

THE RIPPLE

October 2023



PARISH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00am 4th Sunday Holy Communion

11:00am 1st Sunday Informal Family Service

11:00am Other Sundays Parish Communion

6:30pm 1st Sunday Bereavement Service (page 9)
3rd Sunday Informal Service

4:00pm 2nd Sunday Messy church

WEEKDAYS: 9:30am Holy Communion - Thursday

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Rectors Ramblings

Preparing for harvest is something farmers do every year, and until we moved, as a family, to Shropshire in the autumn of 2003, I didn't really understand what an important season Harvest is.

Having grown up in South East London we were a bit disconnected and removed from the thousands of acres of farmland being cared for, and cultivated, to produce tons upon tons of food every year; along with the careful rearing of thousands upon thousands of cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry.

All this to produce the millions of tons of grain and meat, which will be transformed into life sustaining produce for sale in our supermarkets, local shops and also shipped to far flung places around the world to be enjoyed!

Growing up I didn't understand that some of the sayings banded about like 'Make hay while the sun shines' literally means just that. After a funeral recently, a family member apologised for not having been able to make the service for exactly that reason; the weather was good and so he was out harvesting.

In recent years, sometimes due to weather conditions, the practical time for harvesting the crops has shifted, and by the time we celebrate with our Harvest service and lunch, this year on Sunday 1st October at 11:00am, much of the harvesting will have already taken place. But it doesn't mean our farming community isn't still busy travelling up and down the roads between their fields and live-stock. So, let's take a moment to thank the farmers, the vets, the engineers who maintain and tend the land and care for animals, whether it be on a large or small scale; the lorry drivers who then deliver the food and the staff in the shops and supermarkets who serve us as we shop.

Let's remember that saying thank you is very important; as my mum used to say 'manners don't cost anything!'

Every year we sing well known Harvest hymns like 'We plough the fields and scatter' and 'Now thank we all our God' so let's be grateful for all we are blessed with as we come together to celebrate this Harvest time.

Every Blessing

Suzan





October 2023

DIARY

1 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ANIMAL WELFARE SUNDAY

11:00am Harvest Festival Celebration with Baptism

12:30 for 1:00pm Harvest Lunch in the Senior Citizens' Hall; Adults £12, Children (12 and under) £5; contact Mike Phipps for last minute bookings – 01691 670940

2 10:00am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

3 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

4 1:30pm Whittington Church of England School Harvest Festival service in church

7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall, £2.50 including light refreshments

5 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Home Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

8 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11:00am Parish Communion

4:00pm Messy Church

9 10:00am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

10 12:00 noon Whittington Senior Citizens' celebrate Harvest Festival with a lunch £7:00; details on pages 8 -9

2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

11 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre

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12 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Home Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

15 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11:00am Parish Communion

6:30pm Informal Service

16 LAST DAY for magazine material for the November edition of "The Ripple" all material to Anne Ward, 5 Boot Street, Whittington – eaw4@btinternet.com

10:00am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

17 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

19 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Home Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

22 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Communion

23 10:00am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

24 12:00noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details on pages 8 – 9

2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

26 9:30am Holy Communion

2:30pm Home Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

Whittington Church of England School breaks for Half Term

28 Summertime ends, turn your clocks back one hour when going to bed

29 **LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY**
‘SILVER SUNDAY’ and BIBLE SUNDAY

11:00am Parish Communion

7:00 for 7:30pm Bingo at the White Lion

30 10:00am-12:00 noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

“ADVANCE NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER”

5 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

11:00am Informal Service

6:00pm Special Service for the Bereaved, further details on page 9

**Extracts from the Parish Registers
for the month of August 2023**



HOLY BAPTISM

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

20th August 2023 Katie Jones (Adult)
of Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent



20th August 2023 Arabella Audrey Barbara Thor
of Judge Meadows, Oswestry

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

“May the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace”



01st August 2023 Alun Vaughan
aged 80 of Top Street

07th August 2023 Eileen June Griffiths
aged 85 of Drenwydd

The measure of your real wealth is how much people would still value you if you lost all your money. – Anon

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Rector and Trustees of the Friends of St John the Baptist acknowledge the following donations:

£845 in memory of Constance Marjorie Kempster

From her family and friends

Donation of £118.00

Anonymous



Our thanks to everyone who joined us on Thursday 7th September for coffee and cake in support to Macmillan’s World’s biggest Coffee Morning. Thanks to your generosity we raised a total of £720.

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CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 2nd September family and friends congregated at the Castle to celebrate Margaret Hulson’s 90th birthday, which fell on the following day. There were many there, it seemed much to Margaret’s surprise; but she has been a village resident, taught at the school and been a part of village activities for many years. Many congratulations Margaret, we hope you enjoyed it.



C A M E O – COME AND MEET EACH OTHER
in WHITTINGTON PARISH CHURCH



EACH MONDAY now 10:00AM – 12:00NOON

Come along to our get together to meet other people from the community, there’ll be tea, coffee and a light buffet

Contact Suzan: revwilliams1991@icloud.com or Tel: 01691 674948

**WHITTINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS
Over 50's Club – Recycled Teenagers**

On Tuesday 10th October we will have our annual Harvest Lunch which will start at approximately 12:00 noon; the cost will be £7.00. Some idea of numbers would be appreciated – please let me know if you wish to attend.

We ran a “pre-loved stall” at the Whittington Together Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday and raised just over £140 for club funds – every little bit helps so thank you to all who donated or helped on the day.

On the following day, 25 of us visited Percy Throwers’ Garden Centre, where we spent a couple of hours having a coffee, wandering around, spending some CASH and enjoying some lunch. This was a spur of the moment arrangement, so apologies to anyone who missed it.

