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Dear Friends,

It remains difficult this year to predict what might be going to happen even just a few weeks ahead, given the continuing uncertainties resulting from the continued presence with us of the global pandemic.

I pray that children will now be able to prepare with some confidence for a return to school and this is not going to cause too many concerns for parents and families.

I suspect that some of you might already have met our Rector to be, the Reverend Sam Mann out and about, as he and his wife were planning to move into the Rectory at Hope Bowdler in August. He will formally take up office on 22nd September and I, for one, am really looking forward to working with him.

Sam will be introducing himself to you on this page next month. I think we can look forward to a fresh voice and a fresh eye on our communities.

Meanwhile the churches will continue to offer opening times for private prayer, times are being published on church noticeboards, please do check in case of changes since your last visit. As I write in mid-August, it looks as if St Edith's in Eaton will also be able to open soon, the restoration work on its windows having been completed.

That said, I am hoping that we will have been able to start to offer Sunday worship in the Apedale before we are too far into this month. Do keep an eye on local noticeboards and the online Honeypot and the Facebook pages for details. This is unlikely to be following our former timings and probably will involve just one group service in one of our churches to start with and we will need to work around a smaller capacity in the churches and other formalities to ensure everyone's continued safety, just like shops and other locations are having to do.

You can be assured, of course, of a warm welcome for all,

With my love and blessings,

Sue

This month's copy should be with the editor by
Thursday September 10th
Alterations to contact details on the inside cover or the two Church information sections, need to be with the editorial team before the first day of each month.



Cardington News

Tuesday 1st September

The next meeting of **Cardington Parish Council** is planned for Tuesday 1st September to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 8pm and it is hoped that restrictions are lifted to allow this to go ahead.

Residents who have any concerns about matters in the Parish, or wish to raise any issues at future meetings are welcome to contact the Clerk,

Jennie Griffiths Tel 01694 751326 Email clerk@cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk

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3rd	£20	56	Kay Davies
4th	£10	196	Dawn Rigby
5th	£10	51	David Pooler

August winners

1st	£50	3	Barry Campion
2nd	£20	138	Christine Dunn
3rd	£20	128	Isobel Welch
4th	£10	14	Sarah Madeley
5th	£10	100	Roy Davies

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Eaton-under-Heywood News

Ticklerton Village Hall has had an exterior makeover - a new coat of paint. **Claire Nicholson**



EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next parish council meeting will be on *Monday 21st September 2020, 7.30pm* in Ticklerton Village Hall, assuming there has not been a second wave of Corvid 19 resulting in a resumption of the lock down arrangements. Please check our website and notice boards in September for further information.

The agendas for meetings are posted on the notice board in Hope Bowdler and in the bus shelter in Ticklerton and on our website which is 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 Rusett, at 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG, tel. 01568 770741 or by email ateatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com

Hope Bowdler News

Muriel Wallace Since moving to Cressage with her family, Muriel Wallace has, for various reasons, decided to resign as Church Warden of St Andrew's and from the PCC. We would like to thank her most sincerely for the enormous contribution she has made to church life while living in Hope Bowdler, in so many ways - serving on the PCC, singing in the choir, playing the organ, serving on the fundraising committee, being on the prayer rota, to name but a few. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

Barbara Stubbs spent several months of lockdown surrounded by 90+ boxes containing her goods and chattels while her house move was on hold. In June she was allowed to move and has taken up residence in Myddle to be near her daughter. We wish her well and much happiness in her new home.

Welcome

Meanwhile we would like to extend a warm welcome to Rosie and John Rowlands who have moved into Ashdale, Hope Bowdler, from mid- Powys.

We also extend a warm welcome to Jenny and Mervyn Lewis who have moved into The Old Orchard.

We are particularly pleased and grateful to Mervyn who has agreed to take over Head of Distribution for the Honeypot in Hope Bowdler.

Rushbury News

Apedale Amblers

If you would like to resume our Tuesday morning walks this month, please meet at Rushbury Village Hall at 10.00am. Social distancing rules will be observed.

