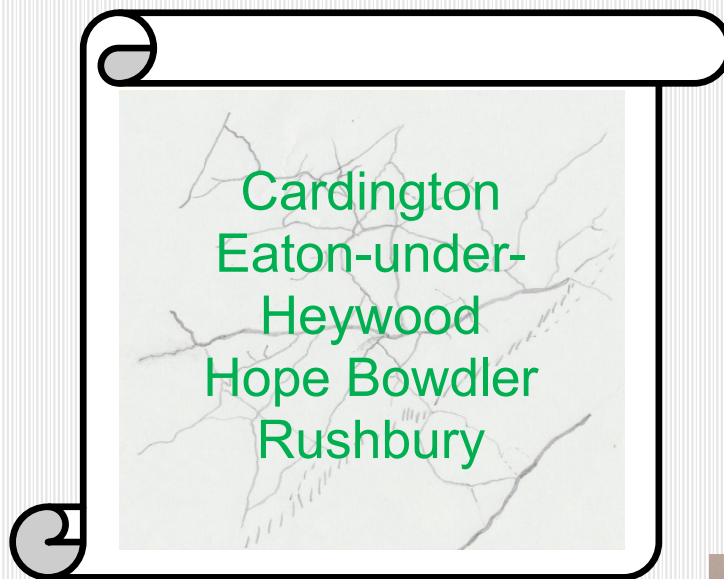


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Cardington News

Wednesday 1st March

Flicks in the Sticks



WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

Cardington Village Hall 7.30pm

From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery. A coming-of-age story of a young girl raised by the marshlands of the south in the 1950s. When the town hot-shot is found dead, and inexplicably linked to Kya, the

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Starring: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Harris Dickinson, David Strathairn

Tuesday 7th March

Cardington Parish Council will meet in the Village Hall from 8-9.30pm. During each meeting members of the public have an opportunity to make comments or bring matters to the attention of the council. All welcome. **SEE ALSO PAGE 23.**

Thursday 9th March Doors (and bar) open at 7pm for 7.30 start **'Butterflies and Beyond'** at Cardington Village Hall. The wildlife adventures of Andrew Fusek Peters.

Tickets £10 Online www.fcrs.org.uk Email Info@fcrs.org.uk Phone/text 07881813533

Local Wildlife Photographer **Andrew Fusek Peters** has been a supporter of FCRS for many years. He has given two talks to raise money for the school in the past, the last one being via zoom during lockdown! This time he is back in the flesh with his unique blend of energy and quiet reflection.

A must for photographers and butterfly enthusiasts and an engaging evening of stories for everyone else.

Andrew is a OMSYSTEM Brand Ambassador whose work regularly appears in national newspapers and magazines. His black darter dragonflies on the Long Mynd recently appeared on the cover of the Guardian. He has been on commission to the National Trust on the Long Mynd and Stiperstones for the last 8 years.

His newest book "Butterfly Safari" details his 5 years of work on UK butterflies capturing incredible flight shots and close up portraits. Andrew will talk about his book and some of his iconic Shropshire adventures.

'With so many of our butterflies in decline, this is a very timely book by one of the country's best photographers. It's a must-have for the bookshelves!' Iolo Williams

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Dr Martin Warren, former Chief Executive of Butterfly Conservation



Cardington Tote Winners:

January 2023

1st	60	Tim Madeley
2nd	116	Sarah Porter
3rd	170	Bridget Paterick
4th	75	Ben MacMillan
5th	133	Ippy Blenkins

February 2023

1st	179	Sandy Jones
2nd	158	Alison Norris
3rd	23	Richard Beavis
4th	103	Sue Ackers
5th	46	Jane Davenport

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Saturday 11th March

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Children under 10 donation. In aid of the rural charity.

Do come and join us.



Saturday 25th March
Charity Soup Lunch

Cardington Church will be hosting a charity soup lunch in aid of the DEC earthquake appeal on Saturday 25th March at Cardington Village Hall, from 12.00 midday until 2.00pm

Children's Society Boxes.

A big thanks to all the box holders, we raised £380.00 for which the society is most grateful, enabling them to carry on with the work and support of children. If anyone else would like a box or make a contribution please give me a ring. Telephone: 01694 771485 **Jane Secrett**

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

Please visit the new Parish Council website, the address is:- <http://www.cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk>

Eaton-under-Heywood News

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council met on the 16th January 2023 and the draft Minutes of the meeting are available on the parish council's website. At that meeting the councillors finalized and adopted the 2023 – 2024 Precept Budget in the sum of £5,588, which is £884 less than last year. The Precept Budget is available to view on the website.