The next monthly lunch at the White Lion will be on Tuesday 24th October at 12 noon. Currently costing just £10 per person it includes a two-course meal and a cup of tea or coffee. **Please contact ME on 01691 662236 if you wish to join us**; membership of the club is not a necessity, so if you would like to join us one month, you do not have to commit indefinitely, though many do end up becoming a member of the club. Membership subscriptions for 2023 can still be made, it is only £10, so if you are interested in joining us again, give me a ring.

The Whist sessions held on the first Wednesday of each month are well attended; there were ten tables last month. Play begins at 7:30pm and there is a small charge of £2.50 to cover tea/coffee and biscuits. Run by Carol and Derek Pope the evening is open to everyone, not just club members

The weekly Thursday coffee mornings are very popular with time for a good natter and catch up. Again, club membership is not a requirement. Join us any time after 10:00am, we usually finish around 11:30 am. We ask for £2.00 which is not a lot for a coffee (or two) together with a biscuit. A cake or a glass of something has been on offer over the summer months as people have celebrated a birthday or anniversary. A particularly important birthday was celebrated at the beginning of September, our President, Margaret Hulson, hit the big 90 and we toasted her health with a glass of Prosecco. We

will be celebrating two further 90th birthdays during October. Margaret catches the 9:30am bus on a Thursday from Oswestry so she can join us for coffee. It is a very friendly gathering and new people appear nearly every week.

I hope you have all either received, or are booked in for your flu/covid jabs soon, Covid is still doing the rounds.

Events currently held at the hall:

Monday 7:30 – 9:30 pm – Line dancing with Steve Mason for beginners/uppers/improvers (phone for details 07963662426)

Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30pm Exercise Class with Sonya

Thursday 10:00 – 11:30am Coffee

Junior Ballet classes after school during term time with Ellie Moss

7:30 pm TNS hold a Youth Group gathering during term time

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2023

10th October 12:00 noon Harvest Lunch £7

November Fish and Chip lunch plus a Coffee and Mince Pie morning

December 5th: Christmas Tea

December 15th: Christmas lunch at The Navigation

If you would like to join us on any of the above, please contact me.

Gillian Roberts – Secretary 662236

Sunday 5th November at 6:00pm

**A Special Service for those who have
been Bereaved**

**As part of the service a list of names will be read
out and if you would like your loved ones name to
be included please contact Suzan:**



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Apples – Mother: “Martin, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?”

Martin: “I expect it was so dark I couldn’t see the other one.”



Live Musical Concert



Saturday 18 th November

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castle,**

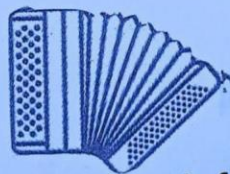
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“THE RIPPLE” SUBSCRIPTIONS



Next month there will be an envelope stapled to the front of your magazine for your “The Ripple” subscription money. **Whilst there will once again be no increase in the cost of the magazine,** we do wish to make a change to your advance payment this year.

As you will recall the time of your payment used to be early summer, but slipped towards the end of the year when no printing could be made during Covid. The end of the year is not a good time for collecting subscriptions – the days are shorter and darker, and the weather can be cold and wet; plus, both you and our delivery stalwarts are all trying to arrange your Christmas celebrations.

So as a one-off to move back to a summer renewal, for this year please put **£8.50** in your envelope. To confirm **this is not an increase in cost** just a re-alignment of the advance payment date. For current subscribers the December issue is your free copy, so please return your subscription to your delivery person before Christmas to ensure your continued free delivery and guaranteed copy; and as always **put your name on the envelope** please.

As always, we are indebted to those who make the deliveries every month and as my mum also, just like the Rector’s, used to say ‘manners don’t cost anything’ so **THANK YOU** to all of you kind ladies and gentlemen.

All at ‘The Ripple’

“MONARCH OF THE GLEN”



150 years ago on 1st October 1873 Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died; he was best known for his animal paintings, and in particular ‘Monarch of the Glen.’

An art prodigy, the young Edwin learned swiftly from his father, who was a talented engraver, and received tuition from several skilled artists. He first exhibited at the Royal Academy at the age of just 13 (an ‘Honorary Exhibitor’),

and was elected an Associate at the minimum age of 24, before becoming an Academician at the age of just 29, in 1831.

Although Landseer was a Londoner by birth, he became very fond of the Scottish Highlands, which he first visited in 1824, and many of his best-known paintings such as Monarch of the Glen, are set there. Queen Victoria commissioned many paintings from him including a pair entitled – Sunshine and Shadow – to illustrate the contrast between the happy times she had enjoyed during Albert’s lifetime with the grief she was enduring since his death.

But his connection with the Highlands also stemmed from the time he enjoyed there, with his lover Georgiana, Duchess of Bedford, the wife of his first major patron – John Russell, the 6th Duke of Bedford. She was twice Landseer’s age when he met her at the age of 21, having been commissioned to paint her portrait, but they fell in love, and the Duke, who was considerably older, permitted the relationship, which continued after his death. However, because their only child, Lady Rachel Russell, did not bear his name, Landseer was unable to cope mentally, and he suffered a severe nervous breakdown, leading to prolonged depression and hypochondria. In 1872 he was declared insane at the request of his family; he had been knighted in 1850.



As well as his animal paintings Landseer is also remembered for his famous lion sculptures at the base of Nelson’s Column in Trafalgar Square, London. Whilst work on the column was completed in 1843, the four bronze Barbary lions, designed by Landseer, were not added until 1867. In 2011, consultants for

the Greater London Authority reported that tourists climbing onto the backs of the lions had caused considerable damage and recommended banning tourists from climbing them.

