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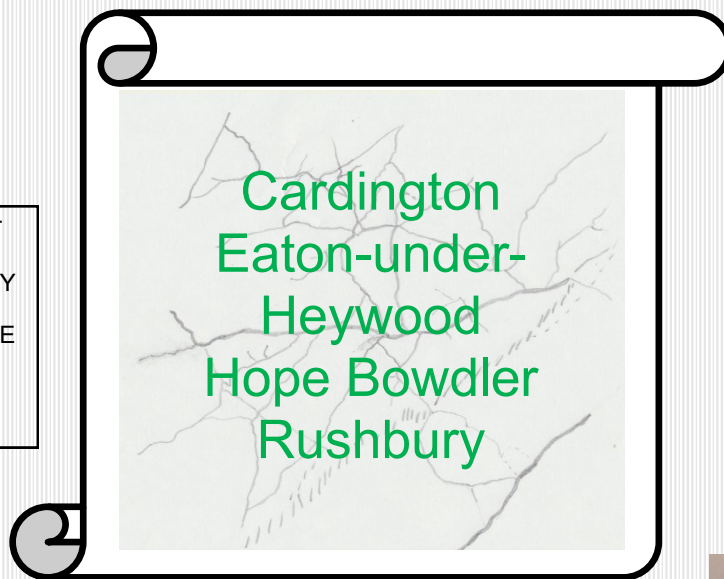
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need to be with the editorial team before the first day of the preceding month.



Cardington News

Wednesday 6th April



Flicks in the Sticks

West Side Story (2021)

Cardington Village Hall. 7.30pm.

An adaptation of the 1957 musical West Side Story explores forbidden love when young Tony spots Maria at a high school dance in New York City. Their burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks--two rival gangs

vying for control of the streets.

Starring Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler, Ariana DeBose, Maddie Ziegler



Saturday 9th April

Charity Soup Lunch

A group from **St James' Church Cardington** are planning to hold a Charity Soup Lunch in the Village Hall from 12 noon until 2.00pm. **The proceeds will be donated to the Appeals for Afghanistan, Tonga and Yemen.** We hope to support all three but that will depend on how much we raise.

Jackie Tonks

Cardington Tote Winners:

March winners:

1st	£50	154	Mr P Newman
2nd	£20	21	Mrs Liz Pinches
3rd	£20	6	Miss Madeline Tripp
4th	£10	164	Mr Gerald Allsopp
5th	£10	106	Mrs Judith Bonnell

A date for your diary....

Tuesday 3rd May

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.

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

CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Eaton-under-Heywood News

Saturday 30th April

The return of the Corvedale Cake Walk

The Marches Long Distance Walking Association (LDWA) have again offered to run this event in aid of Holdgate and Eaton under Heywood Churches.

The event will start at and end at Holdgate. There will be two walks available - 10 and 22 miles respectively. The shorter walk (£12) will go to Clee St Margaret via the Brown Clee and back to Holdgate via Tugford. The longer version (£15) does the same route and then heads over Wenlock Edge down to Eaton with a return to Holdgate.

The highlight of these activities are the amazing refreshments. Our cakes are now famous! Not to mention the glorious landscapes you pass through.

To enter follow this link <https://ldwa.org.uk/Marches/E/0/walks-prog.html>

or contact Claire Brentnall. claire.n.brentnall@gmail.com or 078 373 61196

Some dates for your diary...

Ticklerton Village Fete

Ticklerton Village Fete will be held at 2pm on Saturday 4th June in the Orchard of Ticklerton Hall by kind permission of Gwen Sidaway and Laurence & Sarah Farquhar. All the traditional stalls you expect and of course afternoon tea, plus local musicians to entertain us all.

We look forward to being able to hold our traditional village fete again after an absence of two years.

For more information contact nichola@eatonmanor.co.uk

St Edith's Flower Festival

As June is a very busy month this year we have decided to postpone our Flower Festival. We are moving it from June 2022 to September 2022 to coincide with our Harvest Festival. The date is yet to be confirmed, though we have a working title of 'God's Plenty'.

If you would like to get involved we would love to hear from you. Bakers we need your cakes, gardeners we need your veggies and any flower arrangers out there we need your creativity and skills.

If you would like to know more or get involved please email **Megan Lawton** at flashberrymagic@gmail.com

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the parish council meeting on 21st February 2022 the parish council considered and granted a confirmation of strong local connection to a couple wishing to build an affordable home in Hope Bowdler parish. They also considered a retrospective planning application – 21/05955/FUL and were unable to support it. The Minutes of the meeting are available on our website.

