

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Services during June

Sunday 2nd June – Holy Communion at Shelve 9am Sunday 9th June – Holy Communion at Hope 9am

Sunday 16th June – Morning Prayer at Shelve 9am Sunday 23rd June – Morning Prayer at Hope 9am

As June beckons I am finding it hard to believe that I have been here a whole year. It has been good to begin to get to know people in our local community, and to enjoy the stunning countryside. Driving around the parish I often pull up just to take in the view, and on foot have been exploring different routes around the area.

Our churches have had a busy year, with services twice monthly in each of our two churches, special services at Harvest, Christmas and Easter, and a number of group services when we have worshipped together at one of the other churches in the Pontesbury and Stiperstones benefices. At our Annual Church meeting recently we looked back with thanks, but also looked ahead to the challenges facing us, including the need for work on the church buildings.

In the church calendar we are now in what is called 'Ordinary Time', but that does not mean it will be dull or boring. By the time this newsletter is published we hope to have had a successful Fete at Leigh Manor, and we are looking forward already to the Hope Show and to our Harvest Supper.

The Diocese of Hereford has proclaimed 2024 a year of faith. It can sometimes be difficult to hang onto faith when things in the news or in our personal lives are bleak. But many would say that having faith in a God who loves us is what gets them through difficult times. Our parish churches try to express that faith through their Sunday worship, and also by offering support and encouragement to people experiencing significant life events: birth of children, marriage and bereavement. Baptisms, weddings and funerals have taken place in our churches for over 180 years, and it is always a privilege to lead these services.

Revd Fran Brealey

revfran@btinternet.com • 07982 324760

The Callow Run

This successful local event will be run again this year. This 5km, cross country and road, run will be on Saturday 1st June at 1pm in advance of the Hope and Shelve Churches Fete at Leigh Manor, SY5 0EX, where the run will start.

Runners and walkers are welcome. There is no entrance fee but the organisers suggest a donation to Holy Trinity Church, Hope of £5 (under 11s £2). Volunteer Marshals are required from 12.15pm - 2pm

Volunteers and prospective runners should contact Anna at annambayliss@gmail.com or on 07816 679216.

Rea Valley foodbank



OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

We would like to give a huge thank you to all those who have donated food and household essentials, as well as financial support, when we have held the Community Appeal days in Hope Village Hall.
However, please note that we won't be collecting donations at Hope Village Hall for the foreseeable future.

Every donation you have given in the past has been very much appreciated by ourselves and our clients. We wouldn't be able to give the support needed without your help, so many thanks again.

The following venues are now taking donated items for the foodbank:
Morrisons, Minsterley
Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley
Pontesbury Co-op
Congregational Church, Pontesbury
St Georges Church, Pontesbury

It's so encouraging seeing the difference we make to our clients by providing food, toiletries and other household items, thus enabling them to pay other essential bills.

A referral is needed to use the Foodbank, but this is easy. Just call:

Greg - 07902 794653 Richard - 07922 830488

Alternatively, referrals can be given by schools, GPs, support agencies e.g. Job Centres, Citizens Advice Bureau, Mental Health Teams

Free Health Checks

The Shropshire Council Community Outreach team offer mini health checks throughout the community. These health checks give Shropshire residents a better understanding of their health as well as an opportunity to discuss any concerns they have regarding their health and wellbeing. The team are able to inform residents what help and support is available, empowering residents to take the next step in improving their own health and wellbeing.
Visiting Hope Village Hall between noon to 1.50pm on the following dates:

17th July 18th September 20th November

For further information, please email: CommunityOutreach@shropshire.gov.uk

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

Upcoming dates: 12th & 26th June

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

Hope and Shelve Parish



Summer Fete
Saturday June 1st
2-4pm at Leigh Manor

FREE ENTRY!

raffle

sideshows

refreshments

stalls

music from the Stiperstones Brass Band







Hope Show and Hope Apple Day

These popular village hall events are already booked for 7th September and 5th October, respectively. This is just a reminder to plan your entries for the Hope Show classes and, for Apple Day, a request to deliver to the village hall on the day any spare eating apples you have, for processing into apple juice; you can even have a go yourself, which is great fun for the kids.