Salt – The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot’s wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. “My mum looked back once while she was driving,” he observed, “and she turned into a telephone pole.”

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RIDING AND STRIDING – A THANK YOU

On Saturday 9th September last month we made sure our Church was ready for any of Shropshire's Sponsored 'Riders and Striders', taking part in the Annual Whole County Historic Churches fund raising event.

While normally open to welcome all visitors, our Church was especially prepared to look after any of those coming by Shank's Pony, Bicycle, Car or Horse and Trap. Our job was to sign their Sponsorship Forms, offer a cup of tea, or more likely coffee, or a cold drink and, the real treat, one of Ruth Haile's famous buttered scones. (Our merry band of helpers had the biscuits!) Well, it is no good trying to put a spin on it as we only had a total of five from other Churches. Two came by bike; one of them was anxious to tell us that he had an electric bike and was that ok..... it was of course. Two others came by car; one of those was from Wellington and doing the whole County! He was fascinated by what we had to offer; we had great fun looking up Walsham How's hymns; and gazing through the long grass at the latter's grave and that of our local Charge of the Light Brigade hero. But what a pleasure to have a visit from the County Organiser himself, David Hardham.

But the real champions of the day were those who came to do a supervisory hour and joined David Wynne and I on the day. So, both of us want to say a big thank you to Churchwarden Gill, with whom we soon put the world to rights and who bought us a lovely ice cream. Thanks to Margery Mellor with whom we covered everything from books to Government policy on pensions; and it was a delight to talk with Christine Myddleton and not just renew acquaintance but swap stories of family histories. Oh, and yes, we did ponder on the meaning of faith and what had led us to where we are. Lastly but not the least a thank you to our Joyce who not only brought my lunch but made sure I was still functioning ok..... and Ruth who made sure I sat down a lot!

So, what does this say about the day. Of course, it shows that the Annual Ride and Stride needs a thorough review. But more importantly, Church members not doing much but meeting together can enhance fellowship and commitment to our shared endeavours.

Don Howard

A clear conscience makes a soft pillow. – Anon



On the perils of Harvest

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that

the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

OCTOBER at Whittington Castle –

The Castle is open daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

3rd October 10:00am – craft@thecastle Join our informal crafters – patch-work, paint, scrap book, sketch or knit, do it with others. Find inspiration or do your own thing – there is coffee, cake and laughter. Everyone is welcome, a small fee applies.

7th October 10:30 – 12:00 noon Eco-Warriors –

Our regular children's club; dress appropriately for the weather, don't forget to bring a hat if the weather is hot and finish with a complementary hot chocolate. at kitchen@thecastle. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

7th/8th October 10:00am – 4:00pm Multi-Period Re-enactment Weekend
Admission is FREE, £2 parking charge applies

Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager

Telephone 01691 662500

E-mail: info @whittingtoncastle.co.uk -Website: www.whittingtoncastle.co.uk



The bowling season came to an end last month. Both the 'A' and 'B' teams finished three-quarters down their respective division 1 and 3 ratings. The 'C' team ended the season



mid-table in division 4 whilst the 'D' team were 4 places below them in the same division. The Vets team finished 1 place higher than last year in their division 1 matches. Playing has been a challenge this summer at times due to the rain, but it is very much hoped that everyone has enjoyed themselves.

As the end of the cricket season is now almost upon us, it's time to draw

breath and take stock of what's been achieved so far and look forward to the next phase of development. Both structurally and playing wise the club is ahead of the game. Initially it was planned to continue and grow the Witches Ladies side, consolidate the numbers of youngsters attending the All Stars and Dynamos programme and bring one or two of the girl youth players into the Witches team. As with all plans, things changed a bit.....

Firstly, the numbers attending the Friday evening All Stars/Dynamos sessions more than doubled on 2022. When added to other older youth players coming along for coaching, we saw in excess of 60 children enjoying the facilities. A special call out must go to all the coaches and parents who helped run the sessions and make them such a success, especially **Dan Conde** who co-ordinated everything! The sessions have continued through to the season's end to enable those who wish to progress get extra coaching.

As a part of the continued development of youth cricket, the club attained the ECB Clubmark designation in almost record time, thanks to the extremely hard work put in by Safeguarding Officer Abi Plowden. This was no mean task and a vital part of the club's development moving forward so well done Abi!



The Witches, ably captained by Lucy Hoos, entered the Shropshire Super 10's softball league for the first time, playing against established sides such as Wem and Frankton Foxes. It was very much a learning process and this came to fruition with the ladies winning the first softball festival to be held at Whittington. New players were attracted as the season unfolded, with 7 junior players joining the ranks from the youth system and making a real impression. Indeed, 6 have been nominated for County trials through the winter, another notable achievement.



The Whittington Wizards men's side was established and entered the Shrewsbury and District Evening League, the first senior men's team to represent the club in seven years. It proved a very successful season, with the side finishing second in their respective division - a great effort. With only the Champions achieving promotion, the aim of the side is to go that one place more next season. Whittington's wicket always had a reputation for being one of the best in Shropshire but after seven years of sheep and rugby

players running amok, it wasn't expected to be ready to play on for at least two to three years. How wrong we were! Thanks to the efforts of both Dave Hill and Ant Harris, the wicket was brought back to life and played exceptionally well. So well in fact that a number of Shropshire County age group matches were played on it with great success.

This also enabled the ground to be hired out to other clubs, such as Knockin and Bomere Heath, helping them when their own ground availability was difficult. The new nets have also been very busy having been hired out to local clubs and private individuals. All this despite the weather!



