

New banner image from the Hope Parish Map Project:

The Oakage and Stiperstones Beyond by Sarah Harding

HOPE and SHELVE CHURCH NEWS JULY 23

Hope and Shelve churches are now administered by one Parochial Church Council. Services are held at 9.00am as follows:

1st Sunday – Holy Communion Shelve
2nd Sunday – Holy Communion Hope
3rd Sunday – Morning Prayer Shelve
4th Sunday - Morning Prayer Hope

Parish Officers - Barbara Venables - Church Warden of Hope and Shelve;
Sara Young - Secretary and Kevin Bowers - Treasurer.

House for Duty Priest – Rev. Fran Brealey was licensed by Bishop Richard on Tuesday 13 June at Holy Trinity Hope. The service was attended by members of churches from the Pontesbury and Stiperstones benefices and was followed by a welcome reception in Hope Village Hall. Rev. Fran is now leader minister for the pastoral care of the parish of Hope and Shelve having taken her first service on 25 June at Hope.

Harvest Supper – carrying on recent tradition there will be a joint supper and auction at Hope Village Hall on Wednesday 4 October.

Harvest Festival services - Shelve - Sunday 1 October. Hope - date to be confirmed.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our services and sharing coffee afterwards in our lovely churches!

All enquiries about Hope and Shelve Churches should be made to Rev. Fran Brealey Tel.07982324760 email revfran@btinternet.com

HOPE SHOW 2023

The date for this years show is Saturday 2nd September 2023 so plenty of time to think about which classes you'd like to enter and prepare for.

The schedule, with info on how to enter, is overleaf and we look forward to seeing you and your entries on the day.

Open to the public at Hope Village Hall 2pm to 4pm

HOPE SHOW 2023

Saturday 2nd September 2023
Hope Village Hall 2pm to 4pm

Show Classes

Cookery:		Produce:		Flowers:	
1	A trifle	13	3 hen eggs	23	A lady's buttonhole
2	5 cheese scones	14	Heaviest marrow	24	A flower arrangement in an unusual container of 30cm or less
3	1 x Victoria Sandwich (3 egg)	15	An unusually shaped vegetable	25	3 flowers in a vase, from your garden
4	1 x Bara Brith (any recipe)	16	Box of 5 different vegetables	26	A single rose
5	5 x decorated cup cakes	17	3 beetroot	27	A green houseplant
6	A loaf of bread (made in a bread maker or traditionally)	18	3 carrots	28	3 x dahlias
7	A jar of homemade chutney	19	3 potatoes		
8	A fruit gin (any bottle)	20	3 tomatoes		
9	1 x jar of homemade jam	21	3 runner beans		
10	A quiche – any filling	22	Tallest sunflower		
11	1 x decorated chocolate cake				
12	**Men only:** 3 x choc chip muffins (any recipe)				
Craft:		**Art:**		**Photography:**	
29	A knitted baby item	36	A waterscape (any medium)	39	A celebration photograph
30	An item of handmade jewellery	37	A pen, pencil or ink drawing	40	A photograph depicting 'movement'
31	A handmade card	38	Open class, any medium		
32	An item of cross stitch				
33	A handmade walking stick				
34	A crystal art piece				
35	A handmade toy, any medium				

Children's Classes

5 and under:		Aged 5 to 9:		Aged 8 to 11:	
41	3 decorated homemade biscuits	43	1 x painted stone	45	1 x painted stone
42	A bubble painting	44	Design a poster, 'Save the Bees'	46	1 x Lego animal
		Aged 12 to 16:			
		47	1 x painted stone		
		48	A photograph the entrant has taken of any animal		

- **Entries must be received between 9.30am and 10.50am on the day**
- **The presentation of awards will take place at 3.30pm**
- **The entry fee for each of the adult classes is 50p, with only one entry per person per class**
- **Entries for the children's classes are free, with only one entry per child per class**

The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group has been looking for Curlew, Lapwing, Kestrel, Cuckoo and Red Kite since late March, in our area that extends from Stapeley Hill to Brockton in the west, across through Minsterley and Pontesbury to Plealey, south to Cothecott Hill and then westwards over the Stiperstones and Hope Valley.
If you've seen or heard any of these species, please don't assume we know about them.
Please report all your observations, especially any Curlew
("the most important bird conservation priority in the UK")
to Leo Smith 01694 720296, leo@leosmith.org.uk.

