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Dear friends,

I feel a sense of optimism at the time of writing this (early March). The days are now getting noticeably longer, daffodils are opening, and the air doesn't quite have the same cold sting to it anymore. We actually managed to plant some bulbs in our flower bed a few days ago, and I can't wait to see the flowers they produce in May and June. Putting together the rota of services for April has only added to this sense of optimism – it will be wonderful to meet physically for worship once again! There is a real feeling of hope in the air.

Such hope characterises the season of spring and is reflected in the Church's calendar too. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April we celebrate Easter Sunday, and it feels appropriate that this day marks our return to church worship (see service times in the church section of this issue). Easter is all about new-beginnings, and we very much hope that our services on Easter Day represent the start of a 'new beginning' in the life of the churches and society as a whole as we emerge from the pandemic.

Easter is also all about life and hope. We begin by recalling the pain, suffering, and isolation Jesus himself went through on Good Friday. Throughout this last year, in the darkest moments where I have struggled with the reality of what is happening, what has come to mind is the realisation that God himself knows what isolation and hopelessness feel like. He felt them all in Jesus on the Cross. Good Friday reminds us of this – it underlines the fact that God knows what it is to be human, even in the most desperate of situations. It reminds us that we are not alone when we find ourselves in those dark moments.

But then, we wait. We wait for Easter Sunday. We wait for the Resurrection, where Jesus overcame and defeated death itself with the power of God's love and life. In doing so, he made it possible for us to experience that love and life in our own lives. On the Cross, Jesus took all those things we struggle with as people, died with them, then overcame and defeated them as he rose again.

It is easy to get so used to the celebration of Easter, that we forget how powerful and hope-giving this reality is. Jesus died and rose again. Nothing, not even death itself, can hold God back. Nothing can hold back His love. Darkness and despair will never win. In the end, light, hope, and life always come.

*'Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.' Psalm 30. Verse 5.*

Have a safe, blessed, and peaceful Easter.

**Sam**



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## Cardington News

### Cardington Capers

Not to be deterred by Lockdown, Cardington Capers have produced a Pantomime for 2021 by recording a 'topical' version of 'Snow White and the Six Dwarfs' using Zoom.

From Saturday 13th March this has been available on YouTube. It's free to watch and to find it please search on YouTube for **Cardington Capers Snow White.**

Capers usually makes a donation to a charity after each Pantomime and this year we are supporting the **West Midlands Air Ambulance Service.** If anyone wants to contribute (think of it as in lieu of your ticket price!) please give online via this JustGiving page,

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Many thanks - we hope you enjoy watching as much as we enjoyed making it! There are a few DVDs - if you can't access YouTube and want to order one please call 01694 771894.

The photograph is of Tim Barker, who despite living in the Isle of Wight managed to join us as the Dame - one of the real advantages of using Zoom!



### Cardington Tote Winners:

#### March winners

1st	£50	181	Sam Baker
2nd	£20	80	J E Bevan
3rd	£20	169	Phil Secrett
4th	£10	45	Steve Pennington
5th	£10	160	Liz Fullbrook

### A date for your diary...

*Tuesday 4th May*

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

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

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## EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The draft Minutes of the parish council's meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 are available to view on the parish council's website. The councillors were joined by two Shropshire Council Traffic Engineers, Mr Gradwell and Mr Newton who gave advice on the following topics:

*A parishioner's request for street lighting and railings at Mount View.*

The Engineers advised that as the Mount View environs have not been adopted by Shropshire Council these requests are a matter for the housing association and individual private owners of the properties.

*A parishioner's complaint that loose chippings on the road are damaging vehicles.*

The Engineers promised to liaise with colleagues to get the chippings removed.

*A request from some parishioners that a pavement be built from the top of Mount View down to Lower House Farm for the safety of pedestrians.*

The Engineers had visited Hope Bowdler and advised there is insufficient space available for a pavement to be constructed the whole length requested and in any event Shropshire Council has absolutely no money now or in the foreseeable future for such infrastructure work, even if it were viable.