The March meeting will be on the Monday 25th April, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall when new planning applications and other parish matters will be considered.

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.

To contact the Parish Council, please call the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett,
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tel. no. 01568 701880 or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.

Hope Bowdler News

Wednesday 13th April

Flicks in the Sticks

WOMAN AT WAR

This intelligent feel good film tackles urgent global issues with wry humour and a playful, genre-bending wit. Independent, feisty 40-something Halla is not just the life and soul of the local choir but also leads a double life as an undercover environmental activist. As "The Woman of the Mountain", Halla secretly wages a one-woman war of industrial sabotage to protect the pristine beauty of Iceland's highlands. Erlingson's follow-up to the eccentric comedy *Of Horses and Men* is a highly enjoyable call to arms that delivers laughs and-in-hand with an urgent environmental and human message.

Hope Bowdler Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £4 p.p.

Tea/coffee, home - made cakes and ice creams available in the interval.



Some dates for your diary...

Wednesday 11th May

Flicks in the Sticks

Our film on 11th May, will be *WEST SIDE STORY* when we will be serving a supper.

Tickets will be £10 p.p. and can be purchased at the April film or by phoning Evelyn 01694 723648 or Ruth 01694 724919.

Saturday 28th May

PLATINUM JUBILEE BARBECUE

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY IS SATURDAY 28th MAY when the Village Hall committee are planning a pre Platinum Jubilee celebration.

This will be a BBQ at the village hall for all residents and friends. We suggest people bring their own choice of meat to be cooked by us on the barbeque and we will supply rolls, salads, sauces etc. Wine, beer, soft drinks will also be available. Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

We will be circulating final details later but if you are interested in attending, it would be helpful to know as soon as possible.

We do hope you will be able to join us for the BBQ or films.

Evelyn

Rushbury News

Rushbury Tote Winners:

March

£40 to Nick Churton

£10 to Sue Jellyman

£10 to H Prestley

£5 to Andrea Millard

£5 to Percy Price

Rushbury and Cardington YFC have organised

Family Easter Bingo !

Rushbury Village Hall - Saturday 9th April

Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7:30 pm

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Apedale Amblers

The Tuesday walks in April, will begin from Lower Stanway Farm at 10.00am, courtesy of the generosity of Mr and Mrs Radcliffe. **Thank you.**

Directions. From Longville, take the right turn signed Wilderhope. Continue past the entrance to Wilderhope, on the same road, for another half mile. Turn left into farm drive and park close to the house.

For further info please call Geoff/ Lorna Taylor on 01694 723301.

If you would like to take part in a Sunday walk on 10th April at 2.00pm, please contact Allan Davis on 01694 771824 for details.

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Wednesday 20th April

Rushbury & Cardington W.I.

Rushbury Village Hall @ 7.30pm

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We always welcome new members so anyone interested in joining our WI please call/email Liz Fullbrook on 07970924507 or 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.

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Please note. Coffee Stop is only open on Mondays 4th & 25th April with Easter being late ...

At R V H between 10am and 12 noon

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RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL POP UP PUB

The Village Hall Pub is popping up again on Friday 29th April.

All being well, we look forward to warmly welcoming our loyal followers and newcomers to this very popular event.

**Pop up Pub at Rushbury Village Hall
Friday 29th April 2022
6.30 – 10.30pm**

Children must be with a supervising adult

Rushbury Parish Council Update

Rushbury Parish Council is planning to hold its Annual Parish Assembly late in April.

The date has not been finalised at the time of print, but will be published on the Council's website, parish notice boards and social media. Please look out for this as the Councillors are keen to learn residents' views on the parish and local environment. Residents' views are key to the development of the parish and its Council. There are plans to update the Parish Plan so please also look out for that.

As residents will have observed, the tennis/ball court has been resurfaced and is available for use.

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

Rushbury Parish Council

Rushbury Village Hall News

Rushbury Village Hall Committee have been putting their heads together to come up with ideas for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A decision has already been made to move the May date for the Pop-up-Pub to coincide with the Jubilee weekend for a "Pop-up-Pub with a difference", so make a note in your diaries that following the April get together, the next Pop-up Pub will be on **Friday 3rd June.**

BUT HOW ELSE CAN RUSHBURY CELEBRATE?

Please have a think.... and share your ideas!

We would love to hear your thoughts, and be glad of offers of help from individuals or groups.

Please ring Merle Lippitt on 01694 771405 or email merle.lippitt@gmail.com

It would be lovely to get all of the parish involved!

