



# **Credenhill Community News**

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## Next Meeting

The press and members of the public are invited to the  
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

**Location TBC at the time of writing**

on 20th March 2024 from 19:30

There is a 10 minute slot at the beginning and end of the meeting for public question time where members of the press and public can comment on agenda items, and raise any concerns about Local matters.

## Parish Matters

### **Ecroyd Park Play Area**

In April 2022 the Parish Council received a letter from 2 children in Ecroyd Park asking us to get some play equipment for them in the small play area in Ecroyd Park. The land being owned by Herefordshire Council meant that the Parish Council could not do this at the time.

Since then we have agreed a £1 transfer of the Land to Parish Council ownership, agreed a small budget for annual maintenance and now we have the funds to install some play equipment. Thanks to the National Lottery we have secured £18,000 which will be spent on equipment. We will run a tender process and request plans from play providers as we did for the Gym Equipment and circulate these for you to decide which one you want.

The children have also decided on a new name for the park; Backhouse Park, this is in memory of the original land owner Thomas Backhouse Ecroyd.

Thank you to Theo & Ruci for there ongoing involvement in this project and to the national lottery for helping make it happen!







## **Solar Panels for the Community Hall & Social Club**

50 Panels have now been installed on the roof of the hall split into 13.6kW for the Hall and 7.65kW for the Social Club.



2 inverters both with 2 battery's have been installed meaning we can store energy during the day and use it in the evening; alternative we can buy energy off the grid at the lower rate and use it during peak charge times! The system is remotely configurable and we will be working with both organisations to get the systems operating as effectively as possible.



Big thanks to Epic Global Group who completed the project for us and have been fantastic to work with from start to finish.

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more Councillors**

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## CREDENHILL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

So news today the 15th February is that it is the warmest winters day for 25 years! Does this mean we will have a late winter in March?

Who knows but I hope not.

Earlier this month we had a talk on India by Penny Platt and husband. It was very interesting. Penny's knowledge of India is outstanding and she brought it all to life for us.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 7th March at 7.30pm. Please come along everyone and have your thinking caps on please. Maybe something for the table will be a nice way to end the evening.

Thank you

Trevor Collins

# WE ARE FARMING MINDS



**We are Farming Minds** registered charity has been set up by farmers for farmers to tackle mental health in the farming community within Herefordshire.

## How can we help?

### 24 Hour Helpline:

We run a **FREE 24 hour helpline 7 days a week** for farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

### Counselling:

We provide **fully funded counselling to anyone in the Herefordshire farming community** who may be in emotional distress.

### Training:

We offer **FREE mental health awareness training** to anyone living or working in or with the farming community in Herefordshire.

### Social Events:

We run a series of **FREE social events throughout the year** to break the isolation often felt by the farming community in Herefordshire.



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to tackle Mental Health in  
the farming community

Call our helpline:

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Registered charity number: 1191461



WeAreFarmingMinds

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

Both Mothering Sunday and Easter fall into March, unusually this year. Mothering Sunday – as it is traditionally known (also now known as Mother's Day in our increasingly commercial world) is always held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which this year is on March 10th. So, it's worth sharing some thoughts about what mothering is about.



For some, motherhood is an accident, and not always a welcome one; for some, biological motherhood isn't possible; for some, mothers weren't all that nice; for some, motherhood under the very best of circumstances is still less than a bed of roses and a primrose path.

I bet every mother reading this has thought "If only my child was better behaved" at some point! But Jesus was perfect, and yet he still caused his mother a great deal of problems and worry! Before he was born - she was ostracised having become pregnant out of wedlock. The birth of Jesus was under difficult circumstances - who would ever choose an animal shelter as a place to give birth?

Then Mary was a refugee as king Herod plotted to kill her baby. And when Jesus was 12, she lost him! He was chatting theology back in Jerusalem with the Temple scholars after his parents had left the city and headed home, wrongly assuming he was with his friends! And just when he should have been marrying and settling down and providing his mother with grandchildren - he was off on his public ministry. Finally, the very worst thing any mother could witness - her dear son crucified - a long, painful, and tortuous death. Men were crucified naked then, the most shameful thing for a Jew, but his mother was there. She was there supporting him, because that's what mothers do, even when it's unbearably painful for them - it's a sacrificial love they have for their young or adult children.

