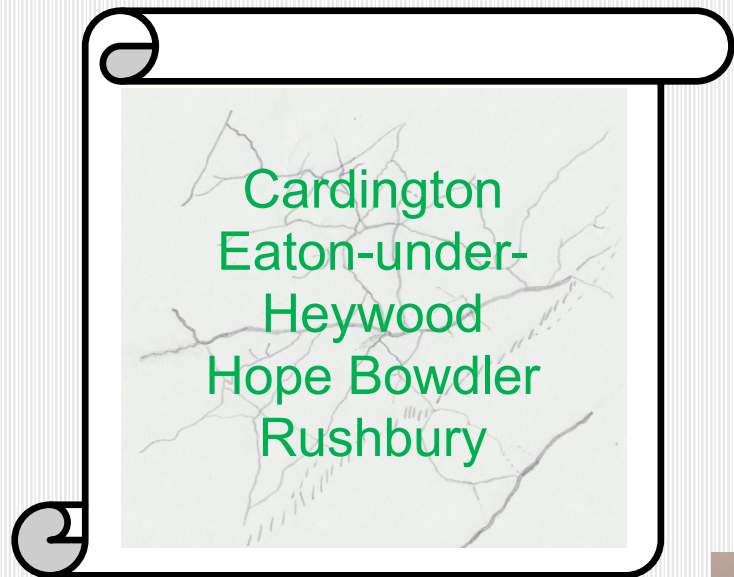


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**Friday February 10th**

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## Cardington News

### Cardington Tote Winners:

The winners of January Draw will be announced with the February ones in the March Edition of Honeyput. Please ensure you have your numbers confirmed and paid for.

See young farmer's report on page 5



Wednesday 1st February

### Flicks in the Sticks OPERATION MINCEMEAT



It tells the amazing true-life scheme cooked up by British intelligence in WW11.

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**A date for your diary...**

Tuesday 7th March

**Cardington Parish Council** will meet in the Village Hall from 8-9.30pm.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE OUR ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**

During each meeting members of the public have an opportunity to make comments or bring matters to the attention of the council. All welcome.

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## Cardington Parish Paths Partnership - P3

A Parish Paths Partnership Group has been set up for the Cardington Parish. This P3 group of volunteers will work with landowners and the Rights of Way Team at Shropshire Council to maintain and improve rights of way in the parish, especially footpaths and bridleways. Cardington Parish Council were consulted, have offered their support and will receive regular updates from this independent group. Work has started in Cardington Parish, but we will be very happy to work in neighbouring parishes as the need arises.

The P3 volunteers will:

- walk the routes to identify issues
- discuss issues with landowners
- make sure routes are well marked
- clear obstructions
- help maintain gates, bridges and stiles.

If you would like to find out more or be involved with improving the rights of way, even very occasionally, please get in touch with the P3 group on 07968952173 - calls, texts and WhatsApp are all welcome.

### Winter Craft Fair Thanks

The second annual winter craft fair took place in mid November organised by Karen Pooler and Claire Gould.

Thanks to everyone who supported and attended on the day. The quality and variety of the stands was fantastic.

Particular thanks to Lesley, Simone, and Dawn who respectively headed up the refreshments, the raffle, and the raveup (the after event social). The 4 Rs Cardington style.

More Cardington News can be found on the website [www.cardington.org.uk](http://www.cardington.org.uk)

**CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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# Eaton-under-Heywood News

## EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Agendas for our meetings are posted on the notice board in Hope Bowdler and in the bus shelter in Ticklerton and can be viewed on our website which is [www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk](http://www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk). Also on the website is information about the parish council's accounts and audits, copies of minutes, agendas, protocols and financial information.

## Hope Bowdler News

Wednesday 8th February

**Flicks in the Sticks** in Hope Bowdler Hall at 7.30pm.

The film is **MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS**.

A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London, falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own.

**Starring Lesley Manville, Lucas Bravo, Jason Isaacs and Lambert Wilson.**

**Tickets £5 p.p. Refreshments during the interval.**

Hope you can join us. Evelyn



## Rushbury News

### Apedale Amblers

The Tuesday walks, this month, will all begin at 10.00am from the Young Farmers Meeting Place car park in Cardington.

For any further info please contact Geoff/Alan on 07947 026540.

