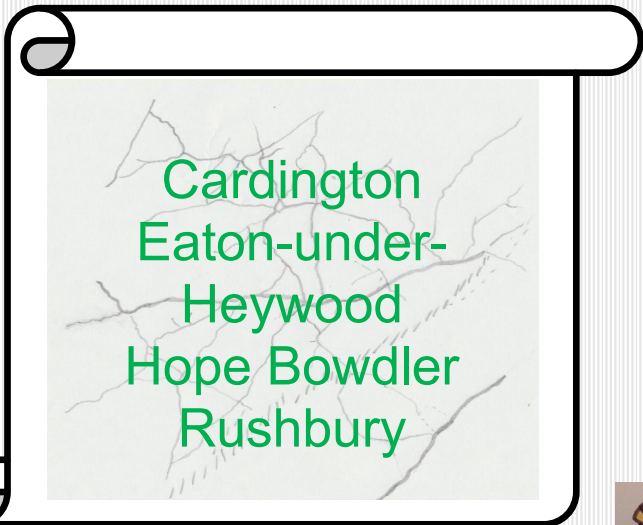


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Cardington News

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.

Wednesday 4th May



Flicks in the Sticks. Cardington Village Hall. 7.30pm

BELFAST is a movie straight from Branagh's own experience. A nine-year-old boy must chart a path towards adulthood through a world that has suddenly turned upside down. His stable and loving community and everything he thought he understood about life is changed forever but joy, laughter, music and the formative magic of the movies remain.

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Charity Soup Lunch at Cardington

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our charity soup lunch today at Cardington Village Hall. We raised £262 for our charities which is an excellent result. It will go to the Afghanistan and Yemen appeals and possibly some to Tonga.

**Many thanks to all.
Jackie Tonks**

Cardington Tote Winners:

April winners

1st	£50	112	Chris and Jacqui Davis
2nd	£20	91	Jenny Bunn
3rd	£20	153	Heather Hooper
4th	£10	36	Julie Harris
5th	£10	138	Chris Dunne

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

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 meeting held on 21st March 2022 are available to be viewed on the parish council's website. The Agenda for the meeting to be held on Monday 25th April 2022 at Ticklerton Village Hall will be available to view on the website and notice boards by the 18th April.

We urge and invite parishioners to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 16th May 2022 at Hope Bowdler Village Hall.

Shropshire Council is involved in a boundaries review, termed the Community Governance Review. Part of this Review involves possible changes to town and parish council boundaries.

There are proposals under discussion to amalgamate Eaton Under Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council with Rushbury Parish Council, the new entity to be called Apedale Parish Council. Further, there is a proposal that the settlement of Hatton be removed from Eaton Under Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council and be amalgamated instead with Acton Scott Parish Meeting.

If you have any views on these proposals, please attend the Annual Parish Meeting or send your written views to the Clerk prior to the 16th May 2022.

The Clerk's contact details are: Mrs J de Russett, 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG, tel. no. 01568 701880 or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.

Our website address is www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk. On the website is information about the parish council's accounts and audits, copies of minutes, agendas, protocols and financial information.

A date for your diary... Saturday 4th June Ticklerton Village Fete

Come and enjoy our village fete in The Orchard of Ticklerton Hall and at the Village Hall. The fete will include a plant stall, cake stall, bric a brac and of course afternoon teas will be served. The Stretton Strummers and the accordion bands will entertain us and new for this year is a display of Terry Moor's wildlife photographs in the Hall. Thanks go to Mr & Mrs Sarah & Lawrence Farquar and Mrs Gwen Sidaway for welcoming the village into the Orchard again this year. For more information contact nichola@eatonmanor.co.uk

Hope Bowdler News



Wednesday 11th May
Flicks in the Sticks

WEST SIDE STORY. Hope Bowdler Village Hall. 7.30pm.

An adaptation of Steven Spielberg's 1957 musical. The film explores the forbidden love when Tony finds himself falling in love with Maria from a rival gang. The burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks, two rival gangs vying for control of the streets.

We will be serving a supper this evening, £10 p.p.
Admission by ticket only, from Evelyn 723648 or Ruth 724919.
We look forward to seeing you.

Saturday 28th May

PLATINUM JUBILEE BARBECUE

Hope Bowdler Village Hall 5 pm to 7 pm.

By the time you read this notice, you should all have received details of this event. Please return the attached slip letting us know if you can join us, by 1st May.

