

# THE RIPPLE

September 2023

50p



## PARISH SERVICES

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion

11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Informal Family Service

11:00am Other Sundays Parish Communion

6:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Informal Service

4:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Messy church (no service in August)

**WEEKDAYS:** 9:30am Holy Communion - Thursday

**RECTOR:** Reverend Suzan Williams Tel:674948  
The Rectory, Whittington SY11 4DF – email: revwilliams1991@icloud.com

### CHURCHWARDENS:

Mr M Phipps, Wesley Cottage, Babbinswood, Whittington Tel:670940

Mrs G Roberts, 4 Western Avenue, Whittington, SY11 4BP Tel:662236  
e.mail: gillian28.4dg@gmail.com

**VERGER:** Mr D. Howard, 16 Yew Tree Avenue, Whittington Tel:656389

**ORGANIST:** Mr K. Griffiths, 12 Park Crescent, Park Hall Tel:662116

### BAPTISM SECRETARY:

Mrs Margery Mellor, 10 Boot Street, Whittington Tel:681036  
e.mail: i.mellor@tiscali.co.uk

### MAGAZINE:

Editor: Miss A Ward, Manor Garden, 5 Boot Street, Whittington – eaw4@btinternet.com Tel:672838

Distribution: Mrs C Hughes, 9 Rosehill Close, SY11 4DY Tel:662417

### WHITTINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Headteacher: Mr Carl Rogers Tel:662269  
e.mail: admin@whittington.shropshire.sch.uk

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** www.whittingtonschool.co.uk



**“THE RIPPLE”**  
**(Whittington Parish Church Magazine)**  
**Vol 36 No 5**

September 2023

**Rectors Ramblings**

I know many of us feel as if this year is speeding away at a rate of knots, and frequently on visits to our older members I am reminded that the older you get the faster time seems to pass. However, I was still not prepared for the answerphone message asking me, at the beginning of August, when the Harvest service for Haughton would be!

July has proved to be a bit of a disappointment in terms of the amount of rain and lack of sunshine that we've had. But there is still so much to be grateful for with fires ravaging Greece and the Canary Islands, and holiday makers, and local residents, needing to be evacuated rapidly. I cannot help but be reminded of how frail and vulnerable life can be.

Just recently, from the 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July, I had the privilege of being on the Kent showground with around nine and a half thousand other followers of Jesus. The only way I can describe it to you is that it is like Glastonbury but for Christians. With various venues and styles of worship, it was on the whole more modern and charismatic in style. In the Luminosity venue that was running for young people, it was so encouraging to hear the reports, day by day, of young people being set free from crippling anxiety and fear; and finding a freedom to be who God has always intended them to be.

It seems to me that in our culture we are constantly being told what to think, how to act and who to align our political allegiances to. However, I think if we all cared more about those right on our doorstep then further afield our world would be a much kinder and generous place.

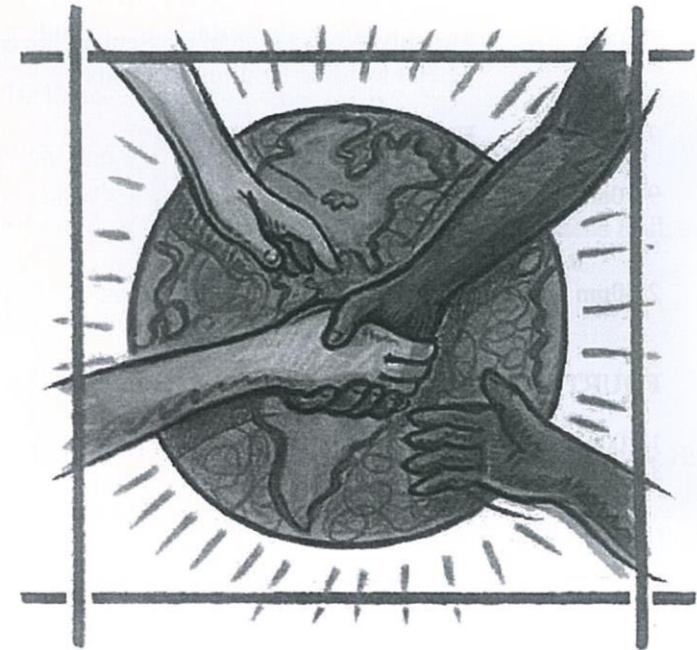
When asked directly which were the most important of the commandments without hesitation Jesus said *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength; and the second is namely this, love your neighbour as yourself.”*

2

As we seek to be the best versions of ourselves that we can be, showing that love, care and concern for others, we can ask God to help us and to also open our eyes to the needs of those around us and further afield.

Every Blessing

Suzan





# September 2023



## DIARY

### 3 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11:00am Informal Service

4 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

5 Whittington Church of England School opens for the Autumn Term

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

6 7:30pm Monthly Whist Drive in the Senior Citizens' Hall, £2.50 including light refreshments

7 9:30am Holy Communion

9:30am-12:00pm Macmillan Coffee Morning at Castle Court, Castle Street; further details on page 8

2:30pm The Home Group restarts meeting at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall, continuing the series "The Chosen"

### 10 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11:00am Parish Communion

4:00pm Messy Church

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

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

4

12 **9:15am** First pick-up at Rosehill (9:30am at the hall) for Whittington Senior Citizens day-trip to Llandudno further details page 10

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

13 7:00pm Whittington WI meets in the Community Centre

### 14 HOLY CROSS DAY

9:30am Holy Communion

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

### 17 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

11:00am Parish Communion

6:30pm Informal Service

18 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)

19 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church

6:30pm Bingo Evening in the Senior Citizens Hall; everyone is welcome; further details page 10

### 21 ST MATTHEW

9:30am Holy Communion

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

### 24 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Parish Communion

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



- 25 10:30am-12:00noon Cameo in church (Come and Meet Each Other)
- 26 12:00noon Whittington Senior Citizens monthly lunch at the White Lion; further details on page 8
- 2:00-3:00pm Praise and Play in church
- 28 9:30am Holy Communion
- 2:30pm Home Group meets at 4 Inglis Road, Park Hall

**“ADVANCE NOTICE FOR OCTOBER”**

**1 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 11:00am Harvest Festival Celebration
- 12:30 for 1:00pm Harvest Lunch in the Senior Citizens’ Hall; Adults £12, Children (12 and under) £5; further details on page 11

**Extracts from the Parish Registers for the months of June/July 2023**



**HOLY MATRIMONY**

We sent our Best Wishes to:-

- 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Oliver Brian Gittins and Alice Ruth Roberts of Duddleston Heath



**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

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

- 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Rachel Anne Pyner aged 55 of Epsom Close, Oswestry
- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Deborah Allsopp aged 59 of Drenewydd, Park Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Constance Marjorie Kempster aged 81 of Maesbury



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Rector and Trustees of the Friends of St John the Baptist acknowledge the following donation.

£25 in memory of Deborah Allsopp

From her family

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the generosity of those attending the Bingo evenings on the last Sunday evening of each month at the White Lion, £340 has been raised for charity during the last three months. We have sent £170 to both Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Veterans’ Unit at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital.



If you fancy a fun evening out, why not join us, you will be very welcome.

**Bryan Williams**

**OSWESTRY SHOW “BOTTLE STALL”**



We had a successful day on a really wet and sodden Show ground on the first Saturday of August. Ruth labelled all the bottles and with help from Lindsey, Darren, Suzan, Ruth, Mike, Carole, Patrick and Eleanor we had a very reasonably good day. The wet weather didn’t impact too much on attendance, though the muddy showground will take some time to repair. We managed to raise £466 so grateful thanks go to all who donated bottles and all those who came and bought tickets.

**Mark Jones**

**Blessings**

The student was writing to the head of the mission in England who had founded his local school in the African bush. He wanted to end with the blessing, ‘May heaven preserve you.’