The Sunday walk on the 12<sup>th</sup> February will begin at 2.00pm at Cound for the annual snow-drop walk.

Take the A4371 towards Much Wenlock. At the end of the road, at the T junction, turn left on the A458 towards Shrewsbury. Travel through Cressage and approximately 3.5 miles further along look out for a signpost to Cound (the sign is on the right pointing left and rather easy to miss). Turn left. Continue into Cound.

There is parking in Cound Guildhall car park but if it is full you can park on the side of the road just past. There may be refreshments in the Guildhall so bring monies in case as the cakes are usually scrummy.

For further info please call Bronwen Mason on 01743 874101



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Wednesday 15th February

### Rushbury & Cardington W.I.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IS OUR EARLIER WINTER MONTHS TIME OF 2PM AT CARDINGTON PARISH HALL.

Join in with **Claire Gould** for a craft afternoon.

**Hostesses:** Joy Armstrong, Carole Martin & Lynette Price.

**Competition:** An item of craft (not necessarily homemade)



*We always welcome new members so anyone interested in joining our WI please call/email Liz Fullbrook on 07970924507 or [liz.fullbrook1@gmail.com](mailto:liz.fullbrook1@gmail.com)*

*or Rachel Neale, telephone 07817 211179*

*Don't forget you can always **road test** us by joining us for a meeting on the third Wednesday in the month.*

Monday 20th February

The next meeting of **Rushbury Parish Council** is scheduled for *Monday 20th February* in The Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. **All welcome to attend.**

The Parish Council would like to express their appreciation to Graham Gough and Mel McFarland who recently stepped down from the Parish Council and wishes them well going forward. This leaves a couple of vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining the Council please contact Chris Maclean, Parish Clerk at [rushburypc@gmail.com](mailto:rushburypc@gmail.com).

## RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Please visit our website for details of agendas, minutes, planning and other parish council news.

[www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council](http://www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council)

Friday 24th February

## Rushbury Village Hall Pop up Pub

Rushbury Village Hall from 6.30 -10.30 pm

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## Rushbury Tote Winners:

December

£40 to Jo Furber

£10 to Will & Alex McFarland

£10 to Liz Welsh

£5 to Andrea Millard

£5 to Harry Walters

## TABLE TENNIS:

Did you know we have table tennis at Rushbury Village Hall too?  
See **SMALL ADS** on the back page for more details.

## Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

December was a great month for Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers!

At the start of the month, lots of our new members got involved in the Shropshire round of public speaking competitions. In the junior speaking competition, juniors were tasked with conducting their own meeting in front of judges and an audience. Jess Allsop gave a confident speech on her sheep farm with Rob Lewis making an excellent Chairman, and Isla McCowan being an excellent proposer of thanks. We are proud to say the juniors came 3rd in their competition, and the senior members got a 3rd and a 4th in their competitions - so a very successful day all round!

We then rewarded our members with a fun evening ice skating in Telford - some members were more natural on the ice than others!

On Sunday 18th December, we held our Christmas Craft Fayre in aid of Lingen Davies and Stretton Foodbank. The craft stalls included everything from candles to knitwear, and we had craft workshops including wreath-making and making Christmas decorations. Father Christmas even popped by on a flying visit! We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at the craft - it is very much appreciated.

And last, but by no means least, we had a bumper 3 nights of carol singing around the parishes in aid of the same two charities. On the first night we covered Church Preen, and on the second night we split into two groups to cover Easthope/Brockton and Wall/Rushbury. On the final night, two groups carolled all around Longville and Cardington - and we of course finished at the best pub - The Royal Oak!

We raised £2470 across the craft fayre and carol singing - we are so grateful for everyone's kind donations and we're sure this money will mean a lot for Stretton Foodbank and Lingen Davies. Thank you!

If there are any young people keen to come along and get involved (you don't have to be a farmer), we meet at Gretton Reading Room at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month. You can also text/call our Chairman Cerys Calcutt on 07964 859379.

**John Lewis.**

# Around and about 000000 News from outside the Four Parishes

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Flicks in the Sticks

Acton Scott Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The film will be **DOWNTON ABBEY. A NEW ERA.** The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess's newly inherited Villa.