The Show classes will be much along the lines of previous years but one you must prepare for is the tallest sunflower; so get those seeds planted to try and beat the confident reigning champion.

Apple Day is always popular and allows us to produce juice either for the donator's use or for sale at HVH.

These two events provide opportunity for community involvement, for all ages, as well as enabling HVH to generate the much needed funds to continue our service to all in the community.

More detail will be provided nearer the events' dates.

Hope Show Stalls

Would you be interested in having a stall at the Hope Show? (To be held on 7th September at the village hall). Crafts, local produce, art etc., bring your own table.

Enquiries to chair@hopevillagehall.org.uk

PONTESBURY & DISTRICT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

The Trading Post, in Station Road, is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon until the end of October.

We only sell a limited range of seeds; because of their perishable nature we concentrate on those for planting in Spring and at the moment we have several varieties of seed potatoes, beetroot, pea and bean seeds and onion and shallot sets, which are sold in whatever quantity you want to buy, as opposed to the pre-packed quantities that you have to get in most retail outlets. We do sell loose grass seed all year round. Occasionally members will bring in surplus seeds or seedlings to exchange or sell for a small donation; these are usually snapped up quite quickly.

Some dates for your diary: 24 August: Annual Show, 2.30 pm in the Public Hall

26 October Last Trading Post open day for 2024.

Have a go at Archery

Travelling on the A49, just this side of Church Stretton, have you ever wondered about the field with all those archery targets in it? Well, it is the home of Long Mynd Archers, one of the most successful, and certainly friendliest, archery clubs in the area. As part of a national scheme the club is offering the chance for anyone to try the sport for themselves. On Saturday mornings, on 8 June, 13 July and 10 August, for a small charge of £10 you will be advised and helped by County and National Coaches and experienced archers, some of whom you may already know as many club members live in this area. For more details see a copy of the flier on page 9, which you may have already seen displayed at various venues nearby.

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

Hope and Bentlawnt
Local History Group

Has anyone got old photos of The Tankerville Arms, Hope Valley or the Fox Inn, Hope Valley when they operated as pubs?

A genealogy researcher is compiling information about his family members who lived in Hope Valley and elsewhere locally in the 1920s / 1930s and these pubs feature in that.

If you think you can help please contact Barry at barry@hopeandbentlawnthistory.org or on 01743 891263.

HOPE SHOW 2024

Saturday 7th September 2024
Hope Village Hall 2pm to 4pm

Show Classes

Cookery:		Produce:		Flowers:	
1	Cheesecake	13	Heaviest Marrow	23	3 x dahlias
2	5 x cheese straws	14	Box of Vegetables (at least 5 different vegetables)	24	A Single rose
3	1 x Victoria Sandwich (Traditional, 4 eggs)	15	An unusual shaped vegetable	25	An Autumn Wreath (fresh not artificial)
4	Ginger cake	16	3 x beetroot	26	A green house plant
5	Decorated chocolate cake	17	3 x tomatoes	27	A vase of mixed flowers from your garden
6	**Men Only:** Lemon Drizzle cake	18	3 x potatoes	28	Miniature arrangement in an eggcup
7	Quiche, any filling	19	3 x runner beans		
8	5 x Chocolate brownies	20	3 x hens eggs		
9	5 x fruit scones	21	3 x carrots		
10	A Jar of Chutney	22	Tallest sunflower – see important info below		
11	A jar of Raspberry Jam				
12	A Fruit Gin				
Craft:		**Art:**		**Photography:**	
29	A crocheted item	36	Open Class, any medium	39	Photograph of a Local Scene
30	A knitted item	37	Painting of Bromlow Callow	40	Funny photograph
31	A toy made from any medium	38	An animal, any medium		
32	An item of jewellery				
33	A wedding celebration card				
34	An item made from wood				
35	An item of crystal art				
Children's Classes					
5 years and under:		**Ages 6 to 7:**		**Ages 8 to 11:**	
41	Picture made from a hand print	43	Decorated cup cake	45	Decorated pizza
42	3 x iced biscuits	44	Self portrait	46	Garden on a plate
		Ages 12 to 16:			
		47	Flower arrangement		
		48	3 x homemade sausage rolls		

* **Entries must be received between 9.30am and 10.50am on the day**
* **The presentation of awards will take place at 3.30pm**
* **In order to be placed (1st, 2nd, 3rd) there must be more than one entry in any class**
* **The entry fee for each of the adult classes is 50p, only one entry per person per class**
* **Entries for the children's classes are free, only one entry per child per class**
* **Tallest Sunflower – if you intend to enter this class please let us know by Weds 4 September. Sunflowers will be measured in situ.**
  Email: chair@hopevillagehall.org.uk Tel: 07905 636569
  or see Barry Peabody any Weds (12-2pm) at the Village Hall Café.