We look forward to an enjoyable occasion and hopefully a warm and sunny evening.
We do hope you will be able to join us for the BBQ or films.

Evelyn

Rushbury News

Apedale Amblers

The Tuesday walks will all begin from Acton Scott at 10.00am. The farm museum website is saying "Closed until further notice" so the parking will be opposite Acton Scott church in a public car park. Continue past the farm museum and take next left. Slightly past the church, which is on the right, the car park is on the left. (not that easy to spot.)

Please contact Merle Lippitt on 01694 771405 for any further info.

If you are interested in a longer walk of about 2 hours on **Sunday 8th May** at 2.00pm, please contact **Sally Stevenson** on **01694 771882** for details.



Rushbury Parish Council Update

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 16th May at 7:30pm in The Committee Room at Rushbury Village Hall. This will be followed by a meeting of the Council to undertake business as listed on the Agenda. Details of the Agendas for these meetings will be available on notice boards and the Council website. All welcome to attend.

If you have any matters you would like to raise with the Council, please feel free to contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Councillors. Contact details shown on the Council website

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

Rushbury Parish Council

Wednesday 18th May

Rushbury & Cardington W.I.

Rushbury Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Try your skills at Curling.

Hostesses: Shirley Pennington, Celia Davies & Chris Beaver

Competition: an item connected with sport.

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

Rushbury Village Hall News about the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Ideas are being discussed and plans are being made....
Further details to come.

There will definitely be a history exhibition with 1950's style refreshments available on the Sunday and plans for the Pop up Pub are detailed below.
More ideas are under consideration



RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL POP UP PUB

Friday 3 June 2022
6.30 -10.30 pm

In celebration of the Platinum Jubilee holiday we plan to open the Pop up Pub on Friday 3 June instead of 29 May. Usually we open on the last Friday of the month, but on this occasion, we will not open in May but push forward one week to the first Friday in June.

We will offer a range of beers, lager (including non-alcoholic), cider, wine and spirits along with soft drinks, mixers and snacks. Orange Squash is FREE for children.

We anticipate that, if all goes well, the newly refurbished disabled WC and baby changing facility will be fully open. Also, with a fair wind, we hope to be able to offer customers the choice of paying with a bank card, that is, if the technology does not let us down.

As always, the Village Hall warmly welcomes everyone to enjoy a convivial summer evening at the Pop up Pub.

Children must be with a supervising adult

Proceeds from the Pub are re-invested into the upkeep and improvement of the Village Hall.

Rushbury Village Hall: for bookings/what's on see www.rushburyvillagehall.org

Coffee Stop

Enter as a stranger leave as a FRIEND....

**Coffee Stop is open on Mondays 9th, 16th and 23rd May
at Rushbury Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon.**

Please note

We are closed on May 2nd & 30th.

A variety of drinks is available.



Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

We had a line dancing social with Ludlow and Much Wenlock which everyone really enjoyed. We entered lots of competitions at the pre-rally day, including the tug of war competition; the men's team were placed 3rd and the ladies team came 2nd. They all worked really hard and it definitely paid off. We also entered some other competitions including fence erecting and were placed 2nd, team cookery placed 1st and farm safety placed 3rd.

We also had our Easter family bingo held at Rushbury Village Hall. Thank you to everyone that came. We hope you had a fun night and won lots of prizes. A big thank you to the local businesses that donated prizes.

Rosie Woodcock

Around and about 000000 News from outside the Four Parishes

Tuesday 10th May



Flicks in the Sticks

“HOUSE OF GUCCI” Cert. 15..

The film is inspired by the shocking true story of the family behind the Italian fashion empire. When Patrizia Reggiani (played by Lany Gaga), an outsider from humble beginnings, marries into the Gucci family, her unbridled ambition begins to unravel the family legacy and triggers a reckless spiral of betrayal, decadence, revenge and ultimately...murder.

Admission will be £4.00 adults. Students over 15 £2.00

Acton Scott Village Hall has a large Car Park and the Hall has level access.

A date for your diary...

In early June at Stanton Lacey Church there will be an **Organ Recital**, performed by the organist of Leominster Priory at 2pm. It is a fundraiser. Retiring collection. **DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.**

Much Wenlock and Cressage Practice News

Vaccines

There are now Second Booster Vaccines available for the following

- Those aged 75 years and older
- Those living in older adult care homes, and
- Those on immunosuppressants

The surgery will be scheduling clinics for these groups, and appointments can be booked online or by calling 119.

