

HOPE AND SHELVE CHURCH PARISH

Services during December

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday Holy Communion at Shelve 9am

Sunday 10th December – Traditional Carols by Candlelight at Hope 3pm

Sunday 17th December – All-age Christingle service at Shelve 4pm

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Communion at Hope 9am

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day Communion at Shelve 9.30am

Sunday 31st December – Group service at St George, Pontesbury 10.30am

I have to own up to being very fond of Christmas. I love the preparations, putting up the decorations, receiving Christmas cards and letters, and singing carols. Just as well you might say, with my job, since Christmas is pretty important to the church! Amidst all the twinkling lights and wrapping paper, it's a time for us to remember where it all started, with the birth of a baby in humble circumstances.

There are a number of special events happening this month as we celebrate Christmas, including our Christmas fun afternoon in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th December. Suitable for all ages, there will be free activities including Christmassy crafts to make, as well as refreshments and stalls selling homemade cakes and decorations. We are not expecting Santa to visit, but there will be gifts for the children.

Our traditional Carols by Candlelight will take place the next day, Sunday 10th December at 3pm in Hope Church. Or come to Shelve church the following Sunday the 17th, for our All-Age Christingle service. I can promise there will be twinkling lights at both, and refreshments afterwards.

I'm conscious that at Christmas we are often most aware of those loved ones we have lost. So, a reminder that there is a prayer tree in Hope Village Hall where you can hang a tag with the name of a loved one, or write a prayer. Or, if you would appreciate some quiet moments before the busyness of Christmas, do visit Shelve church, which is always open for visitors.

Wishing you joy and peace this Christmas season.

Rev Fran Brealey, Associate Minister, Pontesbury and Stiperstones benefices, with lead responsibility for Hope and Shelve.

Tel: 07982324760. Email: revfran@btinternet.com

Rea Valley foodbank



COMMUNITY APPEAL

The Rea Valley foodbank Community Appeal has been well supported and we wish to continue into the New Year. These are the darker months and many Clients struggle, you support not feeds the household that need assistance it also sends a message that we care as a community.

Rea Valley was set up in partnership with Shrewsbury Food Bank PLUS. The valued support from Shrewsbury means that our Foodbank sessions in Minsterley and Pontesbury are supplied with donated food, toiletries, cleaning products and household items for individuals and families every week.

We desperately need in-date tinned and packet foodstuff, toiletries, cleaning products, pet food and nappies. If you are able to donate and can help us to help others in our community please drop off at the following venues, at the dates and times listed. **NOTE New more convenient time for Worthen**

Hope Village Hall	**Worthen Village Hall**
Every 2nd Wednesday 12 noon until 2:00 pm	Every 3rd Wednesday 08:30 am until 11:00 am
13th December 10th January 14th February 13th March	20th December 17th January 21st February 20th March

Members of our team will be there to collect donations and provide a warm welcome. Thank you!
For further information please email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

"The Marches Choir present a "Big Christmas Sing!"

On Wednesday 13th December, The Marches Choir, conducted by Alistair Auld, will present their "Big Christmas Sing!", a festive evening of carols and Christmas music in St John's Church, Bishops Castle.

The choir will sing a variety of seasonal pieces, including "Past Three O'Clock", a lively traditional carol, and "Il est né, le divin Enfant", a delightful French carol. Chris Lacey will delight with a flute accompaniment of the beautiful "Sans Day Carol", and as usual there will also be a number of carols for audience participation. Children and families are especially welcome, and there will be some special carols in which the children in the audience will be the stars!

The concert will start at 7.00 pm, and tickets (£8, children and students free) are available by calling 07806 433394, online from TicketSource (https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-marches-choir/t-zzkdqmd), or can be purchased from choir members or on the night."

Hope Village Hall AGM

Hope Village Hall is registered as a charity and run by a committee of volunteers. We will be holding our AGM on **Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7pm.** The meeting is open to the public and we would also welcome anyone interested in joining our friendly committee!