Around and about ooooo News from outside the Four Parishes

Much Wenlock and Cressage Practice News

Community and Care Coordinator

We have a new Community and Care Coordinator – Jo Weaver-Jackson. Jo was previously a member of our reception team, but has now changed her role to help with coordinating care for our patients and is there to help guide patients and families through the systems which I think we can all agree, can often be complex and daunting. Jo can help with things like how to arrange care for your loved ones, local groups and events that you might find helpful, and essentially guiding through issues for our most vulnerable and in need patients.

She has hit the ground running and set up a great new weekly event for local people:

The Senior Lunch Club

This is going to run on a **WEEKLY** basis on a **TUESDAY** at **1 - 2pm** at **The Fox** pub in Much Wenlock (46 High Street, Much Wenlock, TF13 6AD). This will cost £5 per person which will include a 'light bite' to eat with a tea, coffee, or soft drink. Jo will be there on hand to answer any questions you may have about things, or just show you pictures of her lovely dogs! We will also try and get our Co-Co volunteers to attend some of the lunches so you can meet them and talk about the services they offer. The idea is that this will give local residents an opportunity to meet and socialise in a relaxed atmosphere, and the chance to seek any advice and guidance on care related matters in a more laid back environment. There is no strict age limit, as we want to welcome anyone who would like to come.

The all important menu options are as follows:

- Soup & Sandwich
- Jacket Potato
- Sausage, Mash and Gravy
- Fish and Chips
- Omelette

It would be great to see a few of our patients there and enjoying the opportunity to get out and meet others, enjoying some food and maybe getting a little extra help from us at the same time.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY PRACTICE CLOSURE DATES

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FRIDAY 15 APRIL, MONDAY 18 APRIL AND MONDAY 2 MAY

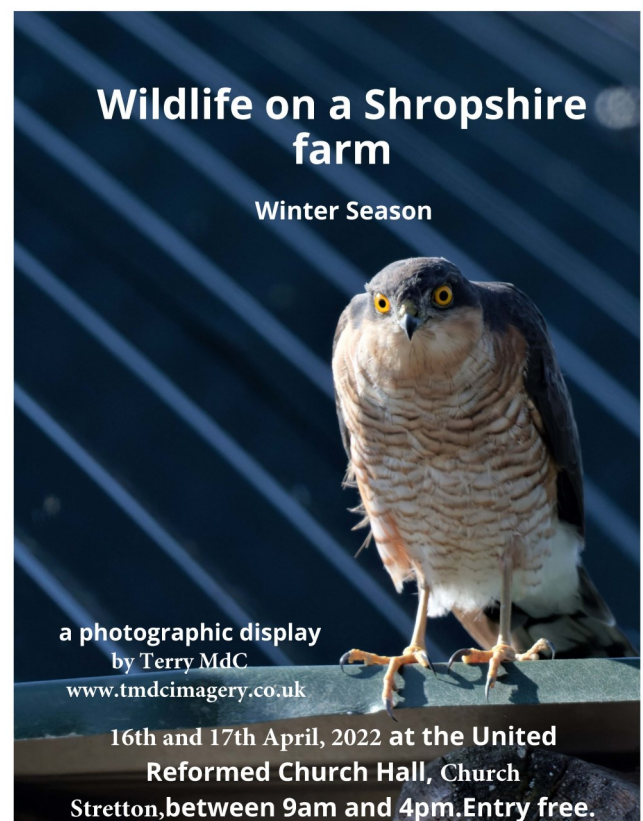
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Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th April

My name is Terry Moore and I am a wildlife photographer based in Church Stretton.

I will be holding a display of photographs at the United Reformed Church Hall in Church Stretton on 16th and 17th April between 9am-4pm.

The wildlife photographs are all primarily based on **Court Farm**. The display is a prequel to a display I shall be holding as part of the Shropshire Love Nature festival in July. My intention is to highlight the excellent work being done by local farmers on the management of farmland to benefit the environment.