There are a number of clinics running across the county to access if the clinics offered by the practice are not convenient. Should anyone reading this still be in need of a First or Second Primary Dose, or their First Booster Dose, these are all still available and can be easily booked. These will all be either Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

Post COVID-19 Syndrome (“Long COVID”)

There have been some people affected by COVID-19 for up to weeks or months following their acute illness, known as Post COVID-19 Syndrome or ‘Long COVID’. We wanted to put together some information which you may find helpful which has been taken from the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/long-term-effects-of-coronavirus-long-covid/>

About Post COVID Syndrome

Recovery from COVID can be different for everybody, with some people not having any symptoms, others feeling better in a few days or weeks, and the majority making a full recovery within 12 weeks. There are a small number of people who have symptoms that last for longer, but the chances of having longer lasting symptoms are not linked to how unwell you are when you first have the infection.

BANK HOLIDAY PRACTICE CLOSURES

Much Wenlock and Cressage Practice will be closed on:

Monday 2 May – Early May Bank Holiday

Thursday 2 June – Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 3 June – Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

If you need any medical help or advice during the Bank Holidays’ please call 111. Free to call from any land-line or mobile. When it’s less urgent than 999

New series of strength and balance classes launched across Shropshire

A new series of strength and balance classes designed to help older adults gain confidence by boosting their mobility and helping to maintain independence, are being launched across Shropshire.

The Elevate classes, run by active partnership Energize and funded by Shropshire Council, aim to help reduce the risk of falls, taking pressure off the NHS.

They are specifically for people aged 60 or over and have already helped more than 1,000 people since being launched in 2018.

The new season sees the programme expanding into even more Shropshire communities, with classes planned at various locations around **Shrewsbury**, as well as **Ludlow, Oswestry, Pontesbury, Bishop’s Castle, Prees, Bridgnorth, Church Stretton, Much Wenlock Broseley, St Martins and Ellesmere.**

Elevate is an evidence-based programme, proven to increase strength and improve balance, therefore, reducing the risk of falls. The classes will also address deconditioning post lockdown, helping to maintain independence and improve overall well-being.

Anyone interested in the classes must complete a one-page referral form which can be found:

On the **website energizestw.org.uk/elevate**

alternatively, **call the team on 07852 871589** for a form to be posted to you

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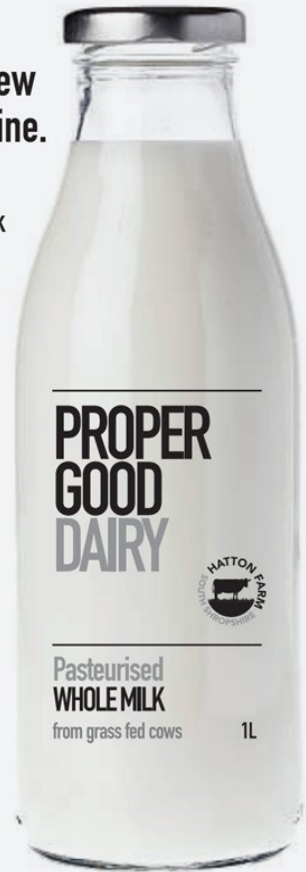
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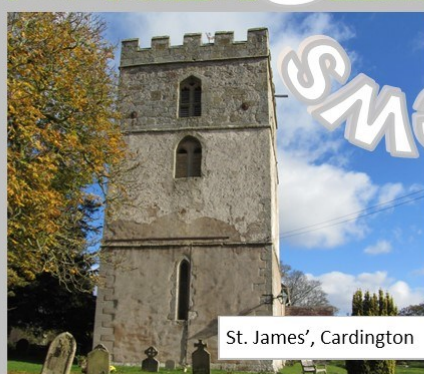
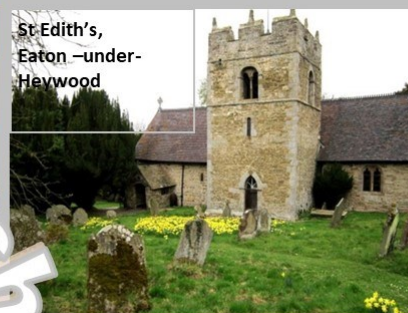
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May
2022

Dear Friends,

I hope you have all had a peaceful and blessed Easter time. We now enter the month of May, and we prepare for all the excitement it brings. Spring is in full force, the days are getting longer, and flowers burst into life all around us (including Forget-me-nots, which are probably my favourite flower!) Winter feels well and truly behind us, and we look ahead to the optimism of Summer.