West Mercia POLICE

Date: May 2024

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/
Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

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 April 2024 – 15th May 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Stalking		Hope Common	Suspect arrested
Assault	X3	Worthen	
Harassment		Brockton	

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact West Mercia Police on 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Update on rural burglaries and thefts:

At the end of March, seven men were arrested as part of an operation targeting serious and organised crime across Shropshire.

The seven warrants were carried out at the same time by officers from West Mercia Police and Dyfed Powys Police following an eight month investigation into rural crime in the area. The warrants targeted four addresses in Broseley, one in Cross Houses, one in Donnington and one in Shrewsbury. These were thanks to intelligence that was passed over to detectives in Shropshire following a massive spike in burglaries and thefts from farms and rural businesses over the last 18 months. Six of the men have been charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal in Shropshire and Powys.

- **Freddie Conway, aged 24, of Broseley**
- **Thomas Nutt, aged 26, of Broseley**
- **Ryan Taylor, aged 31, of Telford**
- **Wayne Price, aged 31, of Cross Houses**
- **Christopher Downes, aged 34, of Wolverhampton**
- **Andrew Baker, aged 35, of Broseley**

Three members of this gang have now been remanded in custody for the foreseeable due to continuous court bail breaches. These arrests have seen a dramatic fall in reported burglaries and thefts in the area.

Shropshire National Garden Scheme are always on the look out for NEW gardens, NEW volunteers and anyone who would like to offer help with publicity, refreshments, delivering booklets and welcoming our lovely visitors.

We are especially keen to find towns or villages who might consider coming together to make a garden trail.

We are keen to look to the future and recruit:

- More gardens.
- Gardens especially owned/run by young people.
- Community gardens.
- Gardens in villages or towns that would be suitable for designing a garden trail around.

Contact: Andy Chatting, Shropshire County Organiser on 07546 560615 Email: andy.chatting@ngs.org.uk

NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill



The species of the month for June is the yellow mountain pansy, *Viola lutea*. These delightful pale-yellow flowers should be fully in bloom in June, and they can still be found in large numbers on some of the upland grasslands on the edge of the Stiperstones and at Stapeley Hill. Elsewhere they are few and far between, but one of the tasks in the Species Action Plan for this species is to get a better understanding of its presence away from these core sites. To do this the Upper Onny Community Wildlife Group's plant group, has produced a records sheet for the recording of the three Species Action Plan plants: mountain pansy, devil's bit scabious and cowberry. To get your copy email me at Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.

The yellow mountain pansy was picked as one of the 12 Stepping Stones species to first warrant a Species Action Plan because it is a good indicator of relatively natural upland grassland. It is very intolerant of increases in nutrients and so has been lost across the majority of the Shropshire landscape. Indeed in the 1940s, it was reported that, "it was still possible to walk from Ratlinghope via Squilver and Shelve to Bromlow Callow through field after field washed with mountain pansies". Although this is not the case today, on the bright side, it is capable of withstanding quite high levels of grazing and so may have hung on in some unimproved pockets across the stepping Stones project area.



Although the mountain pansy is a lovely plant in itself, it is the unimproved acid grassland that it represents which is really important. These upland grasslands are home to a range of other specialised plant and animal species. Plants include heath bedstraw, heath milkwort and heath spotted orchids and some scarce miniature ferns including adders tongue fern and moonwort. The former has a single leaf with a spike of spore cases which resembling a snake's tongue which was believed to be a cure for snake-bite. Moonwort is an even more mysterious fern, once believed to magically open locks and unshoe horses that travelled across the ground in which it grew.