But Mothering Sunday isn't just about mothers. It's a celebration of all who 'mother', by bringing comfort, support, love, practical help, advice, or a hug to anyone who needs it. You will all know someone who does this who isn't necessarily a mother. And it's also something we should all try to do for our family, friends, and neighbours today and every day, by being mother-like - just as our mothers cared and loved us, so we should do the same for one another.



Celebrate and thank those who care for you in this way by bringing them along to join us for Afternoon Tea at Headway on the 10th of March – details elsewhere in the CCN.

With every Blessing for a Happy Mothering Sunday and a Joyful Easter,

Rana

### From the Church Registers – nothing in February

#### Services for March

Sun 3rd	11am	St Mary's Church Holy Communion
Sun 10th	11am	St Mary's Church Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
Sun 17th	11am	Headway Café Church
Sun 24th	10.30am	Village shop Palm Parade with donkey to Headway
	11am	Headway Palm Sunday Family Communion service
Thu 28th	7pm	Headway Holy Supper & Communion*

\* An interesting, special evening open to all, with good food and participation - suitable for families

Good Friday	2pm	St Mary's Church Hour of meditation at the Cross
Sun 31st	11am	St George's, Brinsop -Easter Day Family Communion

Please don't forget our Church Annual General Meeting (APCM) at Headway on 21st March at 7pm. This is a short public meeting when you, the parishioners of Credenhill elect your churchwardens, who will care for your village church, and hear a short report! Everyone welcome – church goers or not!



# Credenhill Social & Sports Club

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## Up and Coming Events

Date	Event	Other information
February/ March 2024	RUGBY 6 NATIONS (Please see posters for timings)	
Saturday 2 March 2024	Pool night to wish Jim West farewell.	
Sunday 7 April 2024	Sea Legs Puppet Theatre 12pm – 2pm The Ugly Duckling	
Sunday 7 April 2024	Easter Egg Hunt 2pm - 4pm	
Saturday 27 April 2024	Psychic Night 8pm Non-Members £7	
Saturday 8 June 2024	Party Under The Bridge	

Check out notice boards and posters for further information and events.



## Mothering Sunday Afternoon Teas



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**At Headway**  
**3-4:30pm**

Treat your Mum (or yourself) to a delicious,  
home-made afternoon tea  
consisting of sandwiches, jam & cream scone  
and cakes with tea or coffee.

**Tickets - Adults £8, Children £2**

Delivery can be arranged.

Contact [dorriecoates@aol.com](mailto:dorriecoates@aol.com), 07485071960

Or Rev Rana 01432760443



**St Mary's Church, Credenhill**

**Springtime Activities**

**Sunday Services:**



**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday with flowers)**

**Holy Communion in church at 11am.**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> Café Church in Headway at 11am**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Service.**

**Leaving the shops at 10:45am**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday –Holy Communion**

**Benefice service at Brinsop at 11am**

**Everyone welcome, including children.**

**Children's activities provided at all services.**

**More information from Rev Rana 01432760443**

**Churchwarden [donnajones4249@gmail.com](mailto:donnajones4249@gmail.com)**



## **Churchwarden's Report**

It has been a busy start to 2024 as we try to reach out to our community.

We are trying to provide a range of services to meet your needs and do appreciate that for many people, getting up the hill to church is difficult. It is also known that some people find the format of the services difficult. To compensate for these concerns one service a month (the third Sunday) is held at Headway in the form of Café church. It is a warm and friendly venue which offers unlimited tea, coffee and cakes throughout the service. The format is less structured with opportunities for discussion and activities to join in as you wish.

Children are welcome at all our services. They are given activity bags to take to the pews to keep them occupied during the service and there is a children's corner at the back of the church with activities and books should they need to have more space during the sermon. Drinks and biscuits are available.

Providing fellowship is important to us and at the end of each service there is opportunity to chat over coffee.

Messy Church is held on the second Saturday of alternate months. This provides free fun and fellowship for families. Children must be accompanied and it is encouraged that parents to help them with a variety of activities. These sessions end with group games, songs and story followed by tea.

Special services are held for festivals including, Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Remembrance Day and Pentecost. Full details of these are advertised in the CCN, on the church notice boards and on the school newsletter.

We work hard to keep the fabric of the church and churchyard in good repair, though there are only a few people who are able to carry out the work involved.

The guttering has recently been cleared out and we are seeking to obtain grants to improve the pathway from the church gate to the porch.

If anyone would like to help with the routine tasks around the church, please do get in touch.