So, what lies ahead. A new Whittington darts team has been established, which will see league matches played at the club on a Friday evening. Further events are also in the pipeline, which we'll keep everyone informed about over the coming weeks.

The Witches will be running indoor training evenings at which new players are more than welcome - again, more details to follow. And the club are already working with Cricket Shropshire in bringing further County matches to the ground in 2024, with their schools' programme already taking up much of April.

The club has held its first car treasure hunt; setting off towards Chirk and then via St Martins to Ellesmere and beyond. Hunters solved clues and explored beauty spots. Believe it or not it came down to the tie break question - cricket themed of course! Well done, to 'Better late than never' taking home the trophy; runners up were the Evans family. Thank you everyone that supported the event and we look forward to next year's adventure!

The continued support of Whittington Parish Council has enabled the restoration of the club score box and we're looking forward to working with our new club sponsor, BKNC Kitchens, <https://bknc.co.uk> (more sponsorship opportunities are available, just get in touch)

All in all, the future looks extremely bright for Whittington Cricket and Bowling Club! Here's to 2024!

Caroline O'Reilly

After the traditional summer break in August, Whittington WI met on the second Wednesday of September, as usual.

We had the wonderful Lajina Masala come and give an inspiring talk and demonstration on how to make curry. She brought all the equipment and food to prepare and made it from scratch all right in front of us. The aromas filled the room whilst she spoke and explained everything, including how and when to add the spices. It was a delight. Lamina also has her own style of humour. All our questions were answered clearly. Then we all sat and had a delicious curry with salad and Indian dressing. Many commented on how it would make us look at our spice racks with new eyes!

Our competition this month was 'A hedgerow arrangement in a jam jar' and it was won by Ruth Jones. On our swap table we had an abundance of garden produce including carrots, kale, apples and beetroot. Then our usual raffle was as popular as ever with some generous prizes.

Three new ladies came to try our WI and were made to feel welcome; we always encourage ladies that would like to give the WI a go.

Next month we have Claire Arnold coming to give us a talk entitled 'Feeling Fabulous' all about healthy living, so do join us, all are welcome.

Louise Idoux

LOOKING BACK

A few weeks ago, Ian Morris loaned me some copies of the Whittington Parish Magazine produced in the 1970's which his father, the late Philip, had kept. They are proving extremely interesting and I look forward to sharing some stories from them in future editions. One article I have read, I have since learned, lead to one young writer to a career in journalism; I wonder if you can guess who? This week I have also been given some old papers and magazines dating back as far as the 1840s which were discovered in the cellar of a building in Ellesmere - a bit dusty and careworn; I wonder what they will reveal? Watch this space for more news.

Scientists have finally discovered exactly how much sleep a human being needs ... just five minutes more

Animal Welfare Sunday – Sunday 1st October

This year, Animal Welfare Sunday falls on Sunday 1st October, the nearest Sunday to 4th October – St Francis-tide) to encourage churches to include animal welfare concerns in their prayers.

Christians have been involved in animal welfare reform throughout history; for example, the RSPCA – the first animal protection society, was founded by an Anglican priest – the Revd Arthur Broome. But many well-known Christians such as C S Lewis, John Wesley and William Wilberforce also spoke out against animal cruelty. As written in Psalm 148, animals in their amazing variety of species were all created for the glory of God and to praise His name; they were not created for our exploitation and domination.

The economics of providing us with low-cost chicken, pork, beef and milk can too often result in cruelty towards millions of animals. Today the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals works to raise awareness of animal welfare issues within the Anglican Church and the wider Christian community.



Here is a horrific statistic: one in five puppies are either falling ill or dying before they reach one year old. The reason, says the Kennel Club, is due to a “perfect and terrible storm” of the Covid crisis, followed by the cost-of-living crisis. During Covid, many homebound people decided to get a dog. But they could not travel to meet the breeder, the mother, or the puppies. So instead, they bought puppies off social media, with 31% of them buying one sight unseen. That meant that rogue breeders could exploit animals by lowering their welfare standards for the mother and puppies, and also that they could sell puppies who were already damaged or ill. Add to that the soaring cost of dog care, which discourages new owners from seeking veterinary help, and it is little wonder that now 22% of puppies are falling ill before their first birthday, and, in cases where the owner bought a puppy sight unseen, 36% of them are dying. If you want to help the welfare of animals in some way, please visit: www.aswa.org.uk.

Prove it – The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

A FEW HOURS IN THE GARDEN

1. On light soil earth-up the stems of leeks.
2. Quinces ripen at the end of October and should be picked.
3. Check over vegetables and fruit in storage.
4. Prune summer flowering shrubs such as Philadelphus and Deutzia. Thin the bushes by cutting out all the old flowering stems, thus allowing the new wood to ripen.

Flower of the month: Pampass Grass (*Cortaderia Argentea*) These feathery white plumes give a lift to the garden in October and November. Introduced by the Victorians but not so popular now, they like to grow in well drained, not too dry soil.

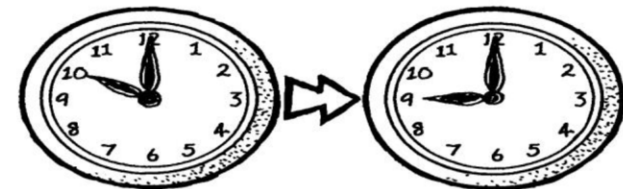


Modern varieties have been bred, shorter in height and some with a silver edge to the leaf, the margins of which are very sharp. Be sure to grow a female form which bear a more refined flower which keeps bright white.