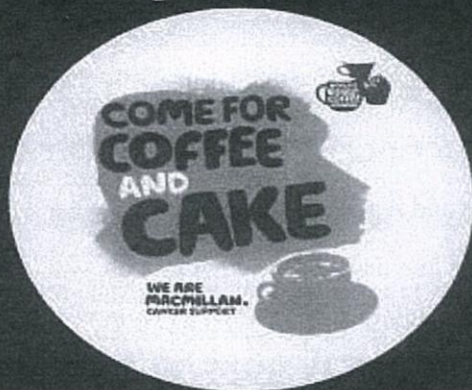


Not being quite confident of his English, he looked up the word ‘preserve’. When the letter reached the head of the mission, it ended with the words: ‘And may Heaven pickle you.’



# Macmillan Coffee Morning

It's time for a Macmillan coffee morning  
and you're invited!



Thursday 7th September

9:30am - 12:00pm

Castle Court, Castle Street, Whittington,

SY11 4DF

**hudson** 

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT & BUSINESS ADVISOR

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

In August a few of us visited the Black County Museum and enjoyed a boat trip on the Dudley Canal.

Our next lunch at the White Lion is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12:00

noon. Still currently £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 why not join us one month, you do not have to commit indefinitely. However, if you would like to become a club member for 2023 the subscription is a very reasonable £10; if you are interested, please give me a ring on 01691 662236. Apparently, due to being away on holiday, I missed a wonderful lunch in July of roast beef and all the trimmings.

It is still not too late to pay your club membership subscription for 2023, a very reasonable £10 only; if you are interested, please call me on 01691 662236.

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 is sometimes on offer if someone is celebrating a birthday or anniversary. There have been several birthdays during these summer months, so cakes have been on the menu regularly. This is a very friendly gathering with new people appearing nearly every week.

On August Bank Holiday Monday at the Whittington Together Fete we held a "Once Loved" stall to raise funds for the club with members invited to have a sort out and donate unwanted, but useful, items.

**Please note:** Keep Fit sessions re-commence, after a summer break, on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** between 1:30 – 2:30pm and will again be run by Sonya. Please come along and give it a go; it is great fun and very beneficial.

We are having a fund-raising evening for club funds on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Do please come along and support us, we begin at 6:30pm and a £2 entrance fee includes the first game and a drink. The evening is being



organised and run by Di and Phil Rogers; further details can be found following this article.

**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

**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**

12<sup>th</sup> September **9:15am** first pick up at Rosehill for Day Trip to Llandudno

10<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Lunch

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

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Tea

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Christmas lunch at The Navigation

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

Several members have approached me about visiting a fairly local Garden Centre, if anyone is interested, please contact me.

**Gillian Roberts – Secretary 662236**

**Come and Join Us for an Evening of**



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm**

**in the SENIOR CITIZENS HALL**

**Tickets: £2 and includes first game and a drink  
Raffle, refreshments, money prizes & more**

**HARVEST LUNCH**

on

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

in the

**Senior Citizens' Hall**

**12:30 for 1:00pm**



**Tickets £12 Adults - £5 Children (12 and under)**

**Tickets now available from the Churchwardens**

**A BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**As always, this event is open to everyone**

**However, for the purposes of catering it is important that we know in advance how many to cater for, so please reserve your seat with one of the Churchwardens no later than Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**RAFFLE in aid of AIR AMBULANCE**

**Would you believe it – 2,000 silkworm cocoons are needed to make one pound of silk.**

**20mph is how fast a bee can fly- but it is slower when returning with food.**

**5 billion pizzas are sold across the world each year according to estimates.**





Whittington Wizards completed their inaugural Shrewsbury and District Evening League season away to Pontesbury without many key players due to work, injury and moving house!

Despite this the squad numbers brought together over the summer still ensured a strong eleven took to the field.

Batting first, the Wizards battled against some poor light and excellent bowling to post a score of 112 for 6 off their allotted 20 overs. Joint top scorers with 21 apiece were Connor Dyke and Will Walker, supported by Harry Ruler (19), Dale Randall (14) and Luke Jones (13).

In reply, Pontesbury were made to work extremely hard in chasing down the required runs, finally reaching 113 for 5 with only 4 balls to spare. Pick of the bowlers was Dale Randall who bowled an excellent spell taking four wickets for only 10 runs off his four overs.

The Wizards are currently in second place in the league standings, with Welshpool in third having one game left to play. If they win their final match then they will take the runners up spot by two points.

Irrespective of the final league position it's been a very successful season in seeing men's senior cricket returning to Whittington, alongside the continued development and growth of the Witches Ladies team who continue to do the club proud with both their on-field performances and overall contribution to the future of the club at Whittington.

The Witches have not had any matches this month due to the weather and holidays meaning other clubs have been unable to field a team. They have however been successful in obtaining the Clubmark Accreditation from the ECB which is no mean feat. The ECB Clubmark is an accreditation scheme for cricket clubs which shows that a club is sustainable, well run and provides the right environment for its members. Clubmark accreditation also means the club is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages, as well as assuring parents and carers that they are choosing the right option for their young people.

As the season draws to a close, we thank all of the players, volunteers,

parents and young people that continue to support the club and enable cricket to thrive once again in Whittington.

**BOWLS:** September brings the end of the season with just the following two matches to play:

**Home Bowling Fixtures for September: Start time 7:00pm**

"A" Team Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September v Pentre Broughton A

"C" Team Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> v Brymbo C

**Car Boot Sale:** Pitch Fee £6.00 and refreshments are available.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9:00am – 1:00pm

Don't forget you can also hire the club for your own event please contact Jacqui Whitley to enquire on 01691 830901 or at jacquiwhitley@yahoo.com

Caroline O'Reilly

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



**EACH MONDAY 1 0:30AM – 12:00NOON**

**Come along to our get together to meet other people from the community, there'll be tea, coffee and toast**

**Contact Suzan: revwilliams1991@icloud.com or Tel: 01691 238658**

**Look what's coming...**

Blessings on thee, little man, barefoot boy with cheeks of tan,  
Trudging down a dusty lane, with no thought of future pain.  
You're our one and only bet to absorb our National Debt.

Little man with cares so few, we've got lots of faith in you.  
Guard each merry whistled tune, you are apt to need it soon.  
Have your fun, boy, while you can, you may be a barefoot man!



**SEPTEMBER at Whittington Castle –  
The Castle is open daily 9:00am – 5:00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 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](mailto:kitchen@thecastle). All children must be accompanied.



**5<sup>th</sup> September 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.

**16<sup>th</sup>/17 September 10:00am – 4:00pm Craft Fair** with unique crafts and gifts from local makers. Admission is FREE, £2 parking charge applies.

**17<sup>th</sup> September 11:00am and 2:00pm Castle Tours** – pre-book or turn up on the day. FREE of charge, donations welcome, a great opportunity to meet trustees and volunteers for anyone wishing to get involved with volunteering at the Castle, £2 parking charge applies.

**Kimberley Powell, Castle Manager**  
Telephone 01691 662500

E-mail: [info@whittingtoncastle.co.uk](mailto:info@whittingtoncastle.co.uk) -Website: [www.whittingtoncastle.co.uk](http://www.whittingtoncastle.co.uk)

**A FEW HOURS IN THE GARDEN**

1. Protect purple sprouting broccoli and other brassicas from caterpillar damage with netting or a cage.
2. Sow winter lettuce under glass.
3. September is a good month to prune or move evergreen trees and shrubs.

Good news for veteran gardeners is a 3-wheel wheelbarrow. With good flexibility it may be pushed, not lifted and pushed thus reducing strain on the neck and shoulders.

**Flower of the month: Persicaria Amplexicaule**

(*Polygonum*) This hardy perennial, with flower spikes, growing up to 4½ feet tall, flowers in pink, white and deep crimson well into November. It does well in sunshine or



shade in ground that is not too dry.

**Tree of the month: White Mulberry**

(*Morus Alba*) The cultivation of this tree began over 4,700 years ago in China to nourish silkworms which devoured the leaves ferociously; the more they ate the more silk fibres they produced. The tree has multiple branches, can grow up to between 30 – 60 feet tall, and bears male and female flowers on the same tree. Thinking to cash in on the lucrative silk business, as early as 1609 King James I imported thousands of trees from China and India, where they are also a native species, and distributed them around the large estates in the country and to the American colonies.



Unfortunately, he imported black mulberries, not the white variety to which silkworms are partial. There was another problem – silkworms are not hardy, and would not have survived in our cold winters. Red and white mulberry trees can be seen growing in the Garden of Remembrance opposite the church.