The February meeting was on Monday the 20th February 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall and the March meeting is on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm in Hope Bowdler Village Hall. Any new planning applications and other parish matters will be considered at these meetings. Residents of our parish are invited to attend our meetings, to raise with councillors any concerns they may have about parish related matters.

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 is information about the parish council's accounts and audits, copies of Minutes, Agendas, protocols and financial information.

Hope Bowdler News



Wednesday 8th March
Flicks in the Sticks

The March film in Hope Bowdler Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. is THE MULE starring Clint Eastwood. Bradley Cooper and Laurence Fishburne. Earl Stone is a man in his 80s who is broke, alone, and facing foreclosure of his business when he is offered a job that simply requires him to drive. Easy enough, but, unknown to Earl, he's just signed on as a drug courier for a Mexican cartel. Refreshments during interval as normal..

Rushbury News

Apedale Amblers

The Tuesday walks this month will explore the footpaths around Wilstone. Walks will start from the old quarry on the right of the track from Wilstone Farm to Church Stretton (52.551579, -2.758360), what3words ///parked.employer.smirks where parking is usually available. For further details telephone Sally: 01694771882.

Sunday 12th March 2pm

The Sunday walk will begin from the layby at the top of Roman Bank at 2.00pm. For further info please call Merle on 01694 771405 or Lawrie Donnison on 01694 771347.



Wednesday 15th March

RUSHBURY and CARDINGTON WI

Cardington Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Katy Alston is coming to talk to our members about **BOOK & MAP ILLUSTRATIONS**.

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Rushbury and Cardington WI Report

Cheques were presented to the Intensive Care Unit and the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The money was raised at our W.I. Coffee morning at Cardington held on Saturday 5th November 2022, because our dear friends Alison Themans & Angela Woodcock were treated there.



Fond memories of one of our members...

Elizabeth (Liz) Lowndes lived in Cardington for many years, having previously been in Paris. She took part i/n all village activities :- joining the WI and MU, and, being a talented needlewoman, designing and overseeing the making of the kneelers in the church. Her husband Jack designed the WI millennium screen and Liz organized all the various contributions, and was very sad when it was subsequently hidden away. She later designed and worked the tablecloth that is used at every WI meeting. She endured the tragic deaths of her two sons and ill-health made her increasingly housebound, but with wonderful memories of family life and travel. (Renee Webster)

We always welcome new members so anyone interested in joining our WI

Contact Liz Fullbrook on 07970924507 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

Rushbury Tote Winners:

JANUARY

£40 Derek Price
£10 John Griffiths
£10 Pauline Griffiths
£5 Nick Churton
£5 Alison Davies

FEBRUARY

£40 Gail Alger
£10 Nick Churton
£10 Eleanor Merrill
£5 Ed Riley
£5 Clem Edwards

Monday 20th March

The next meeting of **Rushbury Parish Council** will take place in **The Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

All welcome to attend.

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

Friday 24th March

Rushbury Village Hall Pop up Pub Rushbury Village Hall from 6.30 -10.30 pm. We hope you will join us. As usual look out for the sign on Wall corner.

First of all, we were very disappointed not to open the Pop up Pub, as planned in January; unfortunately, there were insufficient volunteers available on the night to 'Pop up'. Since then, we have had more offers of help and look forward to opening the pub again on:

Friday 24th February 6.30 pm - 10.30 pm (This date will have passed when you read this.)

Friday 24th March 6.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Friday 28th April 6.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Please come along to the Pop up Pub to enjoy a friendly get together at the same time as supporting your village hall.

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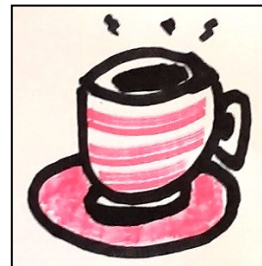
If anybody would like more info on the event, feel free to email Alex on soulmedicinesfest@outlook.com

There's lots more info on our website and social media pages too.

Coffee Stop

Come and see US. We would love to see YOU!!!
Coffee Stop is open on every Monday in March
At Rushbury Village Hall between 10am & 12 noon

Why not call in for a hot drink & a chat?



