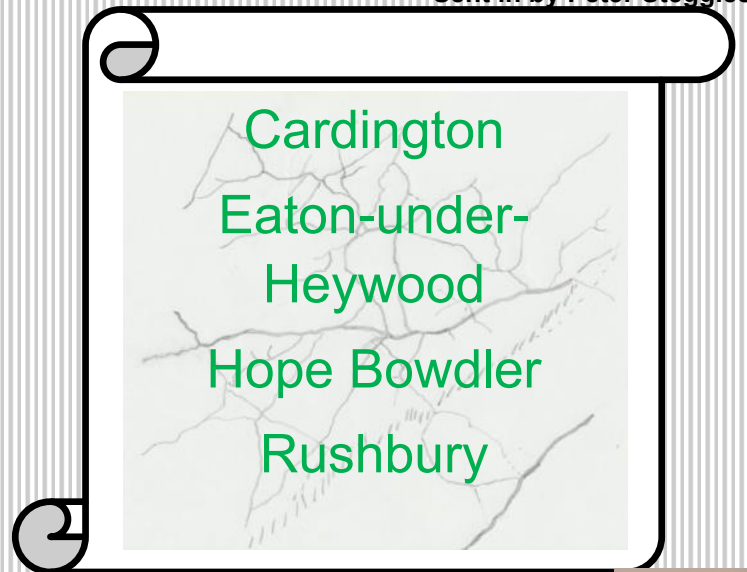


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Dear Friends,

I do hope you received and enjoyed the May edition of the Honeygot, I thought it was really impressive and interesting and all your photographs, accounts and poems made it very lively and interesting. It was fascinating to read what people are doing during 'Lockdown' and evidence of a very special community here in Apedale. Once more I would like to thank the Editorial Team and all of you for all the efforts to ensure the Honeygot reaches as many people as possible in these restricted times.

As I write in mid-May, we have seen signs of the Lockdown easing and plans for further easing in the coming months. I do hope and pray that this will be safe and successful for everyone. Being patient and continuing to keep safe now will surely prevent everyone's efforts so far from being wasted.

We have heard that our places of worship may be open in July but as I write we have no details of quite when or how this will happen. The churches may be open for private prayer but we cannot presume there will be public worship in the form we think of as 'normal' in the immediate future. So, sadly, there will certainly be no services in June but we will continue to provide 'Thoughts for each Sunday', through PCC Secretaries and Nichola Madeley's contact list. If you have not received these and would like to, please contact one of them. We shall continue to pray for all those who have asked for prayer.

June is usually the start of the season for summer fetes and great community fundraising activities. Some of these have been postponed and sadly some may be cancelled. As with many charities, our PCCs will be struggling financially to maintain ministry, mission and the general maintenance of our church buildings and any way you can support them in this will be much appreciated, maybe through the Parish Giving Scheme or a 'one off' donation. Parish Treasurers will be delighted to tell you more.

As many of you probably know, my Licence as an Associate Priest in the Apedale Benefice ends on June 20th and it is time to retire. Because of the Coronavirus restrictions, it means that my last service was actually at Hope Bowdler on March 8th, although none of us realised it at the time! Hopefully, Richard and I will be moving in to a new house in Welland near Malvern in mid August but we shall probably be moving from our home here earlier than that. Who can tell at the moment? It will be good to live nearer to our family.

It has been a real privilege to work in this community in different ways for nearly nineteen years. When I retired as Head of Rushbury School, ordination as a priest was not something I envisaged and I still feel very humbled that I received that call and was supported by so many of you. It has been a joy and an honour to minister in Apedale and, at times, to be asked to share in both the joyous and sad events you have experienced in your families. Thank you too for your support and encouragement with new ventures especially Messy Church and the Butty Van. I shall miss you all and do hope you will keep in touch - my mobile number and email will remain the same.

I shall be praying for all of you, especially as you enter a new phase in the life of the Apedale Benefice, hopefully with a new Rector in the not too distant future.

May God bless you all,
With my love and prayers as always,

Virginia

Keeping in touch in Cardington...

Cardington Fete and SHCT gardens opening 2020

It is with great regret that we have to announce that this year's fete at The Old Vicarage in July has had to be postponed indefinitely; for reasons we are all too aware of it is too dangerous to go ahead. Bringing together a large group of people into what is a private home and garden poses huge risks to the welfare of us all, and we all owe it to one another and to our hosts, still to take immense care of everyone in our communities.

We have always been extremely grateful to Roy and Dawn for their immense generosity to St. James' Church and hope that they may allow us to return to their lovely garden again in the future for our very popular fete.

At the beginning of May, the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and St. James' Church are still hoping that the opening of the gardens will be able to go ahead in August, but it really is too soon for any firm plans to be made, so we have to wait and see how the progress of the pandemic unfolds. Please look out for further news as spring and summer arrive in our beautiful part of Shropshire.

Shirley McNicol, PCC Secretary, St. James' Church.

Shirley McNicol has been out and about on her bike again. She was pleased to see evidence of the repair of potholes, sad to see Acton Scott farm Museum closed for now, but was able to call at Proper Good Dairy for essential supplies.



No the rain hasn't started falling in rectangles-evidence of pot-hole mending.



Closed for now....



Supplies. Proper good dairy at work

Cardington Parish Council Update

Smartwater

Sufficient households in the parish have now collected their unique bottle of Smartwater. I can confirm that sufficient bottles have now been registered to households in the parish to allow West Mercia Police to erect the signs around the parish. Councillors have agreed the positioning of signs and it is hoped that these will be erected very shortly.

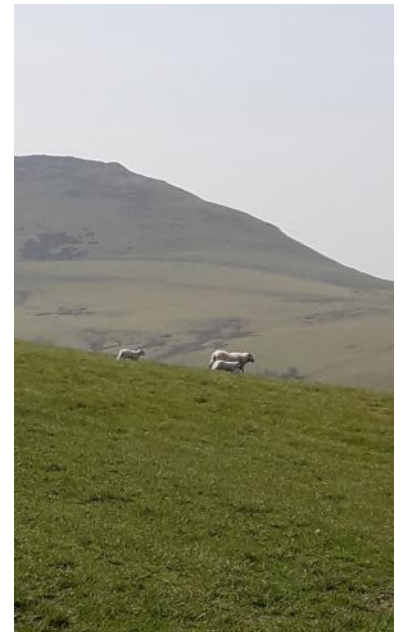
For those households who have yet to collect their bottle of Smartwater, as soon as we are safely able to hold a Parish Council meeting again this will be advertised and you can collect your bottle of Smartwater before the meeting opens.

Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 7th July commencing at 8pm. If the Covid-19 pandemic does not allow a meeting at the Village Hall, and if there are urgent decisions to be agreed, a virtual meeting via Zoom may be arranged. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting or participate via Zoom. If a meeting is arranged notices will be posted on all village notice boards and on the Parish Council website with details of the meeting and instructions how to participate if a virtual meeting is arranged.

Stay safe everyone
Jennie Griffiths. Clerk

<http://www.cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk>



Sue and Tony Sheppard took to the hills with only sheep and lambs for company.

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Email cardingtonmutualaid@gmail.com.



Join our Facebook group where local help and advice can be shared between neighbours. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CardingtonCovid19MA/> Message here to request help.

LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO CAN ALSO HELP

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Proper Good Dairy visit Cardington at 2pm every Wednesday with milk, butter, veg boxes and more. Email your order <https://www.propergooddairy.co.uk>. You can also pick up Wilstone Farm eggs at the same time.

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Owen's Fish C/S market 07532061838 or 07456221662

Get in contact

Email: cardingtonmutualaid@gmail.com,

Phone: 0800 009 6760

Message via [the Cardington Covid-19 Mutual Aid Facebook group](#)

Even if you are self-isolating you are not alone.



Sonny Guthrie aged 1, shared a great video of his recitation of his poem "One Loving Nation".

Do take a look by looking on the Honey-pot Facebook page or copy and paste this link.

<https://www.facebook.com/iamjacquig/videos/10163591643205207/>

Cardington Tote Winners:

1st	£50	210	Mr Ralph Madeley
2nd	£20	176	Mr Robin Maydew
3rd	£20	15	Mr James Rogers
4th	£10	159	Mrs Judith Barrow
5th	£10	166	Mrs Nan Jones

More Cardington News can be found on the website www.cardington.org.uk

Cardington Parish Council

Please visit the new Parish Council web site, the address is :-

<http://www.cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk>

Eaton-under-Heywood News

Ticklerton "Tin pan alley"

The air vibrates on Thursday evenings as door bells clang, pans rattle ,whistles blow and cheerful laughter reverberates at the cacophony. Community spirit. GREAT.

Sprucing up

Gates gleam and fences shine as the paint brushes rest. Drives revitalised, walls repointed and gardens lovingly tended as we stay at home. Our hamlet is well-groomed. Congrats to each and everyone.

Hassock recording

You will see my progress in next month's edition.

Family research

Elizabeth from Wolverhampton is logging her YAPP and COX 'personal history'. She is very keen. A 'good' correspondent. Interesting for me too, as a newcomer.

Please everyone, take care. Stay safe. Keep well.

Gwen CW

Ticklerton in Lockdown

On **Poetry Exchange Day** I sent the Quangle Wangle Qee (Edward Lear) to twelve friends in UK, France, Netherlands, Canada, Aus and USA.

I received in return.

From **Nicky C** the Max Boyce poem. And earlier Nicky forwarded the Pam Ayres poem.

I have also devised a poetry related task for my grandnieces..... (Editor's note.... But we are saving that for next month.)

Tony M

is collecting and distributing poems for the Fellowship and to raise a smile.

Gwen

....and from Karen Holdsworth:

We had a beautiful walk through the rapeseed fields this week...
....when we also found this amazing metal tractor half buried in the ground.

It would be good to see if anyone knows anything about it...



It was in the field on the right heading down to Eaton just past the school house
PS We have cleaned up the tractor for the photo. It didn't look like that when we dug it up lol.



This handsome yellowhammer was posing near Eaton under Heywood. Claire Nicholson.

Claire has also been busy raising plants to sell at Ticklerton Fete—unfortunately cancelled.

They haven't gone to waste however. She organised a sale of plants from the village hall!

Thank you to all supporters of the plant sale outside Ticklerton Village Hall this week. £115.46 will be shared by TVH and St Edith's.

Claire.



Gill Barnard has been out and about with her camera again, still keeping her photo diary. This photograph she took of a hare which accompanied her part way on her walk aroused a great deal of interest!



Gill Barnard to The Honeypot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale

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View of Caradoc from Ragleth this morning. Warm and sunny today on Ragleth. The larks were singing on the top and we saw several Red Kites following a plough in a field below.



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A wild windy walk this morning. View from the Gaer Stone, looking over Church Stretton to the Long Mynd



Nicky shared a video from Burns Night in Ticklerton Village Hall. Happy memories of when we could all meet up..... Unfortunately the video won't work in the pdf, but you will find it on The Honeypot Facebook page.



EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following legislation and regulations made by the Secretary of State due to the Coronavirus emergency, the parish council was obliged to cancel the three meetings scheduled for the 18th May 2020, namely the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General Meeting and the usual ordinary business meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting a Chairman is normally elected. However, in accordance with the regulations, the Chairman Graham Watts will continue in post until the next Annual General Meeting on 17th May 2021.

The next meeting is due to be held on 15th June 2020, but it remains to be seen whether the regulations will have lifted to enable that meeting to take place. Please visit our website for up-to-date information.

The parish council has continued to function despite the difficulties: we have dealt with four planning applications, paid outstanding bills, investigated highways issues and had the books and accounts for 2019/2020 audited. A copy of all the audit and annual return documents will be available to view on our website within the next two weeks.

The Agendas for meetings are posted on the notice board in Hope Bowdler and in the bus shelter in Ticklerton and on our website which is www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk. Also on the website are the contact details for all councillors and the Clerk, information about the parish council's accounts and audits and copies of Minutes, Agendas, protocols and financial information.

*To contact the Parish Council, please call the Clerk,
Mrs J de Russett, at 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG,
tel. 01568 770741 (please note – new number) or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.*

Hope Bowdler News

Here is the newest resident in Hope Bowdler, born 6th February this year.

A happy little bundle, unaware of the lockdown, just enjoying life at Hope Bowdler Court with her parents Simon and Sarah Haddleton.
(Sarah runs Woodlands Nursery with her mum Moriel Gidney.)



Photograph. Peter Steggles

Look at our book reviews to see what Moriel is reading, and our VE Day Anniversary page for a lovely picture of local celebrations.

Rushbury News

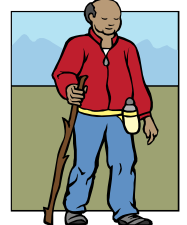
Apedale Amblers

I have heard that several walkers are keeping up with their individual walking. I look forward to the days when we can walk and talk together.

(See page 2 to see where Sue and Tony Sheppard have been.)

Merle.

BASED IN RUSHBURY BUT OPEN TO ALL.



Karen Griffiths: Our Sunday walk this week. Westhope Woods to Flounders Folly....