*What measures can SC and/or the parish council take to enforce the speed limit through Hope Bowdler?*

The Engineers advised the speed limit signage and road markings could not be improved. They suggested either verge mounted entry gates incorporating 30mph signs or vehicle activated speed warning signs (VAR signs) were options, of which they recommended VAR signs as being the most effective. However, Shropshire Council has no funding available to pay for them. The Parish Council is therefore currently exploring whether any grants are available as the cost would be approximately £3130.00 plus VAT and installation costs for each sign.

**Parish Council Elections** are to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Anyone wishing to stand as a parish councillor needs to obtain a nomination pack from Shropshire Council and have a completed Nomination Form submitted by hand by 4pm on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic the meeting on **19<sup>th</sup> April 2021** will be held via Zoom and details of how to join a meeting will be on the agendas, which can be found on our website or obtained from the clerk.

***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](http://www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk).***

***Also on the website are the contact details for all councillors and the clerk, information about the parish council's accounts and audits and copies of minutes, agendas, protocols and financial information.***

**To contact the Parish Council, please call the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett, at 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG, tel. 01568 770741 or by email at [eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com](mailto:eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com).**

## Rushbury News

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### Rushbury Parish Council

Rushbury Parish Council will be holding its Annual Assembly meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via the Zoom remote platform. Everyone is welcome to dial in. For access to the meeting please contact the clerk at [rushburypc@gmail.com](mailto:rushburypc@gmail.com). Copies of the reports presented will be placed on the Council's website following the meeting.

### RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**[www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council](http://www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council)**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Rushbury and Cardington WI

Well, what a strange year it has been! Some of us have surprisingly mastered Zoom - not always at the beginning of a meeting - but we get there! With Liz Fullbook at the helm & Rosemary Shepherd frantically writing notes & efficiently sending us emails soon after. We look forward to the time we can meet face to face and see all the members.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm we have a Zoom meeting 'Learn to draw cartoon characters'. No artistic skills needed, just pens/pencils & paper & a sense of humour!

**New members are always welcome.**



### Rushbury Tote Winners: January:

£40 to Pam Hartley  
£10 to Lorna Taylor  
£10 to John & Theresa Woodward  
£5 to Rob Henderson

### February:

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£10 to Renee Webster  
£10 to John & Theresa Woodward  
£5 to Andrew Henderson  
£5 to Sarah Madeley

### March:

£40 to Barbara Pugh  
£10 to Jeff Griffiths  
£10 to Grace Medlicott  
£5 to Pauline Griffiths  
£5 to Georgina Churton

## Welcome....

Jess Lippitt and Neil Hayward moved into Rushbury Parish on 20th February 2021 and presented their first born just over a week later.  
Samuel William Hayward 3rd March 2021. **Congratulations!**



## Goodbye and thank you....

After being associated with Rushbury for over 11 years we have reluctantly decided it is time to move on to pastures new. Whilst we have not lived in the village full time over the years, we have certainly enjoyed the time we have spent here. Our neighbours have been quite exceptional, and we would like to thank them all. Times have been quite different since we moved back permanently but hopefully with the vaccine things will get back to normal.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy future.

Kind regards

**Anne and Bob Curtis, Church Cottage.**

## Apedale Amblers

There will be no further leader led walks for the time being.

We cautiously, and with everything crossed, look forward to resuming our weekly walking group by July, hopefully at the latest. The rule of six applies from the 29th March so you may like to organise yourselves to walk with up to six of you.

Merle Lippitt has printed walks of the immediate locale if you need inspiration for your own walks. 01694 771405. Look out for messages on Facebook and in other places for details of when we may be able to reopen.

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

## Rushbury Village Hall News

### Refurbishment of Ladies Toilets

Unfortunately our grant application was unsuccessful. The committee have reviewed the plans. The good news is that the work will go ahead using local tradesmen and some voluntary help. We look forward to you supporting our fundraising events when we can open the hall.

