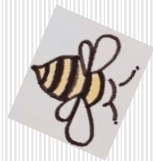


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Dear friends,

I would normally speak of the wonderful signs of spring as March slides into April, but here I am writing with 7 inches of snow outside. I think it's the job of the British weather to keep us guessing! Our instinct is to see hope in the changes of the seasons. The movement of darkness into light, cold into warmth, and death into new life.

But we don't always have to look at the weather to find sources of hope, or even at the changing of the seasons. We are approaching the festival of Easter, and this celebration finds its heart in the most powerful story of hope humanity, or indeed the universe, has ever known.

It's a story that began with our celebration of Christmas in the depths of winter and the dark of December. We recalled the arrival of God's Son, Jesus, into the world; a light shining in the darkness. We marvelled at the mystery of the Incarnation; God becoming one of us in the person of Jesus. We thought about what it means for God to come into the most vulnerable of settings; a baby in a stable surrounded by animals.

Over the last few months in church, we have followed the growth of this child into a man; Jesus of Nazareth. We have listened to his teaching, heard of the amazing parables and stories he told, and wondered at his miraculous dealings with those most in need. We have spent time with him in the wilderness, and looked at our own lives and relationships with God and one another. And then we followed him on his final journey, beginning with him being betrayed by someone he loved, and finishing with him hanging on a cross.

On this journey, we have met the God who knows what it means to be human. A God who has experienced the whole range of emotions that we encounter in life. From joy, laughter, and love, to despair, isolation, pain and grief. In Jesus, God has been through it all. Seen it all. Felt it all.

But there was one thing left for God to do. To take all that we fear: darkness, pain, loss, sin, and even death itself...and defeat it. But more than defeat it. Transform it into something new. This is why the resurrection of Jesus Christ matters. Because in Jesus' death God took all of the above into death. And in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God transformed it all into something new. Life. Love. Hope. Meaning that the things we fear the most no longer have a hold over us.

This is the true meaning of Easter.

And I wish you an Easter filled with all the hope, love, and life that God brings.

Your friend and priest,
Sam

Next month's copy should be with the editor by

Monday April 10th

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See young farmer's report on page 23

Cardington News

Saturday 1st April

A video recording of the Beauty and the Beast will be shown at Cardington Village Hall on Saturday 1st April at 7.30pm. So if you missed it or would like to see it again please join us.

This event will raise funds and supplies for The Food Bank. Admission is £5 and it would be greatly appreciated if people could bring food/toiletry donations for the Food Bank.

To book seats please call 01694 771894. **Thank You.**

FOR PHOTOS AND A REVIEW OF THE PANTO PLEASE SEE PAGE 20

Cardington Tote Winners:

March winners

1st	1523	£50	Dereck Price
2nd	20	£20	Paul Tonks
3rd	137	£20	Ira Oldham
4th	26	£10	Rhi Pennington
5th	227	£10	Alexander Tripp

Wednesday 5th April

Flicks in the Sticks. Cardington Village Hall at 7.30pm

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Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming consequences for both of them.

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A date for your diary....

Tuesday 2nd 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.

Cardington Parish Council Update

The Cardington Parish Website

This website name has been changed to <http://www.cardingtonparishshropshire.co.uk/>

The Parish Council will continue to have the same information available and will maintain the legal requirement.

The Parish Council will continue to publish the minutes of their meetings and other relevant business.

The Parish Council took the view that this was an ideal opportunity to lay the foundations for a whole new Cardington community website. At the request of the Parish Council, Catherine Hancock is taking it forward to complete and develop the original vision. The individual committees; Parish Council, Village Hall and the PCC will be responsible for the content of their individual pages.

However, the most exciting area of the website to be developed will be the community area. It is not intended to be static; it is intended to be a lively and stimulating shop window for Cardington Parish both for the local community and for visitors showcasing a dynamic array of information, news and photographs highlighting our community and its events. For example, Cardington Capers already has a page and there is plenty of scope for other groups such as Young Farmers and WI to have their own areas in due course. This is not all going to happen overnight and will be a continuous effort to develop. The involvement of the community is welcomed and is indeed vital to its success.

If you have any ideas or something to add, please email Catherine at cat.hancock16@gmail.com

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Eaton under Heywood News

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Monday 17th April, 7.30pm

At Ticklerton Village Hall. Any new planning applications and other parish matters will be considered at the 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 parish council met on the 20th February 2023 at Ticklerton and the draft minutes of the meeting are available on the parish council's website. Three Hope Bowdler planning applications were dealt with: 23/00293/FUL, 23/00377/FUL and 23/00297/FUL. The parish council supported the first two applications but objected to the third. Full details can be found in the draft minutes or on the Shropshire Council Planning Portal.