Rushbury Parish Council Update

The Parish Council meetings remain suspended for the foreseeable future. If you have any matters you would like to raise with the Council, please email the Clerk at rushburypc@gmail.com.

The reports which would normally be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish which was cancelled can be found in the Parish Council website.

Following emergency legislation and regulations by the Secretary of State, the decision has been taken to cancel the Annual Meeting of the Council, scheduled for 18 May 2020. In accordance with the regulations, any appointments which would usually be made at the Annual Meeting will continue until the next Annual Meeting or until the council decided otherwise, whichever is the earlier. It is currently anticipated that the next Annual Council Meeting will take place in May 2021. Councillor Mel McFarland continues as Chairman of the Council and Councillor Dr Colin Stevenson continues as Vice-Chairman.

COVID-19 Parish Support

Do you know of any neighbours that need help? If so, four of our Councillors are available for contact to assist where they can. Please call one of the following: Tom Flashman at 07812 669826; or Graham Gough at 01694 724522; or Sarah Madeley at 01694 771330; or Martin Pye at 01694 771850.

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www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council

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Chair of the Trustees: Mr M.J. Pye, Oak Cottage, Rushbury, Church Stretton SY6 7EB.

Coffee Stop

Thank you all!



Another month has passed. Everyone is in good health & all agree how fortunate we are to live in our Parishes & surrounding areas.

Our bins are emptied. Our evening paper is still delivered. Essentials are brought to our doors by Family-Friends-Deliveries or our local WhatsApp Group.

We are grateful too for good weather enabling us to garden or go for a stroll. The only difference now is we have resorted to SHOUTING at our neighbours – in the nicest possible way, of course!

The Thursday night ritual of clapping & drumming of various kitchen utensils in appreciation of the NHS and front line workers is amazing. Possibly a chance to LET ONE'S HAIR DOWN!

Please stay well and keep safe!



Emma EM Johnson to The Honeypot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale

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Lilywood species rich haymeadow





The Honeypot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale May 6th.

Bluebells! Photographs from Cath and Eli Bradburn, Anne and Allan Davis, Peter Steggles.

Rushbury Village Hall News

The Planned AGM in June will be postponed until such times as we can meet.
Committee members to remain in post until a date can be arranged.
The holding of the Produce Show is uncertain. **Merle.**

Rushbury Records Trust.

We missed the RRT talk in May but as the speakers were local I think we can look forward to it another time.....



PLEASE RESPECT OUR OPEN SPACES...
John and Josie Griffiths were extremely upset when visiting our lovely Millennium Green to find empty drinks cans and bottles pushed into the molehills so firmly they were unable to pull them out!

Around and about..... News from outside the Four Parishes

Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice News

We are Very Much Open for Business (no pun intended!)

The surgeries are both open as usual and the staff all working their normal hours. We are working hard to ensure we can still care for you with any existing or new problems, alongside any related to Coronavirus.

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We ask that you **still do not attend the surgery** unless you have an appointment which has been booked and agreed in advance. If you wish to book an appointment with a GP or nurse then please ring the surgery.

If you have an appointment then we please ask that you maintain a social distance at all times. You may be asked to wait in your car until the room required is available, so if you have a mobile phone please bring it with you as we may need to use this to communicate with you.

If you attend the surgery you will notice that the doctors are wearing scrub uniforms and that clinical staff will be wearing PPE when they see you. Please don't be alarmed by this, as it is a precautionary measure to protect our staff against a risk of transmission of the virus from people who do not have symptoms. Once again can we thank you for your understanding throughout the past few months and in advance for the future. We appreciate that it is difficult seeing things change so suddenly but we are doing our utmost to ensure the care we provide continues to be of the best possible standard.

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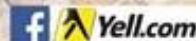
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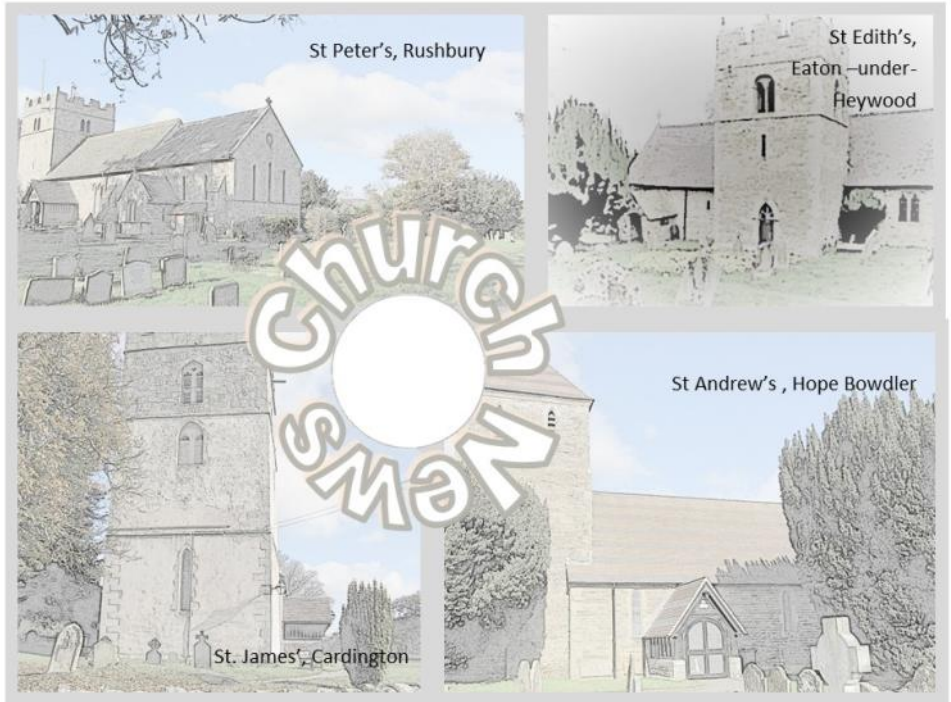


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SERVICE TIMES for JUNE

At present all UK churches remain closed and so there are no services.

If something changes we will attempt to let you know as soon as possible, and meanwhile stay safe and take a well-earned, although unwanted, break from all your usual rota duties.

Thank you everyone.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

The funeral of **David Hyde** took place at St Andrew's Church, Hope Bowdler on Friday May 15th. There will be a Memorial Service for David later. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

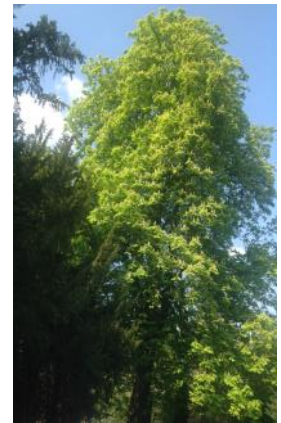
Gwen Sidaway shared these thoughts and photographs:

Our "Spreading Chestnut Tree"

At lockdown (March).... and as lockdown eases.....
Conkers.