At Candlemas we are required to move any Christmas items from the graves. The ones that are reusable are stored in the boiler house. Do ask if you wish to have anything back from your family grave.

If you have any ideas as to things you would like to see happening in church or the community that we can help with please get in touch.

I have been told several times that many people in the village don't know where the church is. The church building is up the drive sign posted to church and Credenhill Court across the road opposite the tree BUT REMEMBER a church is made up of people and we are all around you in the community so just ask and we will try to be there for you.

If you need a lift to church events contact me or any member of the PCC and we will try to organise it for you.

Donna Jones

[donnajones4249@gmail.com](mailto:donnajones4249@gmail.com)



## PRIOR NOTICE

Bingo and Burgers  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
at Headway  
7pm



7	13	37	52		83
9		20	48	58	64
		28	39		65
1	22	40	67	80	
15	36		69	71	82
19	27	47	56	78	
2	11	46	62	81	
26	31	49		74	87
17	29		55	68	76

*More details to follow*







**Activity based free fun for families,  
followed by tea.**

Messy Church in February was held on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent. We celebrated with a traditional pancake party. We were pleased to welcome around 50 people. The afternoon began with craft activities.

The children decorated pancakes as rabbits, painted Lent butterflies, made pretzel key rings, prayer chains, Love yourself in Lent cards and planted cactus. They then played pancake games finishing with a pancake tossing relay race.



After the games we all enjoyed tea with pizza, chicken nuggets, baby potatoes, chips, beans and various salads followed by pancakes with ice-cream and other fillings. Our feast before Lent.

The pretzels reminded us of Lent as we try to follow the expectations of prayer and fasting.

The cactus reminded us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Our next family (all age) celebration will be held on Palm Sunday when we will meet at the shops and walk with the donkey to Headway for our service.



**The next activity Messy Church will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
(more details in next month's CCN and on our Facebook page).**



Next Café Church

At: Headway

Sunday 17 March 2024

St Patrick's Day

Time: 11am

Everyone Welcome, including children

Come & join us for a relaxed approach to

The theme for Café Church in February was Preparation. We heard about Jesus being baptised and immediately going into the wilderness to prepare for his ministry. This time in the church's year is called Lent and Donna told us the legend of the pretzel which symbolises arms crossed in prayer. Pretzels were given to children by the monks as a reward for saying their prayers.

We then made pretzel prayer key rings/bag charms to carry with us in Lent to remind us of 5 areas of prayer. She also told about the importance of preparation and being prepared for the unexpected. We then enjoyed rock cakes and shortbread.



**HEREFORDSHIRE HEADWAY**

Headway House, Trenchard Avenue, Credenhill  
Hereford HR4 7DX



**Coffee Morning**



**Thursday 7 March 2024**

**Coffee and Raffle from 10:30-11:30**

**All welcome**

**Please come for a catch up and support us**



## Resilience

*"Judge me by how many times I fell down  
and got back up again."*

~ Nelson Mandela ~

## Reception Class

Our Reception Class children have been practising their handwriting whilst learning about dinosaurs.

They have been listening the story  
"Harry and his Bucket Full of  
Dinosaurs" by Ian Whybrow.



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## Upcoming Events

7 March  
15 March  
19 March  
20 March  
22 March  
8 April

World Book Day  
KS1 Easter Celebration  
Y1 Eastnor Castle Trip  
KS2 Techniquet Trip  
End of Spring Term  
Start of Summer Term

## Maths Challenge Day



Last month pupils from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 visited Lucton School to take part in three days of Maths Challenges.

All the children were great role models for St Mary's with their impeccable manners and super sharp maths brains.



## St Mary's Alumni

We are so proud of two of our former pupils Fynn and Oliver. They have been selected to be the next Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy at Whitecross High School.

Well done!



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## Choose us as your Co-op local cause

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Our cause: we would like to repurpose an area outdoors to provide our children with a new library, Forest School and learning hub.

This project will improve the wellbeing of our children and enrich their learning experience.

We would greatly appreciate your support by signing up to the Coop membership scheme and opting to support our cause.

Please sign up via the Coop membership weblink below:

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Please share this link with your family and friends. The more support we receive will result in greater funds for the new learning hub.

Thank you.







# Magna Performing Arts

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## Magna is 45!

Something many people may not realise is that Magna Performing Arts is celebrating it's 45th anniversary this year. Throughout this time we have seen many people and many changes.

