

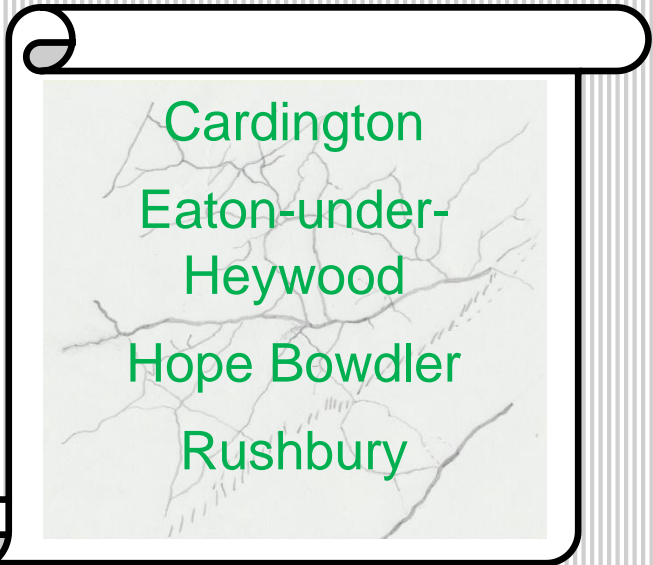
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Dear friends,

You will have guessed from previous letters in this magazine that I love looking at nature for inspiration. I write about it a lot, and not just because there is so much of it around us here in South Shropshire. We can learn from nature. It teaches us about God and ourselves.

For the Church, this is nothing new. Not only have some of the wisest Mothers and Fathers in Christian history observed the patterns of God in the natural world (St. Francis of Assisi comes to mind!), but Jesus himself often used the natural world to illustrate God's love for us. There is a particularly beautiful passage in the Bible where Jesus asks his listeners to observe the 'birds of the air and the lilies of the field' (See Matthew 6. 25-34). Here Jesus uses the patterns of nature to explain how God cares for us in the way He cares for creation as a whole. Sometimes Jesus uses the patterns of the Agricultural Year to tell teaching stories known as 'parables.' The 'Parable of the Sower' (See Luke 8.4-15) is a good example, as Jesus uses the fate of seeds fallen in different places to explain the different ways God's word and love can be received in our hearts.

We can learn about God as we observe the natural world.

So, what are we observing at the moment? I sometimes think of May as a 'rushing' month, where so much springs to life so quickly. Bluebells appear, and they appear quickly. 'Forget-me-nots' burst into life, almost overnight! The month of May feels like the time for nature to go 'pop!'. And, just like the relationship between Easter and early Spring, it seems fitting for the Church's festival of Pentecost on 23rd May to coincide with the time where nature rushes into life. It's fitting, because Pentecost helps us to remember another time of rushing: the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. The Bible uses words like 'Wind' and 'Fire' to describe this moment - this assurance of God's presence, peace, and creative energy in our lives. (See Acts 2. 1-13). The Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost, and then through The Spirit and by The Spirit they built the Church, spread God's message of love made known in Jesus Christ, and served others (See the rest of the book of Acts to read more of what happened next!).

Yet, importantly, this is the same Spirit through which God created all things (See Genesis 1. 1-3) and keeps creating. It is therefore appropriate to contemplate The Spirit in a month where so much creation is bursting into life! Moreover, we recognise that this same Life dwells in all of us – guiding, inspiring, and empowering us to be disciples of Jesus in the world, and agents of God's creation.

How important, how vital, therefore, it is that we safeguard God's creation for generations to come.

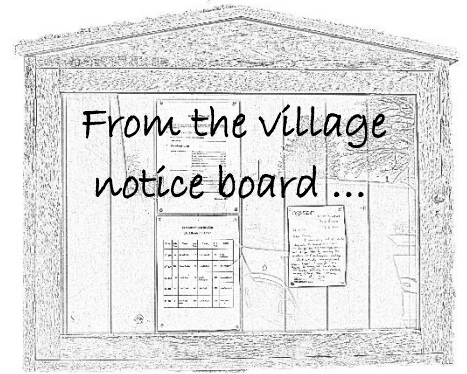
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Sam

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Cardington News

Tuesday 4th May

The next meeting of **Cardington Parish Council** will be held via Zoom at 8pm on *Tuesday 4th May*.

Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting should contact the clerk either by telephone on 01694 751326 or email clerk@cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk

Cardington Tote Winners:

April winners

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2nd	52	Margaret Cooper
3rd	30	Lucienne Evans
4th	4	Clare Drury
5th	200	Arthur Stokes

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CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Eaton-under-Heywood News

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The draft Minutes of the parish council's meeting on 15th March 2021 are available to view on the parish council's website.

The date for nominations for prospective parish councillors closed on the 8th April and on the 9th April we were informed that of the seven places on our parish council, only six candidates had come forward to fill them, so the six candidates are automatically elected and no actual election will take place in our parish on the 6th May 2021. Those thus nominated to serve on the parish council for the next four years are Graham Watts, Peter Jenkins, Steve Jones, Tony Madeley, Colin Pugh and Bruce Orme. We will be able to co-opt an additional councillor at or after our meeting on the 17th of May 2021.

As the law currently stands, Zoom meetings will cease after the 5th of May 2021 and parish councils will revert to open meetings in village halls. We believe therefore our 17th May meetings - Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting and an ordinary business meeting - will take place from 7.30pm in Hope Bowdler Village Hall. Everyone attending will be required to wear a face mask, sanitize their hands on arrival and observe social distancing throughout the meeting.

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. 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 Rusett, at 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG, tel. 01568 770741 or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.

Plant Sale in aid of Ticklerton Village Hall and St. Edith's Church

Last year, with no Ticklerton Fete, there was a surprisingly successful plant sale in the layby outside Ticklerton Village Hall, to support the hall and St. Edith's.

I plan to do the same again this year, towards the end of May, with the date to be announced via the Honeypot Facebook page and email. No prices asked, just an honesty jam jar. Plant donations from as many people as possible will be welcomed.

Claire Nicholson

Hope Bowdler News

See under Eaton-under Heywood for Parish Council News.

Rushbury News

Monday 17th May

The Annual General Meeting of the Council is currently scheduled for 17th May 2021. Meeting arrangements have yet to be finalised. Please refer to Council website for details.

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

Wednesday 19th May

Rushbury & Cardington W.I.

On Wednesday May 19th we are having a Zoom meeting 'A Virtual tour of Cambridge' by Murray Jacobs.

New members are always welcome.



Apedale Amblers

We are in the process of planning to start meeting again at 10.00am on Tuesday mornings at the Village Hall car park. We look forward to seeing our regular walkers and to welcome newcomers. Watch this space and look out for messages on the magazine Facebook page.

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We are continuing with our improvements to the ladies toilets, and look forward to the time when we can safely reopen and return to our usual activities.

Saturday 4th September

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Following the great success of our "alternative" Flower and Produce Show last year we have decided to have a Flower and Produce Show this year following the same format.

Shop window displays will be created based on submissions from you, for any of the following:

- anything that you have made/created over the last few months.
- anything that you have baked/cooked close to produce show weekend – perhaps something you have enjoyed making and tasting during lockdown.
- things that you have grown in your garden this year – either as they are or created into a display.
- Bring them along, by appointment, on the afternoon of Friday 3rd September. Come and see what everyone has been up to on the afternoon of Saturday 4th September. Entry will be free. If you would like refreshments, then please bring your own picnic tea and enjoy it outside.

You may choose to do this on your own, by family, or with a group of friends or neighbours.

Items will be displayed on a table 1 metre square, or 2 metres long, according to the amount you have to display, or the number of people involved.

For further information, or to book in to present a display please contact Merle Lippitt on 771405.