Are you looking for something to do on a Thursday evening?
Then why not try

Short Mat Indoor Bowling, Rushbury Village Hall, Thursdays at 7.30pm - 9.30pm?

Interested, but perhaps you don't like driving at night and worrying about how to get there?

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Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

January was another fun month for Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers.

At the start of the month, we took advantage of our wonderful countryside by doing a night-walk treasure hunt around Cardington and Enchmarsh. Our treasure hunt included finding clues and prizes along the way which eventually led us back to the telephone box in Cardington to find the biggest prize of all - a tin of Roses!

As many of you will know, we love a competition - and we are proud to say we did brilliantly at the Shropshire Young Farmers ten-pin bowling competition this month. Not only did our two teams come 1st and 2nd - but our very own Jack Lea was the highest scoring over 18 male, Abbey Lewis was the highest scoring over 18 female, and James Tipton was the highest scoring under 18 male. Result! In terms of other competitions, we also all enjoyed a Family Fortunes style quiz in Bayston Hill Village Hall (where we admittedly fared much worse...)

And finally, we also all visited Stretton Foodbank in St Laurence's Parish Centre to present the foodbank with our cheque from the money raised from carol singing and the Christmas Craft Fayre. We would like to thank the foodbank coordinator, Richard McCrohan, who explained the history of the foodbank and showed us how it is run by the volunteers. The foodbank is such a vital resource for people who live in our area - and we are proud to have contributed to their funding for this year.

In February, we are playing some basketball, doing a drama competition and holding another treasure hunt!

If you are a young person, we would love for you to come and get involved. To get in touch, please just text/call Sarah Griffiths (07432 290731) or John Lewis (07470 290201).

All the best,
John Lewis (Treasurer)

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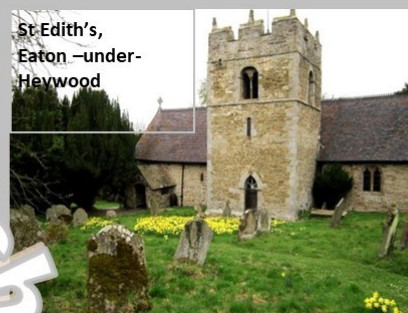
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SERVICE TIMES FOR MARCH

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

Followed by PCC meeting

Sunday 5th March: 9.30am – Hope Bowdler: Holy Communion
6.30pm - Cardington: Evensong

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

Sunday 19th March: 10am - Eaton-under-Heywood: Benefice Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 26th March: 9.30am - Cardington: Morning Praise

Followed by PCC meeting

9.30am - Eaton-under-Heywood: Holy Communion

11.15am - Rushbury: Holy Communion

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Saturday 21st January 2023, at Eaton-under-Heywood Church, the wedding of Catherine Henderson and Steve Jones.

We pray for Catherine and Steve in the next stage of their lives together.

Notes from St James', Cardington

	Flowers	Sidesmen
March 5th	Lent - No flowers	Jane Secrett
12th	"	See other benefice services
19th	"	Benefice Mothering Sunday Service at Eaton
26th	"	Roy Davies

Church cleaning

March 4th	Furniture	Alison & Jackie W	11th	Floors	Joan & Sue
18th	Furniture	Wendy & Liz F	25th	Floors	Margaret, Sally & Chris

Please alter your slot and find a substitute if these dates are unsuitable - thank you.

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

Flower rota

Rosey

Cleaning rota

No cleaners this month

A WONDERFUL FROSTY few days in January 'blew away the cobwebs'. New growth, twittering birds, catkins blooming, bulbs pushing forth and ewes feeding near home buildings as lambing is underway. These changes tantalise as Spring approaches bringing longer days and cherished light. A small tidy-up. A fresh coat of paint for the Sexton's cross. It gleams. Trimming a yew branch. Removing the long dusty cobwebs accumulated above the pulpit canopy starts the maintenance year.

QI follow-up is in hand. Lorna, the Building Officer, visited to examine the pulpit, photograph the sundial, evaluate the pointing and see our compostable loo. She admired the well-kept interior and congratulated the PCC/congregants for their care and attention - inside and out. **TY** everyone.

EXPRESSIONS of SYMPATHY and **CONDOLENCES** from many are expressed to the Madeley/Cariss family at the peaceful death of Janet. They cared for her, so long and so well.

COLDEST SATURDAY in January saw Catherine and Steve married. A small happy band of family and friends created a joyful atmosphere. Our new marriage book can exhibit its **FIRST ENTRY**.