If you want to help next year, please also contact Leo

EMERGENCY LOCATING — 'what3words'

I'm sure you are all aware of the difficulty in the emergency services finding specific addresses in dispersed rural communities that have no road names and when only the house name/number and its postcode can be given to the emergency response operator.

Recently, we had another instance where an ambulance crew had great difficulty in locating the address of a resident who, in the late evening, was on her own and unable to move because of the pain she was in. After some delay, the resident was found and taken to hospital but if she had been able to quote, to the emergency operator, information that would provide positive identification of her address, significant time could have been saved in reaching her.

Living around here, most postcodes are not accurate enough because they can cover too large a rural area, sometimes hundreds of metres from where a satnav might identify as the location. A full Ordnance Survey grid reference would be accurate, but more easily remembered and provided in the heat of emergency would be your location provided by the 'what3words' app, which is used by the West Midlands Ambulance and other emergency services.

We have previously written about 'what3words' but just to remind you it is a locating app that covers the whole planet (even oceans) with 3metre squares each of which is designated 3 words in an order that is unique to that square. By having the app on your smartphone, you can immediately be shown the 3 words relevant to the square you are in and this information can assist in navigation or be sent to anyone also using the app to show them where you are.

That's fine if you have a smartphone and the app is turned on, but many of us do not and for our home purposes a note of the 3 words kept by your home phone (perhaps even taped to it) would have your location immediately available if it became necessary to call the emergency services.

More information about the what3words app can be found at https://what3words.com/ where you can identify the 3 words relating to your residence. For those of you who do not have a smartphone or digital device or find technology challenging I am willing to assist you obtain this valuable information if you contact me at barry@hopenews.uk or at Hope Village Hall any Wednesday lunchtime.


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NATURAL ENGLAND—Notes from the hill

July on the hill sees the bird song reducing as they generally have more important things to do like feeding their young. For us its all about bracken cutting and hay making. Generally, our hay meadows are closed up in May and allowed to grow until after mid-July when they are mown. Some of the flower-rich meadows are cut for green-hay which is used to help others create hay meadows, as it is a way of transporting the seeds from one site to another. We keep a certain amount of hay for our sheep and ponies in case of poor weather in the winter. However, our animals are hardy primitive beasts that don't generally require feeding in the winter, so we also sell some of our hay locally.

We will be out with volunteers throughout July cutting bracken with scythes. We have found the Austrian scythe to be a very useful tool for this, particularly on some of the more inaccessible and steep grasslands around the hill. Being light, scythes are easily transported and carried up the hill, less cumbersome than brushcutters, needing no protective equipment like ear defenders and visor and much more enjoyable to use.

If you still require convincing, then you should come along to the Shropshire Hills Hay Meadow Festival at the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms on the 15th of July. There you can see the scythe in action, have a go and even purchase your own.

The dry weather looks like it going to persist so please avoid any action that might be likely to start a fire and if everyone can keep their eyes out for fires and call the fire brigade if any signs are seen that would be much appreciated.

Our next public event is our bat and moth evening on Friday the 18th of August 8.30pm until late. This will be a drop in event at the reserve car park with free admission and no booking required.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association—Show

Our show will be held this year on Saturday 26th August. It is open for public viewing at 2.30pm but open for exhibitors to set out their exhibits between 7pm and 8.30pm on Friday 25th and 8am to 10.30am on the Saturday.

Refreshments will be available for a small fee and there will be a plant sale.

Beginners' Classes
This year we have introduced a small number of classes for those who have never exhibited before and would like to try it out with less pressure. These classes are in the Vegetable, Flower and Cookery sections and are similar to the main classes but with less demanding criteria – such as fewer specimens required.

