

AgeUK Shropshire Telford and Wrekin ext.231	01743 233123
BINS - Waste Management customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk	0345 6789007
CAXTON SURGERY https://www.caxtonsurgery.co.uk/index.aspx	01691 654646
Citizens Advice Bureau, Castle View	03444 991100
CORBET SCHOOL www.corbetschool.net	01939 260296
DIAL-A-RIDE, Volunteer Bureau and Qube Arts centre (main switchboard Osw.Community Action)	01691 656882
ELECTRICITY Scottish Power (Manweb as was)	0800 001 5400
KNOCKIN Medical Practice	01691 682203
NHS Out of Hours Service	111
Orthopaedic Hospital	01691 404000
PARISH COUNCIL email: westfeltonpc@gmail.com https://www.westfeltonparish.co.uk/	
POLICE, West Mercia Non-Emergency number	101
Oswestry Police Station	0300 333 3000
Safer Neighbourhood team—email: oswestryc.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk	
PRADOE CHURCH: Chairman: Andrew Kenyon	01691 610218
PUNCH BOWL	07543 040618
QUEENS HEAD RESTAURANT	01691 610255
RAIL STATION, GOBOWEN	01691 681010
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: Fr Philip Holy Mass Saturday 6:30 pm, Sunday 10 am	01691 652248
RSPCA Shropshire Branch	07703 567935
SAMARITANS	116 123
SCHOOL – West Felton C E School	01691 610388
SHOP: West Felton Stores	01691 610863
SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	0345 6789000
Anti-Social Report Line	0345 6789020
Shrops Councillor: Cllr David Walker	01743 256863/ 07484 541576
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: MINISTRY vacant	
Church Warden: Dr Michael Davie	01691 610612
ST. CHAD'S: Chapel Warden: Mrs Ann Hampson	01691 610845
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	01691 610665
VILLAGE HALL Bookings	01691 610629
WASP Problems Emergency number	01691 831251 / 07772 006994
WATER - Severn Trent Water Authority	0800 783 4444
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: President: Rhian	07375 997 782

Year 34

JULY 2026

ROUND and ABOUT WEST FELTON

www.westfeltonmagazine.co.uk

Supporting local business -
Supporting the community

Your FREE magazine
sponsored this
month by your
Parish Council



All ready for Carnival Day? Page 19

Parish Council Second Tues of the month, 7:30 **School Hall**

West Felton Walkers 10am Mondays, Punch Bowl **EXCEPT...see page 27**

Pilates Class Tuesday mornings: 2 sessions: 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am Need to book online GYMATCH. Phone: Abi 07904 456 368

Badminton Every Tues evening: 8pm to 9:30pm. Village Hall

Tuesday Tots Every term time Tuesday 9.15 - 10.30 West Felton School

Felton Flexors Wednesday mornings 9:30am to 10:30am Village Hall

Table Tennis Thursday 7:30pm Village Hall

WI 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm Village Hall

Short Mat Bowls contact Glynnis on 01691 610336

Royal British Legion **INFORMAL MEETINGS** 8pm Meeting, **PUNCH BOWL** first Monday of the month except Bank holidays then second Monday.

30th JUNE	7pm VILLAGE HALL BACK ROOM - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ACTION TEAM MEETING.	
LAST WEEK IN JUNE	House to house collection for Carnival Tombola - have your goodies ready. Support your village big day out.	17
2nd July	10am COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall	19
4th July	GARDEN OPEN Rivacres, Grimpo	29
12th July	CARNIVAL DAY.	16
16th July	County Councillor Surgery - see below	

YOUR opportunity to engage personally with your LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLOR



3rd Thursday each month | Next surgery 16 July

WEST FELTON - 7pm to 8pm: at The Punch Bowl, at the back of the restaurant.
or **WHITTINGTON**: 10am to 11am at Senior Citizens Hall, Station Road, Whittington in the back room - coinciding with coffee morning.

Cllr David Walker, Whittington Division: 01743 256863,
Email: CllrDavid.Walker@shropshire.gov.uk | M: 07484 541576

David Davies & Sons

"Serving the community for over 170 years"

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

An independent family business
offering a complete service
including pre-paid funeral plans

1 Upper Church Street, Oswestry SY11 2AA
01691 653116



W. E. Price FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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

Available 24 hours a day. Pre-paid funeral plans available

West Felton 01691 610975
Oswestry 01691 652995

www.wepricefuneraldirectors.co.uk

Oakwood,
Salop Road,
Oswestry,
SY11 2RN



OSWESTRY TOWN MARKET



COME AND ENJOY
THE WARM and FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE

INDOOR MARKET:

Wednesday,
Friday &
Saturday

**OVER
30
STALLS**

STREET MARKET:

Wednesday
&
Saturday

WEST FELTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No. 702175

for Social events, Concerts, Weddings, Clubs,
Sales, Children's parties
Eileen Hanmer 01691 610629

Hourly rate	£10	Concerts	£60
Morning or Afternoon	£50	Children's Parties (max 3 hours)	£40
Discos/parties	£80	Weddings, all day	£200

Commercial rates by arrangement

Round and About West Felton

Articles/advertisement amendments for inclusion
in next issue
to Editor by email (preferred) or phone

Last day for submission of copy and
deadline for content changes
10th JULY 2026

Editor: Colleen Hughes

Tel 01691 610300

colleenhughes748@btinternet.com

Advertising Rates
for 12 insertions:

Quarter page £65
Half page £95
Full page £155

Disclaimer

Round and About West Felton Magazine is not responsible for any advertiser's products, services or company, nor for any claims made by advertisers.

The information, statements and opinions expressed in reports or articles published in Round and About West Felton Magazine are solely those of the authors and do not in any way reflect those of the magazine committee.



WEST FELTON STORES

YOUR LOCAL VILLAGE SHOP

Your local village store with a fine selection of wines and ales using local suppliers.



Fresh bread
fruit and vegetables.



Pay Point



Lottery



Parcel Services



We do

- ✓ Collect Plus
- ✓ FedEx
- ✓ Yodel
- ✓ dpd
- ✓ Royal Mail





Call us

01691 610 863

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

OPENING HOURS	
Monday to Friday 7am - 8pm	Saturday 7:30am - 8pm
	Sunday 10am - 7pm

Parish of Whittington and West Felton with Haughton

Services in West Felton Parish:

St Michael's, West Felton 9:30 am every Sunday unless otherwise stated	St Chad's, Haughton SERVICES TO BE ANNOUNCED SERVICE ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.
--	--

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:

Please arrange with The Churchwarden:

Dr Michael Davie 01691 610 612

Pradoe Church

Services - at 10:30am unless otherwise stated

Sunday 3 May –	Morning Service
Sunday 7 June –	Morning Service

All welcome!