PLEASE NOTE for the future: The PCC voted unanimously to suspend Sunday services during **JANUARY** - in **2024**. Over the last decade snow, ice, gales, fallen trees, plummeting temperatures and seeping cold from dampness make guaranteeing a service hazardous, if not dangerous. Church will be cared for and available, as usual.

For details and further info contact **RECTOR**.

TICKLERTON TALES follow-on: the consequences of **WAR**. There is an effect on the whole population.

From Lilian's diary 1916 (p.149):

"A great many new and increased taxes were imposed, most trying of all was Income Tax which, in January 1916, was two shillings and six pence (12.5p) plus 20% on the two shillings and sixpence, in all three shillings (15p) in the pound. In 1915 it was one shilling and three pence (approx 6p) plus the same as war tax. There was a small amusement tax on theatre tickets, a tax of one third of their value of foreign motors, watches etc. Heavy duties on beer, tobacco, tea, sugar, matches and other commodities. Increased taxes on motors. Postage rates were increased from 1d per 4oz to 1d an ounce and parcel post was increased by a 1d in the pound (weight). Most of these taxes, though singularly small amounts, add up to a great deal as a whole.

Also the cost of living, wages etc. were mounting all the time, in fact by the end of 1916 most of the principal food-stuffs had advanced from between 75% and 100% higher than before the war". (From 'Ticklerton Tales' by Alan Dakers)

As they say. History repeats itself. Keep on smiling.

Gwen

Eaton-under-Heywood Church are looking for a musician to play at the 4th Sunday of the month, 9.30 am, Holy Communion service. If you are interested, please contact Rev'd Sam on 01694 722942.

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Flower rota

Lent: No flowers until April 8th

April 8th: All flower arrangers needed to decorate Church for Easter please.

Cleaning rota

4th: Chrissie Head & Tricia Bacon 11th: Carole Davies & Ruth Jenkins 18th: Jane & Andrew Price

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, and thanks, from Ruth (Churchwarden)

Tower repairs

The PCC is very grateful to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust for the grant towards the repairs to the church tower and to Treasure and Son Ltd who carried out the repairs.

And

Open Gardens

After the success of last year it is planned to hold Open Gardens again in Hope Bowdler on Sunday July 30th.

If anyone is interested in opening their garden, helping with refreshments or a plant stall please get in touch with one of the churchwardens.

Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Flower rota

No flowers during Lent please

Pedestal: Saturday 8th APRIL: Alison Themans.

Please can everyone on the rota do a window arrangement for Easter on Saturday 8th APRIL.

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

Cleaning rota

4th March - Chris and Trish 25th March - Pauline and Becky 1st April - Derek and Ann

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 .

A MESSAGE FROM HEREFORD....

Time for a Spring Cut?

Do you have an area of meadow or long grass within your churchyard and perhaps your garden too? If so, March may be an excellent month to give it a cut and vigorous rake. Wildflowers and fine grasses can become swamped by coarse tougher grasses, the bruisers of the meadow world, and a spring cut can make all the difference. Cutting in spring really knocks back these coarser grasses such as Yorkshire Fog and False Oat Grass, giving other meadow grasses and flowers a chance to take up the space and receive life-giving sunlight onto their leaves. The vigorous raking will expose soil and break up mats of dead plant matter, all of which allows seeds to germinate in soil and seedlings to reach the sunshine.

But, I hear you say, what about the invertebrates which need coarse grass tussocks and hollow stems to over-winter? This is where management planning is so important; can you designate an area of coarse grass, perhaps adjacent to a wall or hedge, where you can leave it uncut for a year or two? In this way you can maintain areas for over-wintering and also manage the wildflower meadow well.

That's all very well but I have spring bulbs. Ahh, in that case you don't want to do a spring cut, but don't leave areas with bulbs uncut for too long. It's a good idea to cut a meadow after 3 or 4 months growth, never more or it starts to get overrun with coarse grasses and other plants such as hogweed. If you can't do a spring cut because of bulbs then plan for one in early summer - early July or even late June. This area can fill with lovely flowers in May and June and is a **spring meadow**.

A meadow which is cut in March or April can then be left until late July or August and fills with summer flowers such as knapweed or scabious. This is a **summer meadow**.

If you have a bit of both then you'll have flowers all spring and summer long, but it can get a little complicated and it may be best to keep things simple! Have a look at our Action Pack sheet A2 Caring for Grassland (<https://tinyurl.com/22af3rpv>) to remind yourself of the timings..