Photography Classes
The subjects for this class are:

- A local landmark
- The Coronation of King Charles III
- Technology
- A Sunset

All photographs should be a maximum size of 7x5" / 18x13 cm and be unframed.

Schedules
The Show schedules, which include details of entry fees and prizes as well as an entry form, are now available from the Trading Post, the Library and shops in the village. If you'd like a copy emailed to you please contact Rob Dixon at robedixon@btopenworld.com

Congratulations & Celebrations!

Congratulations to Fred and Pearl Davies Yew Tree Farm who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at the beginning of June . Also Stuart Morris was 90 on June 1st!

Heather's report for June 2023

BISHOP'S CASTLE HOSPITAL

Around 150 packed the Community College's Hall on 5th June to grill representatives of local health bodies (Integrated Care Board and Shropshire Community Hospital Trust (ShropCom) about their second attempt to close the hospital by stealth in the last 18 months. It was pretty clear that the representatives of the Care Board and Shropcom were shocked at the strength of feeling amongst local residents and irritation about the way that they have handled this.

I think we made an impact on the officers present. Certainly they are now promising to change to way they 'engage' with the community but there are still considerable problems.

What is critical is that as many of us as possible take part in this 'engagement' (Consultation in other words) as possible. To take part go on line at this link:

https://www.shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk/bishops-castle-community-hospital

or phone Heather if you want a paper copy. This engagement runs until 19th July,

ROADS

i. Chirbury Parish Council and myself will be meeting with Shropshire's portfolio holder to discuss the state of the Parish's roads on 22nd July.

ii. Worthen, as a village with a school, has been selected to have a 20mph speed limit. I will let everybody know when/where as soon as I learn to details

iii. A488 Hope Valley. There was another shambles this month with the Council's contractors failing to give notice, refusing to allow access for school vehicles and failing to put up adequate diversion signs. I have made a strong complaint (again) to Shropshire.

AFFORDABLE HOMES

i. Brockton. The three homes under construction in Oakfield Cottages should be ready by September. They could well be advertised by Homepoint this month.

ii. Chirbury. The legal documentation has now been signed and work will start once a construction firm is found.

Best wishes

Heather

Heather Kidd, Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen Division.
Tel: 07980 635518 Email heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk www.heatherkidd.org
Also on Facebook.

Sabrina Mobile Library

The mobile library will be at Hope Village Hall on the following alternate Wednesdays, 1pm – 1.50pm:

July 12th & 26th

Visits are subject to change due to inclement weather, vehicle breakdown etc. For more information, enquiries, or to renew items please visit: www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries

email: libraries@shropshire.gov.uk Phone: 01743 255024

Ludlow Dog Day Sunday July 23rd 2023



There will be 'More to see in 2023' at this year's Ludlow Dog Day. With new highlights alongside old favourites, this year's event has been refreshed to appeal to all, whether or not they have been before.

Held in the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, situated approximately 6 miles north of Ludlow and just off the A49, the eighth Ludlow Dog Day is to take place on Sunday 23 July.

The day is all about fun for the whole family, particularly our furry friends. Dogs can take part in over *20 competitions*, from the scruffiest mutt and waggiest tail to the fastest sausage eater. There are *have-a-go* events including dog agility, flyball, hoopers, tricks and scent work, while gun dogs will be able to demonstrate their ability to retrieve…or not!

Demonstrations throughout the day include past favourites such as the *Paws for Thought Display Team* and *Bliss Gate Dog Obedience Team* alongside new additions including *All Positive Dog Services with hoopers, loose lead and learn a trick* and *Little Nippers Lurcher and Terrier Racing.*

As well as the doggy events, there will be plenty of stalls to enjoy whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering to human needs such as the food stalls, the drinks bar and the popular tea tent.

Money raised in past years has enabled Ludlow Rotary to distribute over £130,000 amongst a wide range of charities and community organisations. The club plans to use this year's event to support 'Ludlow Rotary Cares', the club's community grants scheme, as well as other deserving causes.