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 2ND December 2023

10.00am – 12.00noon

Hope Village Hall

In aid of Hospice at Home



Stalls: Cakes
Raffle
Christmas Stall
Lucky Squares
Seasonal Refreshments



Donations welcome beforehand, please contact
Clare Bennett – 01743 790419 or Deborah Davies – 01743 891414

Hope and Shelve churches
CHRISTMAS FUN AFTERNOON

Saturday 9th December
2.30 - 4pm
in Hope Village Hall

Christmas Crafts and Fun
Free activities for children and adults
Refreshments and stalls

BIG CHRISTMAS SING!

COME AND SING
CAROLS WITH THE

MARCHES CHOIR

Conductor - Alistair Auld

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13th 2023
7.00 pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
Bishop's Castle

Children and families especially welcome!

Tickets £8 on 07806 433394 or online from TicketSource



Children and students FREE

www.marcheschoir.org.uk

BINGO
Family Fun Night

In aid of Hospice at Home

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2023
Doors Open from 7.00pm
(Eyes Down 7.30pm)
Hope Village Hall

Bingo Books
£10 for 6 or £5 for 3
To include a strip of raffle tickets

Donations of Raffle Prizes would be greatly appreciated.
Please contact Clare (790419) or Deborah (891414)

Refreshments will be available on the night

Brian DODD - a tribute



After living locally for nearly 30 years, in 1996 Brian Dodd and his wife, Tessa, moved from our community and set up home in Bishop's Castle. Unfortunately, Brian died on 21st October, at the age of 97. Although it's nearly 3 decades since they moved away they retained several close friendships in the area and some of you will undoubtedly remember the couple. What follows illustrates the early life of Brian Dodd and is taken from the tribute paid to his father by Tessa and Brian's son, Jason, at Brian's funeral on 13th November and I am very grateful that the family have allowed me to record the tribute here.

Brian was born on 27th September 1926, not long after the General Strike. He was the second son of Alfred Henry and Roberta Dodd and the family lived in a post first world war housing development in Shrewsbury not far from the river.

Thanks to the modest but stable income that Brian's father, Alfred Henry, earned from working as a post office clerk on the night-trains operating between Shrewsbury and the North-West the Dodd family managed to avoid the hardships that many working families endured during the late 1920s and 1930s.

Roberta was a generous cook, providing hearty meals for her growing sons and husband. Despite his lean frame, Brian's capacity to consume large plates of food with relative ease never really left him and memories of events and places were often linked with having had a good meal. Food was an important part of his life but he really never took much interest in the preparing of it, just the eating of it. Towards the last few years of his life Brian probably did more food preparation by chopping vegetables, while sitting on a stool in his BC home, than he did in the previous 95 or so years. As Alzheimer's caught hold, he would often say, during meal-times, 'food's not bad here, is it'.

Growing up during in early 1930's Shrewsbury was a safe and happy place for young Brian but as the decade progressed the dark clouds of war were gathering. Even during the war, Shrewsbury was still a relatively safe place, compared to many others, with only three recorded air raids and three casualties throughout the war. One memory which stayed with Brian was watching the Stiperstones ablaze as a result of an incendiary attack after the Germans mistook the rocky outcrops as some kind of collection of heavily reinforced factory units and decided to bomb them. Needless to say, the wimberry crop (or bilberry crop depending on where you are from) was somewhat ruined that year.

Like most boys' schools during the 1930's the Priory School for Boys in Shrewsbury organised and ran military cadet cadres in order to prepare the boys for the inevitable military service once they reached military age. Brian followed his brother and opted for the Air Training Corps (ATC) and his aim and dream like so many of the boys at the time, was to become a Spitfire pilot. One of his proudest moments was when a brand-new Spitfire, fresh off the production line at Castle Bromwich was put on display in Shrewsbury as part of a war-bond fund raising effort. Brian was chosen from his ATC unit to sit in the cockpit of the Spitfire and show members of the public what the controls were for and how to fly the plane.

Sadly, but probably luckily for Brian, his opportunity to fly never came. As he reached 18 in September 1944, (3 months after D Day) the Ministry of War decided that it had enough pilots and Brian was assigned to the Army. No choice. No appeal.