But May also reminds us of the power of ordinary things, and ordinary people. For every Sunday in the season of Easter, and therefore every Sunday in May, most churches around the world use a reading from the book of Acts as one of the readings in their Sunday services. Indeed, the instruction to use a reading from the book of Acts lasts all the way to the middle of June!

It might seem like a strange thing that we have to do, until we have another look at Acts, and realise the significance of what the book is describing.

Tradition holds that it was written by Luke, the same Luke who wrote the Gospel bearing his name, and it begins straight after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It's almost like a 'Luke part 2'. We hear about the first days and weeks of the growth of Christianity, from a small group of Jesus' followers to churches planted in towns and cities throughout the Roman world. We hear stories of bravery, sacrifice, oppression, imprisonment, and courage. We hear dramatic accounts of visions, great speeches, sermons, prison breaks and even shipwrecks! But we also hear vivid descriptions of how God's Holy Spirit was at work through the lives of people; ordinary people.

As we work our way through the book, we encounter this more and more. God using normal people to do extraordinary things. And then we soon reach an amazing conclusion: that the church we know and love, the church in our villages and towns, the church all over the world, the church that has been there for us in those big and important times in our lives, owes its existence to ordinary people. People like you and me. People chosen by God to be extraordinary.

And this then leads us to an amazing thought. God uses us too. We too are part of God's amazing plan. As ordinary people. Extraordinary in the eyes of God.

Your friend and priest,

Sam

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SERVICE TIMES FOR MAY

Sunday 1st May - 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Hope Bowdler
11.15 am: Family Service - Rushbury
6.30 pm: Evensong - Cardington

Wednesday 4th May - 10 am: Midweek Communion - Hope Bowdler

Sunday 8th May - 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Eaton-under-Heywood (Followed by APCM)
11.15 am: Holy Communion - Hope Bowdler

Sunday 15th May - 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Cardington (Followed by APCM)
11.15 am: Holy Communion - Hope Bowdler

Sunday 22nd May 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Eaton-under-Heywood
9.30 am: Morning Praise - Cardington
11.15 am: Holy Communion - Rushbury (Followed by APCM)

Sunday 29th May - 10 am: Benefice Holy Communion - Cardington

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

*The funeral of Mrs Jean Hooper of Wall, Rushbury Parish, took place at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Friday 25th March. We remember Jean's family and friends in our prayers.
The Ashes of Mr David Blenkins, of Cardington Parish, were buried in Cardington Churchyard on Saturday 2nd April. We continue to keep David's family and friends in our prayers.*

Notes from St James', Cardington

	Flowers	Brasses	Sidesmen
May 1st	Pat Evans	Once between May/June/	Joan Hudson
May 8th	Jane Secrett	& July	
May 15th	Liz Pinches	Pat Evans, Liz Pinches	Margaret Kirkwood
May 22nd	Lesley Iverson	& Shirley McNicol	John McMillan
May 29th	Dolly Stratton		Sue Akers
Church Cleaning			
April 30th	Floors	J Tonks, L Iverson, K Smith	
May 7th	Furniture	P Evans, E Pinches, B Norris, J Secrett	
May 14th	Floors	A Norris, J Watkins	
May 21st	Furniture	J Hudson, S Akers	
May 28th	Floors	W Rogers, L Fullbrook	

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

Flower rota

Ann

Cleaning rota

8th Nicky and Phyllis 22nd Ann and Megan

COLD Lovely spring weather heralded Palm Sunday. Easter approaches.

PSALM exploring group concludes this week. Numbers considered 1, 23, 92 and 121.

Poetry and song translated to Hymn and prayer. Meeting on Wednesdays in the afternoon, we drank tea and ate cake in social circumstances on the second anniversary of the first Lockdown of March 23rd, 2019.

Relief, release and relaxation. Convivial life is coming back.

REMARKABLE inner strength of Janet when two days following her release from intensive care she requested to go home. Well done. Keep up the treatment and enjoy that freedom..

CELEBRATION and Thanksgiving for the life of Alec Owen brought family and friends together for musical performances and afternoon tea. Cool, crisp weather and radiant sun shone on the Edge and fields. A perfect setting for a fond finale. Songs and instrumental renditions engrossed us. All were appreciated. TY.