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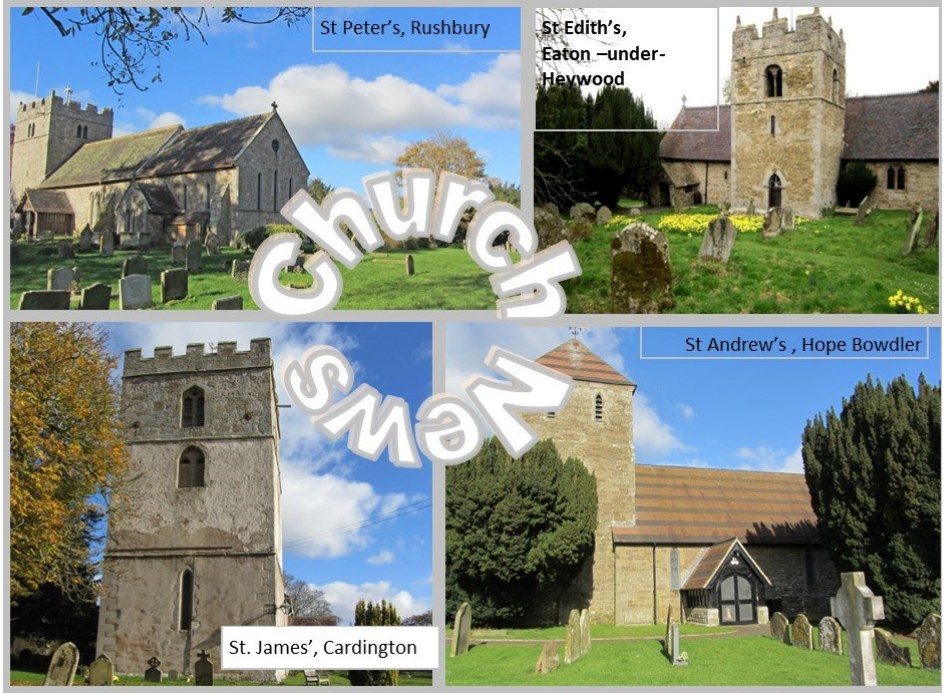
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SERVICE TIMES FOR APRIL

Sunday 3rd April 9.30 am: Holy Communion Hope Bowdler
 11.15 am: Family Service Rushbury
 6.30 pm: Evensong Cardington

Wednesday 6th April 10 am: Midweek Communion Hope Bowdler

Sunday 10th April 10 am: Palm Sunday service Rushbury

Thursday 14th April 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Hope Bowdler

Friday 15th April 2 pm: Good Friday readings and reflections Cardington

Saturday 16th April 8 pm: Easter-Eve service Eaton-under-Heywood

Easter Sunday 17th April 9.30 am: Holy Communion Cardington
 9.30 am: Holy Communion Eaton-under-Heywood
 11.15 am: Holy Communion Hope Bowdler
 11.15 am: Holy Communion Rushbury

Sunday 24th April 9.30 am: Holy Communion Eaton-under-Heywood
 9.30 am: Morning Worship Cardington
 11.15 am: Holy Communion Rushbury

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

The baptism of Philippa Pennington was held at Cardington Church on Sunday 20th February 2022. We pray for Philippa as she begins her journey of faith.

The funeral of the late Barbara Mary Stubbs was held at Hope Bowdler Church on Tuesday 1st March 2022, and her committal took place at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd March 2022. We continue to keep Barbara's family and friends in our prayers during this difficult time.

Notes from St James', Cardington

	Flowers	Sidesmen
April 3 rd	Lent	Jane Secrett
April 10 th	"	Benefice service
April 15 th	"	MW team
April 17 th	Easter flowers	Robin Maydew
April 24 th	Shirley McNicol	Joan Hudson
Church Cleaning		
April 2 nd	Floors	A Norris, J Watkins
April 9 th	Furniture	J Hudson, S Akers
April 16 th	Floors	W Rogers, L Fullbrook
April 23 rd	Furniture	M Cooper, S Maw, C Elliott

Saturday 9th April
Charity Soup Lunch 12 noon until 2pm Details on page 3.

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

Flower rota

April Flowers No flowers till Easter 17th then all who are able to help please.

Cleaning rota

Cleaning 17th Jen and Sue 24th Judy and Elizabeth

Thank you to everyone for keeping the church looking so lovely .

LENT and a time for reflection are upon us. The lovely, simple Ashing service in the evening set the scene. Snowdrops fade. Daffodils in gardens, byways and vases gleam, golden yellow. As the days lengthen and evenings extend there is the promise of renewal and regeneration. Time to observe the little things that provide inner contentment. Simple satisfactions.