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 Rusett at 12 Church Road, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH, tel. 01547 519282, or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.

Hope Bowdler News

Wednesday 12th April

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

Ticket to Paradise – Cert 12 – George Clooney and Julia Roberts reunite on the big screen as exes who find themselves on a shared mission to stop their lovesick daughter from making the same mistake they once made.

Adults £5 Children £2 There are interval refreshments of tea, homemade cake or ice creams available.



Rushbury News

Monday 17th April

Rushbury and District Records Trust

Anyone with an interest in Local History is very welcome to the AGM of Rushbury and District Records Trust, to be held in Rushbury Village Hall at 2.30pm.

Monday 17th April

RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly of the Rushbury Parish is scheduled to take place on Monday 17th April at The Committee Room, Rushbury Village Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend to learn of the work undertaken for the parish over the past year and what is planned for the next twelve months.

Key topics to be discussed include (i) Smartwater; (ii) Traffic Calming Measures; (iii) Community Governance Review; and (iv) Parish Plan Review.

Members will be available for consultation from 7.30pm with the formal meeting starting at 8pm. **All welcome.** Please visit our website for details of agendas, minutes, planning and other parish council news.

More information at: www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council

Wednesday 19th April

Rushbury and Cardington WI

7.30pm at Cardington Parish Hall

Liz Bird is talking about Bridgnorth food bank.

Competition: most appropriate donation for a food bank (to give our speaker)

Hostesses: Kaye Smith, Alison Themans & Rachel Neale

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.

Friday 28th April

Rushbury Village Hall Pop up Pub Rushbury Village Hall from 6.30 -10.30 pm

We had a good number of customers enjoying a friendly drink together in February and look forward to opening again on Friday 24th March and Friday 28th April. We would like to thank our regular volunteers for their constant support and many thanks to new members of the team who joined us to help out last month.

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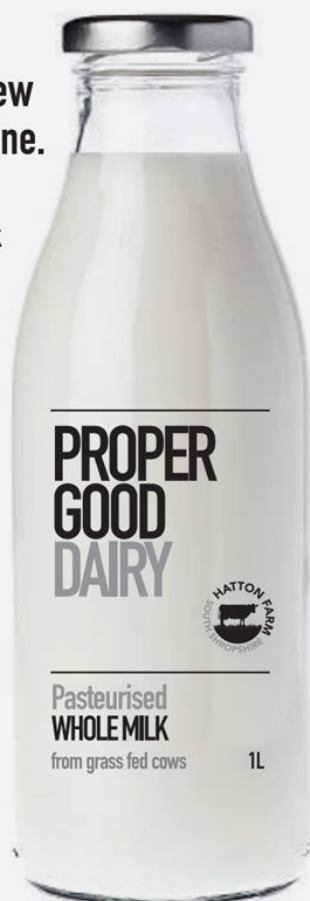
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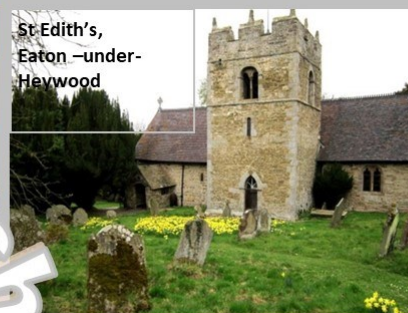
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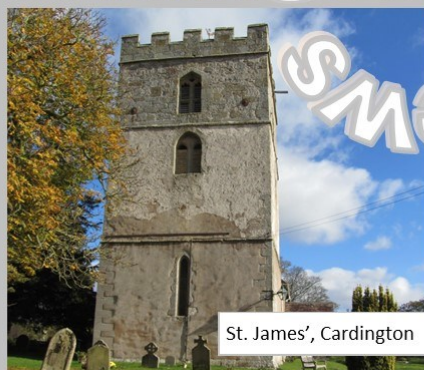
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SERVICE TIMES FOR APRIL

Sunday 2nd April. 10 am: Benefice Palm Sunday Service - Rushbury Church

Maundy Thursday, 6th April. 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Communion - Hope Bowdler Church

Good Friday, 7th April. 2 pm: Readings and reflections - Cardington Church

Holy Saturday, 8th April. 7 pm: Easter-Eve service - Eaton-under-Heywood Church

Easter Sunday, 9th April. 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Cardington Church

9.30 am: Holy Communion - Eaton-under-Heywood Church

11.15 am: Holy Communion - Hope Bowdler Church

11.15 am: Holy Communion - Rushbury Church

Sunday 16th April. 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Cardington Church

11.15 am: Holy Communion - Hope Bowdler Church

Sunday 23rd April. 9.30 am: Holy Communion - Eaton-under-Heywood Church

11.15 am: Holy Communion - Rushbury Church

Sunday 30th April. 10 am: Benefice Holy Communion - Cardington Church

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

On Thursday 9th March, the funeral of Janet Madeley took place at St. Edith's Church, Eaton-under-Heywood.