**Admission Adults: £5.00 Students: £3.00 The Hall has ample car parking available and level access.**

**Enquiries: Tel. 01694 781260**



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**Have you got a couple of hours each week you could spare to support someone in our community?** The Much Wenlock & Cressage CoCo Group are recruiting for more volunteers to help support a frail or vulnerable person to maintain their links within our community. This could involve phoning them on a regular basis; calling in for a chat; accompanying them to the shops or assisting them in those little tasks of daily living such as household paperwork or walking the dog or a bit of gardening. This won't involve personal care but things which help the person remain active in the local community.

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**If you are an unpaid carer, please get in touch with the Practice and let us know as it is important that this information is documented for the patient you are caring for and helps to ensure records are kept up-to-date and accurate.**

## Church Stretton Rotary News

### LOCAL ROTARIANS CONTRIBUTED TO PLANTING TREES & BULBS DESPITE THE WEATHER!

Rotarian Julian Hargreaves eagerly investigated the possibility of participating in the tree planting project to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. However, this failed to materialise due to delays in identifying the legal ownership of the land. Not to be defeated, it was agreed that the small fenced off area of land adjoining Russell's Meadow would be called Contemplation Corner. The development has now been completed by planting trees and 800 crocus bulbs in what will be a wildflower area in the centre. In addition, turf was stripped and rotavated in readiness to plant a variety of shrubs. This proved to be a very successful team effort that included:

- Chris Davies of The Ragleth Inn who came with his rotavator
- The council's Outdoor Team who provided compost
- Arborist Sandra Whitlock who advised on what to plant
- The Stepping Stones Team who planted the trees
- Local Rotarians who assisted together with other volunteers
- Councillor Sheila Davies who proved to be an excellent team co-ordinator

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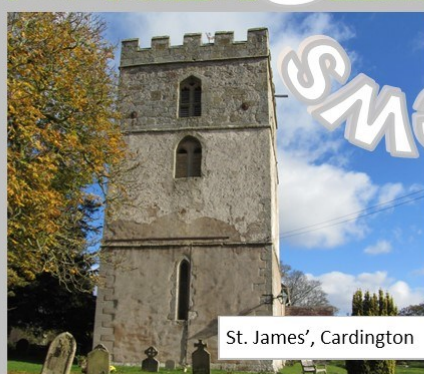
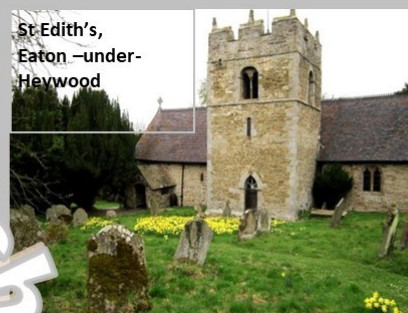
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# SERVICE TIMES FOR FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 1st February: 10 am - Hope Bowdler: Midweek Holy Communion**

Sunday 5th February: 9.30 am - Hope Bowdler: Holy Communion  
11.15 am - Rushbury: Family Service  
6.30 pm - Cardington: Evensong

Sunday 12th February: 9.30 am - Eaton-under-Heywood: Holy Communion  
11.15 am - Hope Bowdler: Holy Communion

Sunday 19th February: 9.30 am - Cardington: Holy Communion  
11.15 am - Hope Bowdler: Holy Communion

**Wednesday 22nd February: 7 pm - Hope Bowdler: Ash Wednesday service**

Sunday 26th February: 9.30 am - Cardington: Morning Praise  
9.30 am - Eaton-under-Heywood: Holy Communion  
11.15 am - Rushbury: Holy Communion

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Saturday 3rd December 2022, at Cardington Church, the marriage of Gemma Jones and Henry Laughton.

*We pray for Henry and Gemma as they begin a new part of their life together.*

On the morning of Saturday 3rd December 2022, the Ashes of Jill Wesson were buried in Cardington Churchyard.

*We continue to remember the family and friends of Jill in our prayers.*

## Notes from St James', Cardington

	Flowers	Brasses	Sidesmen
Feb 5th	Wendy		
12th	Lesley		
19th	Lesley		
22nd	Lent—no flowers		

### Church cleaning

February 4th	Floors	Wendy & Liz F	11th	Furniture	Margaret, Sally & Chris
18th	Furniture	Jackie T, Lesley & Kaye	25th	Floors	Pat, Liz P, Barbara & Jane

## Notes from St Edith's, Eaton-under-Heywood

### Flower rota

Jen

### Cleaning rota

No cleaners thank you.