Will the children come to celebrate Harvest in October?
Their laughter, giggles and fun as they collect the fruit to take away engages all of us. Happy times.

The daffodils waned.
Cow parsley now sways
in the breeze as we approach church.



The Buddicom plot



Our memorial rail to Keith.

COFFEE STOP Every Monday from 10.00am to midday at Rushbury Village Hall. Term time only. See Rushbury News for this month's dates.

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HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE TAKEN TO PEOPLE AT HOME if they are unable to get to church. Contact Revd. Sue Jelleyman, the Revd. Virginia Clements, one of the churchwardens or one of the parish-link people if you would like either of these or if you know of someone else who would.

A Flag for St. Peter's

Rushbury PCC decided that a new flag flying on top of St Peter's Church would be a very positive symbol in these uncertain times and so we asked the children of the parish to produce a design based on symbols of love, community and hope.

We had an enthusiastic response to the call for designs and the PCC have made their choice for the flag which should be flying as you read this.

All of the entries gave us such joy that we wanted to share them with you and I have included just some of the comments made by the PCC during the selection of the design. I am sure you will agree, the children have really captured the moment in such relevant and thoughtful drawings. From the rainbows that have come to symbolise hope in these times, to the Apedale bees and the big hearts.

The new flag will not only be used during this extraordinary period, we plan to use it in the future as a reminder that we are a community that works together in love and hope.

Darren Merrill, Rushbury PCC



"Rainbow with butterfly inside - lovely idea"



"I like the fact that 'love' is bigger than anything else."



"I really like all the people joining together and held by hope and love"



"Great aspects of community and the light shining even in a storm"



"Really simple and clear in meaning showing love and hope in Apedale"



"Light, love and hope shining through despite the clouds"



"These are our little Apedale Bees busily carrying symbols of love and hope, they like us are all in the same hive under the Rainbow which protects the cross of hope"



"The tree of life with a clever spectrum of coloured leaves"



"Great symbolism and I like the outline of Rushbury parish"

Technology has landed in East Wall! Wall Flowers now has its own Facebook account: @wallflowersseasonalblossoms



It is good to see some of our local businesses able to plan to re-open.

In the meantime many of us have been shopping a little more locally.....



Photographs from Daisy Allen and Gill Barnard



News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns have been continuing their home education during lockdown and, judging by the photographs I have seen, learning lots at home with their families and enjoying the lovely weather. They have been spending a lot of time outdoors when possible - busy planting sunflower seeds and even making a real bow and arrow (with a little help from Daddy). The Mummies are learning lots of new skills too – especially hairdressing!

Acorn is doing well isolating at home with his guinea pig friends (Albert, Primrose and Peach) and is particularly enjoying all the dandelions – it has been a great crop this spring!

We hope to be back at Little Acorns soon to resume our care and education for two to four year olds, our stay and play sessions on Tuesday mornings and holiday club held during July and August.

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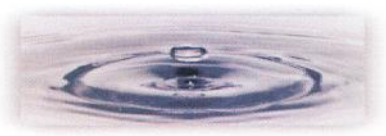
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75th Anniversary of VE Day. May 8th

Planned celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day were cancelled. But many found their own ways to mark the event. Flags were flown, a two minute silence upheld, socially distanced afternoon teas were eaten, and much singing of "We'll Meet Again..."



Emma Johnson from Roman Bank shared this photograph of their "Peaky Blinders inspired" VE Day celebration.



From Gill Silk: Here are my thoughts on the 75th anniversary of VE Day. I grew up during the war in the hilly north west of Birmingham where town gave way to farms and fields. Less than a mile away above Hilltop Farm was an anti-aircraft gun emplacement, a battery of searchlights and sirens. Later there were prisoners of war helping on the farm.

Every night there would be searchlights
then the guns' loud stuttering roar;
we'd wait for the all clear siren
when life resumed once more.

I grew up with these things as a normal part of life,
gas masks and blackest night,
blackout curtains and black streets
and not a car in sight.

And every night I'd listen
when nine o'clock came along
to the sonorous portentous sound
of Big Ben's warning bong.

Then sometimes I'd get out of bed
to sit down on the stair
and listen to the solemn news
of the progress of warfare.

As a little child I had no idea
the whole world was at war
but then I heard the Rush-ons
had come to help us all.

I heard that they would help us kill
those nasty Germ -mans dead
so we wouldn't have to spend the nights
in the shelter but in bed.

We wouldn't have to listen again
to those vile gut- churning screams
as sirens intensified and shrieked
and shattered most nights' dreams.

Imagine the excitement
when the war was done at last;
now street lights shone out brightly
and buses gleamed with light.

Then we had a massive party
- the entire street turned out.
We burned Hitler on the bonfire,
celebrated European peace.

**Now once more the sirens shriek,
and masks are worn again,
the Germ-mans are a virus,
the Rush-ons NHS teams.**

**O may the virus soon be dead,
this world pandemic cease,
so we can celebrate at last
another time of peace!**

Gill Silk





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St Andrew's Close, Hope Bowdler had a socially distanced street party to celebrate VE Day!

What are we reading in lockdown?

For some, reading has become an even more significant factor in our 'new normal', and we'd love to know what you've enjoyed reading recently. The Book Review section will become a regular feature of The HoneyPot. It will also be featured on The HoneyPot FaceBook page.

How lovely to receive all your reviews, either sent direct or posted on The HoneyPot Facebook page. While we are sorting out all the copyright implications, we may hold your item in reserve for a month.

While some people are devouring books during lockdown. Others, myself included, are finding it difficult to concentrate – perhaps the pull of the garden in this gorgeous weather is just too strong.

What is your experience?