These upland grasslands are also home to some specialist birds, most notably the wheatear, a migrant bird that winters in the Sahel part of Africa but comes to the UK uplands to nest in rock outcrops or stone walls. Some of the birds stop in the Shropshire Hills to nest while others journey on to distance parts of Alaska and Greenland. Their migrations can be up to 15,000 km with a sea crossing of 3,500 km across the Atlantic Ocean. Indeed, these incredible birds are believed to carry out the longest bird migration in the world relative to their size. They can easily be recognised by their striking black and grey plumage and the white inverted U on their rump when they fly off.

There are still a few places left on our scything courses on the 7th and 29th July for anyone wanting to learn how to cut grass the traditional way. The Blakemoorgate cottages will also be open on Sunday 9th June and 14th July when you can drop in anytime from 11am to 3pm. If you need a map to get there, they can be picked up from the Snailbeach mine visitor centre.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

Have a go at archery

Everyone welcome 8 to 80+

Dates:
Sat 11th May
Sat 8th June
Sat 13th July
Sat 10th August

£10/hour
10am to 12pm

All equipment is provided



No booking required, just turn up on the day, or for more details:

www.longmyndarchers.co.uk
secretary@longmyndarchers.co.uk

New House Farm,
Church Stretton, SY6 7JH





Minsterley Meadows Appeal Launch Event

Sunday 9th June at Minsterley Parish Hall

10.30am to 2.30pm

Wildflower-rich grassland with the largest colony of rare Green-winged Orchids in Shropshire. Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) of national importance.

10.30am - 12 noon: Launch event

12 noon - 1pm: Complimentary buffet lunch

1pm - 2.30pm: Guided walk around Minsterley Meadows



To make a pledge email: info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk or post to: Middle Marches Community Land Trust, Enterprise House, 22, Station Street, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AQ. See website for appeal and pledge information: https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-appeal/

Minsterley Meadows Fundraising Appeal Update

Fantastic news! The sale has been agreed and the appeal launch is on Sunday 9th June at Minsterley Public Hall from 10.30am to 2.30pm. We need to raise £240k, which includes land purchase, legal and professional fees and additional associated costs. Our job is to now find the money to make the payment and secure the future of Minsterley Meadows. We have six months to raise the funds so time is of the essence.

People have been extremely generous and the money is already coming in. Please make a pledge if you are able to afford this. To make a pledge email Middle Marches Community Land Trust: info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk. Link to website appeal: https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-appeal/
Please support our appeal launch on 9th June. We have key speakers talking about the importance of the meadows. A complimentary buffet is also provided as a thank you for your support, followed by a walk around the meadows.

Fundraising schemes are afoot and events are already being organised. The first fundraiser is a fascinating talk on natural gardening by Nancy Lowe on 7th July. Nancy is an RHS certified organic gardener, an ecological garden designer and permaculturalist. You can also pledge a donation to the appeal on the day, if you wish. Please book your place through: conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk.

Lots more fundraisers will follow in the next newsletters. If anyone would like to organise a fundraiser please let us know. That would be brilliant!

Many thanks, Sue King for Minsterley Meadows Working Group

Orchid Photo:
Ben Osborne



Bromlow Callow Toposcope

A toposcope is an orientation display, atop a plinth erected at a vantage point, which shows points of the compass and indicates the direction and, usually, the distance to notable places, or to prominent landscape features which can be identified from that point.

The new toposcope at the north-west edge of Bromlow Callow was the idea of Dave Croker, a Councillor with Worthen with Shelve Parish Council who, as a keen walker, has encountered lots of interesting toposcopes and thought it might be a good idea to have one within our parish. This idea set in train the rather long project to get the toposcope that is now in place on the Callow.

After getting the necessary permission from Leigh Hall Estate, owner of the land, and funding in place from the Parish Council, the next step for Dave was to work out what should appear on the metal disc onto which the points of interest would be engraved; such as which high points (with their elevations) and towns etc would be depicted, together with their directions and distances away.

The other consideration was what should form the base. Lots of toposcopes are sited on a rock type platform but it was suggested that a large boulder could be used and another Councillor, Benno Veenstra, knew of 'Mid Wales Stone', based in Dolanog, Montgomeryshire, which was able to provide a striking granite stone quarried at Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd, close to Blaenau Ffestiniog.