**CHRISTMASTIDE** passed in celebration. Due to sudden illness Bishop Michael stepped in to conduct the service. Our versatile Rector played for the hymns. **Ed** supported by amazing voices gave a very uplifting, joyful time on Christmas morning. Thanks to all who made it possible.

**WE WISH EVERYONE** a peaceful, more restful and contented time in 2023.

**SIMON** retired as our dedicated organist; who lead the singing on many occasions. **TY**. We wish you and your family well.

**JOINING** Ticklerton residents - we bid Pam and Malcom welcome, as they tackle the renovation of their barn.

**MUCH** delayed PCC meeting followed our Epiphany service. Attended by a glowing Aisha and a friendly, cooing Evangeline. Delightful to see them.

Take care. **Gwen**

**PS** One Saturday in Mid - December the Benefice facilitated a gathering of Ukrainian guests and hosts from our Deanery. **TY** for all the active support and 'goodies'. Special plaudits for Santa Klaus.

It lead me to open Ticklerton Tales. Searching I found an item in Lilian's diary of 1914 it reads: "Several families of Belgian refugees were entertained in Church Stretton, the surrounding parishes all contributing to their support".

**THE GENEROSITY and OPEN HEARTS** of our community continues to succour and support as ever, over a century later. **Gwen**

St Edith's Church are looking for a musician to accompany the hymns at the 9.30 am service on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please get in touch with Revd Sam (01694 722942)  
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## Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

### Flower rota

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Dorothy Landers      February 10<sup>th</sup> Carole Davies      February 17<sup>th</sup> Carole Davies  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> Rosemary Allworth & Jean Webb      Remove Flowers  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY, LENT. NO FLOWERS FROM FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> UNTIL APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>.

*If anyone is unable to do these dates, please can you find another person to do them.*

*Many thanks to all for all your work throughout the year, especially through difficult times.*

### Cleaning rota

4 Anita Pratt and Eve Dapling      11 Isabella and Peter Jones  
18 Angela Morris

**We need more volunteers to help with church cleaning. If you are able to help please get in touch with one of the church wardens, Jean 722793 or Ruth 724919. Thank you!**

### A message from Jean and Ruth:

Many thanks to all who helped get the church and churchyard ready for the Christmas Nativity, played out by children from Woodlands Nursery, and for the Christmas Eve carol service, and to those who helped with refreshments.

**Jean and Ruth**

**(Churchwardens)**



## Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

### Flower rota

Pedestal: Saturday 4th- Karen Griffiths

Pedestal: Saturday 25th February & Saturday 4th March- Alison Themans.

**Thankyou to everyone who made evergreen arrangements.**

**If you are unable to do the flowers, please arrange a swap with someone else.**

### Cleaning rota

4th Feb John and Josie      25th Feb Karen and Diane      4th March Chris and Trish

**Thank you for your contribution in keeping our church clean. We are always looking for more help to join the 'team'. Please contact Ann Price on 771636 if you can help .**

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## LETTER FROM HEREFORD FOR FEBRUARY

One of the most moving services I have ever attended took place on Ash Wednesday 2009, in Westminster Abbey. I was an ordinand, in training for ministry, and was on placement at the Abbey. As the choir sang the achingly beautiful setting of Psalm 51 "Miserere mei, Deus" (Have mercy on me, God) by Allegri, complete with perfectly piercing top C from the chorister given the solo that year, we all went forward.

The Dean said the solemn words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return," as he marked my forehead with the sign of the cross, using ashes from the previous year's palm crosses.

It was a new experience to me, as the imposition of ashes hadn't been part of the tradition I'd known up to then. I confess I was overwhelmed - by the depth of my human sinfulness, the depth of God's mercy, and the depth of the love of Christ in going to the cross for the sin of the world, including mine.

Far from being frightening, or leading me to despair, those words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust, you will return," seemed in that moment to be strangely comforting. They reminded me of words from Psalm 39, where the Psalmist says to God, "Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is." We, humans, are frail and fragile creatures of the creator – a truth we don't always recognise or accept. To dwell on that truth during Lent, holding it together with the equal and opposite truth that we are, as the title of a book says, "**Beloved** Dust" seems to me a good spiritual discipline for these 40 days.