PSALMS are poems to aid worship and life. The first one is an introduction to the rest. Number one three three opens with an apt line in the aftermath of the Pandemic initial stages and the current turmoil in Ukraine. Our prayers are needed as peace in Europe is threatened. Sympathy may soon turn to fear. Christian fellowship will sustain us. But our resolve will be tested.
OUR thoughts and prayers are with Janet as she bravely fights an infection.
WE wish **ED** a successful and steady recovery as his hands heal.
MEGAN will keep you informed of progress with the Flower Festival. (See page 3)
FETE June 4th. (See page 3)
Stay well. Keep safe.
Gwen

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Flower rota

April 16th Decorate Church for Easter All flower arrangers please
 April 23rd & 30th Rosemary Allworth, Jean Webb

*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

2 Anita Pratt and Evelyn Dapling 9 Angela Morris and Sue Koenig
 16 Tricia Bacon and Chrissie Head 30 Joan and Malcolm Liebrecht

*Thank you to all who help to look after our church.
 If you would like to be involved, please contact Ruth on 01694 724919.*



Many thanks to Jean Webb for mending 3 kneelers which had been attacked by mice. She has an interesting story to tell about one of the kneelers, but you will have to wait to read it in a future edition of the Honey pot!

Thanks, also, to Peter Morgan who made this display of flags for our lych gate as we show solidarity with the people of Ukraine.



The funeral of Barbara Stubbs took place on March 1st. Barbara was an indefatigable member of the PCC while she lived in Hope Bowdler. She retired as Secretary before moving away to Myddle in 2019, following the death of her husband John, to be near their daughter. The service was taken by Rev Nancy Cleaton.



HELP WANTED!

St Andrew's Church would like to hold an Open Gardens event in June to raise money for the upkeep of the church. If anyone in Hope Bowdler would be interested in helping and would like to open their garden - large or small - to the public, please contact one of the churchwardens - Jean 722793 or Ruth 724919. We would love to hear from you. Thank you!

Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Flower rota

Saturday 16th April : please can everyone on the rota make a flower arrangement for Easter.

Pedestal: Angela Pugh 16th, 23rd & 30th April

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

Cleaning rota

2 April - Christine and Trish 16 April - Pauline and Becky
 22 April - Derek and Ann 30 April - Harry

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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Dear Friends,

It is mid-March as I write this letter to you. At the moment, it seems hard to think about the approaching joys of the season of Easter while we hear each day of the suffering experienced in Ukraine. We marvel at the peace we experience here, in our part of the world. The seasons are beginning to change once more, as the first spring flowers appear in our fields, hedgerows, and gardens. Bird song fills the air, while the warm glow of the sunrise greets us each morning.

We are indeed grateful for the peace we experience here, and yet, at times, we feel helpless in the face of the suffering and warfare experienced by others, especially by the people of Ukraine. We ask ourselves *what can we do? How can we help?* Charities and individuals are doing incredible work in Ukraine and on its borders, particularly for refugees. But we can feel so far away.

I remember some wise words I once heard from a friend of mine. We trained together at Theological college and he is now an Anglican priest in Miami, Florida. When a Hurricane approached his parish a few years ago, the same feelings of helplessness surfaced. *What can we do?* In response, he simply said this: 'Remember, continue to love God, and continue to love your neighbour.'

Love God, and love your neighbour.

And all will soon be well.

Jesus himself explains that this simple commandment, to love God and neighbour, is the greatest of all commandments.

Why? Because not only does it sum up the entire story of God's relationship with us, but it also points to the everlasting hope we have in Him. This is a God who loved the universe into being. This is a God who loved us, you and me, into being. This is a God who, in Jesus, ministered to those despised and rejected by society; through love. This is a God who, through love, conquered death on the cross. And, ultimately, this is a God who invites us to experience love. It doesn't matter how we see ourselves, how others see us, whether we think we are deserving or not, God invites us to love and be loved by Him. Then, we are compelled to share this love with those around us.

By loving God and by loving others, even in the simplest of ways, we can all help change the world.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr.

Your friend and priest,
Sam

LETTER FROM HEREFORD FOR APRIL

UNFORTUNATELY AT THE TIME OF COMPLETING THE MAG READY TO SEND TO PRINT, THE APRIL LETTER WAS NOT AVAILABLE, SO WE ARE UNABLE TO INCLUDE IT THIS MONTH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ IT YOU CAN FIND IT ON THE DIOCESE WEBSITE:

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/news/parish-newsletter/>

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.**

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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. Sam Mann, 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 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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RUSHBURY'S ARCHIVES: A WAY TO MEET AND GREET A REFLECTION OF OURSELVES

by Peter Steggles

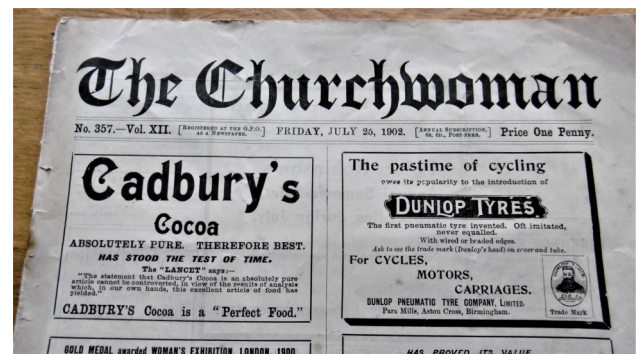
Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will see the country celebrate between the 2nd and 5th of June this year. Keep an eye out for local celebrations and activities at Rushbury Village Hall during that period, as there will be something for everyone.

This great historical occasion will no doubt start a lot of reflection and trawling through memories recalling times past, so if your memory, like mine, can be a bit fickle over facts and what was actually going on so long ago, then thank the Records Trust & The History Group at Rushbury Village Hall who between them have collected and stored local historical information that would otherwise been lost. All their work has been achieved on a purely voluntary basis and at times is on display to the public through themed shows at Rushbury Village Hall. There are also AGM's, planning meetings and occasional talks by members, all details in the Parish Magazine. For more details on the groups ring 01694 771405. I was lucky enough to be able to arrange a visit to the Archives and have access to their marvellous, eye opening material. You will be enchanted and surprised at what you find, you will not be looking at items and testimonies from strangers, but at information that feels as if it is from a current neighbour you have not seen for a while. History and its interpretation may change, so might fashion, so might social graces or lack of them, but connecting us directly to the past are the people. L.P. Hartley in his novel *The Go-Between* came up with the memorable phrase, "The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there." That is true, but people are people as I hope to prove; even if some of us wore flared trousers in the 1970's and still regret it.

So why do I think Rushbury's Archives are a way to meet and greet a reflection of ourselves?

Because of the 6 items I chose at random to look at. The wealth of information, the variety of subjects covered and those personal testimonies from the people who lived and worked around Rushbury are a unique treasure, but not just unique to this area, they reflect perfectly times gone by in villages across the United Kingdom. Let me give a few examples of what I found.

The oldest printed piece I found amongst the 6 random items was an edition of a newspaper called *The Churchwoman* from 1902, {see photo}. I think it was a national weekly paper as its price was 1 old penny, with a years subscription being 6 shillings and 6 pence, postage included. Our connection to this 120 year old publication is quite immediate with the familiar adverts for Hovis Bread and Dunlop Tyres, although the Dunlop Tyre advert puts tyres for Cycles first, then Motors second and sadly Carriages last. You will also find adverts for Cadbury's Cocoa and Beecham Pills.



Do the last 2 generations think they were the first to think of health foods?

Well, think again, as the splendidly named Pink's Jams proudly advertise themselves as purveyors of the finest jams with "No Artificial Colouring. No Chemical Preservatives." And who says that the hard sell is a modern phenomenon? Wait till you see the Advert for Aberystwyth proudly proclaiming to be "The Biarritz of Wales," without any sense of guilt! No Trading Standards Officers to worry about back then. And holiday suggestions also ranged abroad with an intriguing one offering a holiday apartment in Weimar, Germany. The paper also seems to be right up to date with an appeal from Westminster Hospital wanting £20,000 immediately. That is about 14 million pounds in today's money!

The personal testimonies, with some lovely handwriting, give a flavour of the needs, wants and worries that are not so far removed from our own and that thirst for modernity. The account that was written detailing how a relative climbed a hill in the 1850's so that they could witness history as the first steam train made its way to Shrewsbury. Some details are precious as they tell of working practices that must be very rare now, such as harvesting bark off trees for tanning. Measuring out a space using rods, which when I looked it up equates to 8 yards to one rood, or if you prefer 24 feet to one rood. What is that in metric measurements? I don't know.

The great use of animals in all aspects of life, especially farming are well documented, hinting at a way of life that took hundreds of years to perfect to get the balance right, but not forgetting the hard life for those that worked the land. Who amongst us does not get wistful at the sight of a team of horses ploughing the

land, immediately forgetting how early someone had to get up to feed and "clothe" the 4 legged "tractors" before any work could be undertaken. Staying in bed a little longer on a Winters day and only having to turn a key to start work has its attractions.

A 19th century court case caught my eye, as one neighbour sued another for "Criminal Conversation," which turned out to be an accusation of adultery with his wife. I think I am beginning to see a Victorian link here with covering up piano legs! Sadly there is no record of the lady's thoughts on the matter.

