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1/2 half	£18	
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Next Meeting

At the time of publishing it is unclear if the meeting will be held on 10th December or 17th December—Please check the noticeboard or the website nearer the time to obtain full details.

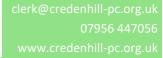


We now have THREE Councillor Vacancies

We need your help more than ever!

Are you be interested in joining the Parish Council?

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

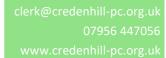




Draft Buc	lget 2026-2027
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Expenditure	Year Total Budget 2025/26	Year Total Budget 2026/27	% Change Since Last Year
Staffing Costs	18,408	19,211	4.4%
Office & Meeting Costs	1,182	1,164	-1.5%
Advertising & Promotion	5,661	5,483	-3.1%
Insurance, Legal & Professional Costs	2,659	2,849	7.1%
Utility & Waste Management Costs	1,625	1,709	5.2%
Asset Management Costs	12,121	11,201	-7.6%
Total Operating Costs	41,656	41,617	-0.1%
Charitable Grant Provision	6,500	7,000	7.7%
Roman Park	4,000	4,000	0.0%
Backhouse Park	3,645	400	-89.0%
Asset Repairs & Renewals	2,000	5,043	152.2%
Exceptional/Planned Costs	16,145	16,443	1.8%
Total Projected/Actual Costs	57,801	58,060	0.4%

Income	Year Total Budget 2025/26	Year Total Budget 2026/27	% Change Since Last Year
Prece	t 47,459	47,459	0.0%
Re	nt 7,777	8,096	4.1%
Bank Intere	st 180	120	-33.3%
CCN Adve	ts 1,785	1,785	0.0%
Hire of Changing Roor	is 600	600	0.0%
Total Income	57,801	58,060	0.4%





Financial Planning for 2026-27

The responsible finance officer presented the Draft Budget at the November Parish Council meeting the key aims and objectives for the year will be

Aim/Objective	How this affects our budget	
To keep operating costs as low as feasibly possible whilst maintaining the same standards and complying with all statutory legislation.	These are our Operating Costs, we have retendered all contracts and reviewed every cost lines to ensure that we plan a lean budget. We have to spend this money to comply with statutory legal requirements.	
To continue to bring our land and buildings up to modern day standards to provide local amenities and services to the community.	In 2025 we had condition surveys completed that list all work required to address issues with our land and buildings. A plan of work has been costed and spread over 10 years to manage this plan in a cost effective manner.	
To continue to support local groups and charitable organisations	We have set aside £7000 for Section 137 Grants in continue to help local organisations.	
To keep the precept the same as in 2025/26 whilst delivering the same services	At the November Parish Council meeting it was agreed that the key objective would be to hold the precept the same next year as this year in recognition of ongoing challenges that families are facing in the current cost of living crisis.	

The budget will be reviewed by councillors before the next meeting in December where any amendments will be proposed and discussed. The final budget will then be approved and submitted to Herefordshire Council by the end of December.

There is still time for you all to have your say on the budget for 2026-27, get in touch with the Parish Clerk or speak to one of the councillors about any of our plans or your ideas. The Parish Council represents you and all opinions matter.



The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

In my Bible reading notes by Winn Collier for October 1st, I came across this story, so I put it aside for this darkest time of year:



A tugboat sank twenty miles off the coast of Nigeria, turning upside down as it fell to the sea floor. Eleven crew members drowned, but the ship's cook, Harrison Odjegba Okene. He found an air pocket and waited. All he had was a bottle of fizzy drink, and when both of his flashlights died within the first twenty-four hours, he was alone in the darkness at the bottom of the ocean for three terrifying days. He'd begun to give up hope, when divers on a mission to recover dead bodies found him hunkered and shivering deep in the hull. The image of Harrison Okene alone in the dark for sixty hours is unnerving. He told reporters he still suffers nightmares from the horrifying ordeal. But can you imagine what he felt when he saw the diver's powerful lamp piercing the darkness? What joy and elation, what hope.