**LET'S GO OUTSIDE AND USE FREE GREEN SPACES**

New guides showcasing local green spaces have been created to encourage people to spend more time outdoors experiencing natural environments to the benefit of their physical and mental health.

Nine locations have been chosen across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to make up the guides, which contain maps, photos and waymarked trails. Each location has a free downloadable route, instructions on how to get there, accessibility information, and details of what you can see and do.

This is one of the outcomes from a two-year Green Social Prescribing project, run by a partnership between Energize STW (the active partnership for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin) and Shropshire Wildlife Trust, with support from both local authorities in our County. The project is all about encouraging people to access outdoor spaces to help improve their health and wellbeing. The guides have been designed for everyone; from those taking their first steps to get out in nature, to social prescribers based in GP



surgeries across the County who want to help provide their patients with options to access free local green spaces.

The 9 guides are available to view on the Shropshire Wildlife Trust website at [www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/local-green-spaces](http://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/local-green-spaces). The sites are the Aston Nature Reserve at Queenshead; a walk around Bridgnorth; Dothill Local Nature Reserve, Wellington; Ellesmere and Llangollen Canal Walk; Quarry Wood, Hinstock; Radlay Valley Local Nature Reserve, Hollingswood, Telford; Rea Brook Valley Local Nature Reserve, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury; Rough Park Local Nature Reserve, Woodside Telford and Whitcliffe Common Nature Reserve, Ludlow. So, if we have some nice days in September, here is a chance to visit some areas of the county you have not been to before to enjoy.



If you would like more information about the Green Social Prescribing project, please contact Sharon Smith, Green Social Prescribing Officer at [Sharon.Smith@energizestw.org.uk](mailto:Sharon.Smith@energizestw.org.uk) or 07903 018035.

**Nikita Whitfield**, Marketing and Communications Officer  
Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin

### NORTH KOREA – how it all began

Seventy-five years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was established, headed by Kim Il Sung.

Korea as a whole had been under Japanese control for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with many Korean guerrilla groups fighting to regain the country's autonomy. The Second World War led to the surrender of Japan and the division of Korea, with the Soviet Union occupying the north and the United States the south.

Attempts to create a unified country failed, and two separate governments emerged, each claiming to be the legitimate rulers of Korea. As a result, the Korean War broke out in 1950, resulting in a great deal of destruction, followed by stalemate and a line of demarcation between north and south at the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.

The leader of the north, which became the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, was a famous and accomplished former guerrilla leader called Kim Il Sung (meaning Kim Become the Sun), who because of his earlier exile spoke very little Korean when he became head of government. He had been raised, he said, in a Presbyterian Christian family, one of his grandfathers being a Protestant minister. During the Second World War he was, for a time, a Major in the Soviet Red Army.



He was in office for more than 45 years, being succeeded by his son and then grandson, as North Korea became a totalitarian socialist dictatorship, with a centrally planned economy, closely linked to the Soviet Union. At first the north outperformed the south, but when South Korea stabilised and bloomed economically in the 1980s, the situation was reversed. The tension between north and south continues. **Tim Lenton**

### Advertising terms explained:

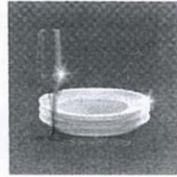
- NEW** – Different colour from previous design.
- ALL NEW** – Parts are not interchangeable with previous design.
- EXCLUSIVE** – Imported product from goodness knows where.
- UNMATCHED** – Not quite as good as the competition.
- FOOLPROOF OPERATION** – No provision for adjustments.
- ADVANCED DESIGN** – The advertising agency doesn't understand it.
- IT'S HERE AT LAST** – Rush job. Nobody knew it was coming.
- FIELD TESTED** – Manufacturer lacks on-site test equipment.
- HIGH ACCURACY** – Unit on which all parts actually fit.
- FUTURISTIC** – We have no idea why it looks the way it does.
- REDESIGNED** – Previous flaws fixed – we hope.
- DIRECT SALES ONLY** – Factory had a big argument with distributor.
- YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT** – We finally got one to work.
- BREAKTHROUGH** – We finally figured out a use for it.
- MAINTENANCE FREE** – Impossible to fix.
- MEETS ALL STANDARDS** – Ours, not yours.
- SOLID-STATE** – Don't drop it on your foot.
- HIGH RELIABILITY** – We made it work long enough to ship it.

Here's a fool proof way to tell right from wrong:  
If the thought 'could I get caught?' runs through your mind, it's wrong.



## PORTION CREEP

Bet you haven't notice this, but dinner plates have got bigger. In the 1950s, a dinner plate measured 25cm across; now the usual is 28cm.



And take a look at those very old wine glasses in the charity shops: our grandparents served wine in what looks like liqueur glasses to us now. These days, many wineglasses seem to hold nearly half a bottle....



## FRAUD AND SCAM WARNING:

### WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN DOING ONLINE THIS SUMMER?

What's almost certain is that they'll be going online more than in term time ... for entertainment, keeping in contact and chatting with their mates, gaming, and the multitude of other things kids use the internet for. With all the additional time spent doing more online, how can you be sure that the young people in your family are safe from the issues they can encounter every day?

Help your child enjoy a safe and confident experience online. Chat regularly with your child about what they do online and get them to show you. Get to know about new technologies and trends. Talk about the potential negatives, like oversharing, seeing inappropriate content, cyberbullying, stranger danger, uncontrolled spending of money and spending too much time online. Set a good example yourself.

Steer your child towards safe searching, websites and apps. Check what they're watching and/or sharing on streaming sites like YouTube and TikTok. Encourage them to use child-friendly platforms like YouTube Kids. Gaming, social media, picture/video sharing and many other apps and websites have lower age limits for a reason, so you should make sure your child doesn't access those for which they're underage. Download apps only from recognised sources like App Store and Google Play. Add your own email address when setting up accounts and apps for your child. Discuss and agree boundaries and rules from a young age, including appropriate

online usage, always being respectful and how much time they spend online. Empower them, but remember they don't have the experience or maturity to always make the right decisions. Consider setting up parental control software and apps on computers, mobile devices and games consoles, privacy features on social networking sites, safety options on search engines and safe location settings on devices and apps. Turn on your ISP's family filters. Stay familiar with new game and social media trends, especially those attracting negative publicity because they may be violent, encourage gambling or leave the way open for messaging random strangers, potential grooming or other types of coercion.

For video calls, ensure your child's safety by updating to the platform's latest version, following its safety advice and checking that call invitations and replies can't be seen by anybody outside the agreed call group. Online gaming is widely recognised as having many developmental benefits for young people, but talk to them about potential negatives like chatting to strangers, in-game purchases (like loot boxes, skins and cheats), and overdoing screen time. Talk to your child about misinformation, disinformation and fake news. Tell them not to believe or share everything they see or read, especially in these days of sponsored 'news' and AI-generated images, videos and text.

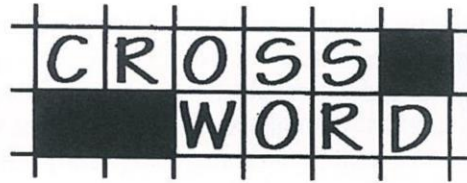
Warn your child about confidential information, personal details and images/video about themselves or others they share in posts, profiles, messages and chats. Consider what you share yourself. Without being controlling, keep an eye on your child's online activities and know how to recognise the signs of something not being right. For example, criminals have exploited increased online use for recruiting children into illegal activities such as cybercrime and drug muling.

For more information, visit: [www.getsafeonline.org/personal/article-category/safeguarding-children](http://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/article-category/safeguarding-children). **Source: GETSAFEONLINE**  
*(Please feel free to share this information with any relatives, friends or neighbours you think may be vulnerable.)*

**The perfect diet** – What is the best and most infallible way to reduce your waistline? Just move your head slowly from right to left when asked to have a second helping.