We continue to pray for Janet's family and friends.

Notes from St James', Cardington

Flowers

April 2nd Lent - no flowers

April 9th Everyone please, to decorate the church for Easter

(Please then could all flower arrangers choose flowers that will last for the two weeks. Thank you.)

April 16th Joan H

23rd "

30th Shirley M

May 7th "

Church cleaning

April 1st **Furniture** Jackie T, Lesley & Kaye

15th **Furniture** Alison & Jackie W

29th **Furniture** Wendy & Liz F

Sidesmen

Benefice service at Rushbury

Robin Maydew

Margaret Cooper

Services at Eaton and Rushbury

Jane McMillan

8th **Floors** Pat, Liz P, Barbara & Jane

22nd **Floors** Joan & Sue

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

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

Flower rota

The Flowers for April will be done by Ann

A WINTER WONDERLAND. Hectic activity. Clearing snow. Gritting. Many phone calls. Four-wheel drives to the ready. Superb teamwork. Pulling together. Schedules kept. And the final journey followed without a hitch.

A lovely, gentle service for Janet in a church full of family and friends. Her sense of fun and love of people reflected in the poetry. Committal in a plot facing her marital home. A fond farewell.

Mourners enjoyed a delicious hot lunch afterwards. A quiet beginning. The chat began as everyone thawed, warmed and relaxed. It rose to a happy, cheerful babble.

The **PCC LUNCH** proceeded without the Rector. His car remained attached to a recharging machine for several hours. A most relaxed and enjoyable time.

GRATITUDE to the two **JOHNS** et al for revamping and updating the sound system. Amazing. **TY**.

DEAN SARAH from the Cathedral visited the local Synod. **JUDY** relayed feelings of warmth, sincerity, common sense and determination pervading the gathering as Dean Sarah recounted experiences of her journey to Hereford. An enthusiastic response pleased our representative.

As **WE LOOK** forward to Mothering Sunday, Spring, Holy Week and Easter we reflect upon the **PEACE** we experience in our country against the turmoil in much of the world. Times may be hard but we are safe from many dangers. It is with delight that we note **ROBERT** and **SUE** will host the **BUTTY VAN**.

Take care. Stay safe.

Gwen

Eaton-under-Heywood Church are looking for a musician to play on the 4th Sunday of each month, at the 9.30 am service. If you are interested, please phone Revd Sam on 01694 722942. Any instrument is welcome!

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Flower rota

No flowers in Lent until April 8th

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

14th April Rosemary Allworth & Jean Webb 21st April Carole Davies 28th April 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

April 1st - Rosemary Allworth & Jean Webb 8th - Anita Pratt & Eve Dapling

15th - Isabella & Peter Jones 22nd - Angela Morris & Ruth Jenkins

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!

With a grant from the Bats in Churches Project we have purchased some material with which to cover the pews, keeping them free from bat debris. This has been cut up into lengths and hemmed ready for when the bats come out of hibernation. **Ruth**



Hope Bowdler Church are looking for a musician to join the rota of musicians who play at Sunday services. If you are interested, please phone Revd Sam on 01694 722942. Again, any instrument is welcome!

Hope Bowdler Church's treasurer is stepping down after many years, and we are on the look out for a new treasurer. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact Revd Sam on 01694 722942.

Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Flower rota

Easter: Pedestal: Saturday 8th April - Alison Themans

Please can everyone on the rota do a window arrangement on Saturday 8th April.

Pedestal: Saturday 22nd April - Ann Price

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

Cleaning rota

8th April - Derek and Ann 22nd 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.

The 'Butty Van'

We invite all in the Farming Community to come for a bacon butty and a chance to chat on Thursday 20th April from 10.30am - 12 noon

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Come as you are, we look forward to seeing you!