CHURCHWARDENS' breakfast at Hope Bowdler enabled us to socialise, relax and greet.

Then eat together in comfortable style. For **TWO** years we waited. Our hope is rewarded. A more natural way of living is resurfacing.

Keep well, Gwen

STOP PRESS An update from Nicky re. Janet Madeley.

Janet is out of hospital and convalescing in Borth. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support which have been very much appreciated by us all and have worked a miracle. **Nicky**

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Flower rota

May 7th & 14th Carol Davies May 21st & 28th Eve Dapling

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

7th Carole Davies and Ruth Jenkins 14th Jane and Andrew Price

21th 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.

Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Flower rota

Saturday 21st May & Saturday 4th June: Diane Pye

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

Cleaning rota

30th April - Harry 21st May - Josie and John 4th June - Diane and Martin

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

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LETTER FROM HEREFORD FOR MAY

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION 9.30 am Holy Communion first Wednesday in month at St. Andrew's, Hope Bowdler.

A MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICE, first Thursday each month, 1:30 p.m. at Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton. You would be most welcome.

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. 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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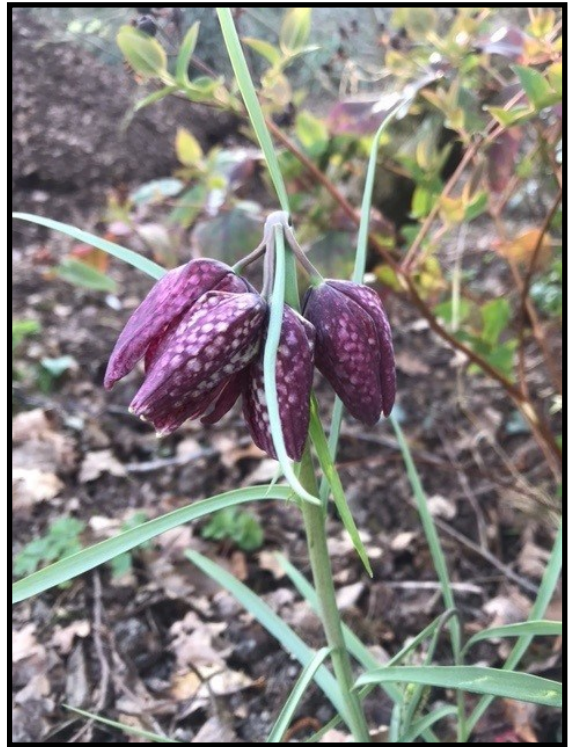
A row of beds, close packed like paving stones,
Lined up, wall-straight, stretched tight,
Marching across the room.
She stares;
So little space to call her own,
Yet little stuff to hoard;
And little air to share.

The gap between the beds is paper thin.

Beyond her land, beyond her reach,
She builds a dream.
There waits a room, with bed laid bare,
Primed with the promise of smooth sheets:
Wide empty shelves, with outspread arms
To hug her things, and give her settlement.
An open window with a view,
And air to spare.

The gap between the beds is Visa thin.

Joy Kohn 3rd April 2022



This has popped up in our garden. We have single and double but this has four flower heads. I sent a photo to the RHS and they said it was very unusual. We will collect seeds from it and see if we can replicate it.
Ruth Lole

Saturday May 28th

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST—SOUTH SHROPSHIRE TOUR

On Saturday May 28th the South Shropshire tour will be visiting Cardington, Rushbury, Hope Bowdler, Acton Scott and Eaton under Heywood.

Begin at 10.00am. Meet for coffee at Cardington Village Hall. Break for lunch .
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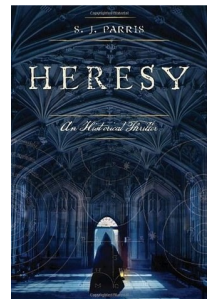
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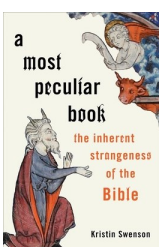


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Shrewsbury below street level

A history lecturer at the Gateway, in Shrewsbury, (who was delivering one of the courses of the then Birmingham University School of Continuing Studies), once recommended that his students should always be sure to peer into a hole in the ground, for what it might contain! So, walking up Castle Gates one day then I did just that, and there, very close to the old cinema which is now a bingo hall, were the unmistakable massive stone foundations of the original castle gate to the town. Within a few days they were concealed again as work ended and the hole was filled in, but wait to be re-discovered one day.