To me, old age is always 15 years older than whatever I am. - *Anon*





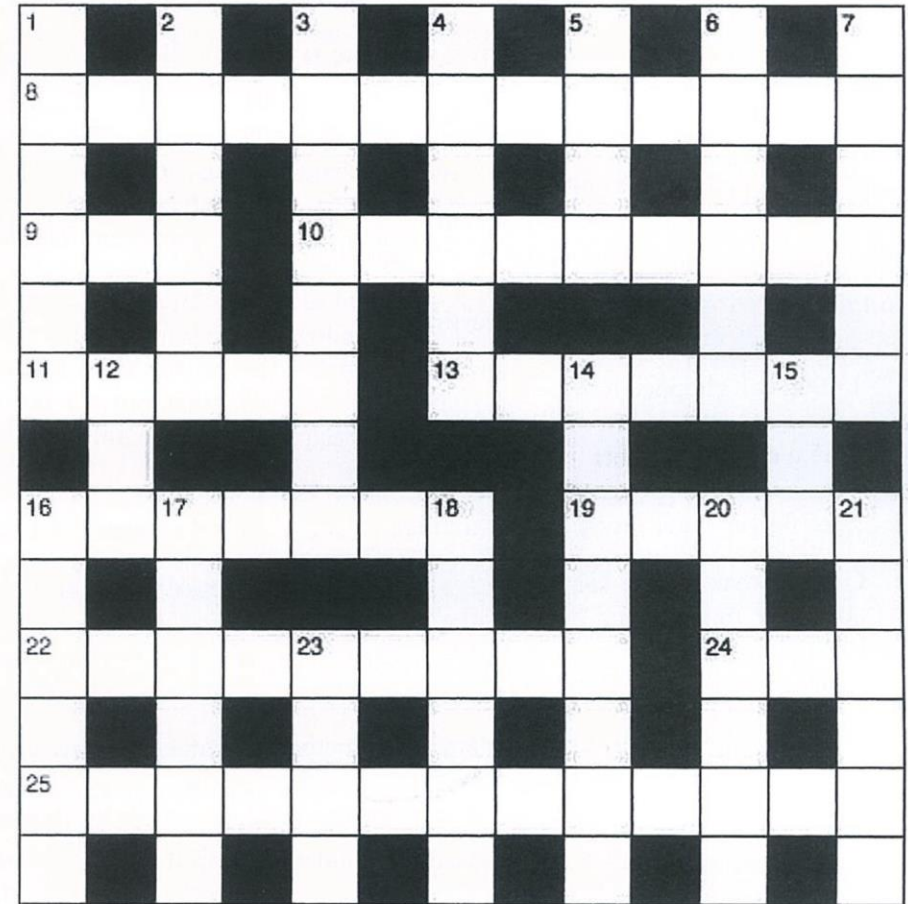
**Across:**

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3,2,4)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) (3)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' John Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5) 8:6) (7)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

**Down:**

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6) (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



**ANSWERS TO AUGUST'S CROSSWORD**

**Across:** 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

**Down:** 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, Echo.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

It doesn't always have to be fresh – a fish brunch for 4 using tinned salmon.

### BRUCH SALMON HASH

1 400g can of salmon  
1 egg  
1 tbs cornflour  
1 tbs Dijon mustard  
1 small lemon, finely grated zest and juice  
2-3 tbs olive oil  
4 tbs flour for dusting

#### Tomato Sauce:

1 400g can chopped tomatoes in juice  
1 198g can sweetcorn, drained  
(165 g drained weight)  
4 tbs balsamic vinegar  
½ x 10g vegetable stock cube, crumbled

#### Mayonnaise:

4 tbs mayonnaise  
6 tbs roughly chopped fresh dill  
(optional)  
2 tsp Dijon mustard  
salt and black pepper to taste

Gently break up the salmon with a fork. Place in a bowl and add the egg, cornflour, mustard and lemon zest and juice, then bring together.

Mold into 4 patties and slightly flatten, then chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.

To make the tomato sauce, place the chopped tomatoes, sweetcorn and vinegar into a saucepan along with the stock cube.

Cook over a medium heat for 5 -6 minutes to thicken slightly, then keep warm.

Heat a non-stick frying pan over a low heat and add the olive oil.

Dust the hash cakes with the flour and cook in the pan for 3 – 4 minutes on each side; do not overcook.

Mix the ingredients for the mayonnaise in a small bowl.

Spoon the tomato sauce on to the 4 plates and place the hash cakes on top with a nice spoon of the mayonnaise and dill.

To entertain some people, all you have to do is sit and listen. - *Anon*

## On the absurdity of a vicar ever retiring



The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Beware of being invited by bishops to drop round for a chat. My first mistake was to answer the phone when he rang; what are answerphones for, but to avoid having to talk to anyone - ever. My second mistake was not to be able to think of a meeting I had to attend - preferably on another planet - on the day he suggested.

I therefore found myself in his study this morning, waiting for the point of the meeting while we negotiated the obligatory five minutes discussing the weather and his summer holiday in France. I made it quite clear that I had been far too busy to swan off to foreign parts – although I suspect the implication of what I said passed him by.

We then got to the point. He was toying with the thought of my retirement and linking us with the adjoining parish of St Agatha's. I patiently explained, using simple words and speaking slowly for his benefit, that at 85 and with 40 years at St James the Least of All behind me, I was just getting into my stride and that the vicar of St Agatha's, a stripling at 63, had nowhere near enough experience to organise the hymn list, let alone two parishes. This, too, seemed to drift somewhere above his head.

He had clearly done his homework. There were already plans for *my* Queen Anne rectory to be sold and *my* five acres of garden be turned into a housing estate. This news would be received by our parishioners with as much equanimity as if they were told that Buckingham Palace was to be converted into a sports centre.

The matter, I was told, was confidential – which meant that I only relayed the news to one parishioner at a time. By the end of the day everyone in the village knew, and a counter attack was being planned. Inevitably, the most outraged were those who never attend church. People do so love having a church not to go to. Congregations have soared, gardeners are being brought in to tidy the rectory grounds, and the church council is now well attended. The latter is a mixed blessing, as I always think that the time to get worried is when people start to turn up to meetings.



It may surprise our bishop, but the threat of a merger has been the greatest impetus to mission outreach we've had in years. Retirement indeed! I'm sure Zadok was never asked about his pension plans.

**Your loving uncle, Eustace**

### Ways of keeping your home smelling fresh

Using an aerosol to freshen the atmosphere in the home is the simple option – but it is not the only one. These cans can be dangerous because they tend to contain highly toxic and hazardous components such as xylene, formaldehyde, neurotoxins and carcinogens; and they can also explode.

Diffusing essential oils into our homes is nothing new – the ancient Greeks used reeds dipped in essential oils in both their homes and temples. And diffusing essential oils like lavender, eucalyptus or rose is still popular today, helping us to relax and feel tranquil.

If you would like to 'have a go', there are three basic types of diffusers to choose from:

**Reed diffusers:** Are often rattan or bamboo, sit in a small well of fragrance, which works its way up and evaporates at the top, dispersing fragrance into the air.



**Electric diffusers:** These heat a blend of the oil and water, which then evaporates into the room.

**Nebulising diffusers:** These use high pressure to force a stream of air through the essential oil, in order to create a mist.



Whichever you choose, be very careful if you have pets in your house. Many essential oils are highly toxic for them. You might wish to 'google' whatever scent you have in mind, to make sure that it won't badly affect your dog or cat.

**In common** – I was the supply teacher for a class that was learning about groups. In one exercise, pupils were asked to label a group of items according to their common characteristics. Pictured were onion rings, doughnuts, and party biscuits. The correct answer would have been that all the items have holes in the centre. But one health-conscious boy pointed out: "All of those things contain far too much cholesterol."

## SEPTEMBER

"The Golden rod is yellow;  
The corn is turning brown;  
The trees in apple orchards  
With fruit are bending down.



The gentian's bluest fringes  
Are curling in the sun;  
In dusty pods the milkweed  
Is hidden silk has spun



The sedges flaunt their harvest,  
In every meadow nook;  
And asters by the brook-side  
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning  
The grapes' sweet odour rise;  
At noon the roads all flutter  
With yellow butterflies.



By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
With summer's best of weather,  
And Autumn's best of cheer.

But none of all this beauty  
Which floods the earth and air  
Is unto me the secret  
Which makes September fair.



'Tis a thing which I remember;  
To name it thrills me yet;  
One day of one September  
I never can forget."