Lorna Taylor

The HoneyPot Book Reviews

To kick off, our first book review comes from Aiden Foster: **Reindeer: an arctic life by Tilly Smith (2018). The History Press, Stroud, Gloucestershire. ISBN-10: 0750987979 (12.99 hardback; also available as an e-book).**

In 1952 reindeer were introduced to the Cairngorm region in Scotland by Mikel Utsi, a Sami from Sweden. The herd comprises about 150 animals and is currently managed by Tilly Smith and her husband Alan, who took over the care of the herd in the 1980s. This relatively small (192 pages) book is a second volume to the book published by Tilly Smith in 2006 called "The real Rudolph a natural history of the reindeer". Tilly Smith is passionate about reindeer and promoting their welfare. She has travelled to many northern climes as a member of the Association of World Reindeer Herders and she describes some of the early meetings in Norway, Inner Mongolia and Russia. Chapters cover the four seasons of spring to winter and how reindeer adapt to the changing pattern of the weather and food availability during such seasons. Reindeer have been herded by native people for many years and there are chapters about the Yamal-Nenets in Russia, the Sami in Sweden and the Inuit in Alaska and Canada. The reindeer and the people who manage them as semi-domesticated animals have had to deal with climate change and habitat loss. There are many charming images (linoprints) of reindeer and some of the people associated with them. The text includes inserts with short statements such as "Chukchi legend: A long time ago Kutkh the Raven was flying around on his own business. In his claws he held an enormous rock. Finally he could hold the rock no longer. He let go, and the rock fell to earth, splitting into many pieces. The biggest chunks formed the mountains and hill, the medium-sized pieces the reindeer. From the small ones came the trees shrubs, and from the dust came the people." Reindeer is used for Rangifer found in Scandinavia and Russia, while caribou is the term used for the same reindeer in North America. There are lots of fascinating details about how reindeer are adapted to life in the Arctic regions, such as when reindeer lie on snow they are so well insulated that the snow does not melt.

The chapters are short and written in a very easy to read style; the reader can reach the end of the book all too quickly and will want to know more about these enchanting animals.

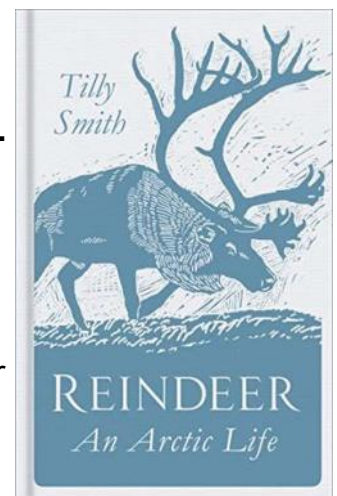


Image. Goodreads

Nicky Madeley writes about Tim Michell's *The Penguin Lessons*, published by Penguin (who else) in 2016:

I loved this book, it's a true story about a man who goes to work as a teacher in a Boarding School in Argentina after finishing college and becomes friends with a very special Penguin who has an amazing effect on everyone he meets.

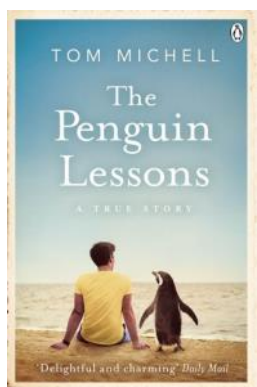


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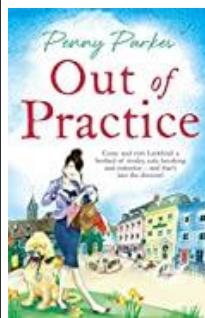


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And from Moriel Gidney: *Best Practice* by Penny Parkes (2018). Simon & Schuster.

This is the third book in the trilogy and I have nearly finished it. They have been a really, really good read.

Easy reading, good range of characters interacting, with various threads in the storylines. I am really sorry to come to the end.

The Larkford series: *Out of Practice*, *Practice Makes Perfect* and this one. Not surprisingly, it features doctors! I highly recommend them.

Lockdown Listeners: some very personal thoughts while isolating.

What an odd world ours has become in just a few weeks.

All our usual activities and interests put on hold and out of reach, contact forbidden, and the life-giving air we breathe now suddenly the very thing that can make us seriously ill or even kill us.

So I wonder if you find suddenly the need to hear others, now that so much opportunity for conversation has been removed from us?

I have always had favourite radio programmes; so to paraphrase –“This lockdown I have been mostly listening to...” (actually that was from a telly programme).

Anyway, comedy programmes certainly. The 'Now Show', Milton Friedman, The News Quiz, 'I'm sorry I haven't a clue' – and oh how I shall miss Tim Brooke-Taylor – he was at the Church Stretton Arts Festival a few years ago and was every bit as pleasant and kindly and funny in real life as on that marvellous show. Lovely, clever man.

A serialized telling of the Berlin 'Tunnel 29', about one of many hopeful escape plans during the lifetime of the Berlin wall; 'From our own correspondent' – the perspective from everywhere but here; Jim Alkalili and 'The Life Scientific'; Melvyn Bragg every Thursday morning, exploring with academics and experts a vast range of topics; the wonderful 'A History of the World in a 100 Objects'.

That series was first broadcast about six or seven years ago I think and has the marvellous Neil McGregor, who was then Director of the British Museum, using objects from the museum's vast collection to tell our story, but with contributions from modern day architects, industrialists, artists, scientists, and also archaeologists, to bring them to life and relevance for us now. And through it all we are guided by the frankly delightful voice and language of the man himself. It really is one of the jewels of BBC broadcasting.

'More or Less' – a programme about maths and the power of numbers - (this enthusiasm from a late convert to the beauty of maths, inspired by a tutor at Telford Tech when a very fearful 50 year old, and finally confronting the demons of a lifetime and tackling GCSE Maths in a class of puzzled teenagers).

Radio is brilliant because you can get on with other things and it doesn't suck all attention out of you, and today, when we are so restricted, frees our minds to go exploring who knows where.

And then there is music too. CD's mainly, all sorts.

'ABBA gold' so I can have a good sing along; the pop composers of our parents' day – Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Gershwin - wonderful tunes and such clever word-smithing; Scott Joplin piano rags for joy, Eric Satie – intriguing, mysterious 'Gymnopedies'; our own Renaissance composers Tallis and Byrd (you can also hear recorded services from Hereford Cathedral on their website which often include music by these and other great English composers); Steve Reich's 'Drumming' – have a listen if you've never come across him before. The 'Capriol Suite' – thank you John Shepherd.

But not Strauss's 4 last songs or any Gorecki – there is some music I can't cope with just now however much I love it.

And for a daily dose of masochism the Coronavirus news conferences on the telly. The news too –whether BBC or ITV – if only for the chance to yell and rage at our leaders tackling the task which seems too much for them most of the time!

Thoughts from one of our Honeypot readers....

We would love to hear some of your favourite lockdown listeners too!



John Shepherd has been sharing some of his favourite music with his Cardington choir as a way of keeping in touch. Here is his third choice.

I came across this music this morning, haven't heard it for years & had forgotten how beautiful it is. What do you think?

The Capriol Suite was composed in 1925: it is based on a study of dance forms by a priest Thoinot Arbeau, not his real name but an anagram thereof, in 1588: the collection was called Orchesographie, a complete guide to the dances & popular music of his time. He deemed it wise to change his name to avoid the attentions of the Inquisition. There are six short pieces making up the suite, in various rhythms & speeds: Arbeau obviously enjoyed dancing, perhaps in the vicarage, or whatever, with the curtains pulled!