More details will be made available on the village hall website: www.rushburyvillagehall.org

Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice News

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3 May Monday Early May Bank Holiday

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The Festival accounting systems & controls are up-to-date and can readily be taken over by someone with much bookkeeping experience. Our preference is for a qualified Accountant to assume the role but that is not essential.

If you are interested then please do be in touch. Or if you know someone else who might be interested, then please let them know about our vacancy.

To make contact please either send an email to info@strettonfestival.org.uk or ring **Alan Stockbridge** on (01694) 722317. All enquiries will be treated as confidential.

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We are planning to open a Repair Café in Church Stretton in the autumn and are currently looking for volunteers to help with this very worthwhile initiative.

*For more details please email us on info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk
or follow the link on our website: www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk*

ROTARY IN CHURCH STRETTON - ACTIVITIES UPDATE

CHURCH STRETTON SKATEPARK

This facility is currently under construction and we are happy to support this project as it will provide an activity for young enthusiastic skate boarders. We are currently in the process of fabricating a bench using steel tubing and it will be presented to founder Tom Rochester when the park is formally opened.

YOUNG HEROES AWARDS

The effort was very worthwhile as 14 young persons were nominated, 4 in the 6 – 11 age group and 10 in the 12 – 18 age group. Our judges finally selected 2 from the 6 – 11 age group and 3 from the 12 – 18 age group. The winners of each age group will be decided following interviews with our judges via zoom and announced by the end of April.

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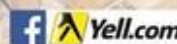
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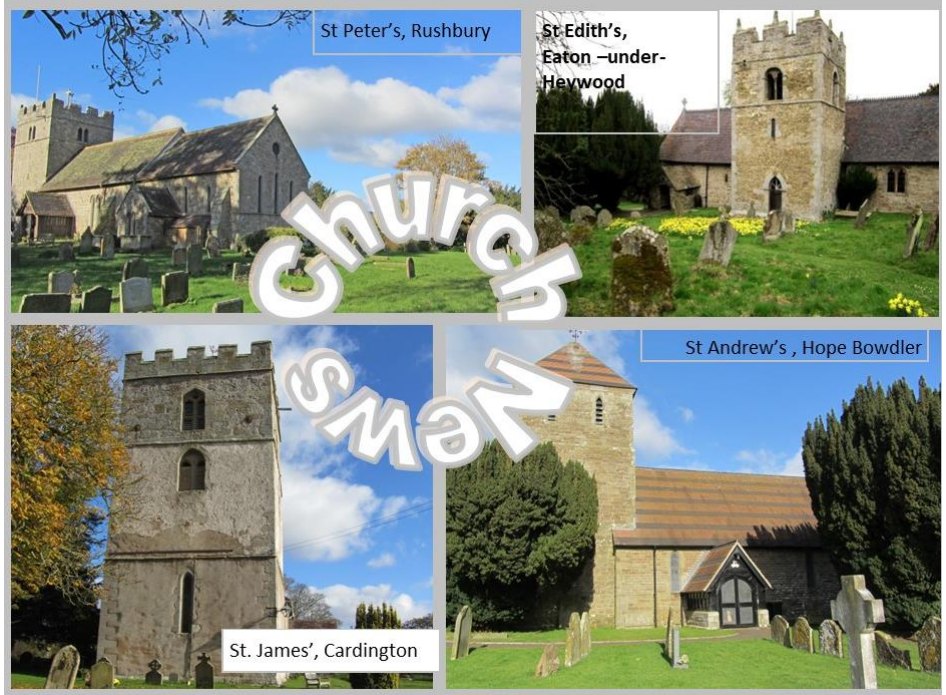
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SERVICE TIMES for May

Anyone wishing to attend a service should book their place for Track and Trace purposes, wear a face mask, and social distancing measures should be observed.