All enquiries to Andrew Kenyon 07968 257452



01691 712830
office@rjwelectrical.com

Your Local
Electricians & Solar
PV Installers

- Domestic, Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Electrical Installations
- Electrical Installation Condition Reporting
- Solar PV
- EV Charger
- Renewable Technologies
- PAT Testing



WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to West Felton Parish Council: **Mrs Rosemary WOOD**

Parish Office: 5 Newtown Gardens

Baschurch, Shrewsbury SY4 2HF Tel 01939 262 881

Email: see list. Website: www.westfelton-pc.gov.uk

Chairman Cllr John THORNHILL 07714 759 466
Vice-Chairman Cllr Ozcan OZAGIR 07955 232 199
 Cllr David CURTIS 01691 610 665 (Rep WF Primary School & SALC Area Committee)

Cllr Alastair FORBES 01691 610 524
 Cllr Mick GREEN 07928 479 305
 Cllr Marian HESKETH 01691 610 441 (Rep for Village Hall).
 Cllr Chris JONES 01691 610 354 (Rep SALC Area Committee).
 Cllr Pat MABE 01691 610 400
 Cllr Ed NICHOLAS 01691 610 230 (Rep ABP committee)
 Cllr Neil SUMMERS 07523 318 005
 Cllr David WALKER 01691 897 117

Our Shropshire Councillor : Cllr David Walker T: 01743 256863
 Mobile: 07484 541576

Our Member of Parliament : Helen Morgan T: 01939 809387
 E: helen.morgan.mp@parliament.uk

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR PARISH CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

Rosemary Wood	clerk@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
John Thornhill	john.thornhill@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Ozcan Ozagir	ozcan.ozagir@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
David Walker	david.walker@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Marian Hesketh	marian.hesketh@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
David Curtis	david.curtis@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Ed Nicholas	edward.nicholas@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Pat Mabe	pat.mabe@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Chris Jones	chris.jones@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Alastair Forbes	alastair.forbes@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Neil Summers	neil.summers@westfelton-pc.gov.uk
Mick Green	michael.green@westfelton-pc.gov.uk

MAX NEWALL TREE SERVICES

www.maxnewalltreeservices.co.uk

BASED IN WEST FELTON FOR THE PAST DECADE, WE COVER EVERY ASPECT OF TREE SURGERY FROM ROADSIDE REMOVALS TO PLANTING AND EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN. ALL STAFF ARE FULLY QUALIFIED AND WE ARE INSURED UP TO 10MILLION.

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR A FREE QUOTATION TO SEE HOW WE CAN HELP LOOK AFTER YOUR TREES.

- 07770503049 | 01691 700212 -

MAX@MAXNEWALLTREESERVICES.CO.UK



STRATTON ROOFING

Looking to protect your home with expert roofing, insulation, or spray foam removal?

Trust Stratton Roofing, your specialists in long lasting, professional solutions

 **OUR SERVICES**

- Spray Foam Removal
- Leak Detection & Repair
- Roof Repairs
- Roof Cleaning
- Insulation Install

Contact Us Today For A Free Consultation!

 **0800 043 8001**

DS PLUMBING & HEATING



LPG, NATURAL GAS AND OIL

Gas Safe & OFTEC Registered

Breakdowns - Servicing

Landlord Certificates

David Swift Mob: 07794 362873

Email - djafswift@gmail.com

Anthony Roberts Tree and Garden Care

- Tree Surgery
- Hedge Trimming
- Fencing
- Patios
- Landscaping
- Wood Chipping available
- Stump Grinding



*Free quotations
Whole of Shropshire covered*

Tel: 01691 770054
Mob: 07725819414



Cut & Colour Baschurch

Hair, beauty, nails,
personal care

01939
809589



**Cut & Colour
Baschurch**
Station Road
Baschurch SY4 2BB
@sarahatthehairstation

cutandcolourbaschurch@hotmail.com

[cutandcolourbaschurch](https://www.facebook.com/cutandcolourbaschurch)

WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2026/27

14 July 2026	8 December 2026	13 April 2027
8 September 2026	12 January 2027	11 May 2027
13 October 2026	9 February 2027	
10 November 2026	9 March 2027	

WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL Report from Chairman Cllr John Thornhill

Lighting on the Avenue. I am pleased to say that after a long delay and due to the intervention of our Shropshire Councillor David Walker we have now got movement on this long standing issue. A site meeting was held on 8th June which resulted in the Council agreeing to look further into our requests and provide us with a quotation for the installation of the lighting we have requested. However there is still some delay on request for uplighters.

Pot Holes. David also reported that the Council had been busy and has filled 11230 potholes on our roads which will be permanent fillings not temporary ones. He also informed us that work will begin on the major resurfacing of the road from Queens Head through Rednal to the parish boundary. The work will be carried out in 5 chunks and will in-

volve a full closure during the day with some night-time closures. The details are as follows:

Start Date: 27th July 2026 - End Date: 16th August 2026

Road closure weekdays and weekends 08:30-15:30.

Road closure nights of 10-12 Aug 26: 20:00-06:00.

Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan team was held on 19th May 2025. It was a positive meeting at which the main topic of discussion was based around communications with all members of the parish. We examined a range of methods to do this including:

- * Creating a poster setting out the role of the group and its purpose for the Parish – with a 'before and after' ap-

(Continued on page 8)

(Continued from page 7)

proach. This has now been completed and they have been placed in locations around the village. You may have seen it in one of these.

- * Setting up a dedicated Facebook page and common email address for direct communication to the team.
- * A stall at the Carnival in July – so please come and tell us your views.
- * Using a range of communication techniques including this magazine.

The next meeting of the team will be on 30th June, 7pm in the back room of the Village Hall and a main topic of discussion will be how we can properly communicate with the younger members of the village. *Any suggestions will be most welcome so please send them to the Parish Clerk.*

Conservation Area signs. We are still awaiting details from the relevant Council engineer of a suitable contractor for the signs and a site visit will then be organised.

Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC). David Curtis attend the recent meeting of the

Oswestry Committee on 8th June, at which there were two key points of discussion.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) new initiatives for future application and clarity. This levy is a planning charge local authorities impose on new developments to help fund vital infrastructure—such as roads, schools, and healthcare—needed to support growth. For the record West Felton has been allocated a total of £763,024 of all CIL categories since the inception of the scheme in 2012, of which £250,000 was allocated following application for the building of our School Hall. We currently hold CIL money of which some is already allocated to Traffic Calming – delayed by lack of positive responses on this project.

The Local Plan Scoping Consultation. This consultation has been sent to all Councils for their input and will run to the 15th July 2026. This process will then be incorporated into a formal 30 Month plan-making period leading up to the adoption of the Local Plan for Shropshire in May 2029. The adopted plan will cover the period to 2046. As I have previously re-

(Continued on page 9)

Annual property review

Are you curious about the value of your home?

- Have you made cosmetic changes in the past 12 months?
- Have you simply outgrown your home?
- Was the last time you had your home valued 2+ years ago?
- Do you understand how to maximise the value of your home?

Our team of experienced professionals will provide you with an accurate and comprehensive estimate of your property's value, based on the latest market trends and local data. Whether you're thinking about selling, refinancing, or just want to know more about your home's worth, we're here to help.

So don't hesitate, contact us today to schedule your free home valuation and get the information you need to make informed decisions about your home and investment. Kind regards,
Daniel & team

01691 674494



The Don,
Albion Hill,
Oswestry
SY11 1QA

daniel@danieljamesresidential.com





Doggy Day Care & Home Stay Services

- 🐾 Fully insured 4* star rating.
- 🐾 Your pet treated as one of the family.
- 🐾 Secure dog run for fun & games.
- 🐾 Individual needs catered for.
- 🐾 Pick-ups and drop offs available on request.
- 🐾 Daily dog walks located in the countryside.
- 🐾 Chill-out zone.
- 🐾 Home-from-home alternative to kennels.
- 🐾 As well as dogs we also offer pet sitting for cats as a home visitation service.



Get in touch:

Located in West Felton, Oswestry

Tel: 07974 152022

Email: suzanne.galliers@btinternet.com

Facebook: [@wagglytailswestfelton](https://www.facebook.com/wagglytailswestfelton)

RIDGE FUELS COAL, LOGS, GAS BOTTLES

QUALITY PRODUCTS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE DELIVERY

EXCELLENT RANGE OF FUEL FOR ALL APPLIANCES

SELECTION OF MIXED WOOD including KILN DRIED & KINDLING STICKS

SELECTION OF GAS BOTTLES

CASH AND CARRY SHOP IN SHREWSBURY

FREE ADVICE FROM OUR HELPFUL KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF

Wholesaler and Retailer



Please ring for more information on **01743 241122**

Visit our website: www.ridgefuels.co.uk

Ridge Fuels Ltd, LMS New Yard, Castleforegate, Shrewsbury SY1 2EN
What3words - ARTS.RUINS.BURST

(Continued from page 8)

ported the Local Plan that was prepared for Shropshire Council was rejected by Government Inspectors so we have to start again. There was wide discussion on the content of the proposals which include new categories for towns and villages based on what is called the Connectivity Index - the ability to travel without the use of cars and therefore ascertain where development may be most appropriate. West Felton was placed in a high category and concerns were expressed that the Index did not take into account the infrastructure and lack of relevant and important services not availa-

ble within the village. Members agreed that we should raise this issue to have our category revisited and amended to take account of this factor. If you wish to find out more and give your views you can access the website below where there is a questionnaire. Your comments would also be welcome to the Parish Council in drafting its response. Please send any to the Clerk.