There will be no Sunday walk this month.

For any further details contact Anne Davis 01694 771824.

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Saturday 5th September

Rushbury and District Flower and Produce Show

We are pleased to say that so far 10 people have come forward expressing a desire to exhibit at our Alternative Produce Show. If you would like to create a display, please contact Merle Lippitt on 771405 to make an appointment to deliver your submissions. Bring them along, by appointment, on the afternoon of Friday 4th September. Come and see what everyone has been up to on the afternoon of Saturday 5th September. **Entry will be free.**

A chance for the serious competitors to show off their hard work..... but no competition. All winners this year!

A chance for the rest of us to show off our wonky fruit and veg with pride. No need to worry if it's big enough, round enough, all the same size. Just create a lovely display.

Show off your Corvid Crafts, and your Lockdown Leisure Activites. Did you discover new recipes from your store cupboard ingredients when supplies were short? Or are your flowers in the garden more glorious because you had more time to tend them?

Nothing going to be ready at the time of the show? Then take a photograph and show that!

Come along to see what everyone has been doing on Saturday 5th September at Rushbury Village Hall. If the weather is good everything will take place outside. Inside or outside, everything will happen in a Covid-Safe manner, with separate entry and exit points, a one way system for viewing and plenty of handgel.

Unfortunately there can be no refreshments. However if the weather is good, some may like to picnic on the Millennium Green.

DO COME ALONG!

IT IS SO GOOD TO HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

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Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP), since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Mr Chris Maclean, Clerk and RFO to the Council at Hillfoot House, Lushcott, Easthope, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6EE. Telephone: 01694 771376. Email: rushburypc@gmail.com

Inspection period ends on Friday 11 September 2020

Details of the Year End financials also available on the Council's website.

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

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Millennium Green

A little bird told me that John and Josie Griffiths have spent many long hours clearing and tidying up a large part of the gardens on the Millennium Green. Peter Steggles has spent time there too.

The photographs show the results of their hard work. Thank you! It looks as though the local wildlife is appreciative too.



Also enjoying the Millennium Green, the members of **Coffee Craft** managed a socially distanced meet-up. "Good to see everyone again, very successful." **Peter Steggles**.



Celebrating VJ Day

Rushbury Records Trust may not have been able to hold their planned celebration in the Village Hall in August.

However **Colin Stevenson** and **Lawrie Donnison** still managed to get together to raise a toast to their dads, who, by coincidence, both returned from the war on the Queen Mary, although they never met.



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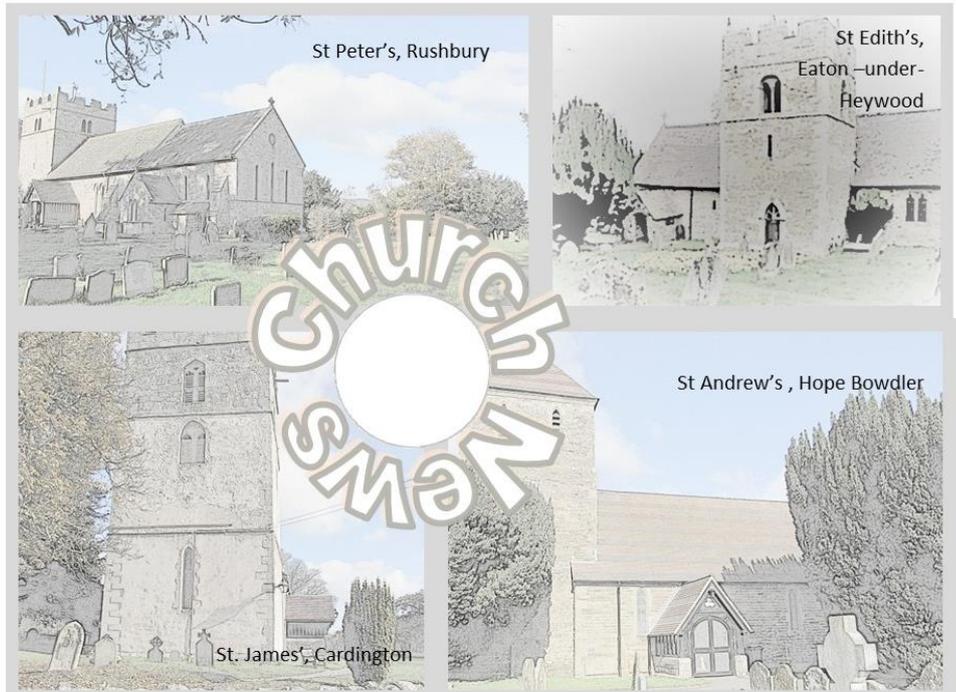


