but not so good in January!

We send apologies to our neighbours for any extra noise, but unfortunately until government guidance changes this is what we have to do to keep our pupils & staff safe.

During the first full week of the third lockdown we have had on average 50 children coming into school each day!

We hope you enjoy seeing & hearing about what our children in Year 1, 4 & 6 have been learning at school and at home. Look out for news from our other classes in the March edition of CCN.

Dates for the Diary

15-19 Feb	Half Term Holiday
1 Apr	Spring Term Ends
19 Apr	Summer Term Starts
31 May-4 Jun	Half Term Holiday
21 Jul 21	Summer Term Ends



To arrange a visit, please contact:

01432 760408

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Admin Assistant: Emma Milne

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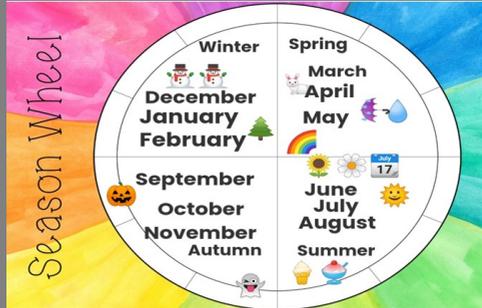


St Mary's is now on Twitter
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YEAR 1 NEWS

We have been learning about the four seasons this week as part of our 'Splendid Skies' topic. Please find below a Season Wheel that the children have recreated in school and at home via Home Learning. The children have been working very hard and we are so proud of them.



YEAR 4 NEWS

The children have been very busy in school and at home learning about the Anglo Saxon era. Take a look at the fabulous long boat created by Harry and Darcey. Well done everyone in Year 4 for working so hard during these strange times.

YEAR 6 NEWS

This term we are learning about the Second World War. The children have embraced the topic and have enjoyed learning about the life and times of Anne Frank, constructing time lines of WWII and producing some stunning pieces of artwork at home and in school—well done children.





ENTRIES FROM ST. MARY'S SCHOOL LOG BOOK - 1941

5th Feb - Three hundred troops slept in the school & club room last night. Through the snowy weather the school was in a very dirty state.

The cleaner kindly scrubbed the school out and the Managers are paying her.

The Cookery Class, for four of the girls at Kenchester, will continue until February 21st. It is extended because of the break through the bad weather.

Herefordshire Headway Outreach Team-Enablement Assistant, supporting adults with acquired brain injury (ABI)

We are currently seeking to employ an enthusiastic and dynamic individual to join our Lottery funded re-ablement team.

The applicant should be qualified at Level 3 Care (min)/have robust experience and skills to support individuals to engage with their community and regain their independence following ABI.

This position (20 hours/week) offers a varied and interesting role and is mainly Community based; successful applicants will require their own mode of transport. (Some occasional cover may be required in the Day Centre).

To request an application pack- call 01432 761000 or email info@herefordshire-headway.co.uk **Closing date: 15/02/2021**



Guide to Local Public Open Spaces and Public Rights of Way

Credenhill is surrounded by vast areas of countryside; with a good mixture of Woodland, Nature Conservation Areas, Playing Fields, Parks and Farm Land.

Dog Friendly Areas:

- ◆ All footpaths/Public Rights of Way (PROW) (see map on next page)
- ◆ Credenhill Park Woods
- ◆ Dovecote Lane Green Open Spaces
- ◆ Oak Road Dog Exercise Area
- ◆ Brockhall Quarry (on a lead during Bird Nesting 1st March-31st Aug)
- ◆ Credenhill Community Centre Car Park (on a lead at all times)

Child Friendly Areas

- ◆ Dovecote Lane Play Park & Green Open Space
- ◆ Roman Park
- ◆ Ecroyd Park Play Area
- ◆ Credenhill Park Woods
- ◆ Oak Road Play Area & Green Open Spaces

The Duchy of Cornwall currently allows access on foot to the old gravel works known as Brockhall Quarry. It has 4 access points, the main one from the village is on foot down Mill Lane. Once you pass the bin on the left you are on a PROW crossing private land so please treat the path as you would expect visitors to treat your own garden.