<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-plan-scoping-consultation/>

Closing date: 15th of July. I would urge everyone to participate in this important consultation.



Shropshire Councillor Report May / June 26

Cllr David Walker

Over the past month I have continued to focus on a mix of local casework, planning matters and wider strategic work linked to my Cabinet portfolio.

A significant element of my work locally has been dealing with drainage and highways issues raised by residents. I have followed up a number of

concerns regarding surface water and drainage, particularly where persistent problems have occurred after periods of heavy rainfall. These have been raised directly with the relevant officers, and I have requested updates on both investigation and potential remediation. I will continue to monitor these closely, as they have a direct impact on residents and the local road network.

Highways maintenance has also featured prominently, with reports of potholes, road surface deterioration

(Continued on page 11)



Private Care *✓ Approved*
Care and Support

In Your Own Home

Oswestry & Shrewsbury

SUPPORTING YOU IN YOUR OWN HOME
HELPING TO KEEP YOUR INDEPENDENCE

Contact us

01691 Caring and Recruiting Today
655999 for a Better Tomorrow



www.approvedcareandsupport.co.uk

JIM PARKES

Specialists in oil fired heating systems
Domestic and Commercial Boilers
All aspects of plumbing work undertaken.
Covering Wrexham and Oswestry area

*Fast response to breakdowns,
And oil and water leaks*

City & Guilds 

Tel 01978 722598 Mob: 07929 016814

ValentineWindow
CLEANING

www.valentinewindowcleaning.co.uk

07540 648565



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

BRITISH

IRONWORK CENTRE



CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENCE

tripadvisor

SHROPSHIRE'S BEST
ATTRACTION

TEL: 01691 610952 Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4JH
www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk



BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

PERSONAL COMPUTERISED BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

Fully compliant in Sage,
QuickBooks, Xero, Excel.

Established in Oswestry in 2025

To find out more telephone

07752 707346

Email

pc.bookkeeping@outlook.com

RICHARDS GROUNDWORKS

Surfacing Contractor Drives - Tarmac - Block Paving - Slabs

Highways and Local Authority

Approved Contractor

References available

**John Richards,
Pentre, Nesscliffe**

Telephone: **07958 156054 /
01743 741503**

North Shropshire Timber Rednal Ind Est.

SY11 4HS - 01691610570

Your local independent sawmill
for all your internal and external timber needs.
Kiln dried, sawn to size, or machined to profile.

Durable natural oak and larch beams suitable for any project

**Seasoned firewood, ready to burn,
delivered six days a week.**

Log prices for 1.65 cubic meter, loose volume

Stove mix offcuts £ 85

Oak/Ash offcuts £110

Split softwood logs £152

Split hardwood logs £173

**Special offer: 3.3 cubic meters
stove mix offcuts £160.00**

(Continued from page 9) County council

and verge issues being escalated. I have submitted and tracked these matters through the appropriate channels and have pushed for timely inspection and repair. Where issues have been recurring, I have sought further clarification from highways officers to ensure that more durable solutions are considered rather than repeated short-term fixes. After all, prevention is better than cure. The prevention budget has been doubled. Reversing the reduction from 91% of the highways budget to 75% of the budget in 2024/25. This will have played a big part in the spike in the number of potholes this year. There are 162 projects for resurfacing and surface dressing as part of the increased prevention program of works.

I am meeting Highline Electrical next week to progress the new street lighting on The Avenue after discussions with Shropshire Council officers, and will report back to Tuesday's parish council meeting.

Alongside this, I have continued to deal with a wider range of resident enquiries, including environmental maintenance and general local concerns, particularly planning enforcement matters. I have raised these with officers and will continue to press for progress where needed.

Planning remains a significant area of

activity. I am increasingly optimistic that The Nursery application will get rejected following discussions with officers last week. I will continue to defend the parish against inappropriate development. I will be attending the public meeting next week with Helen Morgan MP.

Last week saw the launch of a scoping consultation as an important precursor to the Local Plan commencing next September. This consultation poses questions rather than supply answers and is about hearing your views on the process. The result of the call for sites exercise is included with a map of all sites submitted by developers and landowners. Sites have been promoted by them, not Shropshire Council. All sites will be assessed during the local plan process and many sites won't pass that assessment.

**[https://
getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/
consultations/shropshire-local-plan-
scoping-consultation/](https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-plan-scoping-consultation/)**

Closing date: 15th of July. I would urge everyone to participate in this important consultation.

Next week's cabinet will again adopt two new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). These will help bolster existing policy while we have don't have a local plan. The new SPDs

(Continued on page 13)

Our Help at Home service enables you to remain independent at home and enjoy life.

Your friendly Support Worker can assist with: vacuuming, dusting, bathroom and kitchen cleaning, laundry and ironing, shopping and collecting prescriptions.

The two-hour visits are by the same Support Worker each time and we can make sure you're receiving all the benefits you're entitled to.

Call 01743 233 788 or email enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk

Registered charity no. 1090445

S. Owen & Sons
Fuels

The Wharf House, Pant, Oswestry

**For all your Coal and
Heating Oil Supplies**
Phone your Local Supplier on
01691 830315

info@sowenandsons.co.uk

The Importance of being Floral
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July
Woodhill Park Estate, Morda, SY10 9AS
**An Open Garden day of workshops, beauty products,
art, theatrical entertainment and refreshments**
<https://www.woodhillparkestate.com/>

Saturday JULY 4th: 10am - 12pm

Floragami Paper Flowers - Lavender.

Join Meg from Floragami for a unique and engaging morning of paper craft. In this 2 hour taster workshop you will learn how to create realistic stems of lavender using nothing but paper and wire and take home a little bunch of flowers that will make you smile.

No experience necessary. 16+ years.

£35 - ticket includes garden entry.



Sunday JULY 5th 10am - 2pm

**Floragami Paper Flowers - Wild
Roses.**

Join Meg for a morning of lifelike paper roses. You will be amazed that these aren't real, and you can learn how to make them yourself in this relaxed and joyful workshop. Spend the morning turning hand dyed papers into petals, buds and leaves and take home a spray of flowers that will fill you with joy! No experience necessary. 16+ years.
£75: tickets includes garden entry.





CAMBRIAN HEARING

High quality clinical services carried out by an experienced HCPC registered audiologist

Hearing aids trials	Routine hearing checks	Diagnostic hearing assessments
Latest Bluetooth and rechargeable technology	Ear wax removal	Onward medical referrals

HOME VISITS AVAILABLE

01691 900880
www.cambrianhearing.com
 1 Old Chapel Court, Oswestry, SY11 2PD

BOOK NOW >




A specialist college for young adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Visit one of our Open Days!



♦ www.derwen.ac.uk
 ♦ 01691 661234
 ♦ Whittington Road, Gobowen, SY11 3JA



The Derwen College Marketplace delivers a specially tailored training platform for our students to learn valuable work skills in a supported and safe, real-life working environment.

Your support and patience is valuable and critical to our students learning.

Visit us!

Derwen Marketplace is part of the Derwen College campus located in Gobowen. Free Parking. Find us at Entrance B on Twmpath Lane.