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SERVICE TIMES for September

Notes from St James', Cardington

Services at St. James', Cardington

The results of the survey carried out by the PCC have been gathered together and show that 9 people would wish to come back to church for services, 2-3 are not sure, and a substantial number really are not willing to return just yet. These have been passed on to Revd. Sue Jelleyman for clergy to use when planning ahead for services.

Shirley McNicol. PCC sec

Saturday 12th September

SHCT Ride & Stride

I hope you enjoyed the lovely page of garden pictures in the July HoneyPot – if you did you were not alone! (See the letter from Tim Beath, whom many of us remember with great affection and gratitude from his time with us as Churchwarden at Cardington)

Usually we can count on the Open Gardens day being a great success socially, horticulturally and financially, and this year we are missing all three greatly; but such is the popularity of the gardens event that it has tended to overshadow that other fundraising day for SHCT, the Ride & Stride in September.

So I am delighted to hear that this year it IS going ahead after all!

Along with St. Peter's, St. Edith's and St. Andrew's I'm sure, Cardington church has taken an enormous financial hit this year, which is reflected across the diocese and in charities everywhere countrywide.

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You will have seen mention of exploits on my ebike from time to time in the HoneyPot: I can thoroughly recommend it as an alternative form of exercise, for although it has a battery, that only delivers power when the pedals are turning and so a workout is achieved without resulting in my being poleaxed by it or risking a cardiac arrest, even on the hills all around us (for example Roman Bank, Stone Acton Hill, Harley Bank)

I am going to take part in this year's Ride & Stride and having looked at the map I can see a potential 10 churches I could visit on that day and would like to invite you to sponsor me please!

I'll take photos to show where I've been as the churches themselves probably aren't being manned this time, and where I can I'll ask people to sign my sponsor form, or I'll sign for them as they witness it. Perhaps it may be possible to show some in a future HoneyPot?

If not, and you are able to support me, could I ask you to email or phone me and I will fill in your name on my sponsor form, please?

My email is shirleymcnicol@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01694 771385

Then all we (I) have to do is pray for a good day – not too hot would be ideal, with no rain just perfect!

Those who know me are aware that I hate riding in wet weather - but I will be going – rain or shine.

Thank you and wish me luck! – I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Shirley McNicol



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

The work on our windows is now complete.

Look on our noticeboard for details of when we may reopen.

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Thank you to all the people who are helping to keep St Andrew's open on Wednesdays for private prayer. The church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 10–11am and 7–8pm.

A special thank you to Sue Powell-Jones for her flower arrangements in the church porch.



Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Rushbury Church is open by appointment for individual private prayer only. Please contact our churchwarden Darren Merrill to make arrangements.



Jimmy James

(Based on the tribute given at his funeral by his son Ian.)

Jimmy was born in 1935 and as a small boy during the second world war followed the activities of his father and uncle who served in submarines. He had what was probably a unique opportunity to visit U-Boats and their crews at the end of the war when his father was involved in submarine decommissioning at a Glasgow naval dock.

Jimmy himself joined the Merchant Navy and his son Ian records that his old passports showed that there appeared to have been few parts of the world that Jimmy hadn't visited.