Years later, mid COVID19 pandemic, an opportunity for an unusual peer into the past presented itself.

On a mid-summer evening and just at the end of the first lockdown, a dozen or so two-man canoes were launched from the ramps near the Frankwell car park for a river level exploration of the town's history along the river loop. Among them was a pair of novice canoeists, me and my daughter Jenny, and with Dr. Nigel Baker leading the way and showing us the points of interest from this completely new aspect.

If you look across the river from Theatre Severn you can see that the Smithfield Road carriage-way has been extended out over the river. It was under here that we made our first stop, being shown the outlets of huge drains that used to tip animal waste, blood and assorted mess from the livestock market at the Smithfield – now the site of the bus station – into the river.

Just imagine the stink!

After the Norman conquest monastic orders were given permission to establish friaries, not only for religious purposes but also for the support of the poor and sick. In Shrewsbury the Dominican, Benedictine, Franciscan and Augustinian orders all set up their friaries, and underneath that up-market eatery 'The Armoury' are still the remains of part of the Augustinian, or Austin, friars' priory. (Not far away is Priory School – remains have also been found there). It was not to last: much later the decaying remnants of the priory tower overlooking the river were to become a tannery, making its own vile contribution to the filth pouring down Shrewsbury streets from yet more tanneries, and Butcher Row itself, all to be disgorged into the Severn.

That priory tower had been built to guard a ford – this is before the artificially high river level created by the weir further downstream – but further crossings had to be by ferry before any bridges were built. Keeping to the right of the river below the Boathouse pub, Nigel showed us, on the opposite bank, a post which is the only remnant of one of the many chain ferries once used, and I suppose paid for, by those making the crossing. Paying to cross is still with us if we don't want to take a longer route, for next we passed under Kingsland Toll bridge, with the buildings that were the workhouse, now part of Shrewsbury School, high above us.

More paddling, not *much* arguing, but with increasingly aching hips (!), we passed under Greyfriars bridge, with the Franciscan friary walls still to be seen on the town side. Further along, a detour into the Rea Brook allowed us to see where there was once another little stream parallel to the main river, nearer to the Abbey.

This was the Benedictines' foundation, and successful in a way that all the others weren't, for despite the machinations of Henry VIII we still have an abbey! The red sandstone used to build it was brought up river from Eyton on Severn, having been quarried from the river cliff.

The English Bridge was constructed from Grinshill stone, and although of exactly the same geological period as the abbey's red sandstone a quirk of plate tectonics or volcanic activity has altered the colour to a very pleasing creamy grey. Grinshill stone was also used for the Welsh Bridge, the Old Market Hall in the Square, the Column, the library (the original Shrewsbury School), the station and numerous other build-



ings and churches in the county and beyond. It was even used at Chequers and No.10!

At river level, to be seen by only a few, are some beautifully carved dolphins – how marvellous that someone had such pride and skill in their work to take so much trouble!

The last of the friaries, at Blackfriars - Dominicans – has also disappeared, again present in name only. St. Mary's water gate, just below, played a crucial role in our national history and that of the town, when Parliamentary troops were let, traitorously, into the town through it, - and we have a local, modern connection to it: McMillan Masonry worked on the restoration a few years ago!

By now we had paddled in very nearly a complete circle around the town, yet here the distance between us and the start was only about 200 yards. With rising land it made a superb location for the castle and defence of the town. Next to it, the station platforms extend out over the river, resting on not one, but two bridges, which I'd never realised before.

Through the bridge and onward came what seemed to be loud traffic noise, but this was the sound of water rushing over the weir: our journeys end. Not a watery end though, for several people from the canoe hire company were strategically placed in canoes ready to catch us before we plunged over to who knows what kind of fate!

I had thought my poor old hips might never work again, sitting so long in a strange position, but as we walked back through Castlefields, still enjoying the late sun of mid-summer, we were thankful to have been 'unlocked' to enjoy this unique experience.

Shirley McNicol

Church Stretton Medical Practice.

An Update from the Strettondale Patient Participation Group Committee. March 2022

The Medical Practice Manager recently met with a member of the PPG to clarify some arrangements for patients at Stretton's GP surgery. The aim being to increase patient understanding and encourage best service.