All the best,

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Dear Friends,

Isn't it lovely to start to see the early Spring flowers starting to come through? Such a sense of promise for the year to come!

Around about now, coming up to halfway through February, I start to wonder whether there will be daffodils flowering in my garden for the First of March – the feast of St David, the Patron Saint of Wales, a desire which, I suppose, marks my own Welsh roots. Despite forty years and more of living in Shropshire, I remain a proud Welsh woman.

During the pandemic I became one of the many people across the globe who have been learning Welsh, in my case in the hope that I might one day be able to use the language with my first language Welsh speaking relatives, living not so far away from here.

So, with a view to developing my growing skills, I recently spent a weekend in Lampeter with a group of other learners endeavouring to use only the Welsh language throughout. I have to report that although fluency is still a long way away, I have much more confidence in using the skills I have.

So this year, as the month of March approaches, I have been reflecting, perhaps more than usual, on St David (Dewi Sant) and in particular on what is said to have been almost his last advice to his followers,

'Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things'

And for St David, those 'little things' would have been some of the things that are still so important today, and which are easily underestimated and not recognised as special: the 'random acts of kindness' that can mean so much more to the recipient than they cost the giver.

May I commend David's words to you, not just for St David's Day, nor just for this month, ...

With my love and prayers,

Sue

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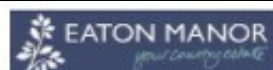
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Much Wenlock and Cressage Practice News

Tuesday 4th April **NEW: CARER SUPPORT GROUP**

From April, the Practice will be launching a Carer Support Group, organised by our Community Care Co-ordinator, Jo Weaver-Jackson. The first meeting will be at the Priory Hall in Much Wenlock on **Tuesday 4th April** and the group will then continue to run on the first Tuesday of each month, thanks to the support of the **Much Wenlock Forester Charitable Trust**.

Jo identified the need for this group as the community has lost a number of volunteers and local initiatives through Covid which has left many of our carers feeling isolated. A variety of service providers will be on hand each month to chat over tea, coffee and refreshments. We want to bring together the various people and support services that can directly help our carers and those they care for.

We will be joined on 4th April by Shropshire Carers and our newly appointed Admiral Nurse as well as Shropshire based storyteller, musician and community artist Sally Tonge who will be keeping us entertained. Activities and guests will vary through the year and we are hoping the number of carers we can support through this initiative will grow. For more information contact the surgery and speak to Jo Weaver-Jackson as **booking will be essential**.

Local patient experience of emergency care is heard by House of Lords

Healthwatch Shropshire evidence has been used in a House of Lords report calling on the government to declare a national emergency to address emergency care crisis.

The report can be found here, <https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/report/2023-01-24/calling-ambulance-emergency> and <https://www.healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk/report/2023-01-24/calling-ambulance-emergency>



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Celebrating what we have

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For all our community organisations anywhere in the area – there is still time this month to join together in the Parade or offer support in other ways.

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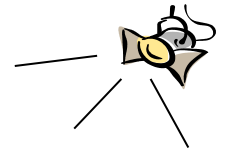
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They can often be found in public places, workplaces, community spaces and are often found in repurposed red telephone boxes. We have access to several defibrillators in our villages.

They can be found in:



DEFIBRILLATORS These can be found in the following locations: Clear instructions for their use will be given.
Eaton Manor – next to the office door Rushbury Village Hall
By the telephone box outside Rushbury School Cardington Village Hall
Longville, on the bend in the bus shelter.

You may have noticed that the information box above is now a permanent entry in The Honeypot. It has a permanent place at the bottom of the page on the inside front cover (page 2).

If you know of a defibrillator which we have not mentioned, please let us know.

Many thanks to Rushbury School for forwarding on the lovely letter below written as part of an exercise in formal writing, and also to Rosie for her very important information, beautifully written. Lovely to know that our young readers are taking an active interest in our locality!



Dear Honeypot,

I am writing to inform you that there is a defibrillator outside Rushbury School, by the phone box. I was reading the February 2023 edition and I noticed that our defibrillator has not been mentioned underneath the book review on page 20.

Yours sincerely,
RC

Ancient woodland restoration in the Shropshire Hills

Ancient woods are some of our most valuable habitats. Centuries of undisturbed soils and accumulated decaying wood have created the perfect place for communities of plants, fungi, insects and other micro-organisms. Birds and mammals, including vulnerable and threatened species, also rely on ancient woodlands.