Jimmy and Doreen met at Barking Technical College and soon after their sons were born Jimmy joined the Power Generation Service and worked in shifts, thereby having more time to spend with his sons.

In 1987 they moved to Rushbury, where they settled very quickly soon becoming very much part of the community. Jimmy was involved over the years with many community activities, such as the school, rambling and the parish magazine, and was a great supporter of the village hall and the Rushbury fete. He became tree warden (Ian says 'appointed himself'). He was involved in planting trees all over the area and had a particular penchant for black poplars. When the Millennium Green was laid out, it was Jimmy who 'masterminded' much of the tree planting involved, including the Millennium Avenue that leads from the Village Hall towards the village.

As well as being a regular member of the worshipping community at St Peter's Church, Jimmy has also offered huge service to the church over the years and leaves a huge legacy of work that he has done, especially with the church tower and clock.

Even during his final few months, he worked in the clock tower repairing the quarter hour strike, despite struggling to climb the stairs. He replaced all of the 100-year-old wires and reset the clock striking mechanism, giving the clock more accuracy.

Ian ends his tribute to his father with the hope that when residents in Rushbury village hear the church clock strike, they will, from time to time, think of Jimmy.

I'm sure they will - and certainly it will be a long time before those attending the Church will forget Jimmy's legacy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doreen and Ian and all their family at this time.

Sue Jelleyman

The 'Butty Van'

For Farmers and other agricultural workers:

The "Farmers Butty Van" cannot be held at the moment, because of the Covid 19 restrictions. However, it will resume as soon as possible after the restrictions are lifted, and we will very much look forward to seeing you then. Please phone one of us with your contact details, if you would like us to let you know the date of the next Butty Van.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact Wendy Rogers on 01694 771201, Sam Campbell on 01952 510946 or Paul Tremberth on 01952 510547.

This event is supported by the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy which has now extended from Hereford into Shropshire
The Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy provides a confidential listening ear and pastoral support to farmers, farming families and agricultural communities.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN FOR September 2020

Hereford Cathedral has seen great upheavals during its 1300 year history. In 1055, when the Welsh invaded Hereford, the cathedral was sacked and burned and the cathedral clergy killed. Later, in 1349, Hereford City was gravely hit by the Black Death and here and across the diocese, over one quarter of all clergy died of the plague. The Reformation dealt a great blow to cathedral worship and although many of our treasures were spared, there was seismic change in the community and in our forms of worship. In the next century, the Commonwealth – the cathedral choir disbanded for fourteen years, only to be re-instated in 1661. The list continues – a huge disruption in the 1860s, when the cathedral, in a parlous state of repair, was closed for five years while restoration work took place, and the cathedral congregation worshipped at All Saints. The cathedral has seen more recent upheavals – the *Mappa Mundi* crisis of 1988-9 and in between all these major matters, the constant round of ‘ups and downs’ of life, as in any community.

And our story can be re-told in the parishes of the diocese. Like the Mother Church, parishes have seen major upheavals in their lives through the centuries and have been borne through them by faithful clergy and congregations.

Like you, we have been weathering the storm of COVID 19. It has brought huge challenges to us all – challenges to our worship and way of living and worshipping – nearly all our events planned for the celebrations surrounding the 700th anniversary of the canonisation of St Thomas of Hereford, have had to be cancelled. There have been challenges to our pastoral care; challenges to our finances. In the cathedral, we have had little or no visitor income for months and our commercial operations have been dormant, with several staff made redundant - and we expect to end the year with a £210,000 deficit. But thank goodness for faithful giving through the Parish Giving Scheme - this has continued throughout this difficult period and has enabled us to have a source of income on which we can rely. I hope and pray that you, too, have been able to rely on regular givers to continue to support your work and ministry, even in these difficult times.