After much deliberation and fine-tuning Dave finalised the design of the metal disc and this was then provided by 'Shropshire Stainless Steel', in Shrewsbury.

The placement of the stone and the toposcope was undertaken by Dave Croker and his fellow Councillors, Mal Fellows, John Soper and Benno Veenstra.







As well as the depicted high points and towns, the toposcope displays some other significant elements:

- a central square showing the height of Bromlow Callow (384m); an acknowledgement of the Parish Council's commissioning of the project; and of Leigh Hall Estate's kind permission for its location;

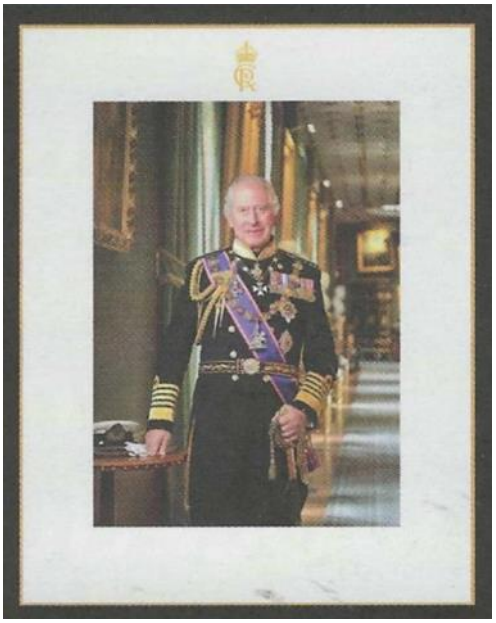
- a QR code (probably one of the first toposcopes to have one) which, for those of you with a suitable App on your mobile phone, provides a link to a new page on our Parish Council's website that gives more information about the area and history of Bromlow Callow and to local walks (this information can be viewed here:

Bromlow Callow Toposcope | Worthen with Shelve (worthenwithshelvepc.org.uk); and
- a verse from the XXXVI poem (White in the Moon) in A. E. Houseman's anthology, 'A Shropshire Lad':

The world is round, so travellers tell,
And straight though reach the track,
Trudge on, trudge on, 'twill all be well,
The way will guide one back.

Dave hopes that both visitors and locals will find the toposcope useful for highlighting Bromlow Callow and its position within the wider landscape and that it will encourage walkers to take the plunge and further explore this wilder and beautiful part of Shropshire.

HRH King Charles III – Official portrait



Hope Village Hall is very pleased to be the recipient of an official photographic portrait of His Royal Highness King Charles III, copies of which have been supplied by the UK government for display in the most appropriate location in each parish. Worthen with Shelve Parish Council chose that to be HVH because it is the best supported of the village halls.

There is a long tradition of displaying a portrait of the Monarch in public buildings, signifying their importance at the heart of national life and our King's portrait now hangs in the main hall. Our portrait of the late Queen Elizabeth II has been displayed at the hall for many years and was given to us by the Hope and Shelve Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The photograph of His Majesty was taken in autumn 2023 in Windsor Castle by the royal photographer, Hugo Burnand, who also took the King's coronation photographs.

His Majesty is shown in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet (No. 1 Tailcoat) and is wearing the Garter Collar and Sovereign's Badge, Garter Star, Thistle Star, the Bath Sovereign's Badge, the Order of Merit, the Royal Victorian Order's Royal Victorian Chain and GCVO Sash, as well as a set of medals on his medal bar.

The frame is made using sustainably sourced oak and conservation grade glass.

Congratulations to Fred Davies of Yew Tree Farm
Who celebrated his 90th birthday in May

Wednesday Community Cafe
Hope village Hall

Alexanders of Welshpool—Everything for your Garden.

Free Delivery to your door
Hope, Bentlawnt and surrounding Villages

Large bags of Compost
Grass Seed Fertiliser

Seed Potatoes (many varieties)
Broad/Runner Beans, Peas, Onion Sets and more
All sold loose so buy as many as you need

Flower seeds

Orders can be requested via Telephone/Online (ask for Hope or Marton Delivery or made at Hope Village Hall (Wednesdays 12-2pm).