Around 5% of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is classed as ancient woodland, but two thirds of this is Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS). These are ancient woodlands which have been largely felled and replanted with non-native species. Although damaged, these sites still have the complex soil of ancient woodland and can be restored with careful management.

In partnership with the Woodland Trust, the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership has secured funding from the Forestry Commission to work with woodland owners to actively restore PAWS and ancient semi-natural woodlands in the AONB.

Ancient Woodland Restoration Project Officer, Dougal Purce, is identifying priority and at-risk woodlands in the Shropshire Hills and contacting their owners. Dougal can offer advice and condition assessments, fund practical management and support woodland products or timber marketing/sales. The project is intended to be at no cost to woodland owners and easy to access with minimal paperwork.

If you own woodland in the Shropshire Hills, you can check whether it is classed as ancient or PAWS by looking on the online Ancient Woodland Inventory. There is a link to the inventory and more information about the Ancient Woodland Restoration Project on the Shropshire Hills AONB website at [The AONB's ancient woods are some of our most valuable natural assets. \(shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk\)](https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk)

To register your interest in the project as a woodland owner, please email Dougal Purce, dougal.purce.wpo@shropshire.gov.uk.



News from Rushbury Church of England Primary School

www.rushburyschool.co.uk



It's been a busy start to 2023 at Rushbury School. Our youngest pupils in Ticklerton Class welcomed a local story teller (Sally Tonge) to school for a story-telling session and we hope that our oldest two classes (Gretton and Stanway) will be able to head up the Caradoc with her, in late April, to enjoy their own story-telling session, with a local twist! All classes have also welcomed an author into school in the last couple of weeks as part of the Shropshire Bookfest initiative. Bookfest is something that we at Rushbury have been passionate about for many years and we are proud to be one of a very select group of Shropshire schools who hold 'Ambassador School' Bookfest status.

The photographs are of our KS2 children this time. The first one shows the practical Science work conducted by Stanway Class when attempting to calculate the relative orbits of planets in our solar system and the other pictures are from a recent indoor cricket tournament where we travelled to Bishop's Castle to compete.



The Honey Pot Book Reviews

The Muse by Jessie Burton

A very inventively plotted and original novel set, to begin with, in England in 1967 but also in Spain in 1936.

The two timelines are linked by the mystery concerning the identity of the artist of a strange painting inherited by one of the characters. This may be rather a "Marmite" book but very much worth a try.

Anne Davis

**WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN READING.
BOOK REVIEWS OR RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR:
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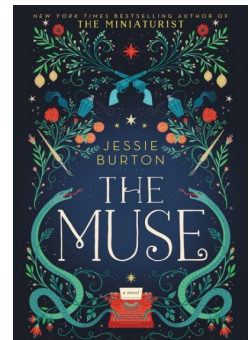


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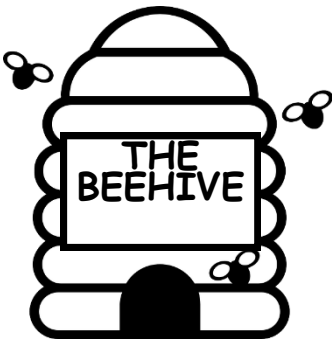
Images: above Peter Steggles



Right. Two photographs from Helen Noblet.



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Here we are **MARCH**ing towards Spring.

HOORAY!

So here is my **ACROSTIC** poem about **MARCH**

Merry daffodils nod their heads
As lambs excitedly prunk (look it up!)
Racing clouds, flashes of the sun
Colourful rainbows after the rain
Hello Spring!

Notice that the chosen word is written down the left hand side of the page. Each line of your poem begins with each letter of your word.

This month we also celebrate Mothers Day. You could write MUMMY, or your special person's name, down the left of the inside of a card you may have made and make it into a very special poem .

Practise here.

Anne Davis



News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns have had such a busy month. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a dragon dance, chopstick game, crafts, and some Chinese food. Signs of spring have been spotted in Forest School and we learnt some interesting facts about snowdrops and made some observational drawings. The children also joined Rushbury School for a brilliant morning with the story-

teller, Sal Tonge.

We are delighted to have some fantastic new tools to use in Forest School (for the children as well as the adults) and a new fridge and kettle – all purchased with funds raised at the coffee morning. Thank you so much everyone!