Shropshire has a lower density of population than many other counties and will benefit from the creation of Primary Care Networks (PCN), Church Stretton being a part of the South-West Shropshire PCN which enables practices to work together in order to provide patients with an enhanced service. Digital technology is used in all areas of life and increasingly, processes such as 'Patient Access' and 'e Consult' will become normal as methods of initiating contact with a GP via our mobile phones. A number of Church Stretton's patients already use this system. E-consult is a particularly useful tool if you have online access, as the Practice is contracted to reply within 48 hours, so this is quicker than waiting for a routine appointment.

For those who prefer, there is the telephone system for contacting our Medical Practice and as Covid 19 remains a problem, this is the preferred option. The Medical Practice is well-able to respond, even though NHS England guidelines are regularly being amended which provides an additional challenge to them.

Church Stretton Practice is open Monday- Friday 8.30am – 6pm. Routine advice or appointments are available on Saturdays and evenings at one of the other practices in the South-West Primary Care Network. At the moment these are predominantly telephone appointments. However, if you are prepared to travel you could be seen in Ludlow, Craven Arms, Bishops Castle or Clun - an appointment is made through the Church Stretton Practice.

Same day appointments are available each day if patients feel they have a problem that cannot wait for a routine appointment. In order to get a timely appointment with the most suitable clinician, patients need to clearly communicate with the receptionist what the problem is and they can consider seeing someone other than their registered GP, in order to possibly be seen sooner. The receptionists are fully trained to listen carefully to requests in full confidence and direct a patient to the most appropriate member of staff to deal with their problem or query. The GPs do not work every day, and also have responsibilities additional to seeing patients, so they may not always be available when you need to see them. This may result in a routine appointment being some time into the future should a patient ask to see a specific person. Each doctor has a specific area of interest: eg. diabetes, mental health, minor surgery, GP training, as well as responsibilities related to managing the Practice and this can also affect availability, although the Practice works hard to try and keep this to a minimum.

Patient's general health checks will be returning in the near future as part of the Practice routine and will be carried out by a nurse in the first instance.

Constructive comments from patients are much welcomed by the SPPG and are shared with the Practice Manager, so do make use of the comments box in the surgery. There is no obligation to include your name, however, should it involve a specific patient's need, a name is necessary so that the Practice can be told to whom it relates. Alternatively, the need can be mentioned to a receptionist upon arrival.

Our GP practice is a well-organised team of sympathetic, caring professionals who are committed to providing patients with the best service possible which, as patients become more aware of the system, can be increasingly successful. All patients are members of the Strettondale Patient Participation Group and therefore able to work through the SPPG committee to influence our GP service for the good of all.

Additional support for landowners with diseased trees and woodlands in the Shropshire Hills

With new and emerging tree diseases, the health of our local woodlands continues to be of some concern. Ash die-back, a disease caused by the fungal pathogen *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, is spreading across the UK and its impact is accelerating in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The loss of ash, along with the wildlife it supports, both at a woodland scale and as an individual tree will have a significant impact on the Shropshire Hills landscape. We hope to limit this by promoting sensitive management to safeguard remaining ash trees and woodlands.

A recently launched Forestry Commission tree health pilot grant scheme is providing additional support for landowners with disease affected trees and woodlands. The Shropshire Hills is one of four protected landscapes where this pilot is being run.

It is targeted within the AONB and where there may be risk to the public from diseased trees. Grants are specific to each species and rates vary dependent on whether trees are within or outside of a woodland setting. The following tree species are eligible:

Ash with dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*)

Larch with *Phytophthora ramorum*

Sweet chestnut with blight (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) or *Phytophthora ramorum*

Dependent on species and woodland setting there is support for road closures, protected species surveys, restocking and maintenance, felling, chemical killing, Infrastructure/access and biosecurity. There is also funding for infrastructure to isolated and hard to reach woodlands.

These grants are in addition to the Countryside Stewardship Tree Health Scheme.

For more information about the scheme, along with information about managing ash dieback, see:

<https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/news/tree-health-pilot-grant-scheme>

One Chance, conversations and information about death and dying

It is often said that as a person nears end of life, whether they are in hospital or being supported at home, there is only one chance to get it right. Healthwatch Shropshire will be bringing together local experts in the field of end of life care to highlight some of the work being done in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin to support those dying and their families and to discuss the measures everybody can take to make death and dying as good as it can be.