Definitive map key

- Public footpath 
- Public bridleway 
- Restricted bwyway 
- Byway open to all traffic 



Credenhill Park Woods

Roman Park

Credenhill Community Centre

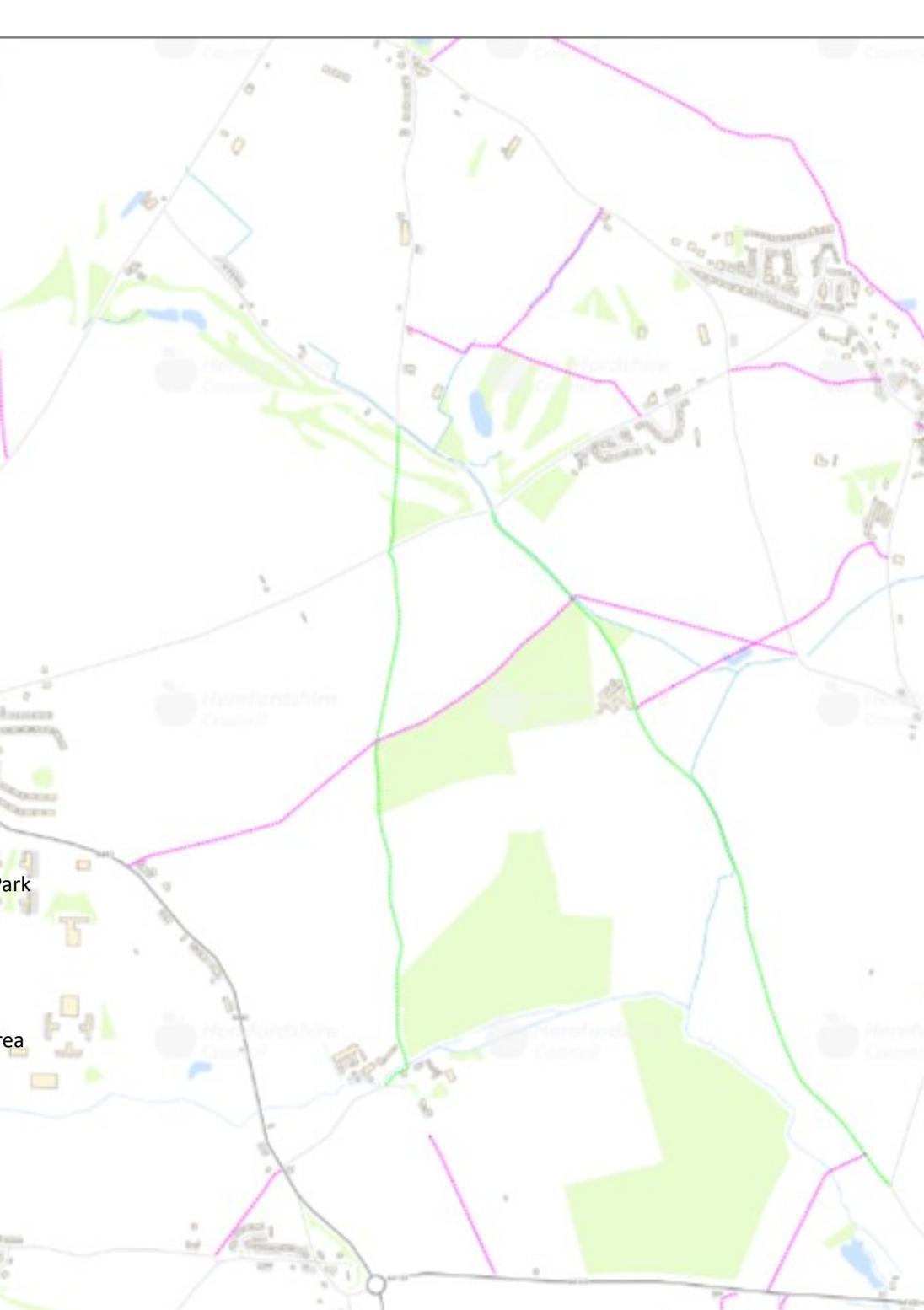
Dovecote Lane Play Park & Green Open Space

Oak Road Play Park

Oak Road Dog Exercise Area

Ecroyd Park Play Park

Brockhall Quarry





A WALK THROUGH TIME (Summarised Version)

The parish has a rich history of human activity that begins with prehistory and continues through to today. From the Bronze/Iron Age hillfort; to the site of the Roman town of Magnis; to the Medieval church of St Mary's, and the First World War munitions depot, Credenhill has a diverse history.



Sites of Interest:

1. Roman Park - First World War Munitions Bunkers 1st-4th Century Roman Site.
2. Roman Town of Magnis 1st– 4th Century. 3. The Old Roman Road, originally to Worcester.
4. St Mary's Church. 5. The Second Largest Hill Fort in England.

The full version of “Credenhill—A walk through time” is available here:

<https://romancredenhillblog.files.wordpress.com/2017/03/crppf16-heritage-trail.pdf>

Brownies*

LEADERS WANTED

Unfortunately, due to recent Covid events, I have had to take a step back from actively running Rainbows and Brownies in Credenhill.