**Merle Lippitt**

*Saturday 4th September*

### Rushbury and District Flower and Produce Show

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

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

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

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

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

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

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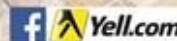
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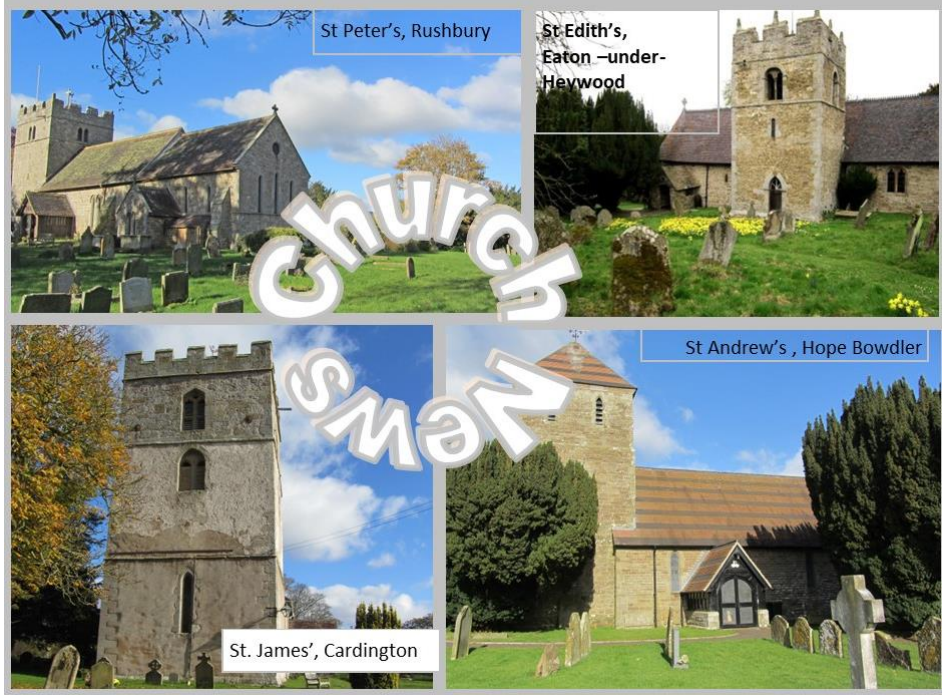
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Services and rotas will apply only if current regulations allow.

# **SERVICE TIMES for April**

Services in our churches resume on Easter Day.

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

## **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Day**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Cardington
9.30am	Holy Communion	Eaton
11.15am	Holy Communion	Hope Bowdler
11.15am	Holy Communion	Rushbury

## **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Hope Bowdler
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## **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Eaton
11.15am	Holy Communion BCP	Hope Bowdler

## **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Cardington
11.15am	Holy Communion	Hope Bowdler

## **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am	Lay-led Morning Prayer	Cardington
9.30am	Holy Communion	Eaton
11.15am	Holy Communion	Rushbury

## **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:**

**Dorothy Cox** - Aged 92 - Funeral held at Shrewsbury Crematorium on 15th February 2021

**Vivienne Riley** - Aged 73 - Funeral held at South Shropshire Remembrance Park on 20th February 2021

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the families in their loss.**

## ***Notes from St James, Cardington***

As we hope to move tentatively towards normal services we will gradually settle back into our previous routine of rotas, but for the time being there are none. We do hope the church can be full of flowers for our first service on Easter Day. **Thank you.**

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

### **Flower rota**

Rosey

### **Cleaning rota**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Ann and Megan	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rosey and Diana	25 <sup>th</sup>	Gwen and Sarah
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## **MORE SADNESS**

We all wish to express our condolences to Rushbury for the sudden loss of their hardworking and charming treasurer. We wish the family well as they attempt to cope with their loss.

## **NOTE THE CHANGE**

Driving from Craven Arms towards Bridgnorth the sign at the entrance to the old Bishop's House now reads 'The Archdeaconery'.

## **SAINT DAVID'S -March 1st**

The Met. Office recognises this date as the official day of spring. Early hints of the golden yellow in daffodil heads. Blooms visible in windows. Stimulation and release.

This year, more than ever, we can appreciate William Wordsworth's famous line; "I wandered lonely as a cloud" and his amazing word picture of the "host of golden daffodils".

The cold, brisk, clear days of this early March enabled the gardeners and home dwellers of the parish to clean and prep their plots. Warmly dressed residents are walking to and fro', not scurrying head down against the dark winter elements. Lambs can be seen, farm buildings lit all night for calving too, machinery and slurry tanks are trundling along the lanes as Spring is sprung. We all await.....

### **EASTER DAY JOY**

A long-awaited return to worship in Church and the Benefice comes.....

The call to prepare and decorate will now come. It will be a pleasure to see each other, share time and space. Routine satisfaction; if not a return to the old normality.