Open 7 days | derwen.ac.uk/marketplace | 01691 661234

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Road Closure: Unnamed Road, Rednal
 Start Date: 14th July 2026
 End Date: 14th July 2026
 Purpose: Road Closure - Remedial
 Works Promoter: SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED
 Works Promoter Ref: LB9225201-000006737828-03
 Enforcement pattern for Unnamed Road, Rednal: All the time

You can view the closure and diversion route by visiting :
<https://one.network/?tm=GB149410347>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk

(Continued from page 11)

are: Design of New Dwellings and Design of Residential Extensions and Alterations.

These SPDs when combined with other ongoing policy work will ensure that future development is both appropriate in scale and sensitive to local character. It is important that we have robust planning policies.

The Cabinet meeting will also focus on major service and corporate decisions, particularly adult social care changes, the 2025/26 financial outturn and treasury update, and quarter 4 performance. Overspend has been stabilised but remains significant through in-year cuts. While government support is still required, it will now be at a lower level. Key strategic items including the Local Transport Plan, commissioning and

procurement, children's services reforms, the Improvement Plan, housing enforcement policies, asset decisions, and the Hills Ford Rally report.

I have also maintained regular engagement with officers across highways, planning and environmental services to raise parish-specific concerns and to monitor progress on outstanding matters, escalating where necessary.

My monthly surgeries continues to provide an opportunity for residents to raise issues directly with me, and I will continue to hold these sessions to ensure I remain accessible to residents.

If there are specific issues you would like me to pursue, please do not hesitate to let me know.●

SEPTIC TANK EMPTYING SERVICE
Registered Waste Carrier
Local Operator
For a prompt and efficient service
Contact Edward Scott
on 01691 682080 or 07989 881870

LITTLE PIXIES CHILDREN'S DAY NURSERY



Where **nurturing care meets outdoor adventure**. Set in the beautiful **Shropshire countryside**, we provide a warm, welcoming, and engaging environment **for children to learn, play, and grow**.

- High-quality childcare for children aged 12 weeks to pre-school
- Open 51 weeks a year, Monday–Friday, 07:30–18:30
- Set in acres of countryside with Forest School sessions and a large outdoor garden
- Fresh, home-cooked meals using locally sourced ingredients
- Government-funded places accepted from 9 months
- All-inclusive fees for ease and convenience



Location: Kinton Business Park, Nr Nesscliffe, SY4 1AZ
Phone: 01743 741554
info@littlepixiesnursery.co.uk | www.littlepixiesnursery.co.uk

AURA
**HAIR, BEAUTY
 & WELLNESS**

24 SALOP ROAD
OSWESTRY
SY11 2NU
01691 655655



AURA.OSWESTRY@MAIL.COM

**STAGE
FIVE
theatre**

**SMASHING
SHAKESPEARE**

Whether you love Shakespeare or find his plays a mystery, join Pam Johnson from Stage Five Theatre for a deep dive into a play and unlock the genius of his writing.

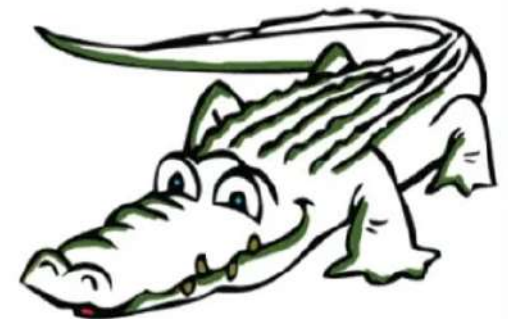
Starting with an in-depth look at Julius Caesar, a play about politics, power and passion.

Six Saturday morning sessions
in Ellesmere library from
September 12th - 11am to 12:45pm
£8 per session, £5 for students (min 3 sessions)
To book – call Pam on 07814489713,
email stagefivetheatre@gmail.com
or scan the QR code .



Alligator Problem By Michael Rosen

If an excavator excavates
 A motivator motivates
 An activator activates
 A rotivator rotivates
 A cultivator cultivates
 And an operator operates
 What does an alligator do?



KARL LEAVER PAINTER AND DECORATOR

- Friendly, professional service
 - Over 15 years experience
 - Interiors and exteriors
 - Paper hanging
 - Fully insured
 - Free estimates
- E: karlleaver@hotmail.co.uk
Mob: 07581423025



dab
plumbing & heating™
SPECIALIST PLUMBING SPECIALISTS

info@dabplumbingandheating.co.uk

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

07855811321





Leaton Forest Firewood

Locally Grown, Traditionally Seasoned Firewood



Barrow Bags

Premium Grade £50

B Grade £45

Bulk Bags

Premium Grade £150

B Grade £125

Kindling £8

Free Local Delivery

To order Email: trees@leatonforest.co.uk or
order through our website:
www.leatonforest.co.uk/firewood-log-sales/

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WEST FELTON PARISH!

Rural Preservation (With Plan)

Use resident input to protect green spaces
and decide specific housing locations.

Large-Scale Development (No Plan)

Village character and rural views remain
at significant risk without a statutory plan.



Serving 9 Local
Communities

-  West Felton
-  Grimpo
-  Haughton
-  Rednal
-  Queen's Head
-  Tedsmore
-  Sandford
-  Sutton
-  Woolston

Next Action Team Meeting: June 30th

The team will set the work plan to be communicated at a future public meeting.



A future Public Meeting is planned -
It will be a critical event for all residents

**Become a
Volunteer
Today!**

"No voice, no change."

Volunteer today to help gather evidence
and ensure every resident is represented.



Website:
www.westfelton-pc.gov.uk



Email:
westfelton.nplan@gmail.com



Sunday 12th July

It's only a few days until this year's Carnival. We're looking forward to seeing you on the day.

- * The parade starts at 1pm from the Punch Bowl, field gates open 1:15pm.
- * Join the parade with your vintage/classic vehicles of all kinds: carts, cars, vans, bikes.
- * Please remember no dogs permitted on the field
- * Only alcohol purchased from the bar permitted on the field.
- * Large bags (more than A4 size) will be subject to search.
- * **It is £2 entry. Children are free.**

★ **ENTERTAINMENT:** Lots to see and enjoy on the field:

THE ANIMAL FAMILY | MEN IN SHEDS | OS ROCK | FUNFAIR;
tombola, bottle stall , lots of fun for all the family.

★ **GRAND DRAW:** Tickets for the Grand Draw will be available on the day and the Tombola collectors will also bring them to your door.

★ And of course, the bar will be open and there's a selection of food stalls including burgers, chips and, of course, ice cream.

CARNIVAL 2026 JUDGES:

DR AND MRS MICHAEL DAVIE, WEST FELTON
MR ROBIN JACKSON AND JAN, JACKSON PRINTING, OSWESTRY



Summer Youth Drama Week 2026

A fantastic week of drama for all young people ages 8–17!

Join us from **Sunday August 16th to Friday 21st** for a fun-filled exploration of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Looking for a creative and confidence-building activity for your child this summer?

In this workshop we will explore *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through drama games, storytelling and slapstick comedy in a fun and supportive environment.

The week culminates in a special coach trip to the beautiful Willow Globe Theatre in Mid Wales, where everyone will have the opportunity to perform on an open-air stage and adults are welcome to join us on the trip.

Ages 8–17 | Sunday 16th – Friday 21st | Coach trip included £50 for the entire week - We are committed to making the week accessible to all families. Financial assistance is available for anyone who may need support with the cost.

Places are limited. Please get in touch to find out more or reserve a place for your child.

Scan the QR code or contact Pam Johnson on
07814489713 email stagefivetheatre@gmail.com
www.stagefivetheatre.co.uk



Spike Milligan [1918-2002]

I Must Go Down To The Sea Again

I must go down to the sea again,
to the lonely sea and the sky;
I left my shoes and socks there -
I wonder if they're dry?