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, said "We know how difficult these conversations can be but we wanted to give the public the chance to find out how they might be supported, to ask questions about the services available and to hear about the practical and emotional steps we all need to take to be ready at the end of our lives."

"The event is being held on Tuesday 10 May at Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Oteley Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 6ST.

People can book online at www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/events or give us a ring on 01743 237884"

Alison Massey, who leads on Palliative and End of Life Care for Shropshire Telford and Wrekin NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Death and dying affects us all but it's still a subject that we often struggle to talk about with our loved ones and properly plan for.

"Over the past year we have worked together with people with experience of end of life care services and both Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Healthwatches to understand how we can grow a public conversation about death and dying. In the run up to this event we are also working with libraries across the county to offer information and support to people on planning future conversations.

"I really welcome this event and would encourage people to come along to find out what support is available and what we can all do to prepare ourselves and our loved ones. This will be a safe space to ask your questions and hear from people who specialise in caring for people at the end of their life."

Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent consumer champion for health and social care in Shropshire. It gathers the views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the general public about services including hospitals, GPs, mental health services, community health services, pharmacists, opticians, residential care and children's services. It also has statutory powers that it can use to influence service provision by encouraging improvements.



FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE...

[Claire Nicholson](#) to [The Honey Pot Parish magazine](#)

These daffodils were planted in Ticklerton at the end of 2011 by 6 of us, including me and Nichola Cariss. I think they look particularly lovely this spring. My diary on December 20, 2011 says "1000 bulbs, took us 1 hour 15 minutes."

See also our lovely front cover photograph originally posted on our Facebook Page by Trish Nicolaides. [April 3 at 5:10 PM](#) · Beautiful sunrise in the valley this morning [#birtleysky](#) [#ticklerton](#)



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Something to make....

Grow Your Own Green Hair

You will need a washed small yoghurt pot, some paper, glue, a black felt tip, cotton wool and cress seeds.

1. Cut a strip of paper to fit round your pot, stick it down and draw a funny face. (use your imagination.)



2. Dampen a handful of cotton wool with water and fill the pot three quarters full.



3. Sprinkle cress seeds evenly on the top and place on a sunny windowsill. Keep a check, dampen if needed and leave for about seven days.



4. To harvest, give your "hair" a trim and add to your favourite sandwich for extra goodness.

Enjoy.



News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns had lots of fun celebrating Easter. We dyed eggs and used these for hunting, decorating and even egg and spoon races. The children made some yummy chocolate nests too.

We have also enjoyed some local walks, with a fine view from Rushbury Castle Mound and our first attempt at geocaching!

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



Our decorated eggs



Egg and spoon races



The view from Rushbury Mound

This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

MAY

- 3 Tue Cardington Parish Council Meeting. CVH. 8pm. *p3*
4 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. **BELFAST** CVH. 7.30pm. *p3*
8 Sun Apedale Amblers. Possible walk. 2pm. *p4*
10 Tue Flicks in the Sticks. **HOUSE OF GUCCI**. ASVH. 7.30pm. *p6*
10 Tue DEADLINE DATE FOR COPY FOR SEPTEMBER PARISH MAG TO REACH THE EDITOR
11 Wed Flicks in the Sticks. **WEST SIDE STORY** and Supper. HBVH. 7.30pm. *p4*
16 Mon EH&HB ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. HBVH. 7.30pm. *p3*
16 Mon RUSHBURY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. CR RVH. 7.30pm. *p4*
18 Wed R&C WI. RVH. 7.30pm. *p4*
19 Thu The Butty Van. Enchmarsh. 10.30am - 12 noon. *p14*
28 Sat SHCT South Shropshire Tour. CVH. 10am. *p19*
28 Sat Platinum Jubilee Barbecue. HBVH. 5pm-7pm. *p4*

JUNE

- 3 Fri Pop up Pub. RVH. 6.30pm -10pm. *p5*
4 Sat Ticklerton Village Fete. Orchard, Ticklerton Hall and TVH. 2pm. *p4*

PLATINUM JUBILEE

Do let us know your plans for celebrating the jubilee next month.

Any late arrangements can be highlighted on our Facebook page and there will also be the June Honey-pot. We would also love to see your photos of your events, street parties and any house or village decorations. You can either email the editor or share them on our Facebook page.

The rainfall at Ticklerton in March 2022 was 52mm.

Claire Nicholson.

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