In amongst one folder there are a lovely set of photos and memories, some of it covering World War 1. There is a copy of a leaflet from The Board Of Agriculture & Fisheries entitled, "Type Of Horse Suitable For Army Remounts." It gives such advice as "Soundness in eyes, wind and limb is essential, no animal with worn upright or overshot joint and none with curbing hocks are passed." A piece of the British character here don't you think? We love our animals and the rules for animals to "join up" seem much more stringent than those applied to men wishing to volunteer for the Army in 1914. Even amongst the horrors of that war the British sense of risqué humour was alive and well, so those of you with bare piano legs might want to cover them up before proceeding further. There is a postcard showing a soldier kissing a W.A.A.C. (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) with the caption, "a lot of fellows in the Army chew gum-but some prefer W.A.A.C.'s."

Then there is the first Parish Magazine from January 1972 in black and white, but only a few years later on February 1978 you will find an edition with a coloured photo on the front showing a group of children happily playing with toys and not a computer screen in sight. But have no illusions, those children in 1978 were no doubt being told what the children on 2022 are told, "You have it too easy, not like in our day." Fashions change but not the woes and worries of life.



The first parish magazine for our Four Parishes, printed in black and white in January 1972, produced largely by the then incumbant Revd. Edward Baty and utilising re-printed pages from Hereford Diocese.

Finally there is splendid typed piece from an infant teacher at Rushbury School during 1950's. What a happy experience she had in Rushbury. She was only meant to lodge with a family in Wall for a short time while looking for permanent accommodation. But despite Wall having no electricity then she found such a warm welcome form the family she stayed with them until she left the area. She was obviously very well fed as her comment suggests: "the meals that followed in the years to come - and the inches." She obviously talks a lot about the young children she taught and came to cherish them as she ends her reminiscences of them with the line, "Bless them all."

So there you have a very brief snapshot of what is in some of the Archives at Rushbury Village Hall, Shropshire. If you are able to view some of the collection when the Records Trust has one of its themed shows you just might see material from the past that makes you worry less about the future. I just hope I have done the Archives and those within it justice.

...By the way in case anyone is interested all photos of me wearing flared trousers have been destroyed.

Peter Steggles. March 2022

FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE...

[Clare Sanders: The Honeypot Parish Magazine](#)

We have registered with Homes for Ukraine as an individual household, are there others in the area who have also done so? As a group we could offer each other support and offer our guests the comfort of being in lose contact with their fellow citizens.

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We will continue to offer face-to-face coaching to people who would prefer to meet in person if there is a suitable local venue.

Jay Blades proves it's never too late to learn

Jay Blades, presenter of BBC's Repair Shop, finds reading a challenge. He concealed his inability to read until he was in his 30s, after he struggled to learn to read as a child and compares looking at words on a page to a 'book of ants'. Jay, 51, has been learning to read online with Read Easy in Birmingham and his story was shown on BBC TV earlier this year.

How to get in touch

Learning to read can literally be life changing. People grow enormously in confidence, self-esteem and independence as well as being able to navigate the world of the written word.

If you would like to find out more, or you know someone who would like to learn to read contact Amana Winchester on 07707 762653 or email her shcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk.

The Honeypot Book Reviews

Little People, Big Dreams by Maria Isobel Sanchez Vegara.



This is a best selling series of board books for young children that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life with no more than a dream.

Anne Davis

Images: Goodreads

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

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Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

Another busy month for Rushbury and Cardington YFC. The past month has been busy with competitions of all varieties. We took part in the cheerleading competition where we were placed 3rd. We also entered the one plus competition which is held at Whitchurch and performed a short sketch called 'What we did on our weekend'. We were happy to be placed 3rd in this. Member Kate Woodcock took part in the senior member of the year competition and placed 1st which was lovely. We also went through to West Midlands area with our choir (placed third), After Dinner Speaking (placed third) and Junior Reading (placed third)



We had a fantastic evening having a go bell ringing at Cardington Church. Thank you to the the Cardington bell ringers for showing us the bell tower and letting us have a go at it, and it is definitely a lot more technical than we initially thought.

We have got a Family Easter Bingo night coming up on Saturday 9th April at Rushbury Village Hall. The doors open at 7pm and eyes down will be at 7:30pm. There will be a bar, raffle and lots of amazing prizes. Everyone is welcome for a fun evening.

Please let as many people know as possible - family fun for all!