For more information on this opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day in a glorious setting while supporting numerous community and charitable needs, see www.ludlowdogday.org.uk.

FREE HEALTH CHECKS

The Community Wellbeing Outreach Team from Shropshire Council offer health checks including Blood Pressure readings at the Hope Village Hall Community Café with an opportunity to discuss other wellbeing matters confidentially.

July 12th
September 13th
November 15th

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a – "Living in Brittany"

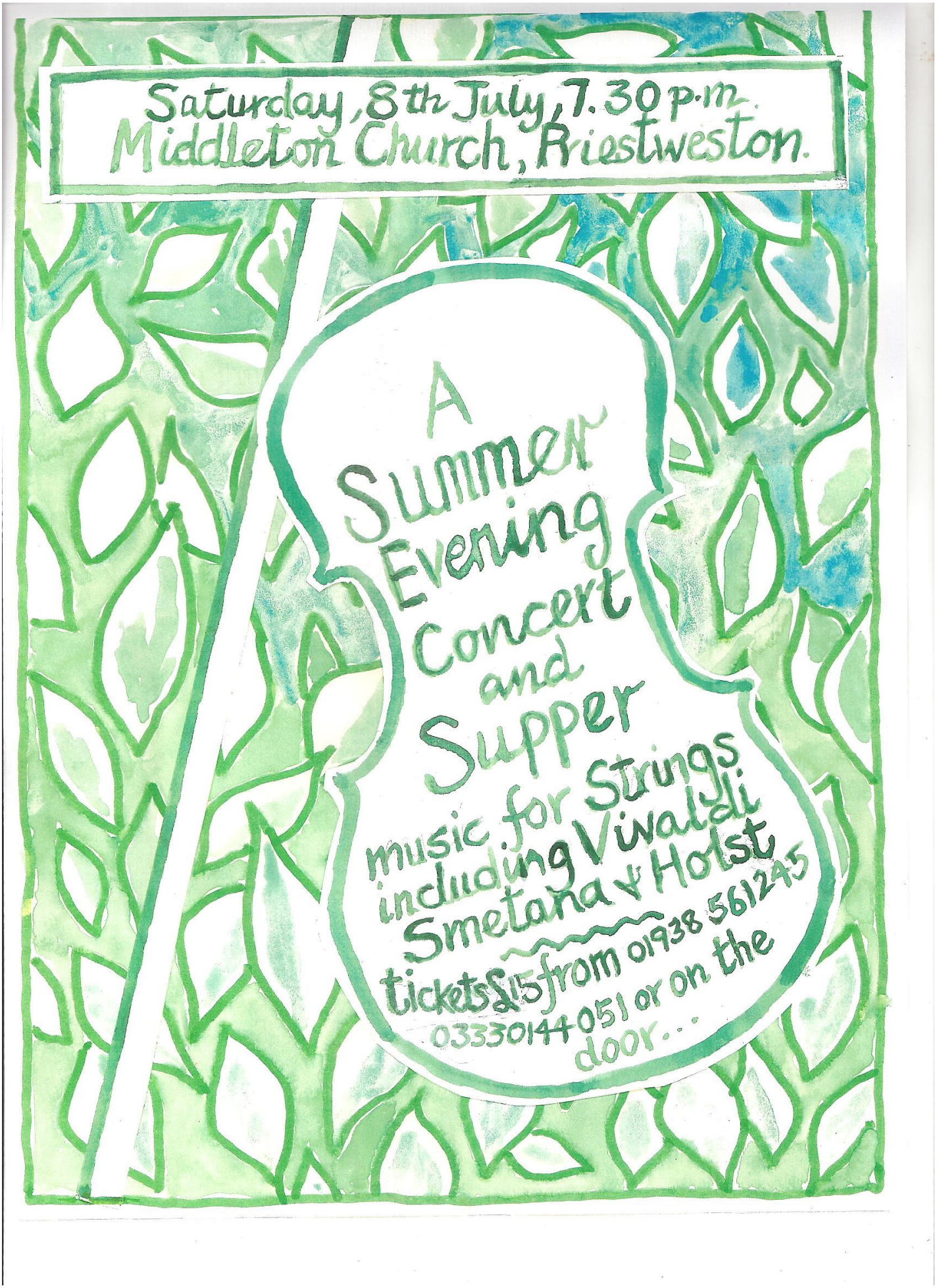
Ever fancied knowing what it really is like to "live the dream"?