On 23rd December 1944, two days before Christmas, Brian shook his father's hand on Shrewsbury station and boarded a train to Snaith in East Yorkshire to begin his Army Basic training. But things did not run

smoothly for him; the cocktail of inoculations recruits were given at the time caused a severe reaction and Brian spent several weeks in a military hospital in Selby.

In April 1945, Soviet forces invaded Berlin and Germany surrendered on May 6th 1945. Two weeks after the surrender, 18 year old Private Dodd arrived in Berlin with 2nd Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. The four Soviet/US/British and French military sectors had not been set up at that point so they were able to visit the freshly vacated Fuhrer Bunker and other infamous sites that had only recently been taken from the Nazis. Later, Brian attended the Nuremberg Trials and also did a spell of guard duty at Spandau Prison.

The destruction of Berlin and the effect on its people had a lasting impression on Brian and his strongly held view that military conflict is never an answer stayed with him all his life.

In complete contrast to the awful destruction of Berlin, he was later posted to Jamaica for the final part of his military service. It took another 15 or so years before Jamaica gained independence but Brian witnessed the start of the transition from a British Colony to an independent nation.

Brian always blamed Hitler for ruining his education by preventing him from going to University and it was true that there were at least five years' worth of young men and women before him, who had put their education on hold during the war.

There then followed a period of finding himself. Literature and poetry had always been a passion for Brian and through one tenuous link or another, he secured a place at RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art), graduating in 1951 and becoming a professional actor.

RADA 1951 Alumni include household names like Paul Eddington, Joan Collins, Gerald Harper and David McCallum. One of Brian's stories is that he once shared a flat with the Invisible Man, after David McCallum had starred in the 1970's TV series. There is also a story about Joan Collins [but that was not shared with the congregation at Brian's funeral].

Brian became lead Actor at Derby Repertory Theatre but times were changing and TV was starting to replace Rep Theatre. No doubt, had he stuck at it, he would have made a living in TV but acting relied on an alternative income whilst 'resting' and Brian needed to find a more stable job.

During his time in the Army, he had helped in the Army Education Corps. Literacy and numeracy was poor amongst many recruits who had been called up so it was probably this experience which led him to his next and final career; teaching. It was at Teacher Training College in Dudley that he met his future wife, Tessa. They were married 65 years ago on August 29th 1958.

Brian's first teaching post was at Mary Webb School in Pontesbury. A few years later an opportunity came up to join a new type of Comprehensive school in Fairford, Gloucestershire as head of English. The Comprehensive School system concept worked and Brian was a firm believer in it all of his life.

Despite living in Gloucestershire, the Shropshire countryside never left Brian's heart and in 1968, a two up two down ruinous cottage with some fields was bought on Bromlow Callow. Holly Cottage became the family's second home throughout the school holidays and close local friendships were formed.

[Because it identifies local residents and places, this tribute is a very helpful addition to the records maintained by the Hope and Bentlawnt Local History Group. We would welcome other such documents, as and when they become available, so that we may honour the memory of your loved ones.]

Remembrance Day

Saturday 11th November was a lovely autumn day and over 40 attendees were at the war memorial in Bentlawnt for the community Act of Remembrance in memory of all those who died in the two world wars, but particularly for the large number from our own community who lie at rest in many parts of the world.

Our gratitude is extended to Rev Fran Brealey, our new Associate Minister with responsibility for Hope and Shelve, who conducted the service and to Clive Rowe for his beautiful but poignant rendition of the Last Post as a prelude to the 2-minute silence.

Wreaths were laid by Ralph Graves on behalf of the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Hope and by David Stacey on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.





IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN IN BOTH WORLD WARS		
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John G. GUNNERY	James GWILLIAM	William EVANS
Charles HARRIS	Thomas HUGHES	Gordon REDGE
Leonard JACKS	William JOHNSON	William RUFF
Frederick J. JONES	Jack JONES	George WALTON
Josiah W. JONES	Richard JONES	
Francis MADDOX	John E. PARRY	
Seymour PHILLPOTT	John T. POWELL	
Phillip PREECE	Richard J. PRYCE	
Eli PUGH	John ROWSON	
Richard J. G. VAUGHAN		
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM		

Bringing warmth to our local Community – an appeal on behalf of charity Community Resource

As the wintry weather sets in we turn our thoughts to those in our community who are vulnerable to the biting cold and the financial strain of rising energy costs. Community Resource's "Warmer Winter Appeal," embodies the spirit of compassion, unity, and support that defines your parish.

What is the Warmer Winter Appeal?

Our "Warmer Winter Appeal" is a heartfelt effort to provide warmth and comfort to local vulnerable households who find themselves at risk of fuel poverty during the colder months. For over a decade, Community Resource has been dedicated to supporting those in need, and this campaign is an extension of that commitment.

Why Does It Matter?

Rising energy costs, coupled with the economic challenges of recent times, make it increasingly difficult for many households to afford the basic necessity of a warm and comfortable home. The "Warmer Winter Appeal" is our response to this challenge, a way to ensure that no one in our community has to endure a cold and uncomfortable winter.

How Can You Get Involved?

- Donate: Your generous contributions to the "Warmer Winter Appeal" will go directly to providing essential support to households in need. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference.

Spread the Word: Share this initiative with friends, family, and fellow parishioners. Encourage others to join us in making a positive impact in our community.
Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those facing fuel poverty in our community. As the days grow colder, let us come together in the spirit of giving and support.

To make a donation please visit - https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/shropshirefuelpoverty or email our Fundraising Manager – Stacey.teece@community-resource.org.uk to discuss other ways to make a gift.

Community Resource is an operating name of the Community Council of Shropshire A Company Limited by Guarantee 4652487 and a Registered Charity 1096779. Registered Office Address: Community Council of Shropshire, 4 The Creative Quarter, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG Tel: 01743 360641

The Mobile service that comes to Hope Village Hall is the Sabrina Mobile Library. This vehicle has been off the road following a road traffic accident, but back to its normal schedule from this week.

The Sabrina Mobile Library visits Hope Village Hall on Route 3, alternate Wednesdays, from 1pm to 1.50pm.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 29/11/2023
- Wednesday 27/12/2023 – NO VISIT (Christmas)
- Fortnightly from then on

Wednesday 13/12/2023
Wednesday 10/01/2024

We have a map of all our routes and stops on our website here:
https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-libraries/

NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

Well we have certainly had our fair share of rain this autumn with storm Babet delivering an awful lot of water in a short time, which as many will be aware, has caused considerable damage to some of the tracks on the hill, particularly up Perkins Beach. We have put up closed signs on this bridleway for safety reasons, due to there being an eroded crevasse over a metre deep in places. Work should be starting on its repair soon and will certainly be completed before Christmas and the boxing day "Dash or Dawdle".

The increase in occurance of storm events is one of the predicted consequences of climate change, however severe storms have been witnessed before, with one of the worst being on the 27th May 1811. The following is the report from the Shrewsbury Chronicle detailing the event:

On Monday afternoon a violent storm of hail, with thunder and lightning was widely felt, particularly S.W. of this town [Shrewsbury]. The air was sultry, the lightning very vivid, and the thunder is described by persons near Minsterley to have been similar to the report of many cannons immediately over their heads: near the Snailbeach, hailstones two inches in circumference lay almost a foot deep. About five o'clock in the afternoon, a cloud burst upon the ridge of hills called the Stiperstones, and a torrent of water, with irresistible force and thundering sound, rushing down the hill side, swept away several cottages belonging to the Snailbeach miners. Part of the vast body of water took a direction through Habberley, but the greatest quantity pursued its course along the valley through which runs the Minsterley Brook. From the vicinity of Mr Nailor's Hoxton Mill, buildings and everything in its way were overwhelmed: and our readers may form some idea of the bulk and impetuosity of the torrent, when they are told, that among many others which it tore up by the roots, one tree, containing about 80 feet of timber, was floated over meadows more than a mile.
Between 5 and 6 o'clock the deluge reached Minsterley, flooding almost every house in the village. Mr. Vaughan, a farmer, was swept away from his fold, and carried several hundred yards through the bridge, where the current threw him upon a pig sty, from whence he climbed to the roof of a house and was saved: his sister was carried a great distance and left in the branches of a tree; but so much bruised that she is not expected to survive: not a trace is left of his threshing machine or stabling, but five horses escaped. Thirteen persons were miraculously saved in the Angel later the Bath Arms] public house: on the first alarm they ran upstairs, and when the water had reached the second story, they clung to the rafters, while the stabling, with all other contiguous buildings, and indeed the whole of the house, (except the room in which they were suspended) were swept away. In the stables were 17 horses and they swam out. The stables of the Reverend Mr. Williams, and part of the church-wall, are both carried away. The persons who perished in this village were Mr, Hoggins, a farmer, Holmes, a labourer, and another person: The body of the former was not found yesterday.

If you are out and about on the hill over Christmas look out for the large flocks of thrushes that come to the reserve to feed on the berry bearing trees such as rowan, hawthorn and holly. The redwings and fieldfares come all the way from Scandinavia to join our resident thrushes, and mistle thrushes can often be heard defending their favourite bushes from these viking raiders.



Also take time to watch the ravens as they are likely to be showing off their aerial skills to each other as they pair up ready to nest as early as January. They are best watched at the top of the steep hillsides where they use the uplifting air to better perform their acrobatics.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy New year from Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL
Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: November 2023 – Newsletter

BISHOPS CASTLE & RURAL SNT are based at Bishops Castle Police Station, Union St, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AJ.

We work in the Parishes and area's of Bishops Castle, Mainstone, Colebatch, Clun, Llanfair Waterdine, Newcastle on Clun, Bettws-Y-Crwyn, Stowe, Bucknell, Bedstone, Hopton Castle, Clungunford, Aston on Clun, Hopesay, Clunbury, Edgton, Wistanstow, Lydbury North, Lydham, More, Norbury, Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Stiperstones, Worthen and Chirbury.

Team details

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 0640 Jenni Price
Safer Neighbourhood Police Constable: PC 3331 Stuart Coote
Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 6160 Shaun Culliss
Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 40516 Calvin Brown
Team Email: bccar.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

West Mercia Police contact numbers

Emergency: 999 **Non Emergency:** 101

Bishops Castle Police Station (not for reporting): 101, Extension 770-4901

Report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/

Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111

Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

Twitter: @SouthShropCops

Facebook: Bishop's Castle Policing Team Rural Watch

West Mercia POLICE

CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes or investigations are recorded below due to the sensitive nature or ongoing investigations.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

16th October 2023 – 14th November 2023

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Suspect has failed to return trailer which had been loaned	Worthen	Enquiries ongoing
Criminal damage			
Malicious communications		Chirbury	Historical report

Heather's Report for November 2023

Flooding: The last few weeks in October brought a succession of storms across the country bringing flooding to many parts. It was particularly bad in our area on 18th/19th October. Traveling around our Division I came across flooding on all our many roads as well as many minor ones. Pontesbury, Minsterley, Welshpool and Churchstoke were also hit.

Three action points from this:

i. Worthen with Shelve Parish Council are going to order additional sandbags and flood sacks for Worthen and store them away from Millstream. They are setting a central storage point and an action group from residents.

ii. I am going to renew my efforts for work to be done on the streams in Worthen and Brockton. I have been pushing for action here for months but getting Shropshire Council to act is extremely difficult (we only have 2 flood officers left for the whole County). We need agreement between the Council, Environment Agency and Natural Resources England before the EA will issue a licence to clear sections of stream and it has to be done at specific times of the year.

iii. Most importantly can you please tell me of ANY flooding problems you may have had especially if they threatened your home? I need evidence to badger to Shropshire Council on gullies that have not been emptied and a host of other causes of flooding

Sewage: The flooding has also caused the sewage system to overflow in some places. Please let me know about these too.