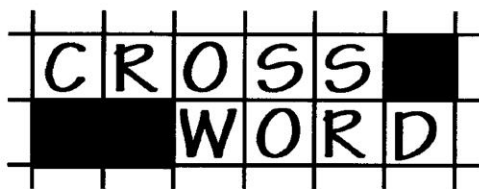
Tree of the month: Crab Apple (*Malus Sylvestris*) This is the ancestor of our modern varieties of apple. If the fruit is halved the typical core bearing the small brown seed is revealed. From *Malus Sylvestris*, which has sharp thorny spikes, other thornless species have been bred. Cultivated variety ‘John



Downie’ bears attractive clusters of pink and white flowers in spring and shiny bright red fruit, as large as cherries in autumn, which makes a good jelly. On the Selattyn side of the Old Oswestry Racecourse a number of crab apple trees can be seen, planted quite randomly.



CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER



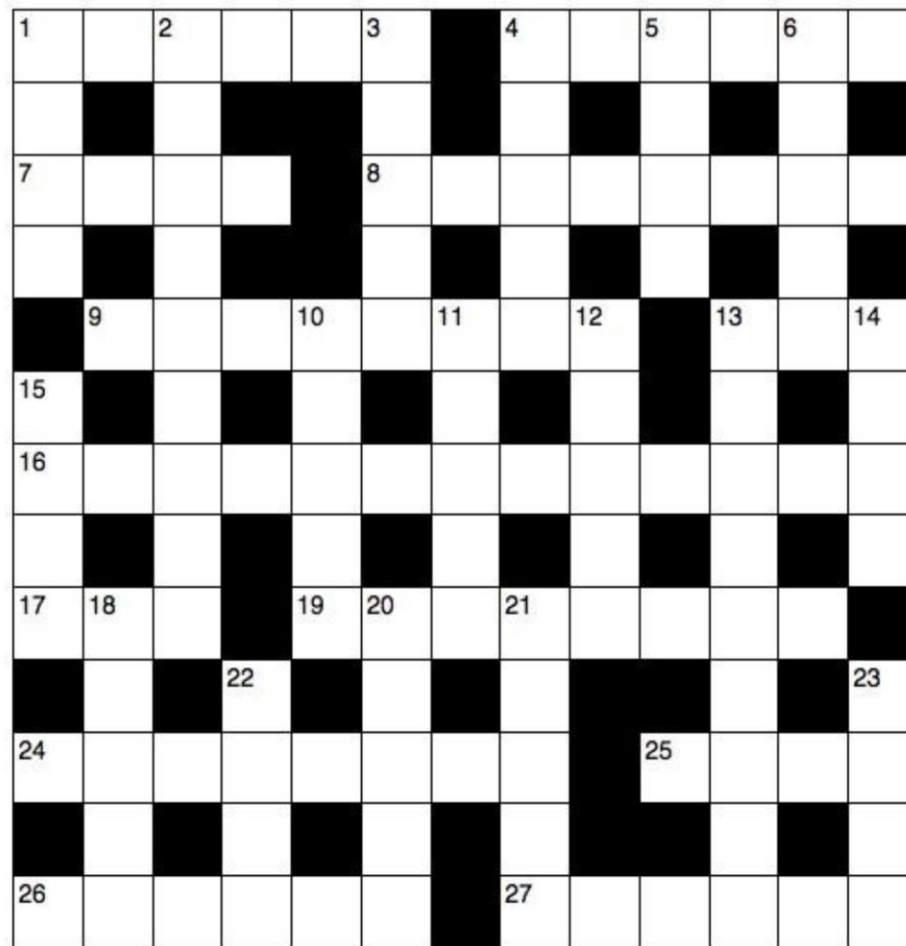
Across:

- 1 He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’
- 8 See 19 Across (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5)
- 16 ‘He has sent me to bind up the — ’ (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7) (3)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’ (Luke 24:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a — !’ (John 2:16) (6)

Down:

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’ (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’ (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 ‘This is my —, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)



Chicken and pig – A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the meal. “Let’s offer them ham and eggs!” “Not so fast,” said the pig. “For you, that’s a contribution. For me, it’s a total commitment.”



Elderberry Ice cube cold Remedy

Be winter ready with this useful remedy ahead of time; making it in early autumn will mean it is available when you need it during the winter months.

Pick the elderberries whilst they are ripe and still shiny, and put 7 or 8 heads in a saucepan gently removing the berries from the green stems using a fork. Remove as much as you can of the stem, but it doesn't matter if some small stems are left over. Add some water to the bottom of the saucepan to prevent it burning, and put the saucepan on a low or medium heat; don't let the pan go dry. The juice from the berries will come out and mix with the water. You are going to take the saucepan off the heat after 30 minutes but you need to add 2 peppermint teabags just before taking it off the heat, making sure they are covered by liquid. After 30 minutes take off the heat and set on one side to cool, leaving the lid on. Give the berries a bit of a crushing with a fork or potato masher, then sieve out the mashed berries and peppermint and keep the liquid. Pour this liquid into a clean ice cube tray and carefully place on a flat surface in the freezer. Dried elderberries can be used and also fresh peppermint leaves can be used instead of the tea bags. If this is to be used for adults, I would add a drop or 2 of peppermint essential oil, but this is too strong for children.

Whenever a cold or other virus is starting simply put one or two of the cubes (one for children, 2 for adults) into a mug with hot water. Add a teaspoon of honey to sweeten and soothe the throat. This can be taken up to 4 times per day. You can also add an ice cube or 2 to a mug of herb tea also. The peppermint can help with a blocked nose and mucus whilst the elderberry is good against the virus and contains vitamin C. Get well soon!

Louise Idoux

Don't mention it! – As part of his annual talk to our local Town Council, our minister told some funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at the forthcoming Harvest Dinner at church, he asked the young reporter covering the event not to include them in his report.