Sunday, 2nd May

9.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Hope Bowdler
Cardington

Wednesday, 5th May

10.00am Holy Communion (said)

Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 9th May

9.30am Holy Communion (*followed by APCM*)
11.15am Holy Communion BCP

Eaton
Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 16th May

9.30am Holy Communion (*followed by APCM*)
11.15am Holy Communion

Cardington
Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 23rd May, Pentecost

9.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion
11.15am Holy Communion
11.15am Holy Communion (*followed by APCM*)

Cardington
Eaton
Hope Bowdler
Rushbury

Sunday, 30th May

10.00am Benefice Group Service

Cardington

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Dorothy Joan Cox - Aged 92.

Burial of ashes: Thursday 1st April - Hope Bowdler Church

We remember her family in our prayers.

Notes from St James, Cardington

Church Flowers

May 2nd Pat Evans
May 9th Lesley Iverson
May 16th Jane Secrett
May 23rd Barbara Norris
May 30th Joan Hudson

Brasses

Pat Evans and Liz Pinches for May, June please

Please ask the next person on the list if you can't do a specific date, thank you.

Church Cleaning

May 1st Furniture W Rogers, L Fullbrook
May 8th Floors C Elliott, M Cooper, S Maw
May 15th Furniture J Tonks, L Iverson, K Smith
May 22nd Floors P Evans, E Pinches, B Norris, J Secrett
May 29th Furniture J Hudson, S Akers
June 5th Floors A Norris, J Watkins



The font at St, James's, Cardington, decorated for Easter.

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

Flower rota

Megan

Cleaning rota

9th Jen and Sue

23rd Judy and Elizabeth



REJOICING The expected call to fill the Church with yellow and white floral tributes for Easter brought us together. Thanks to Ann and the 'Team ". Elegant, fresh beauty. An outdoor service in lovely sunshine, against a clear blue sky provided an amazing backdrop for our return to Worship. Not peaceful but serene. The birds twittered and chirruped throughout. As Ed played and the congregation SANG they seemed to increase their volume and join in the praise. They added to the joy.

Invited to 'inspect/ admire' the decor and see the lit Paschal candle we relaxed and chatted together in the shared pleasure. **Thank You everyone.**

EASTER MONDAY The call came for Mike and Megan to zoom to Birmingham. By midnight prepped for theatre, Mike rolled forward for his OP.

TUESDAY 8.30am Ann received a call. "I have a new kidney". We all welcome the news and give thanks and prayers. His progress is fantastic. The long wait is over.

NEW APPOINTMENT We wish to congratulate the successful candidate for the post of Headteacher at Rushbury . May your time be successful and fulfilling. Well done.

CONDOLENCES TO THE QUEEN All at St. Edith's wish to extend their sadness and pay tribute at the death of your beloved husband and consort . His is a life worthy of celebration.

SEE ALSO PAGE 19.

Gwen

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Flower rota

May 1st Carol Davies

May 8th & 15th Eve Dapling

May 22nd & 29th Anita Annesley

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

1st Chrissie and Chris Head 8th Jane and Andrew Price

15th Rosemary Allworth and Jean Webb

Thank you to all who help to look after our church.

If you would like to be involved please contact Ruth on 01694 724919.

FOR THE TIME BEING WE ARE KEEPING THE CHURCH LOCKED BETWEEN SERVICES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GAIN ACCESS PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE CHURCHWARDENS:

RUTH JENKINS 01694 724919 OR JEAN WEBB 01694 722793

How lovely the church looked on Easter Day when we were able to have our first service after the most recent lockdown. Grateful thanks go to all those who helped to decorate both inside and outside the church. The flower displays were wonderful. At the end of the service the congregation gathered outside (socially distanced, of course) in the gloriously sunny churchyard so that all could join in the final hymn 'Thine be the glory'.



Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Flower rota

22nd May Angela Pugh

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

Cleaning rota

22nd May John and Josie Griffiths

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.

SEE ALSO PAGE 14.

We're on Twitter! Find out more about what is going on at your church by following @StPeterRushbury



OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Rushbury Church is open by appointment for individual private prayer.

Please contact our churchwarden Darren Merrill to make arrangements.

We would like to welcome as many people as possible to our church services as advertised in the Honeypot but please book your place with Darren Merrill on 01694 771341 or email at darrenbmerrill@gmail.com.