Shropshire Council Finances: Many of you will have seen the BBC report on Shropshire's finances the other night. The savings for this year are £51 million and the gap in the budget for next year stands at£24 million A combination of local mismanagement and poor funding from Central has led to the Council having to cut back on services which in turn leads to lousy roads, blocked drains and floods.

Hope School site: Cornovii, Shropshire Council's Housing Developer, pulled out from building of this site because of drainage issues a while ago. As we go to press the Council has put the site on the market for possible development.

The North West Relief Road – many of you have contacted to give your views on this road which will link the bypass around the north of Shrewsbury. The news is that it passed through the first stages of planning but needs to return for the conditions to be put in place. The business case is yet to be brought forward and there are a number of other hurdles. We are a long way from it being a done deal at present.

Heather

Heather Kidd Councillor for Chirbury & Worthen
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Hope School development site

On 28th October 2023, the old Hope Primary School site was offered for sale by the Shrewsbury commercial sales agent, Towler Shaw Roberts LLP (TSR). The property comprises the former school building, together with its 1.175 acres of land and the asking price is for offers over £250,000 for the freehold interest.

The property is described as an attractive residential opportunity and although the sale is for the freehold interest there is mention of, 'Parties proposing to purchase or lease premises', but this may be the agent's 'catch-all'.

The sale was brought about by the abandonment of the site by Shropshire Council's wholly owned residential development company, Cornovii Developments Ltd (CDL) after their proposal, back in 2021, for the demolition of the school building and the erection of 9 dwellings.

On 8th February 2022, CDL was granted planning permission for their development but less than a month later the company abandoned the project, citing issues re drainage, and handed the site back to Shropshire Council and the Diocese of Hereford, the joint owners.

With this planning grant having been gained, it is surprising therefore to read in TSR's particulars of sale that CDL's 2021 application is, 'currently pending consideration'. This is clearly incorrect.

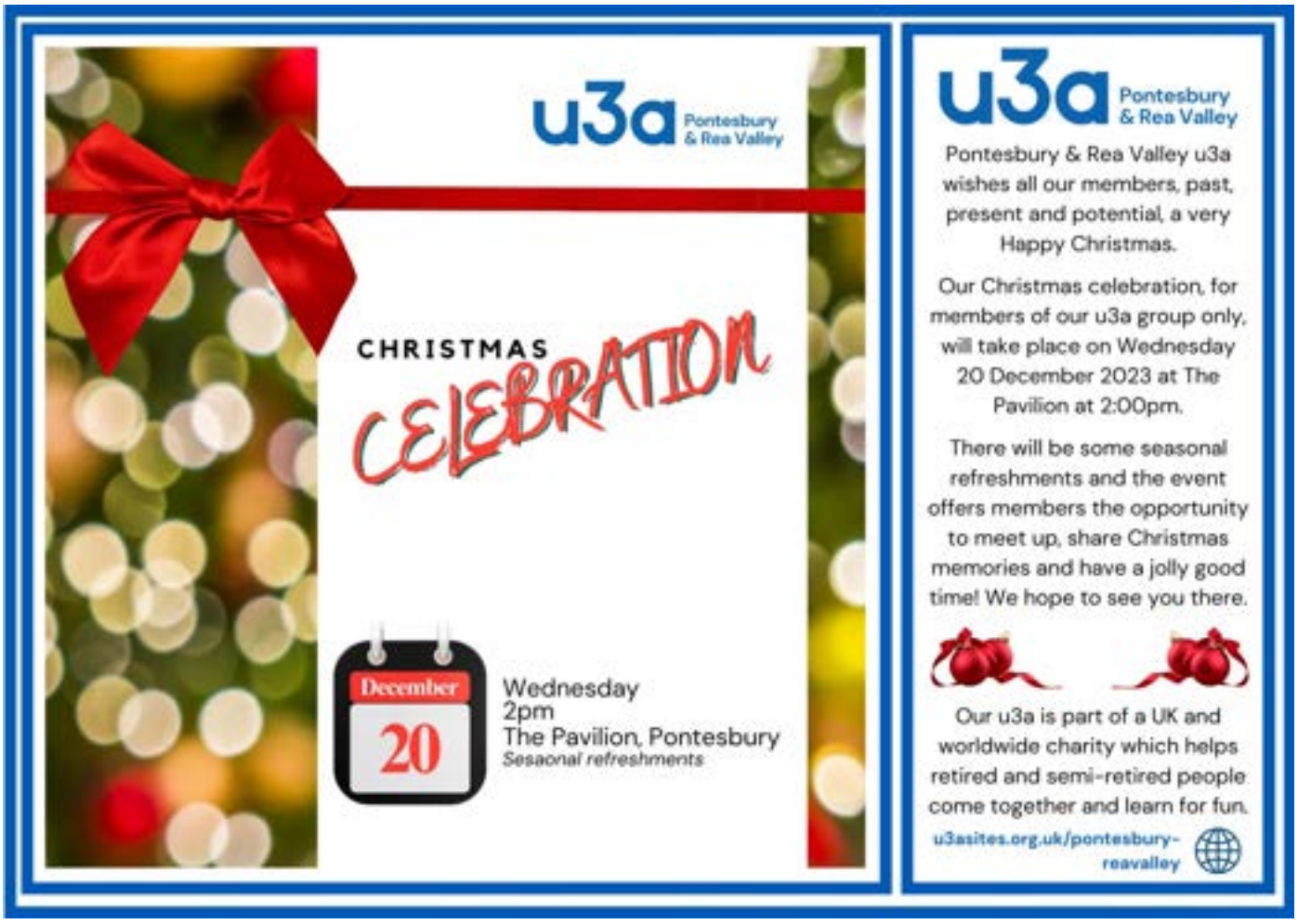
The site offered with potential for 'residential development or alternative uses incorporating the existing building', subject to planning. Once again, this wording is unexpected because it is generally understood that the building would have to be removed to be sure the asbestos contained within it is removed.