What we all find difficult is the *uncertainty* – what will Christmas look like? How will we ever return to ‘normal’? You know what the 19th century Danish philosopher, Schopenhauer said? *We live life forwards but understand it backwards*. That’s why a sense of history is so important, whether it be in cathedral or parish – we look back to previous times of upheaval, and when we look, quietly and prayerfully, we so often find that God was there, supporting us, with His ‘everlasting arms’. As I write this, I have been thinking about the gospel for this Sunday, the ninth Sunday after Trinity, where Jesus bids Peter come to him – Peter sets out, but is overwhelmed by the tumultuous waves. It is Jesus’ words and actions which save him, re-assure him, encourage him. As we look back to our past, may we be even more aware of Jesus’ abiding care for us - may our God sustain us in this uncertain future and may He give us real hope for all that shall be.

God bless you all

Dean Michael

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PRAYER AND CARE. In situations of illness or distress and need for prayer and perhaps visiting, please contact (with the permission of those affected) the Revd. Virginia Clements the Rev. Sue Jelleyman, or one of the churchwardens (details listed on the Church contacts page).

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Around and about..... News from outside the Four Parishes

ROTARY CLUB OF CHURCH STRETTON

ANNOUNCING PLANS TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHARITIES: CYCLING, WALKING & WINE TASTING

CYCLING FOR HOPE HOUSE

Patrick Lewis is one of our senior Rotarians and probably one of the fittest. He is accustomed to long distance cycle riding and yes, he has completed the Lands End to John O'Groats ride. In August he will complete a sponsored 100-mile road ride and later in the year will undertake a static bike ride in our Market Square. He will be joined by other Rotarians who are determined to help and raise funds for Hope House.

WALKING FOR CHURCH STRETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Marcus Cash will be managing a sponsored walk along the Offa's Dyke path starting from Kington and finishing above Knighton – a distance of approximately 16 miles. Marcus is a retired headmaster and has taken various school groups along the length of Offa's Dyke and so an ideal person to lead this event. The walk will take place on Tuesday 22nd September. Starting time to be advised later

CHEESE & WINE TASTING VIRTUALLY? FOR SEVERN HOSPICE

This is planned for Wednesday 30th September and the objective is to raise money for the Severn Hospice. A wine expert will take the tasters through six different wines and suggest a list of cheeses or nibbles that are appropriate to each wine. The wines will be decanted into plastic tasting bottles and delivered to each household on the day of the event. The cost is £20 per head and there will be a raffle at £5 a ticket.

**For further information please contact: Derek Smith, Publicity & Membership Officer
01694 723189 or email dereksmith42@hotmail.com**

Flu jabs and on line booking

In response to communications from Church Stretton Medical Practice about the availability of flu jabs for those between 50 and 64, as well as those who usually qualify, Shirley McNicol wished to pass on the following message:

I logged on as usual for getting repeat prescriptions and making appointments, followed the pathway and now have my flu jab booked. It looks a very safe set up and so I hope lots of people will feel confident and get theirs as usual. There's a phone number too. Shirley McNicol

NB. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ASKS THOSE BETWEEN 50 AND 64 TO WAIT TO BE CONTACTED INDIVIDUALLY AS THE VULNERABLE AND AT RISK NEED TO BE VACCINATED FIRST.

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Something to watch out for....

Saw this **Scarlet Tiger Moth** in my garden (on some hollyhocks) recently. Very exotic. The image is how they look with their wings open. We will look out for their very colourful caterpillars.

Anne Davis.



We thought you might enjoy sharing these thoughts from one of our postal readers.

Dear Editor (Andrea)

You cannot know how much receiving The Honey_pot magazine means to me. Each edition carries within it wonderful memories of my eleven years as a Cardington villager - none more so than this July's edition with it's evocative spread of the Cardington (Open) Gardens photographs, reminding me of so many owner friends and their involvement in village life - the inimitable Ben Hutchinson at the Old Vicarage among them; and in Claire Nicholson's super photo from the top of Caer Caradoc on page three I can not only see the Lawley and the Wrekin but also the track running along under the north side of the Lawley (which I learned was once the target area for 6 pounder gun practice during WW2 - I recall Robert Pennington telling me that one round landed in the Royal Oak car park on one occasion). That track was (is?) a fine blackberrying and cycling route.