**Helen Hunt Jackson**

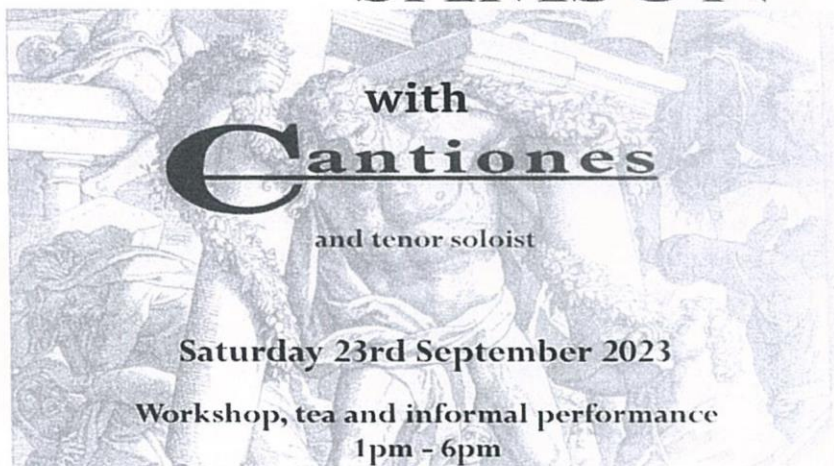
**Off to school** – Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"  
Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."



# Come and Sing!

Choruses from

# HANDEL'S SAMSON



Saturday 23rd September 2023

Workshop, tea and informal performance  
1pm - 6pm

Black Park Chapel, Halton, Chirk LL14 5BB

Musical Director  
Martin Bussey

Tickets £15 / Under 18s FREE  
Audience ticket £5

Accompanist  
Stephen Owens

BOOKING DETAILS  
at  
[www.cantiones.org.uk](http://www.cantiones.org.uk)



**Blessing** – It was the five-year-old child's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached him, he ignored his out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on his head in a gentle blessing instead. The boy was utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice; "He's put it on my head!"



26

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

**Would you believe it** – 22 bones are found in a human skull, including eight larger ones designed to protect the brain.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

When visiting a church one of the first things you notice is the stained-glass windows. The story is told of a man in charge of building a great church, who was pestered by an apprentice who wanted to design the glass for one of the windows. Finally, he agreed that the apprentice should be given one very small window. BUT – the apprentice would have to provide all the materials himself. Undaunted, the apprentice carefully swept up all the stray bits of coloured glass that had been discarded and set to work. Slowly, and with great care, he pieced together a window of rare beauty. When the church was finally opened, many people stopped to stare in wonder at his small, but so beautiful, iridescent window.

Coloured glass is created by the addition of metallic salts in its production and its origins go back to both the Egyptians and the Romans. Phoenicia, Sidon, Tyre and Antioch were all important centres of production. The British Museum hold two of the finest Roman pieces, the Lycurgus Cup (*right*), which is a murky mustard colour that glows purple-red in transmitted light, and the cameo Portland Vase.



The earliest known reference date for stained-glass windows in Britain dates from 675 AD when Benedict Biscop imported workmen from France to glaze the windows of the monastery of St Peter which he was building at Monkwearmouth, home of the Venerable Bede.

During the Medieval period Chartres, in France, became a leading stained-glass manufacturer, the cathedral contains one of the oldest examples of a rose stained-glass window, circular in shape featuring an intricate coloured glass design. At the Reformation in England, during the Dissolution of the Monasteries, under Henry VIII and the injunctions of Thomas Cromwell against 'abused images' (the object of veneration), resulted in the loss of thousands of windows as they were replaced with plain glass. Few remain undamaged; the windows in the private chapel at Hengrave Hall in Suffolk are among the finest.

27



**CHILDREN'S PAGE**

Following this destruction, the traditional methods of working with stained glass died, and were not rediscovered until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Then revived by John Ruskin and Augustus Welby Pugin, followed later by the designers William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones whose work heralded the influential Arts and Craft Movements, which regenerated stained glass. The the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw the development of stained-glass techniques, including Gemmail, which overlaps pieces of stained-glass without using lead to hold the glass, together with more abstract designs.


Important examples of stained glass can be found in Canterbury Cathedral which has 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century and 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century examples; York Minster 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century glass and Coventry Cathedral for mid-20<sup>th</sup> century glass.

**How fish may help you hear better**

Seafood, and oily fish in particular, may be able to help you hear better. A new study has found evidence that consuming oily fish such as sardines, salmon and mackerel may help slow down the onset of deafness.

Scientists at the University of Guelph, in Canada, found that people with particularly high blood levels of DHA (docosahexaenoic acid), found in seafood which is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, were 16 % less likely to have difficulty hearing, compared with those who had low levels. Scientists believe that the DHA may play an important role in signal transmission between nerve cells, including the auditory nerves of the ear.

**BENEFITS OF OILY FISH**



**Omega 3, EPA & DHA**  
 Improves circulation  
 Fluidifies blood  
 Diminishes the risk of  
 suffering heart diseases

**Anti-inflammatory**  
 For arthritis, pain  
 during menstruation, etc.  
 Improves diabetes,  
 hypertension, cholesterol,  
 thrombosis

Some scientists suggest that we consider eating fatty fish at least three times a week, in order to increase our blood levels of DHA. This need not be expensive: according to the Cleveland Clinic, in the US, sardines – a tin of which cost just 47p at Tesco – contain some of the highest levels of omega-3 of any fish.



**Mouse Makes**

**THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT**

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?  
 Matthew 13:25

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then  
 READ the parable in Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43 but the wheat is stored in the Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?  
 Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ and who is the good seed?  
 The people of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?  
 The \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who are the harvesters?  
 The \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him hear."  
 Matthew 13:43

**WORD SEARCH**

T O G E T H E R S H E A R  
 D S O X F I R E P E N G T  
 P E O P L E W B A A D E N  
 E E D L B E H A R V E S T  
 G D G A T H E R A E V I L  
 R K T I E K A N B N I P G  
 O Y I N D I T W L O L E R  
 W C M B U N D L E B V J A  
 E N E M Y G V I N U F E I  
 E W O R L D E S W R I S N  
 D E A R S O W E D N E U I  
 S O N O F M A N G E L S M  
 D I S C I P L E S D D V A

PARABLE • HEAVEN • SOWED • GOOD • SEED • FIELD • ENEMY • WHEAT • GRAIN  
 GROW • TOGETHER • TIME • HARVEST • GATHER • BUNDLE • TIE  
 PEOPLE • DISCIPLES • JESUS • EXPLAIN • EVIL • FIRE • END • AGE • EARS

*Find the words from the questions too!*

Sep23© deborah noble - pariahpump.co.uk



## SAINT MATTHEW (21<sup>st</sup> September)

Saint Matthew was one of the twelve apostles; previously he had worked as a publican i.e. a tax-collector, of Jewish race, who worked for the Romans. Early church tradition has him as the writer of the first of the four Gospels which is written in correct, concise style, making it very suitable for public reading. He is the patron saint of bankers and tax collectors



*St Matthew as depicted in the Lindisfarne Gospels*

In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles. Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

### Whittington Parish Council News, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Meeting

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Harvey, Lillis and Stanton.

**KEY ITEMS: Police report:** There continues to be Anti-Social Behaviour at the Castle and people are encouraged to report this directly to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and have it recorded.

#### **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:** Councillor Davis had no issues to report following an inspection on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Shropshire Councillors Report:** Councillor Charmley had advised the Clerk that there was nothing to report and apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

**Planning: a)** To note recent planning decisions published by Shropshire Council **I. Reference:** 23/02040/ADV (validated: 12/05/2023) **Address:** The White Lion Hotel, Castle Street, SY11 4DF **Proposal:** Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of building **Decision:** Grant Permission

**b)** Consider the following Planning Applications: **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. The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

**II. Reference:** 23/02730/FUL (validated: 23/06/2023) **Address:** 33 Inglis Road, Park Hall, SY11 4AN **Proposal:** Erection of a side extension. The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

**III. 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. It was RESOLVED to MAKE A REPRESENTATION with the following comments: The Parish Council notes that it this application is within the conservation area and request that the Planning Officer is sympathetic to this when considering the



application.

c) There were no planning applications not listed above received after the issue of this meeting's agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website.