The prophet Isaiah foretold how, when the Messiah came, all "the people walking in darkness" would see "a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). Left to our own devices, we live "in the land of deep darkness," but in Jesus, "a light has dawned" (v.2). Christ is "the light of the world," and in him we need never again fear the darkness for we "have the light of life" (John 8:12).

We may feel trapped and hopeless, alone or in despair, but God illuminates good news. Jesus carries us out of the dark and into his marvellous light. If you find yourself facing darkness at this time, and you want Jesus to be your light and bring you out of it, try saying this prayer:

Dear God, I need your light in my life. Please bring me out of my dark place. Amen.

With my prayers and every blessing for a Joyful Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

Rana

Services for December:				
Sun 7th	11.00am	St Mary's Church	Holy Communion	
Sun 14th	11.00am	St Mary's Church	Holy Communion	
Sun 21st	3.00pm	Headway	Community Carols Service with tea	
Xmas Eve	4.00pm	St Mary's Church	Crib & Christingle (bring a torch)	
	11.30pm	St Mary's Church	Midnight Holy Communion	
Xmas Day	10.00am	St Mary's Church	Holy Communion	
Sun 28th	11.00am	Mansel Lacy Church	Group Holy Communion	
Services for Jar	nuary:			
Sun 4th	11.00am	St Mary's Church	Holy Communion	
Sun 11th	10.00am*	St Mary's Church	Group Holy Communion	
Sun 18th	11.00am	Headway	Café Church	
Sun 25th	11.00am	St Mary's Church	Holy Communion	

^{*} Please note the change to the services rota: the 2nd Sunday of the month will be a group service at one of the benefice churches at the new time of 10.00am.

CREDENHILL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It's been a very good year of speakers and quiz's etc. I hope you have enjoyed them.

Next year we will resume our meetings in February. Due to the room we usually use for our meetings being needed for the darts team on a Thursday we need to change the evening or venue for ours. We have options so we will chat about it after the Christmas Dinner.

Right back to writing Christmas Cards. See you all on the 4 December.

Thanks to you all

Trevor











St Mary's Church, Credenhill



Over 50 people, including members of the Scouting organisations, joined us for a service of Remembrance. Poppy wreaths were laid on behalf of the RBL, Parish Council, Church and Scouting as well as individual poppies and crosses. Unfortunately, the sound system we had borrowed failed for the hymn and Anthem and had to use a speaker system for the traditional last post, silence and reveille. We apologise for this and are looking into acquiring our own system for next year to ensure that this does not happen again.

November is the month when it gets darker and colder. For many people it is the start of months of isolation and loneliness as we stay inside. This year Advent starts on November 30th. Advent is a time of looking forward, preparing for Christmas. At 5t Mary's we will already have begun our preparations. The Advent wreath is placed around the tree and a candle will be lit each weekend until Christmas Day. The church will be open with help yourself refreshments if you need somewhere to sit and reflect. Don't be alone. If you need someone to talk to please get in touch.

We are organising events throughout December and would love to see you and your family. We can organise lifts if you need one. Do join us.

We have decided not to hold our Christmas Hamper Draw this year as there is so much happening but instead would ask you to give a gift to the church to enable us to continue to function next year. Our Gift Day is on Sunday 14th December. We will be holding a service at 11am in church and traditionally it is the time we bring gifts for the Food Bank, for local children in need and for the church. If you can give a gift to the church please put it in an envelope and bring it along on that day or let someone who you know will be at church bring it for you.

Sunday 21st is our Carols in the Community. This will be held at Headway at 3pm and will be followed by a traditional Afternoon Tea. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 24th is our Crib and Christingle Service. This is held in church at 4pm and for many is the beginning of Christmas. It is a fun all age service and will be followed by Christmas refreshments.