Anyway I did not intend to waste your time with personal reminiscences;

I just want to confirm that I am more than delighted to receive the Honey_pot in digital form - I should have done that earlier. You and your team do a marvellous job for the Four Parishes and us outlanders, some of us crumbling a little but with vivid memories of the past (I am days away from being 89). So please add me to the digital list.

From perusing your Honey_pot Magazines I have totalled sixteen of my friends from the past who are still active one way or another in support of their village, church, magazine or the Community generally, including my co-Warden and firm friend Robin Maydew - that is since 2002 when Em and I moved to Lincolnshire; what a tribute to them all and to the Four Parishes. How sad, of course, has been the Roll of great personalities who have passed away during that period - the latest that I see you have recorded being Jimmy James, such a good friend and ally to so many; poor Doreen and her family.

Finally, please give my particular regards to Shirley McNicol, your Collator-in-Chief whom I have known and greatly admired for eighteen years - clearly as selfless and as hands-on as ever (now with an electric bicycle for the SHCT Ride I see!). I love her Michael Morpurgo gem - the poem about "The Frog"!

I read that your Archdeacon writes in his August Newsletter about a friend who "... understood that leadership began and ended with servant-heartedness...". Lots of that around within the Four Parishes as far as I can see.

With warm regards to you and your team,

Tim Beath

Mr Beath is one of our postal deliveries who has of course been receiving his magazine through the post as normal during lockdown. He will of course receive his printed Honey_pot as usual this month as we are now back in print format, but can access the online version too if he wishes.

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Catching up!

We were wondering what **Zella Griffiths** was finding to do to fill her time since finishing her stint as treasurer for the Honeypot.

Well, on 16th August (according to Facebook) she collected these beautiful little hoglets for drop off at **CUAN Wildlife Rescue**. Then helped to clean out some of the other hoglets that have been rescued. Lots of youngsters and adults of various mammals and birds being well looked after.

Keep up the good work Zella!

And thanks for sharing your photos with us!



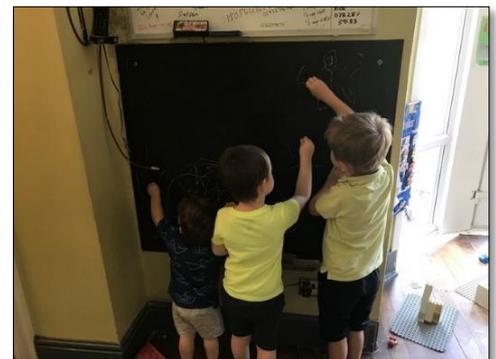
Woodlands News

Well, here we are after a very different school year, winding down this year and already planning for the next.

One thing to take forward I feel, is looking for the positives.

The picture shows three little men, at differing stages of their early years, all happily enjoying the chalk board. The children have been in mixed groupings since we came back from lockdown. It was a delight that they all came back as if they had never been away and seemed to slot back in. The challenges seemed to be for the staff who have never done so much cleaning!

I have had the chance to work with staff I don't usually work so closely with, we have all had to adjust to supporting children younger or older than we are used to, but it has been good, with laughter and fun as ever.



Moles are attacking the lawn here, but they have taught me something - the soil they bring to the surface is lovely for the mud kitchen. So, thank you to the moles, if we collect the soil carefully (and the children have enjoyed the collection) then the grass looks almost the same, as the mole hole (good rhyming practice) is only small.

Here's to the school leavers off for their new adventures and September bringing us new challenges one and all in the Woodlands family.

Moriel Gidney.

News from Rushbury Church of England Primary School

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For the last few weeks of the summer term, most of our children returned to school. At this time, more than ever, we appreciate what a wonderful, spacious site we have. The children were able to spread out across the classrooms and outdoor areas and enjoyed a happy and stable return to school life. We were unable to organise the usual end-of-term events. However, we gave our Year 6 children the task of organising alternative events, which they did with great success!