Down The Stream The Swans All Glide

Down the stream the swans all glide;
It's quite the cheapest way to ride.
Their legs get wet,
Their tummies wetter:
I think after all
The bus is better

The Punch Bowl Inn



Sally, Paul
and Mark
welcome you!

Now serving ... SUNDAY LUNCH

between 12 and 3pm.

Booking is advised.

For reservations call 07543 040618

Make Your Celebration Truly Unforgettable

Give your guests an elegant and
relaxing place to stay at

Tedsmore Cottages

where comfort meets countryside luxury.

Beautifully styled cottages set in peaceful surroundings

Exclusive 20% local community discount

Perfect for weddings, birthdays, special occasions,
or a memorable family weekend escape.

Book now: 01691 880751



SHOPPING LIST

*Treats for
Tombola*

FOR YOUR SHOPPING LIST ...

Support your village big day out.

Traditional house to house collection for Carnival
Tombola prizes, etc., will be carried out in the last
week of June.

Please have your goodies ready for the hard-working collectors. All
donations of sweets, chocolates, biscuits, bottles and other treats will
be much appreciated.

- ◆ Grand Draw tickets will also be available from the collectors.
- ◆ Donations can also be dropped off at Eileen's, Lawn House.
Tel. 01691 610629



**2026
Carnival
Queen & King**

**Lauren
Isaacs**

and

**Stanley
Fletcher**

Remind your friends &
family to arrive early,
the road will be closed
12-2:30pm for the parade.

**We welcome any
help on the day!**

We'll be setting up the
field in the morning,

and clearing down afterwards,

**so please come along if
you can lend a hand.**





**MILNE
INSTALLATIONS**
we take care of it all

KITCHENS | BEDROOMS | BATHROOMS

Call/email for a **FREE** consultation
Quote code: **MICA**

01938 570067

info@milneinstallations.co.uk

Your Local Luxury
Kitchen, Bedroom &
Bathroom Specialists,
based in Four Crosses



ROGER OWEN (ROWEN TREE CARE)
NPTC QUALIFIED
FULL LIABILITY INSURANCE

ALL ASPECTS OF TREE SURGERY & HEDGE MAINTENANCE

STUMP GRINDING

WOOD CHIPPING HIRE WITH QUALIFIED OPERATOR

TELEHANDLER HIRE WITH QUALIFIED OPERATOR

SUPPLIER OF SEASONED WOODCHIP AND LOGS

FREE QUOTATIONS

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

LESS THAN 5 MILES FROM WEST FELTON

TEL: 01691 682008/07980 626998

EMAIL: rowen.tree.care@btinternet.com

DARREN TOWNSEND

Painter & Decorator
All aspects of interior or exterior
decoration undertaken

Hanwood - Shropshire

01743 860241 mobile 07795 262629

darrentownsend18@hotmail.com



Up the Garden Path with Topiarius

The heat of summer

The last of the brassica plants go out at the beginning of the month, and a second batch of cucumbers need potting on. Later sown things such as chard and beetroot need thinning and lettuce sown for succession. That is about it for planting but the maintenance will guarantee to keep you busy. Apart from the usual feeding, weeding and watering, keep an eye out for pests such as cabbage caterpillars and don't forget the summer pruning. I will have to put mesh tunnels over carrots and leeks to prevent insect attack.

Every year I mention the annual garden assessment and this year will be no exception. Towards the end of the month, we will be out there with notepads and critical looks to record what needs changing or renewing. I know in advance that there will be yet more shrubs needing severe pruning or removal due to having been ignored for too long. It is the old story of planting things that, when mature, are really far too big for the space available, but I doubt I will ever learn. Cutting something too big is relatively easy, but disposing of the debris takes much longer.

Just like last year, we have had periods of severe rain and very high temperatures. The latter resulted in a battle to keep trays of seedlings and pots of young plants alive before they were planted out. We are past that now but we can still expect the need for water-

ing in July.

We avoided disaster with seedlings dying from drought but we had mouse problems. I put traps in the glasshouse as routine but have never had a problem in the cold frame—until this year. Many of my brassica seedlings were nipped off so I had to hastily get replacements. Another lesson learnt. In fact, two lessons because it made me think whether it was worth the bother of sowing seed when plants can be bought from, for example, Oakgate Nursery and Garden Centre. The downside of buying in is that you can't get your preferred varieties, so the jury is out pending how the plants perform.

A second first time failure was my decision to buy Black Spanish Round radish seed, which in retrospect seems a strange choice, and I don't remember what prompted it. Anyway, they grew a lot of foliage but only a thin tapering root so were a complete disaster. Possibly they would be OK sown in autumn but need to be avoided for the usual radish season.

Things come in threes, and my third disaster involved watering. I took a sprayer to wage war on some weeds. As I pumped it up it exploded showering me and the surroundings with Weedol. The sprayer was made from a polyolefin which over a few seasons had severely degraded due to heat and UV light. It was a small cheap sprayer but the lesson is store it carefully.●

Oswestry Rural South SNT
(oswestryrs.snt@westmercia.police.uk)



PC Mark Wright M: 07977 957689 Direct Dial: 101.

PCSO Kurt Mabe 07870 219669

PCSO Stuart Carroll M: 07970 544372 | Direct Dial: 101 Ext. 7704043

Team email: oswestryrs.snt@westmercia.police.uk

OSWESTRY RURAL SOUTH Safer Neighbourhood Team,
West Mercia Police, Oswestry Police Station, Park St, Oswestry, SY11 2HE.

These personal mobile numbers/email addresses can be used to gain quick contact with our local policing team **BUT are not to be used to report new incidents**. All incidents must be reported on either of the two numbers: 101 in the case of non-emergency and 999 for emergencies.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

Twitter: @OsCops

Non emergency number : 101 web: www.westmercia.police.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

Owen's - Route 4

Subject to change due to inclement weather,
vehicle breakdown, COVID-19:

Alternate Thursdays

Grimpo 14:10 to 14:45
West Felton Village Hall
15:00 to 15:40



The Tanat to Perry Community Wildlife Group has been looking for Curlew, Lapwing, Kestrel, Cuckoo and Red Kite since late March, in our area that extends from Oswestry in the north to Kinnerley in the south, and eastwards from the Welsh border to Ruyton-XI-Towns:



from the Tanat to the Perry.

We are trying to find all Curlew nests this year, to protect them with an electric fence.

If you've seen or heard any of these species, please don't assume we know about them.

Please report all your observations, especially any Curlew
("the most important bird conservation priority in the UK")

to Leo Smith 07791 901732, leo@leosmith.org.uk.
If you want to help next year, please contact Leo.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Come and meet the neighbours.
10-12noon



Thursday, 2nd JULY

In the village hall.

£1.50 entry includes tea/coffee biscuits.
Bacon baps £1 extra.

Stokes Tree Works

NPTC Qualified Tree Surgeons

DIFFICULT TREES OUR SPECIALITY

Lopping * Felling * Pruning * Shaping
to British Standard Specifications



www.stokestreeworks.co.uk

Email: stokestreeworks@aol.com

01691 870300 or 07811 320982



P & S Electrical Contractors Ltd

**DOMESTIC ~ COMMERCIAL
FREE ESTIMATES**

**ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING
POINTS FITTED**

**Rewires
Periodic Testing
and Inspection**

General Electrical Work

Fuse Board Upgrades

CONTACT STUART

07710 664 254

pandselectrical27@gmail.com



FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

PROVIDING HOME VISITS, TO YOUR DOOR FOOTCARE

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☒ OVERGROWN NAILS | ☒ HARD SKIN |
| ☒ CRACKED HEELS | ☒ FUNGAL NAIL INFECTION |
| ☒ CORNS | ☒ INGROWING NAIL |
| ☒ THICKENED NAILS | ☒ VERRUCA |
| ☒ FINGERNAIL CUTTING | ☒ WAX THERAPY |



01691 757111



onestepaheadfhp@gmail.com



www.onestepahead.co.uk

(Continued from page 35)

challenge, and extend learning opportunities.