We have performed at a variety of venues, all across the county, providing comedy, drama, pantomime, musicals and youth productions to our audiences. Magna has also received many awards for Best Production, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Stage Sets.

Credenhill is where it all started and it is where we have come back to. We are pleased to continue all forms of live theatre in the community hall which we are gradually turning into a lovely little theatre space. Please keep supporting your local arts and being a part of the Magna family.

## JOIN US!

Magna (adults) & Young Magna (8-16yrs) are looking for like minded people to join our friendly family. If you like being on stage, behind the scenes or front of house you would be welcome.

Join us in up to 4 productions a year, from panto to parody, classics to comedy, realism to the ridiculous, we aim to entertain.  
No experience necessary.

Magna meet Tuesdays 7.30pm *Occasional* Fri & Sun  
Young Magna meet Sundays 2.30-5pm *Occasional* Tues & Fri

Contact Betty 07954 081999 | [magnadrama79@yahoo.com](mailto:magnadrama79@yahoo.com)



# Credenhill Community Hall

## Solar Panels Have Been Installed

We are very excited to tell you that we finally have Solar Panels installed at the hall! Thanks to many years of grant applications, fund raising and a massive help from Credenhill Parish Council, we can run our building sustainably. This has been our aim since we began the project to renovate the hall to a good standard.

We are now aiming to improve other aspects, such as new blinds and repair to the windows, to make the hall better for all to use.

## Volunteers

The hall is run by volunteers. The Trustees to the Charity are mainly representatives from various groups who use the hall and others are members of the community. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee please drop us a message and we will give you the details.

It only entails a few hours of your time and will keep a much loved and well used community space open for the use of many people.

## **Hire The Hall For Events & Parties!**

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# Credenhill Community Hall

Day	Group	Leader	Contact Details
Tuesday 8.30 - 1pm	Baby Sensory 1 - 13 Months	Annabelle Palethorpe	07341956056 hereford@ babysensory.co.uk
Tuesday 7.30 - 10pm	Magna Performing Arts	Betty Morris	07954 081999
Wednesday 10 - 11am 12 - 12.45pm	Pop Cats Music & Movement 0 - 5yrs	Cherie Appelt	07760356172 Popcatshereford @gmail.com
3rd Wednesday of Month 6 - 10pm	Parish Council Meeting	Lee Harper-Smith	07956 447056
Friday 10 - 12noon	Credenhill Nutty Crafters	Corrie Smissen	07789 401151
Friday 6.30 - 9pm	Magna/ Young Magna	Betty Morris	07954 081999
Sunday 2.30 - 5pm	Young Magna	Betty Morris	07954 081999

## Want To Hire The Hall For Your Group?

Do you run some kind of group or maybe you are thinking of starting one?

We can help you to set up Credenhill Community Hall as your base.

The Village is particularly interested in any keep fit classes and have some evening and afternoon slots available.

Contact Betty: 07954 081999 or [magnadrama79@yahoo.com](mailto:magnadrama79@yahoo.com)



**Can you spare a couple of hours a week volunteering in our garden at Headway House in Credenhill?**

We always need a bit of extra help with gardening and watering. You will make new friends and we always have tea and cake!

We are a long-standing local charity that runs therapeutic horticulture sessions for vulnerable people throughout the county in many residential care homes and at Headway House in Credenhill. Gardening is a great way of reducing stress, improving mental health and making new friends. If you, or someone you know might benefit from our services please get in touch.

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**Magnis Group**



## **Lent Souper Lunches**

**In aid of the churches of the Magnis Group**

**Every Thursday throughout Lent.**

**At Mansel Lacy Church**

**12 for 12:30**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> March**



**Join us to enjoy a variety of  
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Donations welcome.**



## Credenhill Community Noticeboard

Credenhill Community Noticeboard is a Facebook group set up for residents to share information, events, pictures and items of interest to our community.

Join the group if you want to know what's happening or to get information out quickly to its followers.

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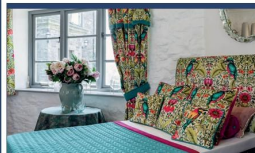
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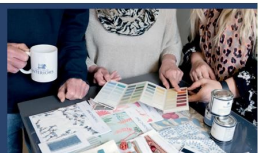


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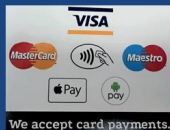


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