Roll on our calendar year. Electoral review in hand. Process for PCC's AGM's is discussed. Time allocated within restrictions. At least we can sustain ourselves and, hopefully, remain vibrant and financially secure.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Clear concise, precise information, as hard paper copy in the post, relayed from Mandy Mc Phee. Wonderful. Compliance is in hand.

It is also excellent to learn expected changes to some of the "Abuse laws" in respect to sixteen and seventeen year olds are proceeding. To bring the responsibilities and expectations of behaviour for faith leaders and sports coaches in line with those of education professionals and social workers is long overdue.

Progress in the House. Media coverage well done, so far.

### **THE YOUNG ONES MUST COME FIRST**

Their much-awaited return to their schools and some sport activities is a milestone.

AND to know that Year 6 are awarded their places for September. There will be a future.

### **BELIEVE IT.**

Keep safe.

Gwen

## **Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler**

### **Flower rota**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> **DECORATE FOR EASTER - ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS PLEASE.**

April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Allworth, Jean Webb

April 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Davies

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Anita Pratt and Evelyn Dapling

April 10<sup>th</sup> Angela Morris and Sue Koenig

April 17<sup>th</sup> Carole Davies and Tricia Bacon

Work has continued on treating the wood inside the church. The church wardens have been ably helped by Jeff Webb, Isi and Peter Jones, Richard Barrett and Rosemary Allworth.

Outside,  
Peter  
Morgan has  
been  
keeping the  
churchyard  
tidy.



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## **Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury**

WE HOPE TO RETURN TO ADVERTISING THE CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER PEDESTAL ROTAS VERY SOON. WITH THANKS TO OUR TEAM OF HELPERS!

**Rushbury Church is open by appointment for individual private prayer.**

Please contact our churchwarden Darren Merrill to make arrangements.

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

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

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

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# LETTER FROM THE BISHOP FOR APRIL 2021

I've lost count of the number of times people have said to me, "everything happens for a reason." It is normally in response to a personal tragedy or unexplained event. I often wonder what evidence lies behind that assertion. The desire to see meaning in the apparent chaos of the world seems entrenched. Of course, It could be an evolutionary artefact, like seeing patterns in the clouds, leftover from a need to make sense of the world so our ancestors didn't get eaten by sabre-tooth tigers! Faith in that sense would be believing something in spite of the evidence, or despite evidence to the contrary.

Christians use the word faith very differently. In the New Testament, it's not seen as an abstract quality, where someone might have 15 units of it, another 30 or another 5. It's always faith in something, much more akin to trust than a set of intellectual convictions. For the first disciples, it was staking their lives, both now and in eternity, on something they passionately believed to be true. The root of their (and our) conviction is that Jesus rose from the dead. They witnessed it with their own eyes. We continue to believe the evidence for this historical event is compelling and have experienced the lifechanging reality of encountering Jesus. To speak of the resurrection as a metaphor or in spiritual terms like 'he rose in their hearts' would have made no sense whatever to the disciples. The reality was difficult to comprehend, but they couldn't deny the evidence of their own eyes and fingers as they reached out to touch him.

The resurrection was the final evidence they needed that the claims Jesus made during his earthly life were true. This was more than just a man, but in a real sense, God squeezed into human form. St. Paul put it very starkly, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God!"

How very joyous then, that He has!!

Christ is risen: He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

+Richard

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

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

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

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

**WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND HEREFORD DIOCESE** - explore [www.hereford.anglican.org](http://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 Rev. Sue Jelleyman, or one of the churchwardens (details listed on the Church contacts page).

**HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE TAKEN TO PEOPLE AT HOME** if they are unable to get to church. Contact Revd. Sue Jelleyman, one of the churchwardens or one of the parish-link people if you would like either of these or if you know of someone else who would.



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South Shropshire Climate Action was set up in November 2019 following a large public meeting in Craven Arms of concerned citizens.

SSCA's objective is to create an action plan for the achievement of Net Zero Carbon emissions in South Shropshire by 2030 and, in conjunction with others, to implement the plan as far as possible.

There are three working groups focusing on Buildings & Energy, Transport and Land & Biodiversity – and a fourth group concentrating on Communities and Education including the creation and maintenance of a website so that materials are available for community groups and schools.