This event is supported by the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy which has now extended from Hereford into Shropshire
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Shropshire and Hereford Historic Churches Trust

MANY of you will remember **ROLAND BREAM**, a Trustee, and organiser of the Gardens Open Scheme.

He died, age 91, in January. His funeral was well attended.

LORNA, the Building Officer for the Diocese, informed the Trustees at the January meeting "the Church Commissioners released substantial funds to aid 'small' and 'smaller' churches to manage projects. Hereford will apply for monies." We await the outcome.

HB received a grant towards their organ project.

GATLEY PARK GARDEN will be open in support of the **SHCT** this summer: **JUNE 23rd, 2-5pm.**

For those of you who are unaware this is the home of our sitting MP, Philip Dunne.

We remember his maternal forbears of **HARTON MANOR**, are interred in St. Edith's Church. Memorial slabs on the floor to the left of the altar rail; next to the organ.

Gwen, Trustee

LETTER FROM HEREFORD FOR APRIL

On choosing a story

I always find Easter difficult to write about, which seems absurd because it is the most important and exciting time of the Christian year. The problem is that Easter- the Resurrection of Jesus- is massive and world-changing, but only if it is seen in the light of the human condition, life, suffering, and death. Without the context, it looks like a weird story of a dead god bounding back to life and scaring the big bad Romans and wicked religious people - Boo!

It's like something you might read in a book of myths and legends. And then there is the tricky business of the Christian claim that it is neither the stuff of myth nor legend because Jesus is still alive and active in billions of lives today. If you were creating a global religion from scratch you wouldn't start with all this. It's far too complicated.

But every day, I and countless others stake all that we are and will be on Easter and the person at its heart. We may be fools or we may be right. No priest or scientist, no philosopher or politician can prove it one way or another this side of the grave. And so we just have to choose which story we prefer to live by. Cue considerable decanal pinching from Bob Hartman, but it boils down to this:

The first story says: *A very long time ago, there was a series of accidents. Energy and matter and molecules collided and somehow, you are here today. By accident. Your fate is random and only fleetingly important to you and a few loved ones*

The second story says: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And you are here, not by accident, but because he designed you and loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.*

The first story goes on: *The fit live, the weak die, the vocal and the strong dominate. Survival is the game. Look out for number one.*

The second story goes: *Blessed are the meek, the poor and the peacemakers. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.*

The first story concludes: *You die. You decay. The end.*

But the second story doesn't have an end. *For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die".*

In church, we celebrate that second story daily, especially over Holy Week and Easter. It is your story and mine.

Come and see...

Sarah,
Dean of Hereford

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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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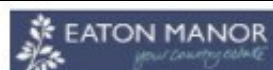
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Around and about 000000 News from outside the Four Parishes

Tuesday 18th April

Flicks in the Sticks

The April film at Acton Scott Village Hall will be "**Lancaster**" Cert. PG. From the English coast to the skies of war-torn Europe "Lancaster" tells the story of a young bomber crew as they fly a daring night raid over occupied France in the face of insurmountable odds. With machine gun fire and shells exploding all around them, the crew must remain undetected and focused in the darkness. From an award-winning director and an award-winning producer, "Lancaster" is a powerful and moving film with the plane itself as the star.

The film will start at 7.30p.m. Admission Adults: £5.00. Students £3.00



A date for your diary...

Saturday 27th May

StrettFest 2023

There will be a kaleidoscope of creative activities for you to sample and enjoy from the morning onwards on Rectory Field, led by our many talented local artists and organisations.

Following a picnic lunch, our one day festival will culminate in a joyful parade around the streets of Church Stretton and then finish with a celebratory sing for everyone on our return to Rectory Field.

You and your children can make colourful accessories you can then use during the parade itself as we walk and dance our way around our town. Other offerings will include: drumming, singing, try out sessions with musical instruments, craft activities... and a continuous array of music, drama and dance performances and workshops suitable for different ages and tastes.

Everyone in our community is welcome to get involved as a participant or helper to make this special day go with a swing. Please contact us if you would like to have more information and to be kept in touch with updates.

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STRETTONDALE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWS

Patient participation groups are nationwide and set up to be a route for patients to advise and inform their medical practice on what matters most to them, identify problems and to give to patients information which may be useful. The means of achieving this may be different for each group. Your SPPG committee feels we should act as a conduit between patients and the medical practice, acting practically where we can help. We are all volunteers and meet every 2 months or so. At present the mechanism for patient comments and issues to be dealt with is by patients writing their comments and placing them in the comments box located in the surgery to the right of the booking in screen. These should be general and not concern individual/medical issues which should be communicated to the practice manager. Ideally the box comments should include the patient contact details so we can contact them about any response. The box is emptied regularly and the contents discussed at the next committee meeting.