Don't forget to join in our Follow the Star Christmas Trail around the village. Start at Life and Soul and follow the stars to find words to make a Christmas Sentence. It finishes in Church where there will be a box to put your solutions. The winners will be drawn on Epiphany Sunday. January 4th.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. You will be welcome at any of the Christmas Services. Please see Rev Rana's page to check times. Donna Jones (Churchwarden)



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The Crafty Ladies

They're fundraising for Herefordshire
Headway again!
There's a table of goodies at Headway House,
Credenhill and at the following venues

All Saints Church, Hereford

1st - 6th December





Magnis Group of Churches

Crib and Christingle

St Mary's Church, Credenhill





4pm Wednesday 24th December

Begin your Christmas Celebrations at an all-age service incorporating fun and tradition followed by Christmas treats.











The next Café church is Carols in the Community

on Sunday 21st December

at Headway at 3pm.

This will be followed by a traditional Christmas

Afternoon Tea



Everybody welcome.

If you have special dietary requirements please contact dorriecoates@aol.com



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 anonumouslu.

Counsellina:

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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General enquiries: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

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WeAreFarmingMinds



💶 Credenhill Community Hall

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

From all Trustees and groups who make up the hall community.

Group Spotlight - Pilates

New to the hall community but getting some attention with her gentle exercise for your health and wellbeing is Beth! She will welcome you on a Wednesday evening 7-8pm (Thursday once a month) and a new class on Mondays 1.30-2.30pm. If you want to keep fit or get fit, this is the place to be. Get in contact with Beth for more information.

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.

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For more information contact Betty Morris on 07954 081999 or email magnadrama79@yahoo.com

www.credenhillcommunityhall.org.uk | Also on Facebook



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Day	Group Leader		Contact Details
Monday 1.30 - 2.30pm	Pilates Beth Thomas		beth@productive wellbeing.co.uk
Tuesday 9am - 2pm	Baby Sensory Annabel 1 - 13 Months Palethor		07341956056 hereford@ babysensory.co.uk
Tuesday 4pm - 7pm	Martial Arts	Troy Morris	troy@troymorris martialarts.co.uk
Tuesday 7.30 - 10pm	Magna Performing Arts	Betty Morris	07954 081999
Wednesday 7 - 8pm	Pilates	Beth Thomas	beth@productive wellbeing.co.uk
3rd Wednesday of Month 6 - 10pm	Parish Council Meeting	Lee Harper-Smith	07956 447056
3rd Thursday of Month 7.30 - 8.30pm	Pilates	Beth Thomas	beth@productive wellbeing.co.uk
Friday 10 - 12noon	Credenhill Nutty Crafters	Sheila Hill	07484 792829
Friday 6.30 - 9pm	Magna/ Young Magna	Betty Morris	07954 081999
Sunday 2 - 4pm	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

FUN QUIZI

Saturday, 1st November

Then the 1st Saturday of each month:

6th December

2026: 3rd January 7th February 7th March

7.30pm start

Doors open from 7pm

finishes about 10pm

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Raffle!

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Contact:

Gail Hume - 07964 614407 / ssvhinfo@gmail.com and Joyce & Mike Potts - 01432 356392 / joycepotts1912@gmail.com

Proceeds from:

The Ouiz to the Village Hall,

The Raffle to the School

Merry Christmas to all our audiences who have been with us for our productions in 2025 and those we've yet to meet!

If, like us, you are still reeling from learning that Magna and Young Magna are not performing their annual pantomime after 46 years, please do not be disheartened. We have plans brewing that we hope you will engage with in 2026. Watch out for news coming your way in this very publication.

Magna Presents

We are now recruiting for Magna and Young Magna.

This is for anyone from age 8 to 80, all applications considered, training given by professionals in performance skills, tech & back stage or tea making.

Apply to: magnadrama79@yahoo.com or 07954 081999

JOIN US!

We are really keen to engage new members for Magna and Young Magna.

If you have aways wanted to tread the boards but never had the courage, get in touch and give it a go. We are a friendly crowd of performers and crew. Take a look below for details.