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 or visit our website www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk



Drawing snowdrops



New Forest School tools



A game with chopsticks

CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Operation Headlight

Dear all,

I have already had the pleasure of meeting some of you. My name is Simon and I am your new safer neighbourhood officer. I have been working on the rural west patch for the last 18 months along Jim.

In response to recent rural burglaries I have now started running a rural crime disruption operation that I have been working on for some time.

On the 11th and 12th of January, officers from Shrewsbury's Rural Safer Neighbourhood teams (us) supported by the Rural and Business Crime officers (from Shrewsbury) carried out Operation Headlight working into the small hours.

Headlight is a rural crime disruption operation that aims to pull resources back out into the countryside and intensively patrol these areas in order to disrupt the criminals targeting our farms and villages. The team stopped numerous vehicles and employed tactics such as stop and search, unmarked police vehicles and the use of thermal imagery. Due to the success of the operation it will now be run on a regular basis.

If you can put this in the next newsletter I would be grateful.

Kind regards

Simon

PC 2579 Simon LEWIS, Wildlife Crime Officer, Shrewsbury Rural East SNT, Phone (non emergency) 101

West Mercia Police simon.lewis@westmercia.pnn.police.uk <<mailto:simon.lewis@westmercia.pnn.police.uk>>

Could you help the Honeypot?

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
honeyeditor@outlook.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023 ARE NOW OVERDUE.

COST 70p PER EDITION OR £7 FOR A YEAR (11 COPIES).

NEW POSTAL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE TREASURER.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS DIRECTLY INTO OUR BANK ACCOUNT. DETAILS ON THE SLIP BELOW, OR BY A CASH PAYMENT EITHER TO OUR DELIVERY TEAM OR THE TREASURER. WE ARE NOW CHARGED 40p PER CHEQUE TO PAY INTO OUR BANK AND SO WE ASK YOU TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT AND CHOOSE ANOTHER METHOD IF POSSIBLE. IF THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR YOU PLEASE CONTACT OUR TREASURER TO DISCUSS HOW WE MIGHT HELP YOU MAKE YOUR PAYMENT.

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Your subscriptions for *The Honeypot* 2023 were due by

15th January 2023.

They should be paid as soon as possible direct to the Hon.

Treasurer,

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This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

MARCH

- 1 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. *WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING*. CVH. 7.30pm. *p3*
7 Tue Cardington Parish Council Meeting. CVH. 8-9.30pm. *p3*
8 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. *THE MULE*. HBVH. 7.30pm. *p4*
9 Thu Butterflies and Beyond. Andrew Fusek-Peters. CVH. 7pm. *p3*
10 FRI DEADLINE DATE FOR COPY FOR THE NEXT PARISH MAG TO REACH THE EDITOR
11 Sat R&C WI Charity Soup and Pudding Lunch. CVH. 12-2pm. *p3*
12 Sun Apedale Amblers. Roman Bank. 2pm. *p4*
15 Wed R&C WI. CVH. 7.30pm. *p4*
16 Thu The Butty Van. Wolverton Manor Farm. 10.30am. *p14*
20 Mon EH&HB Parish Council Meeting. HBVH. 7.30pm. *p4*
20 Mon Rushbury Parish Council Meeting. CR RVH. 7.30pm. *p5*
21 Tue Flicks in the Sticks. *BRIAN AND CHARLES*. ASVH. 7.30pm. *p19*
24 Fri Pop up Pub. RVH. 6.30pm—10.30pm. *p5*
25 Sat St James' Charity Soup Lunch. CVH. 12-2pm. *p3*
28 Tue Save the Children Soup and Pudding Lunch. PCCS.12-1.30pm. *p19*

The rainfall at Ticklerton in January 2023 was 94mm.
Claire Nicholson

SMALL Ads

GONG YOGA FOR HORMONAL FLOW: Tuesdays 7.00 - 8.30 Rushbury Village Hall, Wall under Heywood.

Deeply relaxing and meditative classes for personal growth and transformation. Beginners Welcome.

Contact Grace gongs@gracessandels.com or on 07903054577 £10 per class or £8 for block bookings.

TABLE TENNIS at Rushbury Village Hall starting at 7pm every Monday.

EVERYONE FROM 9 TO 90 WELCOME.

Come to our friendly UPHOLSTERY GROUP! Meeting in Ticklerton Village Hall on Saturdays.

Bring a project, we will supply the rest. Contact Anita on 07870219599.

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