For by the grace of God in Christ, we are both fragile *and* strong, mortal *and* immortal. We are dust, and to dust, we will return, yes. But that's not the end of the story, for from dust we shall rise, clothed with life and immortality, to live with God eternally.

As we move through Lent together, I invite you to take time to meditate on these paradoxical truths: that we are creatures, limited, finite, and weak, *and* that we are held in the hands of an unlimited, infinite, and strong God; that our time in this life is brief, *and* that our time with God in the world to come is eternal; that we are as humans deeply flawed, *and* we are deeply loved – and that in the cross with which we are marked in baptism, and may be marked on Ash Wednesday, all of that comes together.

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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, rain splashes against my study window. I hear low rumbles moving along the roof above me, the musical accompaniment to each gust of wind. The dark night feels cold and unforgiving. January is sliding into February. The joys of Christmas and the New Year are fading memories, and the giddiness of Spring feels far away. We are in the heart of winter. We long for sunny days, lighter nights, and the sound of birdsong. But we wait. We must, for now, navigate the wilderness.

The people of God had their own time of navigating the wilderness. It was a time of searching, holding on to a hope that hadn't quite arrived, while longing for the safety and security they had left behind. The Promised Land lay ahead, but the people had to seek it out, find it, cling to its hope.

Jesus also journeyed through the wilderness. But, unlike the people of God who had Moses for their guide, Jesus was alone. He only had himself, his doubts, questions, and temptations for company. Our season of Lent follows this story. Like Jesus, we spend time searching. We ask questions of ourselves, our actions, and our intentions. We reflect, and we pray. We bring before God those things we would rather hide away. And as Jesus came through his own time in the wilderness, we fix our gaze on the promise that lies ahead. Light will drive out darkness. Truth will triumph over division. Hope will rise in place of fear. Life will conquer death. Winter will give way to Spring. Easter is coming.

Back to my study with the wind, rain and dark outside. My computer playlist has switched to what, in my opinion, is one of the most beautiful songs ever written. The words echo that hope in our hearts, for the Spring that is to come. I'm sure many of you will recognise them.

*April, come she will  
When streams are ripe and swelled with rain  
May, she will stay  
Resting in my arms again  
June, she'll change her tune  
In restless walks she'll prowl the night  
July, she will fly  
And give no warning to her flight  
August, die she must  
The autumn winds blow chilly and cold  
September, I'll remember  
A love once new has now grown old*

Your friend and Priest,  
**Sam**

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**HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE TAKEN TO PEOPLE AT HOME** if they are unable to get to church. Contact the Revd. Sam Mann, Revd. Sue Jelleyman, 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.

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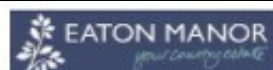
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The Honeypot is very fortunate to have two weather watchers who are regular contributors to our magazine.

**Claire Nicholson** has been observing and recording the weather in Ticklerton for many years. Her monthly rainfall records are always shown on our back page. This month's entry looks back over the last twelve months and beyond.

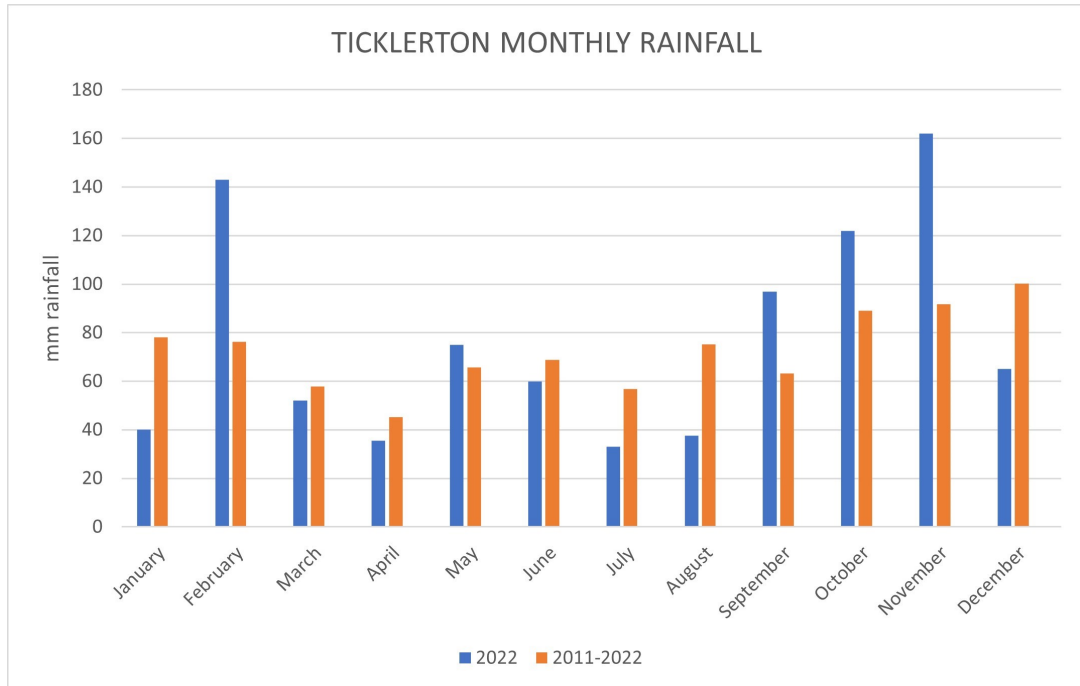
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She has recently amused herself by compiling a graph of rainfall last year, compared with the average over the last 12 years.