By extending this highly effective model into Years 1 and 2, we aim to nurture motivated, capable learners who are ready for the next stage of their education.

What happens next?

Work is already well underway to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Staff are:

- * Developing an exciting new curriculum tailored to this approach
- * Reviewing staffing arrangements to maximise support for all children
- * Visiting outstanding schools to learn from best practice
- * Investing in new furniture and resources to enhance our learning environments
- * Looking ahead

We are incredibly excited about these changes and the positive impact they will have on our children. By building on what we already do well and embracing proven approaches, we are confident that this new structure will create an inspiring, nurturing, and forward-thinking learning experience for every child.

We look forward to sharing more updates with our community as we move towards September 2026.▪

Thank You to Our Punch Bowl Community

A huge thank you goes out to Sally and her team for organising the pub quiz on Sunday the 7th. The quiz was held in memory of my beloved husband, Graham Casson, who supported the pub quiz for many years and always enjoyed being part of it.

Our quizmasters, Nicky and Dave, put together an amazing set of questions, including a special round dedicated to Graham and his interests. A great deal of hard work clearly went into preparing the evening, and I am truly grateful. Thank you to all the friends and family who came along on the night, and to those who couldn't attend but kindly donated.

Your generosity means so much. All proceeds from the evening have been donated to Graham's chosen charity, The Samaritans.

West Felton is not just a village of neighbours but a village of friends who look after one another.

Thank you all, June Casson



Wills, Inheritance Tax, Powers of Attorney

Wills £150

Lasting Powers of Attorney £150

For Free info Call Paul Humphreys on:

Tel. 01691 652 233

www.Asset-Wealth-Preservation.co.uk



D PRICE REUPHOLSTERY



SUITES ANTIQUES - CONTRACT UPHOLSTERY
Wide range of Fabrics - OLD BAKEHOUSE, QUEENS HEAD

For Free Quotes call
01691 610153 or 0780 1108860

The Queens Head

Visit our website at: www.the-queens-head-oswestry.co.uk

Our full menu is available online

We can cater for most dietary needs

Takeaway available on all our menus 10% discount

01691 610255

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

Freelance Hairdressing - 07967 620555



FLOAT TO LIVE

<https://rnli.org/safety/float>

Would you know what to do
if you got into difficulty in the water?

RNLI says:

*Float by following these
five simple steps – it
could save your life.*

This advice is useful to
everyone, however
you use the water.

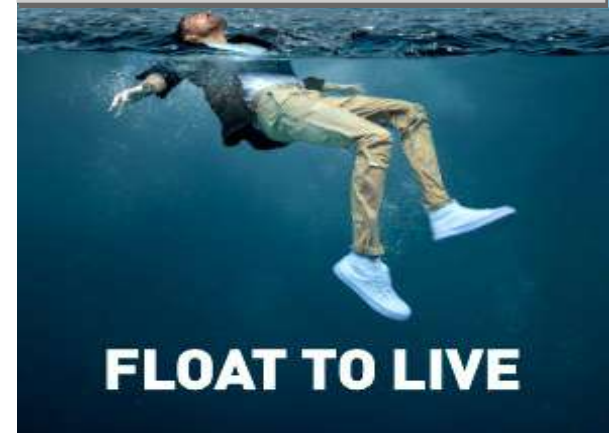
It has helped save the
lives of more than 50
people in all sorts of
situations, from children
in rip currents to runners
falling into canals, from
people swept out by
waves, to fisherman fall-
ing overboard.

1. The best way to float is to tilt your head back with your ears submerged.
2. Try to relax and breathe normally.
3. You can gently move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat if you need to.
4. Spread your arms and legs out to improve stability – and it's OK if your legs sink, we all float differently.
5. Once your breathing is under control, call for help or swim to safety.
6. Practise floating in a supervised location like a swimming pool.



Lifeboats

The water is home to unseen threats.
Threats that will take your breath away.
Cold water and hidden currents catch out
even the strongest swimmers.
If you find yourself
struggling in the water, remember
FLOAT TO LIVE ...



FLOAT TO LIVE

TRANSFORM YOUR KITCHEN WORKTOPS WITH A **MiniQ** QUARTZ OVERLAY UP TO 50% LESS EXPENSIVE THAN SOLID QUARTZ

*Innovative 8mm
thin stone can be
laid directly over old,
worn out worktops.*



The beautiful MiniQ Quartz overlay is the perfect way to complete your dream kitchen. MiniQ is available in a large range of stunning colours. Our skilled team will handcraft your choice to fit your kitchen. This will then be laid over your existing work surfaces creating a beautiful finish to your kitchen.



- **HYGIENIC** – a perfectly smooth surface leaves nowhere for germs to hide.
- **EASY TO CARE FOR** – quick wipe with a neutral PH cleaner is all you need.
- **DURABLE** – Scratch resistant and more than tough enough to withstand everyday knocks and scrapes.
- **TIMELESS** – there is something about stone that means it never goes out of fashion
- **EASILY INSTALLED** – engineered for quality, speedy kitchen refurbishments.

FREE
NO OBLIGATION
QUOTE

LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS



Visit our
Showroom on
Vanguard Way,
Battlefield
Enterprise Park,
Shrewsbury
SY1 3TG

KITCHEN AND BEDROOM
REVIVALS
THE HOME OF KITCHEN AND BEDROOM MAKEOVERS

01743 588087

www.kitchen-revivals.co.uk



West Felton School and Nursery Exciting Developments at Our School from September 2026



We are delighted to share plans for an exciting new chapter at our school, with the introduction of a refreshed whole-school structure from September 2026. These changes are designed to better meet the needs of our growing school community and ensure every child thrives in their early years of education.

Why are we making this change?

Over recent years, our school has grown significantly, bringing both opportunities and challenges. Our classrooms are increasingly full, and we are continually reflecting on how best to support all children in a changing world. We also recognise that children's needs have evolved, particularly following the disruption of the Covid years. As a result, we have carefully considered the latest educational research, which highlights the importance of extending early years approaches beyond Reception.

This research consistently shows that all children benefit greatly from learning environments that encourage independence, curiosity, and a genuine love of learning.

What will be different?

From September 2026, we will introduce a Continuous Provision model for children from Nursery to Year 2, bringing Early Years (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 (KS1) together in a seamless learning experience.

For Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6), children will learn in single year groups, ensuring focused teaching and continued progression as pupils move through the school. Classes will be between 19 – 22 compared to our largest currently of 34.

What is Continuous Provision?

Many of our families will already be familiar with this approach through our Catkins and Acorns classes. Continuous Provision creates a carefully designed learning environment—both indoors and outdoors—where children can explore, investigate, and learn through play and structured choice.

Rather than moving to a more formal, timetable-driven structure too early, this approach allows children to develop key skills at their own pace. It builds confidence, independence, and enthusiasm, while staff are on hand to guide,

(Continued on page 37)

ROSS HINES CHIMNEY SWEEPING

CLEAN CHIMNEYS ARE SAFE CHIMNEYS

BRUSH AND VACUUM - LEAKAGE TESTING - NESTS REMOVED
COWLS, BIRD GUARDS AND CAP SUPPLIED AND FITTED.
OPEN FIRE, MULTI FUEL STOVES, AGA, DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL.
FULLY INSURED WITH NFU, CERTIFICATES GIVEN.
FOR A FAST, FRIENDLY AND CLEAN SERVICE
OR JUST HELP AND ADVICE.



CALL 01939 768319

24 THE WHEATLANDS,
BASCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

NACS MEMBER 12/05



SECURE LIFE TECHNOLOGY
Specialists in Home, Business & Farm
Security Systems T: 07719 331357

- CCTV & ALARM SYSTEMS E: SecureLifeTech@hotmail.com
- STARLINK INSTALLATION <https://securealarmcctv.com>
- WI-FI EXTENSION SERVICES Contact us today to arrange a
- GPS VEHICLE TRACKERS free no obligation quote.