**Highways, Pavements and Footpaths:** Receive an update on items two items following the letter of complaint sent to the Leader of Shropshire Council (minute 79.23 refers): **a)** Installation of a pavement between The Venue and Inglis Road (CIL Funding). **b)** Penybryn Pedestrian Crossing. It was NOTED that a meeting has been arranged with the Leader of Shropshire Council for 31<sup>st</sup> August so a report can be provided at the September meeting. Both projects have been included in the Place Plan Review.

c) West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner Funding for Safer Roads Project – Discuss funding opportunity. The possibility of installing 'Welcome Gates' made from recycled plastic to reduce maintenance, on suitable entrances to the village was discussed. These could then be cleaned on a quarterly basis. It was RESOLVED that the Road Safety Working Group work with the Clerk to arrange a site visit to agree locations with Highways and draft a funding application to be considered at the September meeting, along with quotes from gate supplier companies.

**Festive Lighting:** Discuss plans and ideas for the 2023 display. The following was AGREED: 4 brackets at Park Hall – back to the larger column brackets; 4 brackets at the Church – back to the larger column brackets; 1 tree (bigger) at Park Hall Junction and 1 (bigger) tree at the village car park. The dead ones need removing and new ones planted. Lights on the Three Trees site tree require replacement white bulbs at an approximate cost of £200.

**Streetlights:** The Working Group reported that discussions are taking place with the contractor regarding maintenance work to the streetlights. The projects will include replacing concrete columns with steel ones; some in Whittington and in Park Hall; and some brackets need to be replaced. The report was noted and it was AGREED that the Working Group provide further information at the September meeting. The damaged column in Fitzalan was discussed as this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> column to be damaged on this stretch of road. It was RESOLVED that this be cut off and removed to make safe.

**Next meeting:** Will be on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto: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**

### SNAILBEACH LEAD MINE

The Snailbeach lead mine is situated just outside the village of the same name on the A488 road from Shrewsbury; 2½ miles beyond Minsterley. The mineralised vein, which is at a very steep angle of 70 to 80 degrees, runs roughly from the Village Hall up the valley to the top of the hill and lead ore, galena, was the main mineral mined. It is believed that mining started here under the Romans, with several pigs of lead bearing Hadrian's name found in the area, and continued almost continuously until it closed in 1955. An ingot of lead, referred to as a pig, weighed between 56 – 62 pounds each and was often transported to Rome to be used in the water systems, roofing, paint and domestic items such as plates and cups.

In the later part of the 12<sup>th</sup> century records show that lead from the mine was being sent to Gloucester Cathedral. During the Industrial Revolution demand for lead increased and with the advent of steam engines working the mine became more efficient. In the 1850s, when the mine was in full production, there were



some 500 men employed in this mine. In 1877 the narrow gauge Snailbeach District Railway was constructed from the main line at Pontesbury to Snailbeach so as to facilitate the transport of coal needed for the steam engines and to take the ore away for processing. An accident in 1895 a wire rope lowering miners down into the mine broke and 7 men were killed. Soon



after most of the lead mines in the ore-field closed down, due mainly to cheap imports. The Snailbeach mine soldiered on until 1911 when they stopped pumping causing the mine to flood. After that a small number of men mined the mineral baryte from the unflooded areas until 1955.

From 1955 until the mid 1980s the mine was largely left derelict with the buildings unused and gradually falling down. Shafts were open, and shallow workings were liable to collapse; the highly contaminated, unvegetated white tip left to blow around the village and surrounding land. Then in the mid-1990s the then Shropshire County Council embarked, with grants, on a reclamation process to make the site safe and to consolidate the buildings, which English Heritage classed as being the best of their type in UK and well worth preserving as part of our industrial heritage. English Heritage declared the mine as a Scheduled Monument in 1997. Consequently, it was decided, at minimal cost, to manage as a visitor attraction. One of the mine buildings was reroofed and fitted out as a Visitor Centre in 1998. You are free to visit, wander round, explore the buildings and other features and imagine what the mine was like when it was in full production. The site remains the property of Shropshire Council and is managed by the Shropshire Mines Trust. In its heyday it was one of the biggest and richest lead mines in the country.

**WHITTINGTON ORGANISATIONS**

**CRICKET/BOWLING CLUB SECRETARY:** Tel:830901  
Jacqui Whitley – jacquiwhitley@yahoo.com

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Ian Chalmers  
Ianwenachalmers@hotmail.com

**BOWLING SECRETARY:** Hannah Hampson  
whittingtonbowlsec@outlook.com

**TREASURER:** grahamhumphreys63@gmail.com Tel:622385

**WHITTINGTON WITCHES SECRETARY:** Caroline O'Reilly,  
cjoreilly74@gmail.com Tel:07525 212 905

**COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKING SECRETARY:**  
Mrs Kath Griffiths Tel:662116

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR WHITTINGTON AND WEST FELTON:**

Mr Stephen Charmley, The Coppers, Park Street, Oswestry SY11 2HF  
e.mail:Steve.charmley@shropshire.gov.uk –www.stevecharmley.co.uk  
Tel: 07870280747

**WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:** Tel: 829571  
Amy Jones (Clerk to the Council)  
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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** [www.whittingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.whittingtonchurch.org.uk)

**MESSY CHURCH:** <https://m.facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistwhittington/>  
36



OSWESTRY  
TOWN MARKET

## Oswestry Market

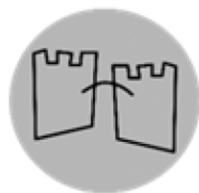
*A unique, diverse, historic and  
award winning market  
Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday*

**Artisan Market**  
*Last Friday every month*



[www.oswestrymarket.co.uk](http://www.oswestrymarket.co.uk)  
Contact 01691 680222





# 2023@thecastle

kitchen@thecastle will continue to open daily 9-4 in the winter and 9-5 in the summer months.

Visit the website for updates on seasonal changes to opening and news on upcoming events.

## Eco Warriors

First Saturday of every month

## Craft Group

First Tuesday of every month

### Lancia Car Stop-Over

31<sup>st</sup> March 11.30-13.30

### Plant Hunter Fair

2<sup>nd</sup> July

### Plant Hunter Fair

7<sup>th</sup> April  
Good Friday

### Ugly Duckling 2pm

&

### Meny Wives of Windsor 7pm

Folksey Theatre

27<sup>th</sup> August

### Eco Fair

23<sup>rd</sup> April

### Whittington Village Fete

28<sup>th</sup> August

### SEIGE!

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May

### Handmade Craft Fair

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September

### Twelfth Night Festival Players

18<sup>th</sup> June

### Multi Period Re-enactment

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October

### Napoleonic Re-enactment 85eme

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June

### Halloween Parade

31<sup>st</sup> October



WHITTINGTON CASTLE, CASTLE STREET, WHITTINGTON, SY11 4DF  
WWW.WHITTINGTONCASTLE.CO.UK  
EMAIL: INFO@WHITTINGTONCASTLE.CO.UK  
PHONE: 01691 662500

# JAMIE WARD'S

TRADITIONAL  
FAMILY BUTCHERS

Our Butchers and Deli offer a wide range of delicious local produce

Why not call in and see our display of mouth watering meats, cheeses and pies

Our friendly staff will be pleased to welcome you.

Unit 1, St Mary's Precinct, Church Street,  
Chirk, Wrexham LL14 5HX  
Tel No 01691 772602

info@jamiewardsbutchers.co.uk  
www.jamiewardsbutchers.co.uk

## Compass Legal Ltd



### Teresa Jones MA PGDL AILEx

Legal Support for you, your family and your business -  
Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney,  
Probate and Mediation  
Telephone: 01691 238701  
Mob: 07896 032419

Email: teresa@compassla.com  
3 Birch Close, Four Crosses, Powys. SY22 6NH

## Local Electricians

# DNE

DNE Electrical Ltd  
DAVIES | ECCLESTON

DOMESTIC | COMMERCIAL  
INDUSTRIAL | AGRICULTURAL

rich.dneelectrical@outlook.com  
gwyn.dneelectrical@outlook.com

Rich: 07891471236  
Gwyn: 07814299647

## HAIR & BEAUTY at

No 6 STATION ROAD,  
WHITTINGTON  
01691 662496

OPEN

Monday to Friday

Wednesday by appointment  
only

Amended hours during August  
please ring ahead.