There is a limit on places to maintain social distancing and we will ask you for your contact details for the NHS Track and Trace system which we will keep for 21 days, at which time these will be destroyed in line with current rules.

There will be no singing and face coverings must be worn inside the church.

LETTER FROM HEREFORD FOR May 2021

Pentecost or more traditionally Whitsun is I think the Cinderella of Christian festivals, it has never really had the impact of Christmas and Easter. It doesn't have the same traditions or social events around it which make it stand out in the wider culture either. I think increasingly the church doesn't really know how to mark the occasion and even the recent 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer campaign which has actually taken off across the churches in recent years doesn't really make much of Pentecost itself. Yet Pentecost is perhaps one of the most exciting of the church festivals for it marks the moment when God started the church! It is in effect the Church's birthday, the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower ordinary Christians to do extraordinary things for Him.

The Holy Spirit is given freely to all of us as a free gift from God. Jesus promised his disciples that we would receive this gift so that we might know his presence with us as we live out our faith on a daily basis.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforter to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you..." - John 14:15-16

The problem is when most of us think of comfort we think of the luxuries of life, or being wrapped up in a warm blanket or duvet. We also think of comfort as something that consoles us when we are upset or in need. Whilst all these things are true the word used in the New Testament has a completely different meaning to those we might expect. The word comfort is the same word that we find in relation to prodding, strengthening or stirring into action. The Bayeux Tapestry has a wonderful panel of Bishop Odo, forcing his men into battle, at the end of his battle club, with the abbreviated Latin words: which when translated means: "Here, Bishop Odo, comforts his troops." As individuals we might not find such 'comfort' comforting but the Holy Spirit is given to equip and spur us into action! In fact, the word comfort has traditionally also meant to give or add strength to someone or to encourage, urge or exhort. When we see the coming of the Holy Spirit in that way it makes much more sense of both Jesus' words and what we see in the book of Acts as the early church begins to emerge.

The Holy Spirit also empowers us to be the people God created and knows us to be, in that sense the Holy Spirit fills us with God's wisdom and power for the tasks which he has called us to. On the day of Pentecost it is the Holy Spirit that takes the group of timid and bewildered disciples and equips them to declare the gospel message. Jesus before his Ascension had promised them that they would receive the Holy Spirit to equip them as His witnesses throughout the world.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

This power that comes with the Holy Spirit is very real and is available to us just as it was to the first disciples. It is power to live our lives as God intended, power to encourage us and to strengthen us for acts of service. It is not to make us feel better, or for our own benefit but it is the power to build one another up and to inspire the Church. So as Pentecost approaches perhaps we need to re-evaluate this slightly misunderstood Christian Festival and celebrate the birthday of the church with a bit more style and flair! Our prayer certainly needs to be 'Come Holy Spirit!'

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. Amen.

COFFEE STOP Every Monday from 10.00am to midday at Rushbury Village Hall. Term time only. See Rushbury News for this month's dates. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.** Not currently taking place.

HOLY COMMUNION 10am Holy Communion first Wednesday in month at St. Andrew's, Hope Bowdler.

This is not currently taking place but we are hopeful it will restart very soon. Not currently taking place.

A MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICE, first Thursday each month, 1:30 p.m. at Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton. You would be most welcome. Not currently taking place. Check with Mayfair for further information.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND HEREFORD DIOCESE - explore www.hereford.anglican.org for information for Churchgoers, Visitors, about Church work and Diocesan News and views.

PRAYER AND CARE. In situations of illness or distress and need for prayer and perhaps visiting, please contact (with the permission of those affected) the Revd. Virginia Clements the Rev. Sue Jelleyman, or one of the churchwardens (details listed on the Church contacts page).

HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE TAKEN TO PEOPLE AT HOME if they are unable to get to church. Contact 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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New beginnings...

As we walk around our beautiful countryside we are fortunate at this time of year to be able to witness many new beginnings....