The particulars of sale are available on TSR's website (www.tsrsurveyors,co.uk) or directly at TSR HOPE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT SITE.

We understand that a purchase offer has been made and look forward to see how the process develops.







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Table Tennis (Minsterley)
Table Tennis (Pontesbury)
Walking (long)
Walking (short)



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who has supported the village hall, in whatever way, during 2023.

We are proud to have such an important community asset and look forward to 2024 events.



Key Phone Numbers

Pontesbury & Worthen Medical Practice	01743 79032	Westbury Medical Centre	01743 884727
Bishop's Castle Medical Practice	01588 638285	Montgomery Medical Practice	01686 668217
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	01743 261000	NHS Non-Emergency Helpline	111

Shropshire Council Customer Services	0345 6789000	Shropshire Council Benefit Support	0345 6789002
Shropshire Council Welfare Support	0345 6789078	Shropshire Council Bereavement Support	0345 6783028
National Grid (Fault Report/Status)	0800 6783105	Environment Agency (Incident Hotline)	0800 80 70 60
Severn Trent Water (Report Problem)	0800 7834444	Shropshire Highways (Report Problem)	0345 6789006
Shropshire Citizens Advice Bureau	0808 2787894	Shropshire Rural Support	0300 1232825
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society	0800 1884444	Farming Community Network	01788 510866
Samaritans Helpline	116 123	Universal Credit Helpline	0800 3285644
Child Benefit Helpline	0300 2003100	Pensions Helpline	0800 7310469
Business Support Helpline	0300 4563565	Keep Shropshire Warm (Energy Advice)	0800 1123743
Barnabas Money Advice (Debt Advice)	07507 663251	A4U (Disability/Carers Advice/Advocacy)	01743 539201
Age UK Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin	01743 233123	Just Credit Union (Low Cost Loans)	01743 252325
Christians Against Poverty (Debt Counselling)	01274 760720		
Shrewsbury Samaritans	0330 0945717	Shropshire Mind (Mental Health Support)	01743 368647
Alzheimer's Society Shropshire	01952 250392	Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service	0300 3031191

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