Locksmiths

- Local & Independent
- No Callout Charges
- Free Security Advice



Based in
Whitchurch

IDP Locksmiths (Ian)
t: 01948 666116 m: 07918 617744
e: idplocksmiths@hotmail.co.uk
w: www.idplocksmiths.co.uk

Insurance
Approved

Police
recognized

Rector, vicar, priest, parson

Michael Davie

Rector, vicar, priest, parson – what's in name? Debate has raged over what title West Felton church should call its representative to lead the church. These days all the titles are used interchangeably, but historically they have important differences.

Priest is a term used from the earliest of times and refers to any person authorised to undertake religious duties. Many religions have people who are termed priests and as such it is often used as a name intended to be inclusive. The word is derived from Presbyter, or elder, and priests were often the most learned and educated members of society. The word Priest appears regularly in both the Old and New Testaments. As Christianity took root, the people authorised to administer religious rituals were called priests. It was therefore natural for the Christian denomination in the early church, Roman Catholicism, to call their clergy priests. The name survived in the Eastern Orthodox church after the Great Schism of 1054 when the Eastern church broke with Rome.

Rector is an old denomination, meaning "direct in a straight line" or ruler. Early Bishops were often called Rectors and today some academic institutions have Rectors. Early (pre 11th century) many parish churches were built and owned by landowners who kept the right to appoint the Rector.

Following church reforms in the 11th century many parishes were

passed to monasteries. These became not only powerful but wealthy and owned a large area of the country. The Dissolution of the Monasteries in the mid 16th century caused substantial upheaval, both religious and financial. As well as beginning the dissociation from Rome and acquiring much monastic wealth, Henry VIII also sold off the land and the rights to appoint a clergyman to the former Monastic Rectory. Many rights were acquired by Lay people who became Lay Rectors. They were responsible for collecting the tithes to pay the Rector and also, which caused much disquiet in later centuries, the responsibility for looking after the church chancel. By 1603, over one third of Benefices were in the hands of lay Rectors.

The ability to nominate a person to a Rectorship, or living, was known as an advowson. One person could hold more than one nomination. Advowsons could be bought and sold and in later centuries these became valuable often being used to put a second son into a comfortable existence.

Most Rectors had a reasonable income being entitled to the greater tithes and, if there were no vicar, to



(Continued on page 25)

A & J CATTERY

Open all year round | Cattery is fully heated
Covered outside runs

Collection and Delivery

"Give your cat a holiday while you enjoy yours"

Sandstone Holdings, Dovaston, Kinnerley, Oswestry SY10 8DS
Tel: 01691 682 606 We are only 5 minutes from West Felton



ARRIDGE GARAGE DOORS



Up and over

Sectional

Roller

Side-hinged

All types supplied, fitted and repaired - Remote Controls
Prompt professional service - Quality guaranteed installations



Est 1989 - Trade and Retail

www.arridgegaragedoors.co.uk

68-70 Roft Street, Oswestry, SY11 2EP

Opening Hours
Mon to Thurs 9-5pm
Fri 9-4pm
01691 670394

Business Support
Payroll Services
Business Start Ups
Software sales and support (accounts/payroll)
Financial Services

Management Accounts
Tax Planning
Accounts Preparation



Offices at: Ellesmere, Oswestry and Llangollen
Telephone: 01691 622098
e-mail: partners@morriscook.co.uk
www.morriscook.co.uk

**Chartered
Accountants
and
Business Advisers**

Join a free Shared Reading Group at Oswestry Library.



The Reader, a national Shared Reading charity based in Liverpool, runs a free, weekly Shared Reading group in Oswestry library every Monday afternoon 2.30pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

People connect and share experiences using stories and poems. There is no pressure to talk or read aloud or to come every week.

Shared Reading brings people together through stories and poems, creating opportunities to connect, reflect and share experiences in a friendly and supportive environment. There is no pressure to read aloud, speak, or attend every week – you can simply come along and listen.

The charity has more than 420 Shared Reading groups across the UK and 850 volunteers. Research shows that Shared Reading can improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and help build stronger, more supportive communities.

To find out more about Shared Reading come along to Oswestry library any Monday afternoon or visit www.thereader.org.uk New members are always

(Continued from page 31)

The report also highlights wider health inequalities, noting that some people struggle to manage medication due to complex systems, lack of support, or digital exclusion.

Healthwatch Shropshire is calling for better coordination across services, clearer communication with patients, and consideration of those who may find it difficult to navigate digital systems.

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, said:

"Thank you to everyone who shared their experiences with us. Your feedback helps us understand how services are working in practice. Many people value digital tools like the NHS App and the support of hardworking pharmacy staff, but delays, communication issues and system changes are still causing frustration for some. This report highlights opportunities to build on what works well and improve access to safe, timely medication for everyone in Shropshire."

You can read the full report here. <https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/report/2026-05-28/healthwatch-shropshire-publishes-report-access-medication-across-county>



PAINTHAUS

SHROPSHIRE'S PREMIER DECORATING COMPANY

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING & DECORATING SPECIALISTS

Delivering high-quality finishes with careful preparation and expert craftsmanship

- ✓ Fully insured
- ✓ 12-month guarantee

Clean • Professional • Reliable

Call Ryan for a quotation
07985 709453 painthaus.co.uk



GREEN HOLLOW VETERINARY SURGERY

D. W. THURSTON BVetMed MRCVS

DOMESTIC PET, HORSE & FARM ANIMAL PRACTICE
24-hour Emergency Service - Consultation by appointment

High Ridge
Wem Road
SY4 4NW
01939
251180

**Morning, afternoon
and evening surgeries**
ALL NEW CLIENTS
WELCOME

School Road
Ruyton-X1-Towns
01939
261216

FARM ANIMAL SERVICES :

- Routine Fertility work
- Herd Health plans
- Sheep and Goats...
- Alpaca work

SMALL ANIMAL SERVICES :

- Microchip Identity
- Diagnostic X-ray & Ultrasound
- In-house lab testing
- Pet food & accessories
- Free Pet Health advice

HORSE WORK : • Wormers (discounts on large quantity)
• 'Vetting' pre-purchase/insurance

(Continued from page 23)

the lesser tithes as well. The greater tithes related to that which came from the land – corn, hay, wood and often wool – while the lesser tithes included milk, eggs, and lambs. In later centuries these were delivered in cash. Additionally Rectors could get payment from the glebe lands. Tithe was widely hated and led to much ill feeling towards the church (see West Felton magazine June and July 2016). Lay rectors could also collect the tithe, but had to pay the clergyman out of the proceeds. Before World War II the rector of West Felton had about £750/yr and that of Whittington £1000/yr. After 1924 the ability to nominate to a living was restricted to the next two appointments.

The term Vicar has its origin in the Latin Vicarius meaning a substitute. It originated in the Roman Empire around 280 AD as a secular office. A Vicarius was in charge of the running a Diocese – a district under a governor – and was an important person. At that time the Christian church recognised only Bishops, who oversaw a Diocese, a term borrowed, as in much of Christianity, from Rome, and its priests and Deacons. By the 4th century AD, the Pope, himself termed the Vicar of Christ, required legates to travel to the Eastern church. Known as Vicars of the Apostolic See, they had considerable administrative powers over the areas that they controlled. In the English church, vicars

often came under monasteries and became separated during the Dissolution of the monasteries. In subsequent centuries a vicar was often a substitute for a Rector. Vicars had to make do with the lesser tithes, which were often insufficient to make a living. He might be paid by a Rector, especially if the latter had more than one living. Lay Rectors were expected to pay the vicar out of the lesser tithes. The writings of Jane Austen and Anthony Trollope do not paint a happy picture of a vicar. He was indeed a substitute. With the passing of the Tithe redemption act (1936) and the Glebe act (1976), the financial advantages of a rector were removed and all clergy received the same pay. In 1977 a clause in the Finance bill finally put paid to tithe.