The wood anemones which carpeted the edges of our woodlands are now being joined by emerging bluebells

We have seen a return of cattle to our fields from their winter quarters, delighted in the antics of new born lambs and observed the diligent building of nests by our resident bird population.

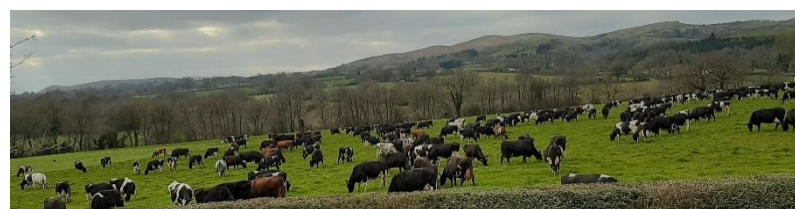


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This month we have also seen a joyful return to our churches, and the opening of our local shops and pubs and restaurants outside. We have begun to meet up with family and friends outside.

We are hopeful that May will bring us more freedom and confidence, and look forward to the days when our village halls can also re-open and we can return to a more normal way of life with village events and gatherings, and dates on the back page diary of *The Honeypot*.

Images of Eaton: sent by Megan Bacon (also page 13)



Have you started to create some new beginnings of your own?

Maybe you have been busy in your vegetable or flower garden, or perhaps you have begun a new craft project or are even writing a book...

If so, think ahead a little.

Maybe you have something you could show in the **Rushbury Produce Show**, or could donate to the plant stall at **Ticklerton Village Hall** towards the end of May. (Details of both on page 5.)

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Parish Council News

NOTICE OF ELECTION

On 6th May 2021, Town and Parish Elections will take place alongside the Election of Councillors for the Electoral Divisions of the County. The Police and Crime Commissioner Election will also be taking place that day. Appropriate arrangements will be in place to ensure that the venues being used as polling stations have protection in relation to COVID. At busy times there may be slight delays to voters accessing the venues and registering their votes.

The Honeypot Book Reviews

"The Day Of The Triffids" by John Wyndham

Some may be aware that this book was the basis for a 1962 film and that the author also penned *The Midwich Cuckoos* which was filmed as *The Village of the Damned*. Several of the author's books are still readily available via second hand book stores and from Penguin.

Released in 1951 the story of the triffids is in many respects more about the collapse of society after a meteor event renders most of the population permanently blind.

Wyndham, as a science fiction writer, was renowned for his post-apocalyptic views of society following cataclysmic events. The triffids are developed as a new source of high quality vegetable oil and farmed on an enormous scale. They have unusual features including an ability to uproot and shuffle long distances; they seem to communicate and congregate with one another; they can inflict fatal stings with a 10 foot long stinger with disconcerting accuracy – often hitting the face or hands to deliver a fatal dose of poison.

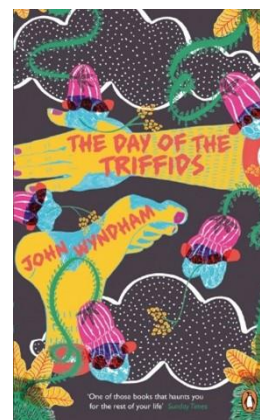
The book follows the endeavours of Bill and Josella to establish a new life in the countryside having lived in London which, like most cities and towns, has been abandoned. It is a disturbing book and while the author will have been influenced by events in the Second World War like many enduring "classic" books it has a salient message for today. How can society accommodate a new and persistent change or threat in circumstances, for example, where a lethal plant can linger around every corner? While the main characters try to establish a new social order, where most of the population is blind, there remains the lingering fear that one day the triffids will break through the protective fences that surround the homes and small holdings, that help to keep small groups safe.

The book is a relatively short and compelling read; it shows why some older titles should stay in print.

Aiden Foster 06/04/2021

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Picking Dill

own flowers for about 25 years, so to finally open the gate for our first pickers was just magical. We have had such heart felt comments from customers about how much joy spending time picking flowers with friends provides. This has provided the encouragement for us to do more, we can't wait to welcome pickers back to the field.