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a is holding its next Open Meeting on **Wednesday 21st June 2pm – 4pm at Minsterley Parish Hall** where our own membership secretary, Steve Anderson, will be recounting the stories from 13 years of living in France – and to get you into the right mood, refreshments will be wine and cheese!

Please come along and join us for a fun-filled talk. Members and non-members all welcome! There will be the AGM beforehand which will be kept as short as possible so we can then proceed promptly to the presentation.

The u3a promotes lifelong learning across a wide range of activities and subjects and fosters friendship and fun, open to anyone who is older, retired or not in full-time employment. Website: u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley.




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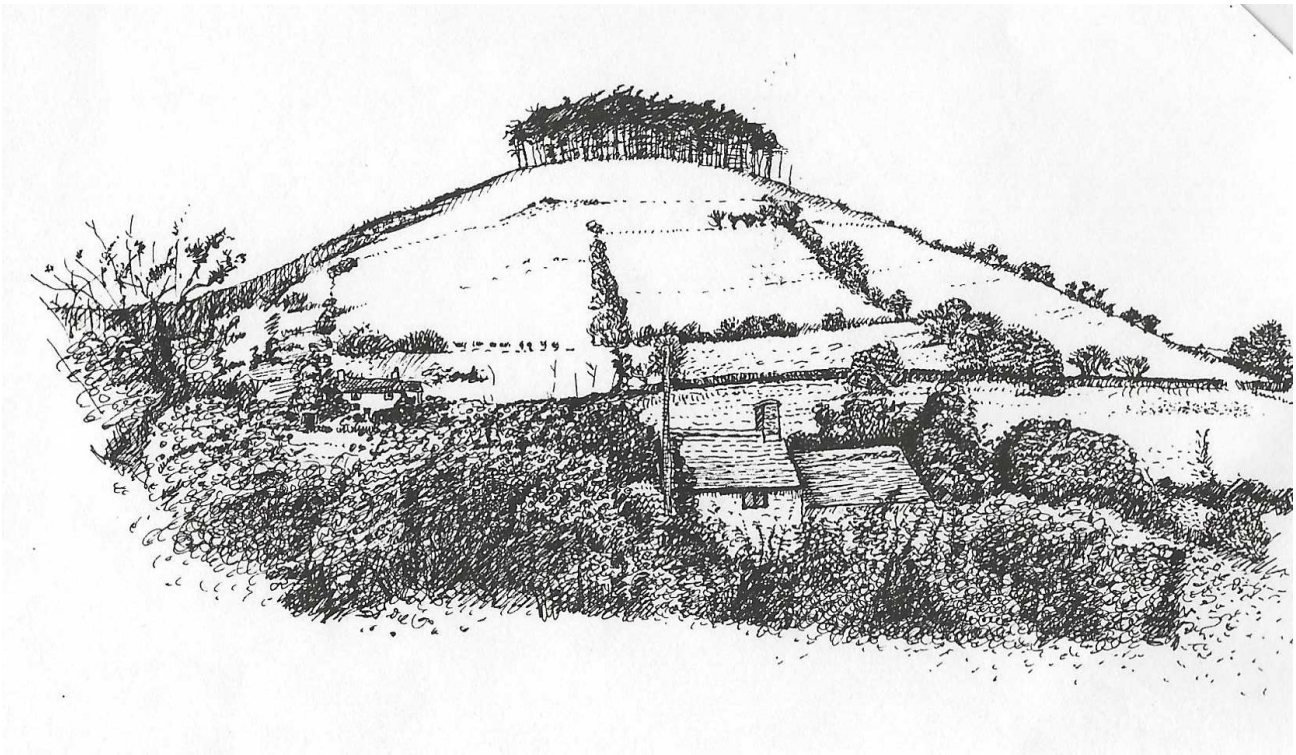
As a supporter of our local community, Hope Village Hall is pleased to add voice to the congratulations to Heather Kidd, our local unitary Councillor, who has been awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday honours list for her service to rural communities. Heather has been greatly supportive of HVH, where she holds a regular surgery at the Wednesday Community Café, and has provided assistance to us on a number of planning/development issues, so we believe that the award is very well-deserved.