Reading the newspaper on the following morning, he noticed that the well-meaning reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

There is a saying that you 'plant a plum tree for your son but plant a damson tree for your grandson'. That's how long these trees take to bear fruit. This recipe makes a lovely damson cake, but you can also use plums instead.

DAMSON UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

Serves 8

200g (7oz) butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
200g (7oz) caster sugar
4 eggs
200g (7oz) self-raising flour
1 apple cored and sliced
200g (7oz) damsons, halved and stoned (or plums)

Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas mark 4

Grease a 23cm round cake tin and line with baking parchment

Beat the butter and sugar until pale.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, adding a little flour between the eggs to prevent the mixture curdling.

Use a metal spoon to fold in the remaining flour and half of the apple.

Arrange the remaining apple in the bottom of the cake tin, spaced apart, and then scatter the damsons over.

Spoon the cake batter on top, spreading it out to cover the fruit and is even.

Bake for 40 minutes or until golden and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Upturn the cake onto a plate and peel off the baking paper. Serve with custard.

ANSWERS TO AUGUST CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related

A Funny Old Lady

I look in the mirror
And who do I see?
A funny old lady
Looking at me.

I don't know her
Who can she be?
That funny lady
She isn't me.

A little like my Nan
A lot like my Mum
A face that shows
A life well run.

Lines and wrinkles
Are all I see
That tired old face
Can't be me.

I am young
With a life to live
Full of hope
And love to give.

I can skip
And dance and run
The life ahead
Has just begun
The joys the pain
Are yet to come.

I look in the mirror
And who do I see?
I see the young woman
I used to be.

By Hilda

OTHER NOTABLE OCTOBER DATES

17th October 1933 (90 years ago) physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the USA as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

17th October 1943 (80 years ago) the Burma Railway was completed; built by the Japanese using Asian labourers and Allied prisoners-of-war, thousands of whom died. One of the railway bridges is the famous film *Bridge over the River Kwai*.

27th October 1948 (75 years ago) the Morris Minor car was launched at the British Motor Show at Earl's Court, London; it cost £358.

28th October 1958 (65 years ago) the first State Opening of Parliament was televised for the first time.

25th October 1983 (40 years ago) Microsoft Word 1.0 was released; the first version of the popular word processor.

PLUS:

31st Oct 2011 is when the global population first reached approximately seven billion.

According to the National Retail Foundation of America: \$102 was the average spend for an American on Hallowe'en in 2021; it was the first time it reached triple digits and nationally the total was \$10.1 billion. In 2022 the average spend for an American dropped to \$100.45 but the national total rose to \$10.6 billion.



Those over-the-top words that we use

I'm trying to stop saying the word 'incredible'. It's overused and has become almost meaningless. "We are incredibly grateful"; "I had an incredible meal". As the word really means 'beyond belief or understanding', it can't actually apply – in either case. 'Unbelievable' is similarly misused. So is 'fantastic', which is meant to describe something belonging to an imaginary world. So, strictly speaking, a fantastic tennis player can't be a real one.

How about 'amazing'? Count how many times you hear it today. It should be reserved to describe something astonishing, out of this world. If you think about it, if everything is amazing or incredible, then nothing really is. When the exceptional becomes normal or commonplace, nothing is special. We seem to be struggling to find words to convey something out of the ordinary. Try 'iconic'. Iconic only appeared recently and has been distorted to mean 'historic' or 'traditional' or 'classic'. My dictionary tells me iconic actually means something to do with an icon, which is a depiction of Christ, the Virgin Mary, or a saint.



In fact, most of these over-the-top words, now in everyday use, have a religious association. Originally, they were reserved to communicate otherness, difference, deep respect. For example, what about 'awesome'? It should mean 'awe' or reverence. It's a take-your-breath-away word. Awe is what Moses felt when he saw a bush on fire, because it didn't actually burn away, and he sensed the presence of God. Awe is something St Peter experienced, when he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

If you try to imagine what Moses and Peter actually felt, words like 'unworthiness' and 'fear' might come to mind. They really were experiencing something out of the ordinary, too hot to handle. They were out of their depth. An experience like that stayed with them for life. They had encountered holiness. Now there's a word worth using.

The Ven John Barton

If I understand what the economists are saying, the situation is hopeless – but improving.

Anon

THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY

The previous article made we wonder about the origin of the Oxford English Dictionary; familiar in all of our educational establishments.

The first purely English alphabetical dictionary was A Table Alphabeticall, written by English schoolteacher Robert Cawdrey in 1604. The only surviving copy is found at the Bodleian Library in Oxford. It lists approximately 3,000 words, defining each one with a simple and brief description; and many new substitutes followed.



The publication of a new, more comprehensive, dictionary was first suggested to the London Philological Society, which was established in 1830 and is the oldest learned society in Great Britain devoted to the scholarly study of language and languages, in 1857, and the collection of materials began soon after.

Editorial work began in 1879 with the appointment of James Murray, the society's then current president, as editor-in-chief.

Murray was a grammar-school teacher who in 1878 wrote a famous article on the English language for Encyclopædia Britannica, which was itself first published in 1768 in Edinburgh. The vast dictionary was intended as an inventory of words used in English from the mid-12th century, and in some instances, from earlier dates.

Construction of the dictionary was to be grounded on strict historical and descriptive principles, and each definition was to be accompanied by an example, including date, of usage. With the assistance of countless volunteers, who sent in research and thousands of quotations to assist in crafting the word entries, the first section, A–Ant, appeared in 1884, printed at the Clarendon Press, Oxford; nothing to do with Oxford University at all. It was Murray's organizational skills that made completion of the great undertaking possible.