Sports Day

From start to finish, the Year 6 organised sports day with a difference. By combining our usual school 'houses' of Caradoc, Lawley, Ragleth and Callow they formed two new 'houses': *Ragadoc* and *Cawley*. The children split into 'bubbles' and enjoyed an afternoon of sporting competitions. The Year 6 children compered the event, set up races and presented prizes. Staff races were also included! Well done to our Year 6 for organising this excellent event.



Captains from the winning team *Ragadoc* run their lap of honour with the sports day trophy.



Thank you to the Year 6 who presented the school with these scale models of the bench they have bought as a leaving gift to us all. The full-size bench is due to arrive soon.

In place of our traditional annual leavers' service at St Peter's Church we organised a special last day lunch. The Year 6 children planned and set up this lunchtime event outside. Trestle tables laid with white tablecloths and flowers were arranged, the sun shone and a lovely time was had by all.

Lunch was followed by speeches, shared memories and presentations. This year's achievement trophies went to Emily Child for English and mathematics, Josie Wilson for the creative arts, Evie Medicott for sport and Ryleigh-Mae Young for all round contribution to school life. We wish our leavers all the very best for all they do in the future.





Did any of you do the Great British Butterfly count in August?

We did (although too late to send it in... must do better next year) and it encouraged us to come inside and make butterfly pictures when the weather changed to rain.

Why don't you make some too?

We folded our paper in two, cut out half of a butterfly shape, and painted our designs on one wing to make a SYMMETRICAL butterfly picture.

SYMMETRICAL means it is exactly the same on both sides.

ST EDITH'S HAVE HAD THEIR OWN BUTTERFLY COUNT DONE AS PART OF THEIR "CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE" SURVEY.

On one day 8 different butterfly species were spotted.

They were peacock, small tortoiseshell, ringlet, speckled wood, large white, green veined white, hedge brown and small skipper.

If you spot any other butterfly varieties in St Edith's Churchyard you can update the record here: <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/recording-2/share-your-records/>

News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

We really missed our sports day and party this year, but had lovely last day of term in Forest School and said a sad goodbye to our leavers. The tipi was decorated with bunting and we celebrated with doughnuts and cookies. Everyone found a present with their name on – lots of bubbles, fun and games!

We wish all our grown up Little Acorns all the best at Rushbury school, and look forward to welcoming some new children in September.

Little Acorns have some spaces left for the autumn term, so please contact Elaine by e-mail:- info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk for more details or visit our website www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk



Finding presents



Forest School musical statues!



Bubbles

This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tue Cardington Parish Council. Provisional Meeting Date. *p4*
5 Sat Rushbury and District Flower and Produce Event. *See page 5.*
10 Thu Deadline Date for **OCTOBER** copy to reach the editor.
12 Sat SHCT Ride and Stride. *p12*
21 Mon EH&HB Parish Council Meeting. TVH. 7.30pm. *p4*

**APEDALE AMBLERS ARE NOW WALKING ON TUESDAYS. (See page 5 for details.)
THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY WALK THIS MONTH**

As things become nearer to normal, we can only guarantee inclusion of news which reaches us before the cut-off date.

We are however very aware that things are changing all the time at the moment and often you may be waiting for a meeting or guidance before making an announcement. We will do our best to accommodate you if it is at all possible, but ask that you advise us that your news is on its way and ask if it is possible for us to add it late (sometimes it may not be) and perhaps advise us of how much space to reserve for you.

Do continue to put your own posts and pictures on our Facebook page. Suitable items from this page may also be added to the HoneyPot at an appropriate time.

We are aware that it may still be difficult for some of our readers to access their printed copy therefore we are intending to continue to post a digital version in the form of a pdf for you to view or download on our parish council and school websites until the end of this year. This will also ensure continuous access if any further lockdown was to be set in place making it difficult to print or distribute a printed version.

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