See page 4 for more details.

To see more bellringing photographs, please see the **HoneyPot Facebook page.**



Rosie Woodcock

Funding for farmers and landowners in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Launched last summer, the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has so far awarded £176,529 to 14 projects in the Shropshire Hills AONB. The grants support one-off farming projects which deliver benefits to nature, climate, people and place.

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership is providing support and administering the programme locally. As we approach the second year of this 3-year funding programme, we are encouraging farmers and landowners in the Shropshire Hills to take a fresh look at the land they own or manage.

Are there areas that are difficult or expensive to farm? Could these spaces be better managed for wildlife? Are there areas suitable for 'slow the flow' measures which help with natural flood management? Could repairs help to conserve an historic site or monument, or are there opportunities to interpret a site of interest and/or encourage appropriate public access?

We would love to see this funding used to deliver large nature, climate or access projects across a number of farms, and we are encouraging farmers and landowners to think beyond their boundaries. Example projects might be to work to restore an area of upland peatland and manage it extensively with cattle, or habitat creation and management for a specific threatened species.

Looking at your land in a different way can be a daunting task. A good starting point is to make sure you know what you already have in terms of good and potential wildlife habitat, historic monuments, or what public rights of way or watercourses cross your land? We can help with this, or you can access the information yourself on [MAGIC maps](#), an online mapping tool, which highlights priority habitats, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), historic monuments etc

We will be holding a webinar in April to update farmers, landowners and land agents on the funding programme and answer questions - for more information on this please email shropshirehillsaonb@shropshire.gov.uk.

There is also lots of information about the funding programme on our website, including summaries of the projects which have been supported to date.

See <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/help-to-look-after/farming-in-protected-landscapes>





An Easter treat to make for you and your family/friends.

BIRDS NEST CUPCAKES.

These are really scrummy and well worth the effort. Ask a grown up to help.

As well as the cake ingredients below, you will also need:-
Vermicelli(chocolate strands), mini eggs, cake cases and icing sugar.

Heat oven to 180 deg C/ 160 deg C fan/ gas 4.

In a large bowl, mix gently 170grams plain flour, 50grams cocoa powder, 250 grams caster sugar, 1 teaspoon baking powder and half teaspoon salt. Add 70grams butter spread and break up gently with a fork to look like bread-crumbs.

In another bowl beat 2 large eggs and stir in 210ml (7 fluid ounces) milk. Gradually add to the dry mix and beat well. The mix will be quite runny. Put 12 cake cases into a bun tin and half fill each with your mixture using a spoon. Bake for 20 mins. Cool.

Decorate with icing. In a small bowl put a small knob of butter, a dessertspoon of cocoa powder and 1.5 tablespoons hot water (adult help here) . Stir until butter melted and slowly add enough icing sugar to make spreadable icing.



Anne Davis.



News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns loved celebrating World Book Day this year with a storytime at Church Stretton library followed by a treat at **Mr Bun the Bakers**. This is our first outing in two years, and it was so nice to be out and about again. The children (and staff!) had some fantastic costumes and shared their favourite books throughout the week.

We also celebrated Shrove Tuesday by tossing pancakes, making pretend ones in the mud kitchen and tasting some real ones!

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



Celebrating World Book Day
... at the library



....and Mr Bun's.



Pancake tossing.

This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

APRIL

- 6 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. West Side Story. (2021) CVH. 7.30pm p3
9 Sat St James' Charity Soup Lunch. CVH. 12-2pm. p3
9 Sat Family Easter Bingo. RVH. 7.30pm. p4
10 Sun DEADLINE DATE FOR COPY FOR SEPTEMBER PARISH MAG TO REACH THE EDITOR
10 Sun Apedale Amblers. Possible Walk. 2pm. p5
13 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. Woman at War. HBVH. 7.30pm. p4
16th & 17th Sat& Sun Photographic Display. URCH CS. 9am-4pm. p6
20 Wed R&C WI. Shrewsbury Handbells. OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS. RVH. 7.30pm. p5
21 Thu The Butty Van. Bowman Hill. Plaish. 10.30am. p13
25 Mon EH&HB Parish Council Meeting. TVH. 7.30pm. p4
29 Fri Pop-up-Pub. RVH. 6.30pm -10pm. p5
30 Sat Corvedale Cake Walk. Holdgate. p3

MAY

- 3 Tue Cardington Parish Council Meeting. CVH. 8pm. p3

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The rainfall at Ticklerton in February 2022 was 143mm.
Claire Nicholson

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