Telephone 01938 552329 website www.alexandersofwelshpool.co.uk

THE BOG VISITOR CENTRE 2024 Season

The Stiperstones National Nature Reserve managed by Natural England presents a unique landscape of rocky tors and heathland that has a rich natural history and geology. Lead and other minerals provided reason for centuries of human occupation in which industry The Bog played an important part. It is a privilege and pleasure to pass on information of these aspects to visitors and to provide guidance on the range of walks, long and short, that are available for them to enjoy.
Our team of volunteers are looking forward to welcoming visitors from near and far with information and refreshments. A wide range of local crafts are available to purchase as are books, maps and walk leaflets.

Staffing The Visitor Centre
'Volunteers' work their first 30 hours voluntarily and additional hours after that are paid at the minimum rate for those who chose to be paid. Our pool of volunteers ranging in age from 16 to 80+ needs expanding and we are looking for people who would enjoy interacting with our visitors. New recruits receive comprehensive training during their induction period. If interested please email Lin Brown. (Contact details below)

School students make a considerable contribution to the successful operation of the Centre at weekends and during the holidays and are paid for all their working hours at the appropriate rate for their age. Students interested in joining the team please contact Lin Brown. (see below)

Opening hours Tuesday – Friday 11am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday 10am – 5pm

Contact details for our Secretary Lin Brown 01694 781634 bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk

Website www.bogvisitorcentre.com

Join us at our three Open Gardens Events in 2024 – all in aid of Community Resource!

NEW FOR 2024 - Open Garden - Burcot Manor: Saturday 1st June 2024
Experience the serenity of Burcot Manor's enchanting gardens on 1st June, exclusively for Community Resource. Nestled in Wrockwardine, this historic gem promises a day of tranquility and natural beauty.
Treat yourself to tea, coffee, and cake, with all proceeds supporting Community Resource.
Limited Tickets Available: Pre-booking recommended to secure your spot!
https://opengardensburcot2024.eventbrite.co.uk

Open Gardens - Wellington: Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June
Returns for its third year, a delightful collaboration between the residents of Wellington, Little Wenlock, Rushton, and Love Wellington!
https://opengardenswellington2024.eventbrite.co.uk
NEW FOR 2024 - Open Gardens - Shifnal: Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July
Join us in Shifnal for a weekend of garden exploration with a wealth of private gardens to explore and uncover some hidden gems!
https://opengardensshifnal2024.eventbrite.co.uk

Make the most of life, join our u3a

Our u3a is part of a worldwide charity which helps retired and semi-retired people come together and learn for fun and friendship:

- 20 plus interest groups in our local u3a; something for everyone
- start at any level
- a warm welcome
- meetings are in person or by zoom, depending on the group
- new groups are formed when sufficient members express interest

- Art History
- Bridge
- Café Society
- Cinema & Social
- Creative writing
- Cycling
- Family History
- Folk Music
- Gardening
- Geology
- History
- Italian
- Literature
- Local History
- Painting & Drawing
- Photography
- Pickleball
- Play reading
- Recorded music
- Short Tennis
- Table Tennis (Minsterley)
- Table Tennis (Pontesbury)
- Walking (long)
- Walking (short)



learn, laugh, live

Contact
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A 'super' National Nature Reserve in Shropshire

Natural England are proposing the creation of a large National Nature Reserve (NNR) in Shropshire, this is around the existing Stiperstones NNR. The larger NNR will be owned and managed by partners who will work together to manage their land for nature and wildlife. A large National Nature Reserve that is managed by partners is often referred to as to as a 'super' National Nature Reserve (sNNR).

There are a few examples of sNNRs around the country. The first was the Purbeck Heaths in Dorset. Other examples include the Somerset Wetlands NNR and the Mendip NNR in Somerset.

Why are Natural England proposing a super NNR?

The current NNR is around 440 ha, if all partners come on board, the sNNR could be as much as 3000 ha and include land over the border in Wales . A much larger NNR will provide an opportunity for landowners to work together to increase the amount of land managed for wildlife.

The partners will be able to agree joint approaches to common problems and opportunities, share expertise and resources. Working more efficiently, for example to:

- deal with non-native species and pests
- share ideas and expertise on the use of grazing animals to manage habitats
- share equipment, machinery and tools
- plan together to improve natural flood management carbon storage and fire risk
- collaborate to manage problems such as recreational pressure and improve visitor experience.