We thought you might be interested to see this and to make your own observations..



Our other weather watcher is **Peter Steggles**. He is a photographic weather watcher. He records the weather with his camera and sends the photographs on an almost daily basis to Central Weather [and The Honeypot]. Keep an eye out for his photographs on the TV weather reports!



**A Wintery Rushbury.** Peter Steggles. *Posted on The Honeypot Facebook Page on December 9th 2022.*

**Both Claire and Peter are regular contributors to the Honeypot. We often feature photographs within the pages of the magazine and on the front page that they have sent to us of the weather and also scenic views of our local areas or local events.**

**THANK YOU CLAIRE AND PETER FROM THE HONEYPOT TEAM!**

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# FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE...



## Advent in our 4 churches:

Photographs from Shirley McNicol.

Posted on 11th December 2022

Clockwise from top left.....

St James' Cardington

St Andrew's Hope Bowdler

St. Peter's Rushbury

St Edith's Eaton-under-Heywood

## Hungry Redwings

There have been lots of redwings in my garden competing with the black-birds to strip the holly off my holly bush.

Claire Nicholson.

Posted 20th November 2022



## The Honey Pot Book Reviews

**The Keeper of Stories** by Sally Page.

Image: Goodreads

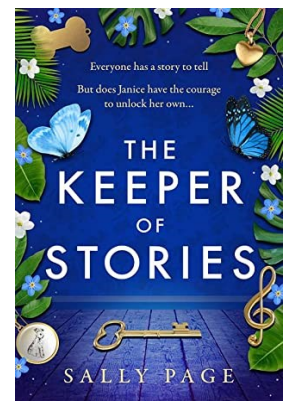
An easy read but with considerable depths. Like a comforting mug of hot chocolate on a cold winter day. This is a story about the everyday life of a fastidious cleaning lady with a secret of her own and a fascination with her client's "stories."

Her own story is surprising and she needs all her courage to make the decisions to change her life for the better.

Anne Davis

**WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN READING.  
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# News from Rushbury Church of England Primary School

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



Pupils at Rushbury CE Primary School delivered their Christmas nativity performance of 'Hey Ewe' to families and members of the community, in early December. For those on the minutes, it was 'standing-room only'. Thank you to Merle and others at the village hall, for accommodating us.

Isaac Stokes (Y6) commented, "It was a great performance and lots of fun, reminding us of the importance of Christmas. Ellis was brilliant as 'lead sheep' and very funny!"



## THANK YOU!

A very BIG THANK YOU to all those who contributed and helped in welcoming Ukranian guests, their hosts and their English teachers living in the local area to a Christmas celebration courtesy of Nichola at Eaton Manor on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

We welcomed 14 Ukranian adults and 9 children, most of whom live in the Strettons and who come together each week for English tuition and to enjoy one another's company on a Wednesday morning at the Mayfair.