Heather is the Lib Dem Councillor for the Chirbury and Worthen Division of Shropshire Council and must be one of the hardest working Councillors in Shropshire so, no matter what your politics, or none, we should all be very appreciative of the lengths she goes to in fighting for the particular needs of rural communities and for the individuals, our neighbours, who sometimes require more specific assistance.

Her workbook encompasses a wide spectrum of issues from the mundane, such as the very important and continuous matter of road conditions and their maintenance, through to the more community based issues and campaigning, such as the current attempts to close Bishop's Castle Community Hospital and before that the campaign to save the SpArC Centre in the town. But throughout her time in office, her long running battles to improve the provision of affordable homes for local people and for fair health services across Shropshire are also well recorded.

About the award, Heather has said: "This award recognises that rural communities need a voice. I'm accepting this award not just for myself but for all those who work tirelessly, often in a voluntary capacity, for their communities across Shropshire and seldom get any recognition. Having spent 25 years trying hard to stand up for this sparsely populated area, I am delighted to accept this award. There has never been a more important time to highlight the problems of rural people in Shropshire".

Congratulations Heather.



Hope and Bentlawnt Local History Group

Local photos

In recent months, I have been provided with photos of local groups/people to copy for retention in the history group's records. These include images of the Hopesgate United football team from the 1930s and formal group photos taken of the classes at Hope School in most years between 1980 and its closure in 2016. The majority of the children and adults depicted in these have been identified but I also have other school photos from many previous years where identification has not been possible. There are still many missing years of photos that I would like to fill to improve the record of this now lost, much loved, place and the children, now adults, who attended it.

I cannot publish any of these photos but they are very helpful in creating a record of our community in past years and I would be happy to show them to anyone who might be interested to see them, in the hope that other such images might be forthcoming. These photos are also very useful for those that often make contact, sometimes from much further afield, as part of their genealogy research.

I would also ask if anyone has original postcards depicting local scenes. Two particular images are of the miner's bridge, crossing the A488 at Gravels and the image of people in front of Mrs Linley's house/shop on the A488 opposite the bus stop at the bottom of Church bank. I have copies of these examples but originals would always be better and there may well be other cards showing local scenes.

If anyone does have local photos, or any other information they think would be helpful for the history record please contact me at barry@hopenews.uk