So onwards to 2021.

We are in the process of creating more beds in the flower field, growing an ever-increasing range of flowers, improving our infrastructure and we are delighted to announce that we now have our very own website: www.wallflowers.uk Do take a look to find out more about our story, how we grow our flowers and how you can buy our flowers or come to pick your own. We would love to see you in the field soon.



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News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns have enjoyed some lovely sunshine and taken our art activities outdoors! The spring flowers have been beautiful, and we did some observational drawings of daffodils – using chalk on black paper. We also experimented with food colouring on coffee filters using pipettes to drip on the colour – great for fine motor skills and it gave a lovely effect when dry. These will be used to make a “jerryberrycoot” tree for our Smeds and Smoos display!

We had fun celebrating Easter outside too and found some eggs hidden in the woods with a tasty chocolate surprise inside!

We are trialling outdoor stay and play sessions on Tuesday mornings. Initially this is for the children who will be starting Little Acorns in September, but we hope to open it up to all our local families soon. If you would like more information please contact Elaine by e-mail info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk or visit our website www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk



Coffee filter art



Daffodils



Easter surprises

From our Facebook page....



Gill Barnard April 12 at 2:56 PM · What a contrast in one day in Ticklerton. 8am and 3pm



Claire Nicholson April 3 at 4:51 PM · Eaton under Heywood's daffodils and primroses look beautiful for Easter.



Claire Nicholson April 4 at 5:39 PM · How lovely - opposite the Methodist Church!



Something to make....

As you have probably noticed, our garden birds have been very busy building nests and laying eggs. By the end of May the chicks will be getting ready to fledge. This means they fly out of the nest for the first time. Until then, they stay in the nest and their parents have to work very hard to feed them so they will grow into beautiful new birds.



WHY NOT HAVE A GO AT MAKING YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL BIRD COLLAGE?

Draw round your left hand twice and your right hand twice, either on coloured paper or colour them in, two brown for the nest and two for the birds(any colour you like).

Cut the birds at the wrist end to shape into a tummy(see picture).

Colour a small paper plate with a green wax crayon and, looking at the picture, stick your paper hands onto it.

Add eyes, beaks and feet.

Make baby bird noises if you wish! **Well done.**

Anne Davis

.....and something to read

"Rain before Rainbows" by Smriti Halls and David Litchfield.

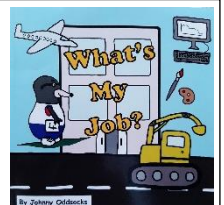
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A gloriously illustrated, impactful book aimed at 3 - 7 year olds but would be appreciated by all ages. The rhyming text will help young and older to see that in these uncertain times there is beauty, friendship and hope. Very highly recommended.

Anne Davis

"What's my job?" by Johnny Oddsocks



An unashamed plug for the latest book written and illustrated by my son Matt, alias Johnny Oddsocks.

A story for the little ones, with gentle rhymes and a touch of humour. My favourite of his books so far...

In non-covid times, I would probably promote his book by leaving strategically on the table when inviting friends round for coffee and snacks. As that won't work so well at the moment, I am simply exploiting my role as editor.....

Andrea Millard

This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

MAY

- 4 Tue Cardington Parish Council Zoom meeting. 8pm. *p4*
10 Mon **DEADLINE DATE FOR COPY FOR JUNE PARISH MAG TO REACH THE EDITOR.**
17 Mon EH&HB Parish Council Meeting including APM and AGM. HBVH. 7.30pm *p5*
17 Mon Rushbury Parish Council AGM. *p5*
19 Wed R&C WI Zoom meeting. 7.30pm. *p5*

THE DIGITAL HONEYPOT

RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL HAVE KINDLY AGREED TO HOST THE HONEYPOT ARCHIVE ON THEIR WEBSITE. You will therefore be able to access digital back copies of The Honeypot through their website in future.

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

The rainfall at Ticklerton in March 2021 was 58mm
Claire Nicholson

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