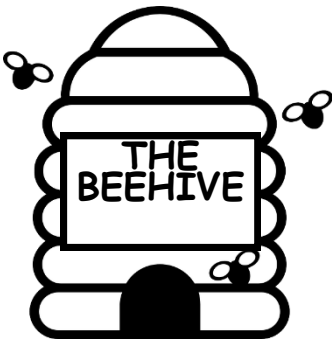
Children and adults enjoyed having a go at archery and various art/craft activities, and the opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree which was really special for one family, who thought they might miss out on that tradition this year. At lunch the main course was provided by the people of Apedale and the desserts by our Ukranian guests.

Santa Claus paid a visit after lunch – one of our children, a pupil at Rushbury School, asked him in perfect English, where had he left his reindeer and without hesitating was told "they are up on Caradoc"! Presents had been supplied from people across the benefice and the opportunity for a photo with Santa was snapped up, ready to be sent to Dads and other family members back in Ukraine.

There was music and carol singing in English and Ukranian accompanied by the Apedale Trio and then old fashioned party games, including Pass the Parcel which they soon cottoned on to, without any need of translation.

THANK YOU to all who made this day possible.

**Rev. Claire Sanders**



## BRIGHTEN UP FEBRUARY

Although we hope to see the sun in February, it can be rather dank and dismal.

Why not brighten up your day by making these **yummy peanut butter cookies** with only THREE ingredients. Yes - 3. I have not left anything out.

**These amounts make 8 cookies.**

Heat the oven to 180deg/160deg fan/ gas 4.  
Beat together 100 grams peanut butter, 85 grams caster sugar and one egg. Divide into 8 and roll into balls. place on a lined baking sheet and flatten slightly with a damp fork. Bake for 12 mins. Allow to cool.

They are really good as they are with your favourite comforting drink. However, you could be " a little bit naughty " as Matilda sang, and decorate with whatever you have. Use a little peanut butter to stick on your nice bits. Enjoy.



## News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our coffee morning at Cardington Village Hall at the end of November. A profit of £480 was made which is amazing, and will fund our much needed Forest School equipment and more besides! It was so lovely to see lots of familiar faces and meet some new ones too.

Little Acorns really enjoyed the festive season, performing some songs and rhymes for our families and our friends at The Mayfair Community Centre. It was a lovely surprise to find Santa in our tipi on the last day of term.

Our outdoor stay and play sessions take place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am. If you would like more information about this or our pre-school please contact Elaine by e-mail [info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk](mailto:info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk) or visit our website [www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk](http://www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk)



Coffee morning cakes



Santa in the tipi



A festive afternoon

# Welcome to the Honeypot 2023..... Could you help the Honeypot?

The Honeypot is beginning to feel more like a team. It is a team that is still learning, but little by little it is becoming more confident.

However we are in real need of someone who could step into the role of main editor if needed to, with the support of the rest of the team. At the moment, if the editor should be ill or unavailable for any reason there is no-one in the team with the time or confidence to manage this role.

## What skills are we looking for?

Someone who is reasonably confident with IT skills

Familiar with Microsoft Publisher

Confident with emails

Someone with good availability and the dedication to ensure that the Honeypot is produced in time to go to print.

We are also looking for someone who could either help Donna or take over as advertising manager. Donna is struggling for time as she is now working full time.

**Skillset:** - IT and communication skills.

If either of these roles are of interest to you, please email the editor  
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## This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. OPERATION MINCEMEAT. CVH. 7.30pm p3  
8 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS. HBVH. 7.30pm p4  
**10 Fri DEADLINE DATE FOR COPY FOR THE NEXT PARISH MAG TO REACH THE EDITOR**  
10 Fri BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. CVH 7.30pm p3  
11 Sat BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. CVH 2pm and 7.30pm p3  
12 Sun Apedale Amblers. Snowdrop walk. Cound. 2pm. p4  
15 Wed R&C WI. CVH. 2.30pm. p4  
16 Thu The Butty Van. The Coates. Rushbury. 10.30am - 12noon. p13  
20 Mon Rushbury Parish Council Meeting. CR RVH. 7.30pm. p4  
21 Tue Flicks in the Sticks. DOWNTON ABBEY. A NEW ERA. ASVH. 7.30pm. p6  
24 Fri Pop-up-Pub. RVH. 6.30pm. p5  
**24 Fri DISTRIBUTION OF NEXT MONTH'S HONEYPOT BEGINS**

### MARCH

- 7 Tue Cardington Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting. CVH. 8-9.30pm. p3

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