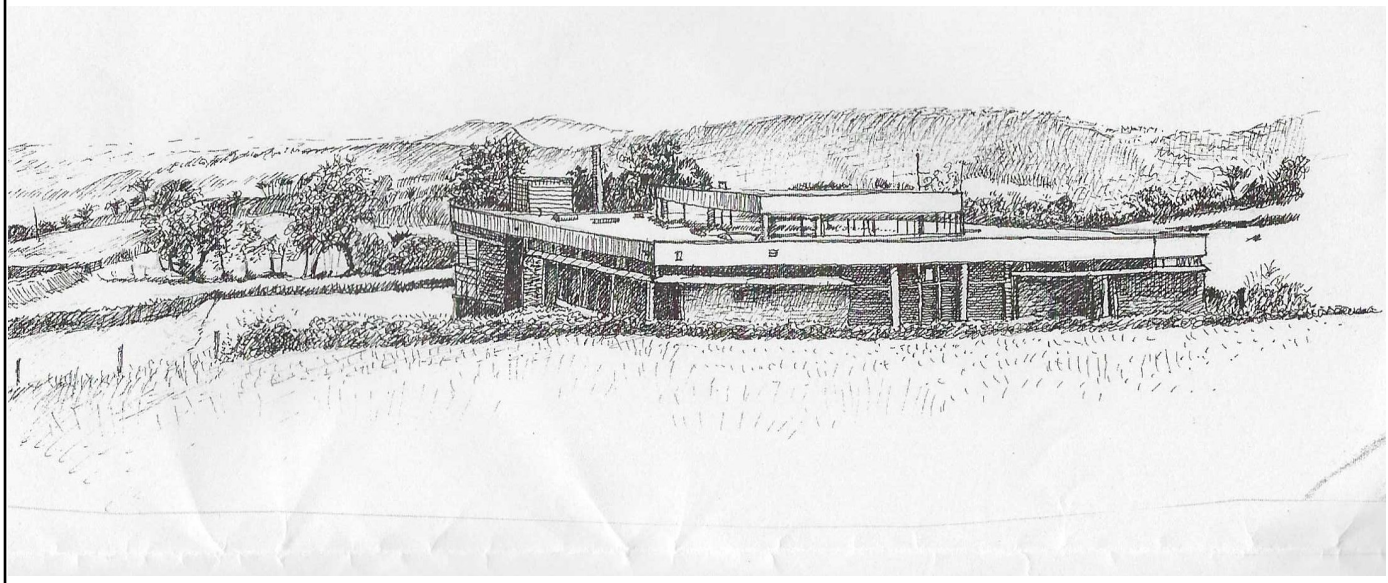


Image from the 1994 Hope Parish Map Project, by Sarah Harding

Neighbour Disputes

The summer months often sees a rise in reports of neighbour disputes with the majority of them stemming over a civil matter such as boundaries or rights of access. For the local officers these reports tend to be very time consuming as we engage and listen to both sides of the issue and gauge if there are any offences. In many cases there are other agencies who the issue should have been reported to in the first instance, such as a landlord, Shropshire Council or a solicitor.

Consider discussing any issue with your neighbour informally in the first instance. Tell your neighbour how their behaviour is affecting you and what would help. Listen to your neighbour and see if you can reach a compromise together. Calling the police on your neighbour can make a small issue worse and just cause deeper wounds between both parties.

Further advice can be found on the Citizens Advice website.

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/problems-where-you-live/complaining-about-your neighbour/

Contact the police if you think your neighbour has broken the law - for example, they've



Experiences of diabetic care and support

Healthwatch Shropshire wants to hear from people with diabetes, or who are at risk of developing diabetes, about their experiences of care and support. Organisations within the local Integrated Care System (ICS), including NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and public health bodies, are looking at ways these services can be improved with the help of patient feedback. Healthwatch Shropshire are working to gather patient experience of their current care to ensure that the patient voice is at the centre of future developments.

Diabetes UK list 15 elements that are key to good diabetic care (https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/are-you-getting-the-15-healthcare-essentials-new-report-shows-they-could-save-your-life1). Healthwatch Shropshire want to know if patients are receiving this care. People can fill the survey out online, https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HWS_diabetes/ or ring Healthwatch Shropshire on 01743 237884 and a member of the team will take them through the questions.

Emily Marston, Project Officer, Transformation and System Commissioning for NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin said, "There are approximately 30,000 people living with diabetes across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and this number is increasing. In 2030 the number of people living with Diabetes across the UK is predicted to reach 5.5 million (Diabetes UK, 2022)."

"To address the rising prevalence of diabetes in our community, we want to develop diabetic care pathways with a vision of improving the lives and treatment outcomes for patients affected by diabetes or those at risk of developing it."

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, told us, "We are really pleased to be working with organisations from the Integrated Care System to ensure that patient experience helps to inform decisions as services change."

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





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Shropshire Citizens Advice Bureau	0808 2787894	Shropshire Rural Support	0300 1232825
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Pilates Class

When? - Mondays

Time? - 6:00-6:45PM

Class? - Mat Pilates

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