One of his most prolific volunteers was a learned expatriate veteran of the American Civil War named Dr W. C. Minor, an inmate of Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in Berkshire.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mouse Makes

What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?
 _____ and _____
 Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?
 _____ and _____
 1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?
 _____ and _____
 1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?
 _____ and _____
 Matthew 3:4

What drink ran out at the wedding?

 and what did Jesus use to make more?

 John 2:3 and 7

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU
 MJWF PO CSFBE
 BMOF, CVU PO
 FWF SZ XPSE UIBU
 DPNFT GSPN UIF
 NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

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OLIVES • CHEESE
 FIGS • DATES
 MUSTARD
 RAISINS • WHEAT
 SALT • GRAIN
 FRUIT • GRAPES
 VEGETABLES

AN APOLOGY

Sometimes when I read the magazine, I wonder that more people don't mention a mistake! Despite my best efforts, and the great assistance of a proof-reader, they seem to slip by us! However, in the September issue there was a mistake that was unrelated to either of us.

I received a complimentary remark about the photograph on the front cover of the Georges Shaft at the Snailbeach Lead Mine; they thought that Tori Ward had taken a lovely picture. I instantly turned to the back cover – Oh **NO** – how had that happened, the proof copy for September had correctly credited Mike Moore! This may not seem important to many, but photographs have copyright protection and can incur a cost, particularly for their unauthorised use, and I had permission from Mike to use the photograph for September's issue, provided due acknowledgement was made. This was not the fault of Maxwell's Printers, who print the magazine, as the printing of the covers is outsourced elsewhere for cost reasons.

So, our apologies to Mike Moore for this inadvertent error, and thank you to that eagle eyed reader for your comment. Tori had provided a wonderful photograph of Oswestry Show for the August issue, but been credited with all the photographs up to and including next July as the covers for all 12 issues are printed at one go. My thanks to Maxwell's, as now through their good offices with the cover printing company, all the covers have been reprinted with correct credits for the photographs used, at no additional cost to us.

Editor

Whittington Parish Council News

There was no meeting in August, which is usually a quiet month. This allowed the Clerk to catch up on paperwork, budget and plans etc. Urgent Council business, such as planning, has been conducted via e-mail.

KEY ITEMS: Police Report: No report was received.

Your Local Police Officer and Community Support Officers Contact

Numbers: Local Police Officer: - PC 3718 Kate Le'Clere – 07870219518
Police Community Support Officers: - PCSO 6412 Dave Hughes – 07870219190; and PCSO 40279 Pete Roberts – 07870219019

About your Team: Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and

partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community. Officers continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high-quality service however you contact us – in person (on the street, at community bases and at PACT meetings), on the phone or online. In the event of a Police emergency call 999 for urgent attention; or ring 101 for non-emergency calls. The Police mobile numbers above will only be answered if the Officer is on duty. If your call is not answered please leave your name, number and a brief message; officers will respond at their earliest convenience when next on duty.

Get in touch - 📞 **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

✉️ oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

🌐 www.westmercia.police.uk



@Oscops - Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

Fitzwarine Play Area: Nothing to report.

Damaged Bus Shelter: One of the bus shelters opposite the Orthopaedic Hospital has been slightly damaged. The Parish Council will get a structural report on the damage before taking the decision to repair or replace.

Shropshire Councillors Report: Amy Jones (Clerk) and Lucy Beaumont (Council Chair) met with Lesley Picton the Chair of Shropshire Council on 31st August to discuss the issues the Council has which are pertinent to Shropshire Council and a report will be given at the September meeting.

Planning: a) To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council. **I. Reference:** 23/02641/FUL (validated: 30/06/2023) **Address:** Ye Olde Boote Inn, Boot Street, SY11 4DF **Proposal:** Works to remove single storey kitchen pitched roof with exposed kitchen extract, and new brickwork wall with timber windows and parapet upstand to conceal flat roof over installed to match in with existing elevation. Decision: **Permission Granted.** **II. Reference:** 23/02769/FUL (validated: 27/06/2023) **Address:** Woodbrook, Station Road, SY11 4DA **Proposal:** Proposed loft conversion, part rear two storey extension and internal alterations. Decision: **Permission Refused.** **III. Reference:** 23/02279/FUL (validated: 07/06/2023) **Address:** 32 Inglis Road, Park Hall, SY11 4AN **Proposal:** Erection of a side extension. Decision: **Permission Granted.**

b) Consider the following Planning Applications: **I. Reference:** 23/03519/FUL (validated: 21/08/2023) **Address:** 19 Fitzgwarine Drive, Whittington, SY11 4NZ **Proposal:** Erection of a rear single storey extension to semi-detached dwelling, dimensions 4.1 metres beyond rear wall, 3.5 metres maximum height, 2.4 metres high to eaves The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

Highways, Pavements and Footpaths: These are some of the items to be discussed at the meeting between the Officers and Lesley Picton, as we have received no response from Shropshire Council in the last few months. **a)** The installation of a pavement between The Venue and Inglis Road (CIL Funding). **b)** Penybryn Pedestrian Crossing; a report will be provided at the September meeting. Both projects have been included in the Place Plan Review.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner Funding for Safer Roads Project: The Road Safety Working Group work met to agree possible positions around the Parish for Welcome Gates. It was agreed to propose to Council in September that they be sited on the approach from Oswestry by the bus stops, on the approach to Babbinswood from the Aston end and replace the gates on the approach from Ellesmere near Penybryn. These locations mark the change of speed from the national speed limit, to either 30 or 40mph. The locations will have to be agreed with Highways and a draft funding application will be considered at the September meeting, along with quotes from supply companies. At present there is a proposal in with Highways to extend out the 30mph zone on the approach from Gobowen. The Parish Council are waiting this decision and implementation before looking at siting Welcome Gates along that stretch of road.