Peter Warlock, real name Philip Heseltine, was born in 1894, & made his living as a writer & journalist: he wrote many short pieces, song settings & other miscellaneous works under his pseudonym. He was a troubled man & suffered from some serious personality disorder, Schizophrenia, I believe: he died, by his own hand, in 1930, aged 36.

I recall going to a pub in Bramdean, Hampshire, called The Fox, near my old stamping ground, where there was picture on the wall, of Warlock: he, and a few friends would regularly be in attendance, and, if the stories are to be believed, would come to the end of their evenings there in a state of utter inebriation.

I found it easily enough on Google or Youtube, played live, and filmed, by a young Norwegian string orchestra. **JS.**

**Another very relevant poem
from Jenny Rose...**

**Have you been creative during
lockdown? Whether it be liter-
ary, musical, artistic or craft
based, do share with us!**

Thank you Jenny!

Soldiering on

Lockdown lockdown is all we hear
Isolation some can't bear,
But here we are five weeks on
Wondering where those weeks have gone.
Families exercising in lovely weather
Relishing the time of being together.
Some are sad as it's made them poor
Others say "just like the war."
Neighbours helping one another
Sticking to the rules, really no bother.
The Lewis family stocking up
In their friendly garage and shop
Saving us from near starvation
In this blessed isolation!
Which hopefully won't last much longer
And we'll come through it feeling stronger,
Then we'll all look back and say
Aaaaah remember those days....

Jenny Rose

Not the Top ten but the Covid-19

One of the things I have enjoyed about lockdown has been the amount of music streamed and live streamed to your phone or tablet. Many of these items, some original, some parodies have seemed particularly appropriate for these times:

These have been some of my favourites:
(Editor) **Do share yours!**

From the singing of Volares from the balconies in Italy
FB via Mina Petrone

Mirk and Valerio, two young Italian Boys playing
Coldplay's Viva la vida on violin HPFP April 19

The Canadian Phoenix Chamber Choir's witty parody of
Bohemian Rhapsody can be found on Classic fM.
Broadcast 17 April. (HPFP)
***"Is this a sore throat/ is this just allergies? Caught in a
lockdown, no escape from reality. Don't touch your eyes,
just hand sanitise quickly....."***

"We'll meet again" Cambrian Road Chester
HPFP [May 8](#)

The Blessing HPFP May 10

The Norwegian Radio orchestra with a tasteful and
amusing version of "All by myself"

Global National's streaming of Michael Buble with
Bare, Naked Ladies and Sofia Reyes "Gotta be patient".
HPFP April 27.

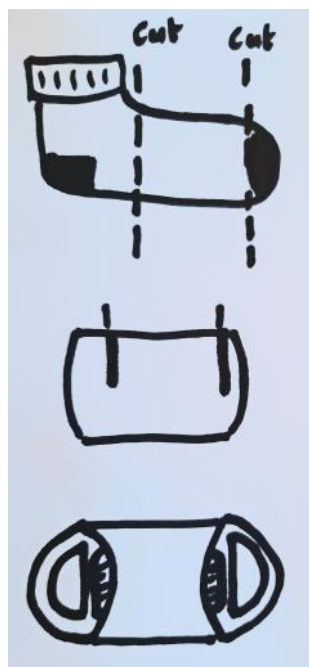
*Items marked HPFP can be linked to on The Honey-pot
Facebook Page posted on the date shown.*

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No sew facemasks: Make these simple no sew facemasks from a sock.



Cut off the sock at the heel and toe as shown.

Cut into the centre section and cut into it a little way in from each end, to about halfway in.

Open out. You should now have hooks which will slip over your ears, and a pocket for a disposable filter. A coffee filter, or a wad of kitchen paper would work well.

Or try this one.....

Cut off the toe of the sock so that sides are of a similar length. The cut along the top edge.

Then with the sock still folded turn so that the heel is at the top. Cut into the sock about half way a little in from each end. Take off the bottom corners.

Open out. You should now have a shaped mask with loops to go around your ears.



Exercise at home

Many of you will be following Wendy Joelson's live-stream pilates classes and on line videos. Wendy Joelson Email: wjoelson@hotmail.co.uk Phone: 07979 514 580 Website: www.shropshirepilates.com

Facebook: Shropshire Pilates Instagram: @wendyjoelson

If pilates isn't for you why not try this Age UK resource to find other resources for keeping fit at home?

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford/about-us/news/articles/2020/keeping-fit-at-home/>



Your local head of distribution is

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Hope Bowdler: Muriel Wallace 01694 722016

Eaton: Mrs Jenny Rose 01584 841251
Rushbury: Mrs Margaret Barre 01694 771215

Coronavirus: Wellbeing advice and support from Shropshire council

The resources aim to help reduce loneliness and isolation, and provide easy access to mental health support, to help people, so that problems don't escalate.

New resources include:

- An online information pack providing details of immediate local support and online resources for managing wellbeing, including tips for self-isolation, a children's 14-day activity coronavirus challenge, and helping to manage coronavirus anxiety

Available at: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/14773/mental-health-guide-apr20-final.pdf>

- A dedicated mental health page hosted on the Shropshire Council website, containing helpful links to local services and further sources of information

Available at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/mental-health-and-wellbeing/

- Free anxiety, stress and wellbeing sessions workshops, delivered by Shropshire MIND using the Zoom video conference app. The sessions are open to everyone in a light and non-pressured way, allowing you to participate as much or as little as you want, and to focus on how we manage stress, understanding mental health and how to focus on our own personal wellbeing. Sessions are being hosted three days a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3pm-4pm, and Thursdays 4pm-5pm. You can join the Zoom meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85043721339?pwd=MkludGZiN1cwRG9lUW1qOHdXT3ptZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 4372 1339 Password: 799957

- The Big White Wall (to be launched) – will be an innovative digital approach to supporting people which will provide 24/7 online help, supported by clinical staff which would support people beyond the COVID19 pandemic 'Pick up the phone you are not alone' resource, providing some brief advice and who to contact in confidence, for anyone concerned about suicidal thoughts in themselves or someone else.

Available here: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/13319/pick-up-the-phone-you-are-not-alone.pdf>

Support for those who have been bereaved by COVID-19

Additional support for people who have been newly bereaved by COVID-19 has now been developed. An information booklet will be launched next week. The book has been produced in collaboration with local voluntary and community sector organisations such as CRUSE, Samaritans and Severn Hospice, and several other organisations, and we are providing some additional dedicated support from local bereavement organisations for our residents.

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Children and families in need of support

Other innovative approaches include a specific project on social prescribing for children and families, as children and families need support.