We are contacting local organisations of all kinds to see how we can learn and help with mitigating the climate and ecological crisis. If you would like us to be involved in your climate emergency discussions, please get in touch at [info@southshropshireclimateaction.org](mailto:info@southshropshireclimateaction.org). Our second online conference is planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. There is still time to join one of the working groups. And we would be pleased to hear from you if you would just like to know more.

## How well is Urgent Medical Care working in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin?

From December 2020, NHS England launched a new system called NHS 111 First. If you have an urgent, but not life-threatening health problem you can now contact NHS 111 First to find out if you need to go to A&E.

The public are encouraged to call NHS 111 to be directed to the correct service, whether that is an Emergency Department (Accident & Emergency), their GP, or self-care. The new service aims to reduce waiting times at EDs and limit the number of people in waiting rooms, to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Lynn Cawley, Healthwatch Shropshire Chief Officer, told us, “**NHS 111 First** was implemented in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin in December and we would like people to share their experiences of ringing 111 and how they were helped to access the right service.”

**People can let us know by filling in our online survey at: [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/urgent-medical-care-survey](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/urgent-medical-care-survey) or [www.healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk/nhs-111-first-survey](http://www.healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk/nhs-111-first-survey) or giving us a ring on 01743 237884 or 01952 739540 and staff will fill out the survey for them.**

**Rotary in Church Stretton** can tell you what we do, but please tell us what you would like us to do!



We donated £500 to Making Memories at Christmas to help families in crisis. Our annual contributions include – Hope House Children's Hospice, Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, Severn Hospice, Midlands Air Ambulance, Polio Plus, Royal British Legion, Local Primary Schools, Women's Refuge. Other donations were given to the Australian Fire Appeal, Loft Arts, Street Pastors, Visor Appeal for NHS, Read Easy Shropshire Hills and Guide Dogs. Despite all the problems we faced due to the pandemic we managed to exceed the funds raised in the previous year thanks to the generous people in our community.

Other activities we participate in include Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract

*All are welcome to join Rotary irrespective of gender, race, creed, religion, political persuasion, or sexuality. We can offer alternative membership options either full membership or associate membership costing only £25 for the year as an introductory offer.*

If you would like to get involved with helping us to achieve even more, please visit [www.rotarygbi.org](http://www.rotarygbi.org) or contact me [dereksmith42@hotmail.com](mailto:dereksmith42@hotmail.com) – phone 01694 723189, Membership & Publicity Officer

## Welcome to.....Apedale Special Birthdays or Occasions

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE NEW NEAR TO YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT THEM SO THAT WE CAN SEND THEM A COMPLIMENTARY HONEYPOT AND IF THEY ARE HAPPY FOR US TO DO SO, PUT THEIR DETAILS IN THE MAGAZINE.

OR YOU MAY KNOW OF SOMEONE WITH A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY OR EVENT COMING UP.....

A WEDDING OR A NEW BABY....

If so, please email Mary at:- [marythowden@gmail.com](mailto:marythowden@gmail.com)



## Parish Council News

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

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



### Spotted while walking....

It is the root end of a fallen tree on a footpath near Lower Stanway. Perhaps someone can identify the Beast?

**Lawrie Donnison**

Photograph: David Jones

**Have you spotted something unusual while walking?  
If so, do share it with us.**

### April 21<sup>st</sup> is World Curlew Day. Have you spotted any curlews this year?

A message from Stephen Cox.....

There have been a pair on Hope Bowdler Hill and a few on the Long Mynd.

If they were spotted the curlew group would be delighted to know.

<https://curlewcountry.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/colour-ring-sightings-updated-2021.pdf>



Image:  
[www.pixabay.com](http://www.pixabay.com)

**See Rushbury School page (opposite) to find out about the pictures below.**





# News from Rushbury Church of England Primary School

[www.rushburyschool.co.uk](http://www.rushburyschool.co.uk)



THANK YOU TO SHROPSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST FOR SENDING IN THIS LOVELY ARTICLE AND PHOTOGRAPHS ABOUT THE PROJECT RUSHBURY SCHOOL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. WE LIKED THEIR DRAWINGS SO MUCH WE DECIDED TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU (See opposite). WE KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY THEM! WHY NOT USE THEM TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN?