Stockists of Moroccan oil and  
Well a Colour products

## ANG'S MOBILE FOOT HEALTH

07730795142

info@angsmobilefoothealth.co.uk

For professional treatment, nail  
trimming, fungal nail  
treatment, calluses,  
cracked heels, corns  
and verrucas



S.A.C Dip RFHP

## Taste the difference!

# HERD

FRESH MILK

Delicious, whole milk, fresh from the cows in our grassed herd.

Bring a bottle or buy one from us. Enjoy the taste of real farm milk on its own or, with our British made syrups, as a milkshake.

HERD yogert will be in the shack from spring 2022 alongside selected Niche Patisserie items and freshly roasted coffee/hot chocolate made with HERDMILK.

We are passionate about our cows, their welfare, and reducing packaging waste and food miles.

Drennewydd Farm, Whittington Road, SY11 4NB  
www.herdmilk.co.uk

Email: victoria@herdmilk.co.uk



OPEN  
24/7





**NOW OPEN  
6 DAYS**

 **Cambrian Pharmacy**

# Free Delivery

Your prescription delivered direct to your door, available to everyone. New patients welcome.



**CAMBRIAN PHARMACY**  
THOMAS SAVIN ROAD, OSWESTRY, SY11 1GA  
01691 670292



Business Support  
Payroll Services  
Business Start Ups  
SAGE Support  
Auditing

Management Accounts  
Tax Planning  
Accounts Preparation  
Financial Services



Offices at: Ellesmere, Oswestry and Llangollen  
Telephone: 01691 622098  
e-mail: [partners@morriscook.co.uk](mailto:partners@morriscook.co.uk)  
[www.morriscook.co.uk](http://www.morriscook.co.uk)

Chartered Accountants  
and  
Business Advisers

 **Vito Sanchi mbhi**  
Watchmakers Jewellers  
5 Scotland Street, Ellesmere, SY12 0DE  
Watches-Clocks-Barometers & Jewellery Repairs Rolex-Omega-Revdling-Scala  
Phone: 01691 622282 Email: [vitosanchi@hotmail.com](mailto:vitosanchi@hotmail.com)

**Holistic Therapies for Animals**

**Barbara A Jones BVMS MRCVS VEMTHK**



Homeopathy, Acupuncture, Herbalism/Wellness  
clinics at any life stage, Nutritional therapy,  
Alternative cancer therapies Palliative and  
End of Life care  
Babbinswood Farm, Whittington, Oswestry, SY11 4PF  
01691 679699; [barb@oakwood.co.uk](mailto:barb@oakwood.co.uk);  
[www.oakwood.co.uk](http://www.oakwood.co.uk)

**Lakeside**  
COACH TRAVEL

**449 ELLESMERE - OSWESTRY**

**Monday-Saturday**

Ellesmere Cross Street	09:00	10:00	11:00	13:00	14:00	16:45
Welsh Frankton	09:06	10:06	11:06	13:16	14:06	16:51
Narrowboat Inn	09:07	10:07	11:07	13:07	14:07	16:52
A495-Hinford Junction	09:09	10:09	11:09	13:09	14:09	16:54
Whittington, Penybryn Avenue	09:11	10:11	11:11	13:11	14:11	16:56
Whittington, Three Trees	09:12	10:12	11:12	13:12	14:12	16:57
Drenewydd	09:14	10:14	11:14	13:14	14:14	16:59
Park Hall, Inglis Road	09:15	10:15	11:15	13:15	14:15	17:00
Orthopaedic Hospital	09:17	10:17	11:17	13:17	14:17	17:02
Oswestry, Jasmine Gardens	09:21	10:21	11:21	13:21	14:21	17:06
Oswestry, Iceland Bus Stop	09:23	10:23	11:23	13:23	14:23	17:08

Oswestry, Iceland Bus Stop	09:30	10:30	11:30	13:30	14:30	17:15
Oswestry, Jasmine Gardens	09:32	10:32	11:32	13:32	14:32	17:17
Orthopaedic Hospital	09:36	10:36	11:36	13:36	14:36	17:21
Park Hall, Inglis Road	09:38	10:38	11:38	13:38	14:38	17:23
Drenewydd	09:39	10:39	11:39	13:39	14:39	17:24
Whittington, Three Trees	09:41	10:41	11:41	13:41	14:41	17:26
Whittington, Penybryn Avenue	09:42	10:42	11:42	13:42	14:42	17:27
A495-Hinford Junction	09:44	10:44	11:44	13:44	14:44	17:29
Narrowboat Inn	09:46	10:46	11:46	13:46	14:46	17:31
Welsh Frankton	09:47	10:47	11:47	13:47	14:47	17:32
Ellesmere Cross Street	09:53	10:53	11:53	13:53	14:53	17:38



**We sell houses, We win awards, because We care**

**WOODHEAD**  
OSWESTRY SALES & LETTINGS

SALES LETTINGS NEW BUILDS AUCTIONS

Professional, honest and trusted service to our customers.  
**CALL: 01691 680044**  
[www.woodheadsalesandlettings.com](http://www.woodheadsalesandlettings.com)

**Unlock4u24 locksmiths**

- Lock outs
- Upgrades
- New Fits

**Call KEVIN on 07805 864 669 (24hr)**  
[www.unlock4u24.co.uk](http://www.unlock4u24.co.uk)  
[Unlock4u24@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Unlock4u24@yahoo.co.uk)

**Babbinswood**  
organic farm shropshire

holistic veterinary practice  
farm shop  
outdoor activities

[babbinswoodfarm.co.uk](http://babbinswoodfarm.co.uk) 07769607404

**ValentineWindow CLEANING**

[www.valentinewindowcleaning.co.uk](http://www.valentinewindowcleaning.co.uk)  
**07540 648565**

WINDOWS | SOFFITS & FACIAS | CLADDING | CONSERVATORIES  
GUTTER CLEANING | JET WASHING | SOLAR PANELS

**JL TYRES**  
Open Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm Saturday 8am - 12pm  
**01691 688 588**

**TYRES, PUNCTURE REPAIRS, BALANCING, TYRE FITTING**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY  
OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
FITTING WHILE YOU WAIT**

**01691 688 588**  
Opening Hours Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm  
Saturday 8am - 12pm  
7 Park Green, Whittington, Oswestry. SY11 4ND

**THE NEW SAINTS FC**  
U19'S WOMENS DEV TEAM

**WE ARE RECRUITING**  
FITNESS ♥ FOOTY ♥ FRIENDS

Be part of something BIGGER.. with the pathway to our Elite Women's 1st Team

Please contact:  
Andy (Womens 1st Team) [Andy.williams@tnsfc.co.uk](mailto:Andy.williams@tnsfc.co.uk)  
or  
Tim (U19's Development Team) [Tim: 07967 755626](tel:07967755626)

**JOIN US.**  
[www.TNSFC.co.uk](http://www.TNSFC.co.uk)



have a great **Hair Day**

## Salon Style In Your Own Home.

Advanced Cutting Techniques / Colour Specialists

Perming / Setting and Straightening

Gents Grooming / Children

Wedding Packages

[www.NatashaValentine.co.uk](http://www.NatashaValentine.co.uk)

Freelance Hairdressing - 07967 620555



Oswestry's Legal 500 law firm  
providing expert legal services

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

Property, Employment, Commercial & Agricultural departments at  
21 The Cross, Oswestry SY11 1PN

Family, Children, Mental Health, Court of Protection,  
Accident & Injury, Wills, Trusts & Probate at  
37-39 Willow Street, Oswestry, SY11 1AQ

T: 01691 659194 E: [oswestry@ghplegal.com](mailto:oswestry@ghplegal.com)



GHP LEGAL SOLICITORS are Lexcel Accredited and Authorised & Regulated by the SRA No.51566



## W. E. Price FUNERAL DIRECTORS

We provide the highest level of care,  
compassion and professionalism.