For more information on advice and support during the pandemic, visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Mayfair need your help!

Our charity is facing the biggest challenge of its existence. Although we have had to close our doors, our staff and volunteers are still here supporting the community in new and innovative ways in response to the Covid-19 virus.

The interruption to our funding is a serious threat. Our reserves will only last so long. Please can you make a donation?

You can go to the **Just Giving** link below or fill in the Appeal Letter form on the downloads page of Mayfair's website.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MayfairAppeal>

Thank you for your support

ROTARY CLUB OF CHURCH STRETTON INVITES YOU TO "TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!"

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION

As an Associate Member you will not be expected to attend every meeting, reducing demands on your time. Under normal circumstances we meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. However, due to current restrictions on travel we are now holding virtual meetings using Zoom. This will not replace face to face meetings in the future but it will reduce them and have the added advantage of enabling you to watch at home and at a time convenient to you as they will be recorded.

You will be invited to join some club meetings, social events and perhaps to join an event project team or working party.

As an Associate Member the annual fee would be only £25 – this is a "try before you buy" option that will enable you time to consider what we do and whether you would like greater involvement.

FRIENDS OF ROTARY – ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTION

This is a much more casual relationship by providing drop-in support as and when convenient to you and your local club. Friends do not pay any fees as there is no expectation to attend meetings, although you could be invited as a guest from time to time.

If you are interested in actively supporting your local community please visit www.rotarygbi.org or contact dereksmith42@hotmail.com – phone 01694 723189

Bilberry Bumblebee in your Garden



Photo credit; Steven Falk

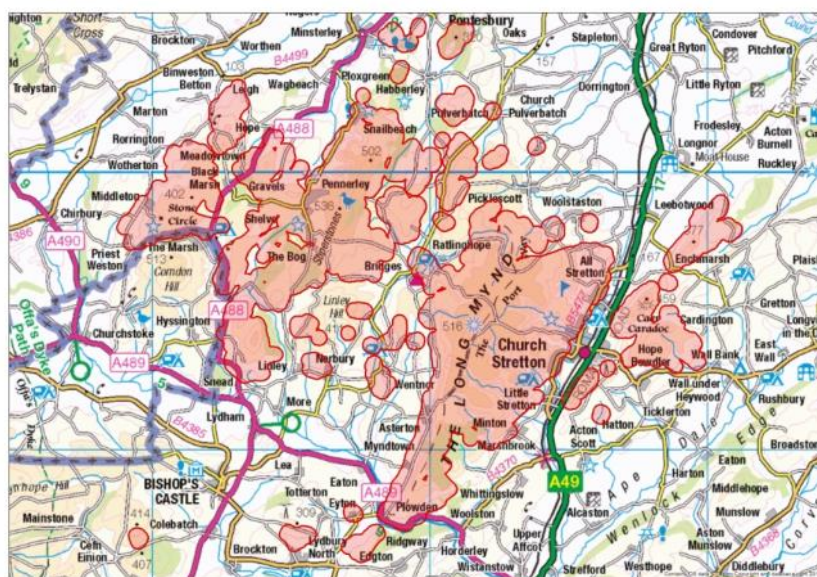
Spring 2020 has been a good season for bumblebees. Perhaps you were able to observe queen bumblebees foraging in your garden during our warm April, gathering pollen and nectar stores that are essential for establishing a successful nest.

Many of you will be aware that a new project was planned for this year to map the distribution of the Bilberry Bumblebee on the Long Mynd, a collaboration between the National Trust, the Stepping Stones Project and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The Bilberry Bumblebee is a rare gem found locally on the dry heath of the Long Mynd. In fact, its Latin name, *Bombus monticola*, refers to its preference for a mountain habitat. The spring queen specialises in bilberry flowers and the new queens emerging in August depend upon the heather.

So of course, you won't see one in your garden. Or could you? As many beekeepers know, there is often a foraging gap during the season between the spring and summer flowers. For a honey bee this is easily weathered as the size of the colony and the extent of their stores means starvation can normally be avoided. Not so for a bumblebee. A Bilberry Bumblebee colony may only number 50 workers and at a critical time for the success of the nest, there is no time for rest. This means they have to search for other flowers, maybe in your garden.

We know where the bilberries and heather are located on the Long Mynd, but we do not know where the Bilberry Bumblebee goes during the nectar gap. They have been recorded on thistles, clovers, bramble, thyme, raspberry, foxglove and wild roses. Perhaps you have some of these in your garden? So, although the Bumblebees on the Mynd project has been suspended, you are in an ideal position to contribute sightings from your garden.

If you live in the Strettons, the Stiperstones or the villages in between, we need your help. The map below shows the key hotspots based on anecdotal evidence that the Bilberry Bumblebee can fly up to 250m from the nest site. If you live, or know someone who lives in the highlighted areas, you are in an ideal location. Please take a look in your garden and send us your results.



Map credit: Charlie Bell

As far as I know, this type of research has not been attempted before. Since there is no documented evidence for how far the Bilberry Bumblebee will fly from the heath, **anyone** living in the general area is invited to participate. Who knows, we may discover something new and unexpected?

Here's how you can help. During June and July 2020, as often as you can, take an amble around your garden looking for bumblebees. Any dry, warm and calm day will do; bumblebees are well adapted to the cold. Once you feel confident, try to look at the colours on the bumblebee's body. What you are looking for is a smaller bumblebee with **more than half** the lower body (abdomen) covered with orange-red hairs. You can request a project sheet, '**Bilberry Bumblebee in your Garden**', to help you and there is plenty of information on the Bumblebee Conservation Trust website, www.bumblebeeconservation.org. Remember, the Red-tailed Bumblebee male is very similar to our bee, so be observant.

Bilberry Bumblebee Worker
- *Bombus monticola*

Red-tailed Bumblebee male
- *Bombus lapidarius*

Early bumblebee worker
- *Bombus pratorum*



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Orange-red hairs cover **more than half** the lower body (abdomen).

Wide **primrose yellow** band behind head and narrow yellow band below wings .

Orange-red hairs cover **less than half** the lower body (abdomen).

Egg yolk yellow bands behind the head and below the wings.

This is another red-tailed bumblebee found on the Long Mynd. The photograph clearly shows the whole body from above with the distinctive red tip covering less than one quarter of the lower body. The yellow band behind the head and below the wings can also be seen. This is the UK's smallest bumblebee, so showing the whole flower in the frame helps estimate the size too.

Eureka! If you spot a Bilberry Bumblebee please tell us by sending an email to bumblebeesonthemynd@gmail.com. **We need to know the date and your location.** Ideally, you will also tell us which **flower** the bumblebee was visiting and most importantly, send us a **photograph**.