The medical practice has struggled for about a year to recruit more staff particularly for reception to deal with the increased work load but at last has succeeded. There is a new telephone call-back system but anyone using it should remain close to the phone as the system will only make 3 attempts to call back once your position is at the top of the queue. There are now sessions available at the library and Mayfair for patients with smartphones, tablets, I pads etc to book if they are not yet able to use this technology for e-consult, patient access etc. Ability to do this reduces some of the workload for the practice reception staff, freeing time to deal with patients who have no internet access.

Alison Phillips (chair)

Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice

Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice will close:

- From 6pm on Thursday 6 April until 8.30 am Tuesday 11th April. Please note the E-Consult service will close from Thursday 6th April at 12.00 and re-open at 8am on Tuesday 11 April.
- From 6pm on Friday 28th April and re-open on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.30am. Please note the E-Consult service will close from 12.00 on Friday 28th April and re-open at 8am on Tuesday 2nd May.

If you need medical help or advice during the Bank Holiday closures, please contact 111. Go to <https://111.nhs.uk/> or phone 111.

Patient experience helps work on falls

Patient and family experience of calling for an ambulance when somebody has fallen has helped Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care System when they were planning a pilot project to look at different ways of helping patients who have fallen in their homes. Healthwatch Shropshire and Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin, the local health and care champions, collected experiences and shared them with the local NHS and councils.

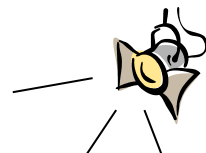
NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council have been working together with local Partners to develop a pilot programme to support people across the county who are at risk of falls or have fallen and need a responsive service.

The patient experience report, Calling for an ambulance in an emergency, can be found here,

<https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/report/2023-01-24/calling-ambulance-emergency>

Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent health and social care champion 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.

Spotlight on Cardington Capers



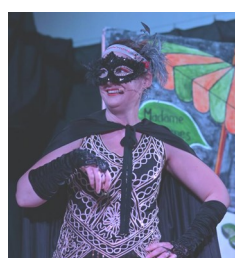
The Cardington Capers version of Beauty and The Beast was a fantastic success! We had a fabulous, talented cast, great technical effects and performed to three packed and very loud audiences!

Capers would like to thank everyone involved in performing, producing or coming to watch - it was an enormous collaborative effort, great fun and lifted everyone's spirits.

Frances Beck



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And finally and importantly, Cardington Capers would like to thank all those people who supported the raffle. The generosity of all the donors of prizes and all those who bought tickets was appreciated so much.

The initial aim was to help cover the costs of promoting drama for children. Not only was this achieved, but the surpluss was sent to the DEC Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal and with funds matched by the bBig Give charity, a total of £186.75 was sent.

Thank you so much.

Sue Sheppard

Spring is on its way....

As I write this, Britain is wrapped in a white blanket of snow, covering our homes, the hills, the fields and the daffodils, that are already gracing our gardens and verges.

Hopefully by the time you read this, the weather will be warmer, the snow will just be a memory and Spring really will be on its way.

For lots of children the snow has been fun, certainly beautiful to look at, but for many, it has also brought hardship and the cold has added to daily problems, and that includes people working outside, especially our farmers.

We offered to help care for this little lamb, rejected by its mother, cold and lonely.

Now, it follows us wherever we go, runs and greets us, comes running when we call it, pesters us for hugs and caresses and has grown from the tiniest weakling into a strong and healthy individual.

What joy it has given us!

Wishing you springtime joy and a Happy Easter!

Sue Sheppard



The Honeypot Book Reviews

Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce.

If you have read and enjoyed (or even if you haven't), Rachel Joyce's "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry," you will love this quirky tale.

Another pilgrimage of sorts, set just after the second world war. The main character, Margery, who is disappointed with life, sets off to New Caledonia, to find an almost mythical "golden beetle". Her intention is to capture specimens to present to the Natural History Museum. She acquires an unlikely assistant, Enid Pretty; all yellow hair and inappropriate footwear and together they survive many comical, and not so comical, adventures on the way.

The joy of this book is in giving us a glimpse into the lives of two very different women of the time and the value of true friendship.

Anne Davis



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

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FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE...

THE POST BELOW CREATED A LOT OF INTEREST...



The Honeypot Parish magazine is feeling cold.