## Shropshire Wildlife Trust

### Children's bird drawings bring joy

Shropshire Wildlife Trust's Feed the Birds project, which matches volunteers to those at risk of social isolation through bird feeding, has adapted and continued to operate throughout the pandemic.



Ludlow Wildlife WATCH group supported their local scheme by asking children to draw birds to give to the recipients of bird feeder kits distributed to hundreds of households during the first lockdown. These proved so popular it was decided to produce a chart of common garden birds to give to participants throughout Shropshire. Schoolchildren from Rushbury and Whixall primary schools got drawing too, resulting in a delightful double-sided A4 identification guide. "Everyone smiles when they look at it!" says Diane Monether, Feed the Birds project Co-ordinator. "I really liked drawing the pictures because of all the bright colours of the birds," said 9-year old Rosie Cashmore from Rushbury School.

Bird feeder kits and ID charts have now been given to over 750 households in Shropshire including care homes, people shielding, the elderly, key workers, young families; people struggling with debt or mental health problems; people whose day care centres were closed and people living in rural areas, isolated from their families.

You can find out more at

**[shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feedthebirds](http://shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feedthebirds)**. "We are currently looking for more volunteers for Feed the Birds in and around the Whitchurch, Whixall and Ellesmere areas," says Diane. Please contact her [dianem@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:dianem@shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk) if you're interested and would like to know what is involved.

#### Photos

All: taken at Rushbury School.

Picture with 4 children back, left to right: Freya Bromley, Rosie Cashmore, Front, left to right: Lexie Brown, Essence Grainger.



# The Honeypot Book Reviews

## Keeping a secret by Jemima Briggs

Book eight in the Linmore Series. Published by Amazon.

If you saw the name "Jemima Briggs" on the cover of a novel depicting someone in eighteenth century costume you would have no idea that the author originated from the Corvedale in Shropshire. Brought up in Aston Munslow her family lived in a cottage next to the "Swan" pub.

Real name Janet Bradley, she attended Diddlebury Primary School and Ludlow Grammar School as did her husband Ernest Lewis, so some of you may have known them.

She loved history and loved Shropshire, especially the Corvedale and Stretton hills, so after researching her family history her head was full of characters and stories about her birthplace. Thus began the saga of the Norbery family of the Linmore Estate, their neighbours and employees. All place names have been changed but you may recognise some of the landmarks.

There are now eight books in this saga which are best read in order, but each book can also be read as a stand-alone.

1. *Brothers at arms* 2. *Counting the cost* 3. *Held to ransom* 4. *Estrangement* 5. *Hiding the truth*  
6. *Living in the Shadows* 7. *Finding her place* 8. *Keeping a secret*



Image; from the author's website

Reviewed by Meg Campbell

**WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN READING. BOOK REVIEWS OR RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITOR: [honeypteditor@outlook.com](mailto:honeypteditor@outlook.com)**

## From our Facebook page.....



Visiting bullfinches gave us much pleasure over the winter months with as many as 6 appearing in the garden at one time on occasion.  
**Andrea Millard**



**Karen Griffiths**  
Walking to Cardington.



**Carolyn Anstey**  
Sunday 28  
February. Just up  
from Wilstone  
Farm, Cardington.



**Karen Holdsworth**  
One of a group  
of frosty photos  
posted by Karen.

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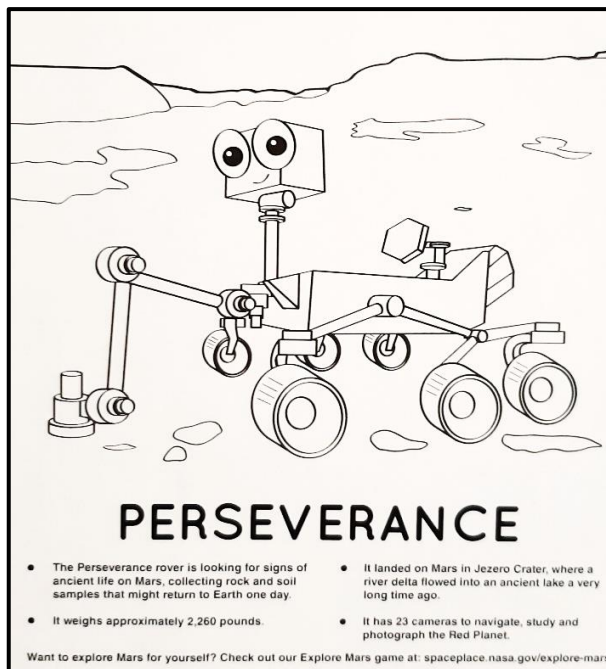
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## HAVE YOU HEARD?