Your Ordinance Survey grid reference is the best **location** to give us, but please don't worry, your post code, street name or just a description will do.

Photographs can be tricky, but don't let this put you off. They are the best tool we have for positive identification. If you are sure you have seen a Bilberry Bumblebee and don't manage a photo, do still tell us. If you can take a photograph, keep your distance, as you can use zoom later to get a better look. Another trick is to take a video and then choose the best screen shot. For more tips see www.bumblebeeconservation.org/using-photographs-for-id/

There are many beautiful bumblebees that visit our gardens, so have fun identifying them all. If you find a new passion, then maybe consider setting up your own Bee Walk by going to <https://www.beewalk.org.uk/>

This piece of work is an opportunity to contribute to our knowledge of the Bilberry Bumblebee. It has never been done before and there is very little information anyway about where this bumblebee goes when it leaves the dry heath. Recruit your neighbours, teach your children and let us complete one of the few wildlife surveys happening this year. It will make a genuine contribution to the conservation of this rare local gem in 2021.

Debbie Vivers

bumblebeesonthemynd@gmail.com

News from Rushbury Church of England Primary School

www.rushburyschool.co.uk



As the school continues to be closed to most pupils, we have again taken a look at our logbook to see what we were up to 100 years ago. It seems that illness dominated the school's record-keeping.

27 April 1920

No teaching done today. A whole day has been spent filling in medical forms.

30 April 1920

Average daily attendance for the month was 72. This is 92% attendance. The first time we have made 92% for 6 years.

12 May 1920

We have now 4 cases of measles. 33 children came this morning with very bad colds. Many were running at the eyes and nose and several with bad headaches. School closed down until Monday.

17 May 1920

School closed by medical authority.

31 May 1920

Reopened school. 53 present.

News from the home front

Thank you to all the parents, carers, older brothers and sisters who are managing to juggle childcare, home learning and work. The creativity, inventiveness, good humour and community spirit continue to inspire and uplift. Through our internet links we have seen some fantastic artwork, story writing, poetry, craft, mathematics and more. Children have put on presentations from their living rooms, films from their gardens and posted pictures of the wonderful wild-life and nature around us. In key stage 2, children have linked up with pen pals in New Zealand. Closer to home, many are logging in for regular catch-ups with their classmates, which helps to keep spirits up. Even so, we are all looking forward to the time when school can reopen to all.



Pupils have done some super work at home about the water cycle.



Well done to Katie Northwood for creating the winning commemorative flag design for St Peter's Church.

Welcome to....Apedale

Special Birthdays or Occasions

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE NEW NEAR TO YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT THEM SO THAT WE CAN SEND THEM A COMPLIMENTARY HONEYPOT AND IF THEY ARE HAPPY FOR US TO DO SO, PUT THEIR DETAILS IN THE MAGAZINE.

OR YOU MAY KNOW OF SOMEONE WITH A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY OR EVENT COMING UP..... A WEDDING OR A NEW BABY....

If so, please email Mary at:- marythowden@gmail.com





Bad hair day?

Let the children practice their scissor skills. If you enjoyed the toilet roll and paper plate haircutting activities we showed on our Facebook page, you might enjoy these too!

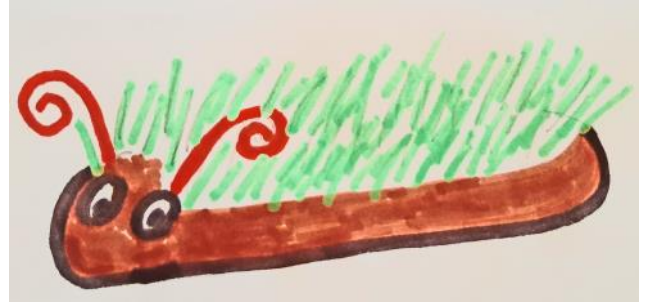


Grow your own caterpillar.

Use an old pair of tights. Cut off one of the legs to the desired length. Tie a knot in the cut end(s). Fill with soil or compost. Cut a slit in the top and sprinkle in plenty of grass seed. Put on a tray or other suitable container. Water.

It is best to start them off on a window ledge if possible as the results will be quicker, hopefully you will see growth in a couple of days. After about a week you should be able to use felt, googly eyes, pompoms, pipe cleaners to decorate, and put outside on the patio.

Don't forget to water, and of course give him a trim from time to time.



Copy the picture below on to card. Make some holes around the top edge (not too close),



then thread with long lengths of wool folded into two and looped through the holes. Then cut or style as you wish.



Use the template below or draw your own and cut out from white paper or card then use coloured paper to create your own

amazing hair styles....



Honeypot Temporary Arrangements.

We at the Honeypot are mindful of guidelines concerning transmission of the coronavirus, and of the restrictions on travel unless for certain essential reasons.

So for the time being the Honeypot is available to everyone as a pdf from
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Eaton and Hope Bowdler Parish Council page www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk
Rushbury Parish Council page www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council
Rushbury Village Hall page <https://rushburyvillagehall.org>
And Rushbury School page www.rushburyschool.co.uk

for you to view at home on your tablet, mobile phone or computer.

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email:(preferred) christine.beaver@outlook.com

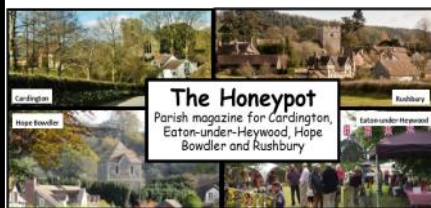
Andrea and I are the printing/collating team and will prepare the magazines for posting out.

We would hope to achieve our aim of supplying everyone with their copy either by digital or other means, and by good fortune, as Andrea and I live within shouting distance of each other, are able to produce a mag without unnecessary travel, minimal handling to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, and needing only a short walk for me round the corner to the post box by the pub!

Shirley McNicol

NEXT MONTH'S COPY

Normal copy should be with the editorial team by June 10th as usual to guarantee inclusion. However we may be able to include additional items throughout the month as we have this month..... We would like to hear from you. Let us know what you are reading, writing, painting, sewing.... Anything we might find useful or interesting.



We will be publishing on line as for the May and June editions, with a small print for those without internet access as detailed above. These arrangements will be viewed as and when new guidance is issued.

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The rainfall at Ticklerton in April 2020 was 39mm.

Claire Nicholson



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CATERING IN YOUR HOME

My name is Madeline Egan, (previously of Sayang House).

My husband and I have now moved to ANNAGMORE. I have always had a love of cooking, doing breakfasts, evening meals, and catering for small parties. I can now only cater in people's houses, or drop off. If anyone would like a luncheon, evening meal, or small party catered for in their home please contact me. I can cater for most diets.

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