The terms Rector and Vicar have tended to become associated with the Church of England because of the historical way of paying clergy who looked after a parish, although everyone was a priest. Merriam Webster lists 53 alternative names for a priest, of which 19 might be considered in common use. West Felton technically has a Rector. Since the differentiation between a Rector, a vicar or a priest is anything but clear to most people, though hopefully you are now better informed, West Felton church elected to use the term priest which does have the advantage of the longevity of use. ●



Tel: 07830 050908
Email: ed@bournehandy.co.uk

Do you need a bit of help around your house and garden?

- DIY jobs
- House repairs & maintenance
- Gardening services
- Single and double glazed unit replacements

- Small plumbing and electrical jobs

*Fully insured.
Competitive rates.
Quotes on request.
Covering Knockin,
Milverley,
West Felton,
surrounding areas.*

Duncan Galliers

Master Upholsterer and Furniture Restorer

Upholstery

Specialist in traditional techniques for antique and modern furniture.

Spring repair, foam cut to size and sundries!

Call **01743 353981** or email duncangalliers@aol.com



www.supportmycomputer.co.uk



- New PCs and Laptops fully installed at home
- Spyware Removal/Installation of Leading Edge Spyware Prevention
- Performance Tuning and Business PC Support
- Hardware/Software Installations and Training
- Upgrades and Automated Backup
- Remote Support/Annual PC Health Check Also Available
- For low fixed Prices from **£19.95**

PC/Laptop Stopped running or running slow or need a replacement?
Call Justin on (01691) 830822 or (07772) 596029

OIL BOILER SERVICING AND REPAIRS

Call Stuart for prompt and efficient response

01691 682480
07940 757503

OFTEC qualified engineer - all works fully insured

Healthwatch Shropshire Publishes Report On Access To Medication Across The County

Healthwatch Shropshire has published a new report exploring people's experiences of accessing medication, highlighting both positive progress and on-going challenges within local pharmacy and prescribing systems.

The report, based on feedback from over 55 people gathered between April and December 2025, was commissioned in response to increasing public concern about pharmacy services, changes to prescription ordering systems, and the withdrawal of the Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) service. Local councillors and residents had raised issues about delays, confusion, and difficulties accessing essential medication, prompting Healthwatch Shropshire to investigate further.

Key findings - The report shows a mixed picture of experiences:

45% of respondents said the NHS App made ordering prescriptions "quick and easy"

20% praised the speed and helpfulness of pharmacy staff

However, 20% reported unacceptable waiting times

10% described the system as confusing or inefficient

Some people experienced multiple trips to pharmacies due to stock issues or delays

While many people welcomed digital improvements, for example the NHS app, others—particularly older people and those without access to technology—felt left behind by the shift towards online systems.

The report found strong appreciation for pharmacy staff, with many recognising their professionalism and dedication under pressure. One person commented:

"Staff amazing – system awful, but staff always helpful."

Positive experiences were also reported where systems worked effectively, with some people receiving prescriptions quickly and benefiting from clear communication and integrated services.

Despite these positives, the report identifies several areas for improvement:

Reducing delays between GP prescribing and pharmacy dispensing

Improving communication between services

Addressing stock shortages

Ensuring systems are accessible for all, particularly older and vulnerable residents

(Continued on page 33)

WEST FELTON VILLAGE HALL EXERCISE CLASSES

ABIGAIL
CHARLOTTE
FITNESS

Tuesday mornings

9:30am Beginner/mixed ability pilates
10:45am Intermediate/advanced pilates
12 noon Dance Fit

Pilates classes £9 or £42.50 for 5
Dance Fit - £8.50 or £40 for 5

Please bring a mat to pilates and wear something comfortable and stretchy.

T: 07904456368

E: abi:glover-davies@hotmail.com

Fb: Abigailcharlottefitness

Instagram: Abigailcharlottefitness

*Strengthen. Stretch.
Move better. Feel good*

PSM Kitchens

Designing kitchens for you



- Local business, West Felton based
- Extensive range to suit all tastes
- Quality products / affordable rates
- We come to you offering a true home selection service with a no obligations chat
- All units made to order offering many bespoke options
- Free planning and design
- Supply only or full fit service using local trades

Contact paul@psmkitchens.co.uk
more info at www.psmkitchens.co.uk



Call today for a free quote 01691 664252

Call Jennifer Scott on

07866 472083

or **07791 655559**

www.facebook.com/cleanandgleamovens

Email:

cleanandgleamovens@gmail.com

Give your oven a little TLC with

*Clean
& Gleam*
OVENS



Professional
Oven Cleaning Services
covering Oswestry & surrounding areas



WEST FELTON WALKING GROUP

Walk leaders:-

Iain Lambie 01691 900 539

Hilary Iles 01691 610707

John & Eileen Hanmer 01691 010629

**WE MEET AT 10.00 AM MONDAYS AT THE
PUNCH BOWL CAR PARK**

**EXCEPT ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE
MONTH WHEN DEPARTURE IS 9:30 TO
ALLOW TIME TO TRAVEL TO OUR CHOSEN
DESTINATION FOR THE AWAY DAY WALK.**

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

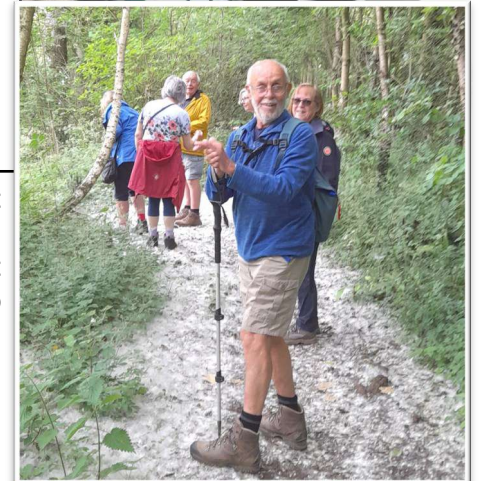
**Away walk for 1st June saw 10 folk
meet at Punchbowl** before car share to

meet at Ellesmere. Walk led by Ken, off around the houses and through wood onto fields across to Haughton farm.

Along through more woodland onto mere side and a welcome coffee stop at the boathouse.

Returned to cars via winding footpath and canal side walk past marina.

Weather was on our side which made a lovely gentle walk across varied terrain, lovely nature. Thank you Ken.



Check out our numerous 5★ reviews on Facebook!!

ALL ASPECTS OF BUILDING WORK UNDERTAKEN



- Plumbing
- Roofing
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms



- Electrics
- Renovations
- Digger hire
- Tractor hire

**Bricklaying • Plastering • Timber Framework
Fencing • Extensions • Landscaping & Slabbing
Groundworks/Drainage**

Reliable family run business offering high quality work
at a reasonable rate. Contact us for a no obligation quote on
07484 775590 joshua.birch1985@hotmail.co.uk

www.birchsonsgeneralbuildingcontractors.com



OPEN GARDEN SATURDAY July 4th:10.30 - 4pm

**Local garden open to raise money
for Cancer Research UK.**

Half acre garden including Perennial borders, wildlife
pond, vegetable and fruit, orchard and chickens.

- * Tea/Coffee/Cakes stall
- * Repurposed cards and craft sale
- * Plant sale.
- * Disabled friendly
- * Sorry, No Dogs (assistance only)
- * Admission £4
- * Some parking available, additional parking a few
minutes walk away.

**CASH
ONLY
PLEASE**

Rivacres, Grimpo, SY11 4HG
Any enquiries : caroline_chenery@hotmail.co.uk