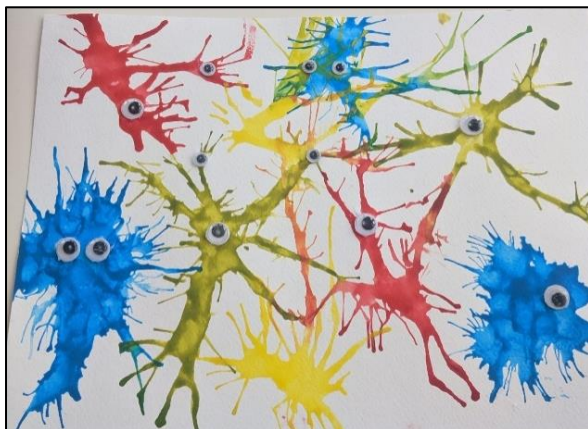
On the 18th February this year, a robotic rover called Perseverance was safely landed on the planet Mars. It looked a bit like this....



It was sent in a rocket and took 8 months to get there. It is an amazing achievement. It will take rock and soil samples to try and find out if there was ever any life on Mars.

If there had been, do you think it could have looked like this?

To make a picture of your own aliens you will need:



Watery paint, a paintbrush, glue, a

straw, paper, googly eyes or make your own from cut paper and black felt tip.

Use your brush to drop a small amount of paint on your paper. Blow the puddle with the straw to make the paint run in all different directions. Good strong short puffs are best. Repeat all over the paper. Let dry and stick on as many eyes as you like.

Anne Davis.

## News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

We were so pleased to welcome all our children back on March 8<sup>th</sup> – they have settled back in so well and had fun playing with their friends. We can't believe how much the children have grown over the past ten weeks! It is lovely to see signs of spring in Forest School and we have enjoyed some milder, drier weather (some of the time anyway!). The climbing tree and balancing boards have continued to be a firm favourite, and the children even discovered how to make a seesaw. We have been busy making Mother's Day cards too – and hope all the Mummy's had a lovely day.

I am hopeful that we will be able to hold our stay and play sessions again soon and welcome some new children into our little group. If you would like more information, please contact Elaine by e-mail [info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk](mailto:info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk) or visit our website [www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk](http://www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk)



Our seesaw



Finding beetles



Mother's Day cards



## This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

### APRIL

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT CARDINGTON CAPERS ZOOM PANTOMIME. p4**

- 10 Sat**      **Deadline date for copy for MAY parish mag to reach the editor.**  
**19 Mon**      EH&HB Parish Council Zoom meeting. p5  
**19 Mon**      Rushbury Parish Council Annual Assembly Zoom meeting. p5  
**21 Wed**      R&C WI Zoom meeting. 7.30pm. p5

### MAY

- 4 Tue**      Cardington Parish Council Zoom meeting. 8pm. p4

### **Some Honeypot News.... THE DIGITAL HONEYPOT**

Now we have returned to a printed format it seems a pity to lose the digital Honeypot altogether. Your parish councils were contacted to see if any or all of them were willing to host a Honeypot archive on their websites. Thank you to **RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL** who have agreed to do this. You will therefore be able to access digital back copies of The Honeypot through their website in future.

[www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council](http://www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council)

The rainfall at Ticklerton in February 2021 was 91mm.

**Claire Nicholson**

### **SMALL Ads**

**MY NAME IS MADELINE EGAN**, (previously of Sayang House).

My husband and I have now moved to ANNAGMORE. I have always had a love of cooking, doing breakfasts, evening meals, and catering for small parties. I can now only cater in people's houses, or drop off. If anyone would like a luncheon, evening meal, or small party catered for in their home please contact me. I can cater for most diets.

Please note our new contact details. Tel. 01694722930 Mobile 07877836511 Email ***madegan@aol.com***

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