Due to the extra pressures and work commitments the current leaders have had to make the difficult decision that they can no longer commit to the unit.

Therefore after 38 years as a leader of Credenhill Brownies and over the years Rainbows and Guides, I need to find someone with the enthusiasm and time to continue growing guiding in Credenhill.

Leah and Amanda have also had to re evaluate their commitment.

If you know of anyone or if indeed you are interested yourself please do get in touch. We are looking for at least 2 leaders to run Brownies and preferably 2 for Rainbows so they can run as separate units.

I will support anyone who is interested or comes forward as will other guiders in the area. No experience is needed and there is training available but if you or anyone you know has creativity, a sense of adventure, enthusiasm, leadership qualities or a wish to belong to a worldwide organisation and make new friends please get in touch with me.

Thank you

Donna Jones
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February

Gardening Tips

Spring is in sight

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase.

There is plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead.

Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges.

10 jobs for this month

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover.
2. Chit potato tubers.
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches.
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off.
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering.
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'.
7. Prune *Wisteria*.
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges.
9. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea.
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.



Information taken from rhs.org.uk

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Magna Performing Arts

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ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES

Reluctantly, we have put our Production on hold.

We are continuing Zoom rehearsals, but are currently not certain of when we can perform the show because of the current lockdown situation.

We will let you know as soon as possible when we will amaze our audiences with the Magic of Magna once again!

sometimes the right path is not the easiest one

- Pocahontas

YOUNG MAGNA

****FULL****

****but we have a waiting list
so please still enquire****

Meet: Sundays 2.30 - 5.00pm
occasional Friday evenings
from 7.30pm

Fees: Joining fee £10, costume
£10 and £2 a week

Magna Performing Arts are doing all we can to keep meetings Covid secure with guidance from Local Government and NODA.

We are always looking for actors, backstage crew and sound & light technicians to join our group.

If you would like to join the team, please contact
magnadrama79@yahoo.com

We can't wait to meet you...



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Charity 2020

A bucket collection for St Michael's Hospice takes place after every performance.



Credenhill Community Hall

**Credenhill Community Hall is closed due
to the current Lockdown**

The hall is for hire

When we re-open, we are looking for enthusiastic people to start new groups in our newly decorated Hall during weekdays. We have availability each weekday afternoon and mornings, except for Friday.

If you are an organiser of a keep fit or yoga group, children's group, mums and tots, art group, gardening group or any other community interest group we would love you to take a look at the Hall. It has a large parking space and is light and airy plus not too expensive to hire .

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

One of our unsung Community Heroes... Craig Powell

Credenhill Community Hall Trustees and hall user groups would like to give Craig a great big thank you for spending two lock downs redecorating the Hall. He worked late in the evenings to get it completed and did an amazing job. Craig has also kept the hall user groups safe throughout the pandemic, by ensuring a supply of sanitisers, soap and towels, cleaning after each group plus a deep cleaning weekly. He does all this alongside keeping the village free from litter and doing any odd jobs needed. Thank you Craig, we could not do it without you!

Easyfundraising.co.uk

By logging into this site each time you shop online, we can receive a donation, alternatively, please contact the Hall Treasurer, David McKirdy to make a donation and he will give you have the details.

Email: davidmckirdy@aol.com Phone: 07919 448312



Credenhill Community Hall

Day	Group	Leader	Contact Details
Monday 7.30 - 9pm	Young Explorers	Marcus Terry	07955 790580 marcusiant@aol.com
Tuesday 6 - 7.15pm	Beavers	Bethany Norwood	07971 683203 mrsbn@hotmail.co.uk
Tuesday 7.30 - 10pm	Magna Performing Arts	Val Lewis	07826 256541
Wednesday 5.30 - 8.30pm	Slimming World	Miakala Davis	07471 890009
Thursday 6 - 7.30pm	Cubs	Karen Jones	01432 760591 Kingslandcubscouts @googlemail.com
Thursday 7.30 - 9pm	Scouts	Marcus Terry	07955 790580 marcusiant@aol.com
Friday 10 - 12noon	Crafty Knitters	Corrie Smissen	07789 401151
Friday 5.15 - 7.15pm	Rainbows Brownies	Donna Jones	07837 651687
Friday 7.30 - 9pm	Magna/ Young Magna	Betty Morris	07954 081999
Sunday 2.30 - 5pm	Young Magna	Betty Morris	07954 081999

Betty Morris, Booking Secretary

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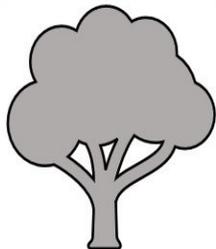
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