Published by Sally Ann Western
Some snowy scenes from Peter Steggles, thank you! Spectacular scenes.....when did we last have snow like this, can anybody remember? (2 photos to the left plus others)

To see more of these lovely snowy pictures please check out our Facebook page. We wished we had space to include them all!

Below. 1. Carolyn Anstey, By Parson's Bank, Rushbury, 2. Gilberries Lane, Mark Hildich 3, Gaz Davis Enchmarsh

[Gill Barnard](#)

Last heavy snow was 2nd March 2018 according to my photo album (Beast from the East?)



[Helen Dancing-Bear Noblet](#)

This was taken in Jan 21, I think this was the last time it snowed.

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Easy Peasy Easter Nests

They look real (ish).

You CAN eat them!



You need;

200gm milk cooking chocolate, broken into pieces.

85 gm cereal. (crumbled shredded wheat is good but could be rice krispies or cornflakes).

2 X 100gm bags mini chocolate eggs.

Cupcake cases in bun tray.

Put chocolate into small microwave bowl, heat on high 50 seconds. Stir.

Heat in 30 second bursts til chocolate just melted.

Mix in cereal of choice.

Press a spoonful into the paper cases, making a nest shape.

Place three mini eggs in the nests and allow to set.

Yummy. Try not to eat them all yourself.

Anne Davis

News from Little Acorns of Rushbury



The children (and grown-ups!) were so excited to see the snow in March, and it was lovely to spend some time in Forest School building a snowman and having mini snowball fights!

We had our usual World Book Day celebration too – with a trip to the library and snack at Mr Bun's. The costumes were amazing, and the children took part in a "share a story" reading challenge, coming up with some innovative places to read including at the stables, at the seaside (very unusual in winter!) and in the swimming pool.

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



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Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

It's been another fun month for Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers!

In February, we enjoyed trying our hand at some basketball and dodgeball in Church Stretton Leisure Centre. We also hosted a Car Scavenger Hunt with teams collecting items and completing tasks on their way from The Pound in Leebotwood to The Royal Oak in Cardington!

We also took part in two of Shropshire Young Farmers' competitions. In the 'One Plus' competition in February, we had to devise our own 6 minute drama to perform at Whitchurch Civic Centre. We decided to base our performance on a class of unruly school children from Rushbury School who get up to no good... much to the annoyance of their long suffering teacher! And I am glad to say that we won!

In March, we competed in Shropshire Young Farmers' Sports Day competition, fielding a men's hockey team, as well as a women's rounders team alongside Ludlow Young Farmers Club. Well done to the ladies - who came fourth in the rounders!

This month, we would also like to welcome Amy Burgoyne who is now our new club Treasurer! If there are any young people who want to come and get involved, please do call/text Sarah Griffiths (Chairman - 07432290731) or John Lewis (Secretary - 07470290201).

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What skills are we looking for?

Someone who is reasonably confident with IT skills

Familiar with Microsoft Publisher

Confident with emails

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

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

Skillset:- IT and communication skills.

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

APRIL

1 Sat	Beauty and the Beast Recording. CVH. 7.30pm. <i>p4</i>
2 Sun	Easter Egg Hunt. RMG. 10.30am. <i>p5</i>
5 Wed	Flicks in the Sticks. THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN. CVH. 7.30. <i>p4</i>
10 Mon	DEADLINE DATE FOR COPY FOR THE NEXT PARISH MAG TO REACH THE EDITOR
12 Wed	Flicks in the Sticks. TICKET TO PARADISE. HBVH. 7.30PM. <i>p5</i>
17 Mon	EH&HB PC Meeting. TVH. 7.30pm. <i>p5</i>
17 Mon	Rushbury and District Records Trust AGM. 2.30pm. <i>p5</i>
17 Mon	Rushbury PC Annual Assembly. CR RVH. 7.30pm. <i>p5</i>
18 Tue	Flicks in the Sticks. LANCASTER. ASVH. 7.30. <i>p19</i>
19 Wed	R&C WI. CVH. 7.30pm. <i>p5</i>
20 Thu	The Butty Van. Bowman Hill Farm. 10.30am. <i>p13</i>
28 Fri	Pop up Pub. RVH. 6.30-10.30pm. <i>p5</i>

MAY

2 Tue	Cardington Parish Council Meeting. CVH. 8-9.30pm <i>p4</i>
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**Have you paid your 2023 subs yet?
If not please pay the treasurer before 15th April to ensure
delivery of the May Honey pot.**

The rainfall at Ticklerton in February 2023 was 14mm.
Claire Nicholson

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

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