Pre-paid funeral plans available

**01691 652995**

[www.wepricefuneraldirectors.co.uk](http://www.wepricefuneraldirectors.co.uk)

OAKWOOD, SALOP ROAD,  
OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE, SY11 2RN



FUNERAL PLANS FROM  
**Golden Charter**  
Smart Planning for Later Life

## Maxwell's

Black and White/Full colour Printing and  
Photocopying. Photocopying, Invoice  
Books, Letterheads, Business Cards, Labels  
Free Quotation. Free Local Delivery  
Cambrian, Trimpley Street,  
Ellesmere, Shropshire. SY12 0AD  
Tel: 01691 623919  
Email: [maxwell.bussey@gmail.com](mailto:maxwell.bussey@gmail.com)

### Anthony Roberts Tree & Garden Care

#### Tree Work \* Gardening Work

Hedge Trimming  
Fencing & Patios  
Logs For Sale



01691 770054  
07725 819414  
[antsgardening@yahoo.com](mailto:antsgardening@yahoo.com)

## BLAKEMERE VETERINARY CENTRE LTD



**BLAKEMERE**  
VETERINARY CENTRE LTD



12 Talbot Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 0HQ

Tel: 01691 622201

By appointment only: Monday - Friday 9 - 10am, 2 - 3pm, 4.30 - 5.45pm

Saturdays 9 - 10am

Also at:

Maelor Veterinary Centre, The Old Surgery, 9 Penylan Street, Overton-on-Dee, Wrexham LL13 0EE

Tel: 01978 711975

By appointment only: Monday - Friday: 2-3pm, Tuesday and Thursday 5-6pm

[www.blakemerevets.co.uk](http://www.blakemerevets.co.uk)



## BCS AUTO REPAIRS

CLASS IV MOT STATION NOW AVAILABLE AT  
BCS AUTO REPAIRS UNIT 2A WHITTINGTON BUSINESS PARK  
WAITING AND VIEWING AREA AVAILABLE

SERVICING  
CAM BELTS  
CLUTCHES  
DIAGNOSTIC  
GENERAL REPAIRS + MUCH MORE

VEHICLE PICK-UP SERVICE AVAILABLE  
FROM YOUR HOME OR WORK

BCS Auto Repairs  
Unit 2a Whittington Business Park  
Park Green  
SY11 4ND

01691 655 950

07714 322 650

[www.bcsautorepairs.co.uk](http://www.bcsautorepairs.co.uk)



## PSM Kitchens

*Designing kitchens for you*

- Local independent business
- Extensive range to suit all tastes
- Quality products
- All units made to order offering many bespoke options
- Free planning and design
- Supply only or full fit service using local trades
- Single point of contact to guide you through your kitchen project

[www.psmkitchens.co.uk](http://www.psmkitchens.co.uk)

Call today for a free quote

01691 664252

## HATCHERS

Solicitors LLP

### Putting our clients first

For friendly, professional advice please call your local office

Head office: Welsh Bridge, 1 Frankwell, Shrewsbury, SY3 8JY .....01743 248545

Harlescott office: 6/7 Harlescott Lane, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, SY1 3AH.01743 467641

Whitchurch office: 45 Green End, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1AD .....01948 663361

f Hatchers Solicitors LLP @HatchersLLP hatchers.co.uk mail@hatchers.co.uk

At Hatchers Solicitors we work closely with individuals and businesses within the local community and pride ourselves in offering the right advice and solutions to all our clients.

- Agricultural Law
- Commercial Property
- Business Law
- Employment Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Residential Property
- Wills, Trusts and Probate
- Family Law
- Criminal Law
- Personal Injury

## ALL SEASONS GARDEN SERVICES

Jimmy Marshall & Dawn Whitley  
Qualified Horticulturists

DO YOU NEED A HELPING  
HAND TO KEEP YOUR GARDEN  
UNDER CONTROL?

Grass Cutting  
Hedge Trimming  
Pruning  
Landscaping  
Patios & Water features  
Patio Cleaning  
Pond Cleaning  
Planting  
Lawn Care  
Tree Work  
Garden Design

Holiday Maintenance

Tel: 01691 672913

Mobile: 07903 877779



GAS, OIL & PLUMBING SPECIALISTS

GAS & OIL CENTRAL  
HEATING  
INSTALLATIONS &  
REPAIRS  
SOLID FUEL  
GENERAL PLUMBING

DAVE BEBBINGTON 07855811321

WHITTINGTON, OSWESTRY

[info@dabplumbingandheating.co.uk](mailto:info@dabplumbingandheating.co.uk)

## Owen's Coaches

*Travelmaster Holidays*



- One Stop Holiday Shop
- Quality Coach Holidays
- Worldwide Flight/Package Holidays
- Day Excursions
- Private Hire
- Choice of 21, 25, 29, 49, 53, 55 or 60 Seater
- Modern Coach Fleet Available for Hire

For all your holiday & coach travel needs call your local Travelmaster Holidays on • Oswestry (01691) 652126 • Welshpool (01938) 554500 • Newtown (01686) 626576 • Whitchurch (01948) 662361

## Whittington Quality Fish and Chips

'Come as a customer, leave as a friend'

Freshly cooked fish  
& freshly made pizzas  
(Kebabs and Burgers also available)



Open:

Mon-Sat: 12:00 noon - 2:00pm & 4:30-9:00pm

Open Bank Holiday Mondays\*

Close d Sunday

Telephone orders welcome: 01691 654220



# Swan Petroleum

Your local home heating oil supplier



Swan Petroleum can keep you warm throughout the year whilst providing local, expert knowledge about heating oil and your heating oil needs.

For a local, fast, friendly service call our team on **01691 650800**, they will be delighted to help.

- *Friendly, prompt service*
- *Emergency deliveries*
- *Competitive prices*
- *Budget payment plans*
- *Boiler Servicing*
- *Tank Replacement*

## 01691 650800



[www.swanpetroleum.co.uk](http://www.swanpetroleum.co.uk)

Swan Petroleum, Babbinswood, Oswestry, SY11 4PQ

# PJA

## Plumbing & Heating

Paul Abercrombie

**07969 833 610**

[enquiries@pja-plumbing.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pja-plumbing.co.uk)

INSTALLATION  
MAINTENANCE  
REPAIRS



Whittington Under Fives

Committee-run Pre-School

8.45 am - 3.00 pm Term Time

Qualified Staff

The Community Centre

Station Road

**Tel: 01691 670127**

[whittingtonunderfives@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:whittingtonunderfives@hotmail.co.uk)



## Wills, Probate, Powers of Attorney

Wills £150

Lasting Powers of Attorney £150  
Probate - call for details

For Free info Call Paul Humphreys on:

**Tel. 01691 652233**

[www.Asset-Wealth-Preservation.co.uk](http://www.Asset-Wealth-Preservation.co.uk)



## EDMUND ROWLANDS & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Phone: 01691 772462  
Fax: 01691 772462

Mrs D. Hill S.R.N. Dip F.D.  
Mr T. J. Morris B.Ed.  
Mr G.J. Morris B.A. (Hons) Dip F.D.

Ellemond House  
Field Head  
Chirk  
Wrexham LL14 5PY

A complete 24-hour personal service

Contact:  
*Claire Andrews*  
*Ken Law*  
*Hannah Tomley*  
8 Willow Street,  
Ellesmere  
**01691 622413**



Contact:  
*Katie Jones*  
31 Salop Road  
Oswestry  
**01691 655600**

**ELLESMERE & OSWESTRY**



# PREMIER STORES

*The Three Trees, Whittington*



*Convenience Store*

*Off Licence*

*Lottery*

*Newspapers*

*PayPoint*

*Fresh Bean Coffee to go*

*Slush Machine*

*Post Office*



*Opening Hours*

*Monday to Saturday 6.00am—8.00pm*

*Sunday 7.00am—8.00pm*

*Tel: 01691 662273*

**Premier**  
Amazing Value Locally

POST  
OFFICE<sup>®</sup>

# David Davies & Sons

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

ESTABLISHED 1840



A caring, compassionate  
and discreet service  
from a family business  
since 1840



1 Upper Church Street  
Oswestry • SY11 2AA

Oswestry **01691 653116** (24 hrs)  
[www.daviddaviesandsons.co.uk](http://www.daviddaviesandsons.co.uk)