Magna (older teens - adults) Tuesdays 7.30pm Young Magna (8 years +) Sundays 2-4pm

Contact Betty 07954 081999 | magnadrama79@yahoo.com



Ben Whishaw (voice), Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Antonio Banderas, Olivia Col- man, Julie Walters



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Friday 12 December

The Simpson Hall, Burghill

7.30pm

Tickets

Standard: £5.50 Under 18s: £3.50

Enquiries: 01432760552

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Pre-Booked supper served at 6.30pm: Slow Roast Pork Belly with MARMALADE BBQ sauce on Fried Polenta with roast pumpkin, carrots and sprouts. £11 includes food, film & interval beverage. To book your meal: annie.ness23@gmail.com or 01432760552. CASH ONLY and bring your own drinks. Film only is £5.50.



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Rob Brydon, Charlotte Riley, Rupert Graves, Jim Carter, Daniel Mays, Nathaniel Parker, Thomas Turgoose, Jane Horrocks



Swimming with Men

Feel-good larkiness in jaunty but formulaic style. Accountant Eric is simply treading water when he discovers a new found sense of purpose thanks to an unexpected source: a group of similarly stuck-in-a-rut guys who have found camaraderie through synchronized swimming. Sure, they may be a bit paunchy, but they're determined to prove they have what it takes to be a whirling, twirling, scissor-kicking aquatic dream team.

The Simpson Hall, Burghill

HR4 7RW

Friday 9 January

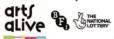
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drinks. Film only is £5.50.



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Non-cancer patient numbers under the care off St Michael's Hospice exceed cancer patients for first time

One of Herefordshire's largest charities says the number of its patients with non-cancer conditions has exceeded those with cancer for the first time.

The change is down to an expansion of services offered by St Michael's Hospice including expert care and support for those with dementia and other neurological conditions such as Parkinson's and Motor Neurone Disease.

The Bartestree based charity, which provides palliative and end-of-life care to those in Herefordshire and its borders, has seen a 133% rise in patient numbers in under a decade, whilst relying on the generosity of the community to plug an annual £10 million funding shortfall.

"The expert free-of-charge care provided to our patients continues day and night, just as it did when we first opened our doors 41 years ago," said St Michael's Chief Executive, Matt Fellows.

"Now, thanks to an ever-expanding breadth of services, we're able to offer more care and support to more people, and the latest care figures reflect that.

"Despite reaching more people though, we're acutely aware that there are a great many who could benefit from our care but, for whatever reason, we have not yet met. We're very keen to make contact with them."

The Hospice's care is provided on the charity's Inpatient Unit in Bartestree, to patients visiting the Day Hospice at St Michael's, and in people's homes through the Herefordshire Hospice at Home service*.

St Michael's says at the time of the new figures, earlier this autumn, it was caring for 1,124 people, 568 of whom have a non-cancer diagnosis. The Hospice is independent of the NHS, and receives less than a third of its care funding from the government and statutory sources.



Mr Fellows says this shortfall is recouped thanks to the extraordinary backing of the charity's supporters.

"Over £10 million each year must be raised through the incredible generosity of our community," he said. "Every pound we receive helps make sure families can access expert,



compassionate care when they need it most, without worrying about the cost."

Mr Fellows has previously called for hospices across the UK to receive a more equitable share of funding from the government, particularly given the increasing challenges caused by National Insurance rises and increased cost of living.

The latest year-end statistics showed St Michael's cared for or supported 2,495 people in the 12 months to 31st March this year.

That figure was up almost 150 on the previous year, and up 1,425 in just eight years - a rise of around 133%

"Hospice care plays a vital role in our community, and we remain committed to working with our partners and supporters to secure sustainable, long-term solutions," added Mr Fellows.

"Hospices across the UK face ongoing financial pressures that have only been exacerbated by recent economic difficulties.

"This makes the backing of our supporters all the more incredible - and we're truly grateful for their continued support."

For more information on the services offered by St Michael's Hospice, just click the link below, or you can call the Hospice's 24-hour advice line on 01432 852080.

https://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/how-can-we-help/care-services/hospice-services/

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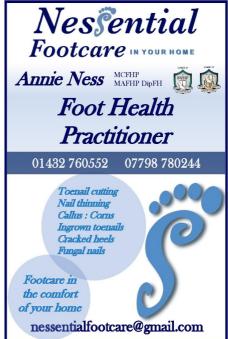
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