Next meeting: Will be on **Tuesday 17th October at 7:00pm** in the Senior Citizens' Hall with limited space for members of the public wishing to attend. Future meeting dates, the full minutes (in draft form) along with membership of committees, working groups etc. will be published on the Parish Council website two days after each meeting, <https://whittingtonpc.com>, or via a copy from the Clerk Amy Jones. Tel: 01691 829571 email: clerk@whittingtonpc.com. The Agendas for forthcoming meetings are available 3 clear days before the meeting, either on the Parish Council Website or the two Parish Notice – boards, one in Park Hall and one outside the School.

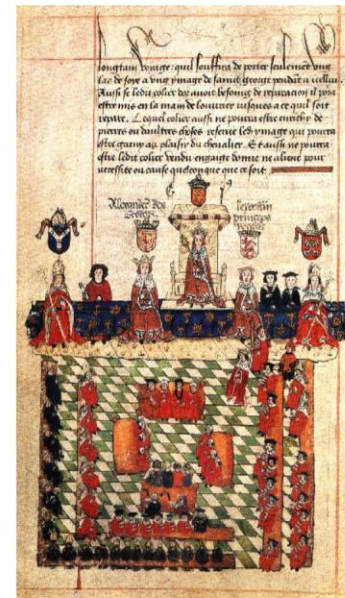
Jill Whitby

THE GREAT BARN (or PARLIAMENT BARN) ACTON BURNELL

Early last year it was reported that renovation work to the Houses of Parliament could take 76 years and cost £22 billion; the repairs could be done more quickly if MPs moved out for the duration of the work. What has this got to do with a barn in Shropshire? The Palace of Westminster is the seat of the government of the United Kingdom; but before the creation of Great Britain or the United Kingdom each nation had its own governing systems.



In England the King took advice from noblemen and others whom he trusted. Robert Burnell entered royal service as a clerk to Henry III's son Prince Edward, rising to become Chancellor of England and Bishop of Bath and Wells when Prince Edward acceded to the throne as Edward I in 1272.



A 16th century depiction of the Parliament showing the lords spiritual seated on the king's right, the lords' temporal to his left, and the justices and law officers in the centre.

The king's military campaigns in Wales brought him to Shropshire, and he stayed at Acton Burnell Castle, Robert's home. His visit in the October of 1283 assumed national significance when he held a parliament here. It is significant because it was the first time in English history that the law-making process included the Commons. The law passed became known as the "Statute of Acton Burnell", a law giving protection to creditors, indicating the increasing significance of trade at that time.

It is assumed that the lords met in the castle and the Commons met in the Great Barn. At about 130 feet long and 33 feet wide it

may have been the only space large enough. The Parliament also passed sentence of death on David, the brother of Llywelyn, Prince of Gwynedd. The influence of Bishop Burnell was such that this little Shropshire village twice hosted the English Parliament, the second being in 1285.

All that remains of this historic building are the two gable ends of the barn which are now a Grade 1 listed Building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

Edward fought two campaigns in Wales, the first in 1277 and the second 1282-83 to take complete control. On 25th April 1284 his wife Eleanor gave birth to their fourth son, named Edward after his father. Two older brothers died before Edward was born and the other, Alfonso, died in August 1284. Then in 1301 the king invested his Welsh-born eldest son, Edward of Caernarfon, as the first Plantagenet Prince of Wales; and the title has been given to the heir apparent to the throne ever since.



The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows

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Held the fourth Tuesday in the month – clerk@whittingtonpc.com
<http://www.whittingtonpc.com>

WHITTINGTON YOUTH CLUB: (Facebook page: Whittington Youth). Meets Thursday evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Senior Citizens' Hall; entry fee £2. Activities for 10-16-year-olds supervised by qualified youth workers and activity coaches from The New Saints FC Foundation Ltd. Telephone 01691 889791 or email: info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk

FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON CEMETERY: Working parties are held throughout the year – we are always grateful for any help
Sally Leppanen Tel: 658163 Mob: 07835338032 sally@leppanen.co.uk
Mike Brunt Tel: 01691 661874 or Mob: 07855772527

WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

Second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre

Secretary: Sophie Anderson

Tel: 07951 793350

WHITTINGTON CASTLE PRESERVATION TRUST:

Chairman: Jonjo Evans

Tel: 671300

Castle Manager: Ms Kimberley Powell

Tel: 662500

BELL RINGING:

Details from Brian Rothera

Tel: 657778

BROWNIES, GUIDES:

6:00-7:15pm Thursday except in school holidays in the Community Centre

Brown Owl: Mrs D. Gough, 2 Newnes Barns, Ellesmere

Tel: 624390

BEAVER, CUBS & SCOUT INFORMATION:

Contact: District Commissioner Nickie Phillips for details at:

Nickie.Phillips@scouts.org.uk

WHITTINGTON UNDER FIVES GROUP:

Sessional and extended hours Carer and Toddler Sessions

Leaders: Dawn and Mandy

Tel: 670127

Meet in the Community Centre 9:00am – 3:00pm

SENIOR CITIZENS:

1st Wednesday evening Whist Drive, Thursday morning Coffee Morning

All meetings in the Senior Citizens Hall

Secretary: Mrs Gillian Roberts, 4 Western Avenue

Tel: 662236

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:

The Mobile Library will stop in the cul-de-sac by the Three Trees/White Lion on alternate Tuesdays between 2:55pm – 3:55pm.

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