The partnership is dependent on partners giving some of their time voluntarily. Natural England will co-ordinate the partnership using a small amount of staff time. The intention is to formally declare the sNNR in 2025.

Who and what is involved?

Taking part in the sNNR is entirely voluntary, Natural England does not intend to include any land other than that which the partners are willing to contribute. We are working with partners that own land around the Stiperstones NNR, they will be required to make nature conservation the primary purpose of their land management in the NNR for the long term (30 years). Much of the current NNR is a Site of Special Scientific interest (SSSi), however land does not have to have that designation to be included in the sNNR.

Skip about on our weekend Shuttle Bus

Shropshire Hills National Landscape

The much-loved Long Mynd and Stiperstones Shuttle is back on the road. It's taking a more traditional route than last year, crossing the Long Mynd from Church Stretton and reaching out across the Stiperstones as far as Snailbeach. A considerable amount of thought and time has gone into getting the timetable to fit in with the 435 bus and Shrewsbury-Ludlow train services, as well as give passengers enough time to visit the places they love. We are making as much as we can of our single bus service, which will also now run out to Wentnor with its two pubs, community shop and caravan site.

As we are unable to offer concessionary fares, we've kept the ticket costs low with a single fare at £2 and an All Day Rover at £6. The route works as well for passengers who want to hop on and off as it does for those who just want to enjoy a scenic tour. Passengers can also bring their pooches, as the bus, walks and many of the pubs along the route are dog friendly.
You'll find the timetable on our website (www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk) and at the bus stops. Printed copies are available from Church Stretton Visitor Information Centre, The Bog Visitor Centre, Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Carding Mill Valley and pubs along the route as well as online. Hough and Son's will also have a stock for those wanting to pick one up with their Sunday roast. Buy your ticket for cash only on the bus or contact us to splash out on a season ticket.

The service is planned to run weekends only from May 25th to September 8th. If the service meets its passenger target for this period, we will be in a position to extend the season later into September or possibly have a couple of weekend specials in the autumn to coincide with local events, like the Bog Centre Christmas fayre.

Keep in touch with all our Shuttle news contact us to join our shuttle bus newsletter mailing list, email shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk, or telephone 01743 244740.

Churchstoke Sunday Market & Car Boot

The return of the Charity Car Boot and Market at the Churchstoke Co-op site was on Sunday 19th May to the delight of many.

It will be held and weekly on Sunday's going forwards, with lots of stalls, old and new.

f you want to sell, then just turn up. It's £5 a car or 50p a foot for a pitch.

Traders and car boot in from 6am, open to public from 8am. Ice cream and burger vans.

The Co-op and Cafe open as normal.....why not come along....and its for local charity!

Have you got any recipes, cartoons, quizzes, crosswords or articles you would like to see in the newsletter? Just send to either of the email addresses on the back page and we will do our best to accommodate them.

HEATHER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2024

How to claim for pothole damage
The standards of our roads still leave much to be desired and many people have complained to me how difficult it can be to claim for damages to your car or cycle.
Ring Customer Services – 03456 789000 – and ask for a claim form. They do give advice on the phone but usually turn you down. Don't be fobbed off. Persevere.

You will need to:

I. Get the history of the pothole. The length of time they have known about it and not done anything is important. The 'FixMyStreet' website gives quite a bit of information if you put in the approximate postcode. Dates of reporting can also be found there and the reference number
II. Get a picture of the road and of the damage. You will also need a bill for the damage repair.

I may also be able to help with reporting dates if you are stuck. I have several references for the potholes and some emails to the technician. Do come back to me if you need to.

Post Office Outreach
Despite pressure on the Post Office from local residents and myself The Outreach Services from Pontesbury Post Office at Marton Village Hall and Stiperstones Inn ended on Monday 20th May. We have had the Shropshire Star write an article in support and Radio Shropshire with us for the last session. The whole closure process has been shambolic with no meaningful consultation happening. We are asking for the post office to be given a better time slot on a day further into the week. Lunchtimes would be easier for local people it use

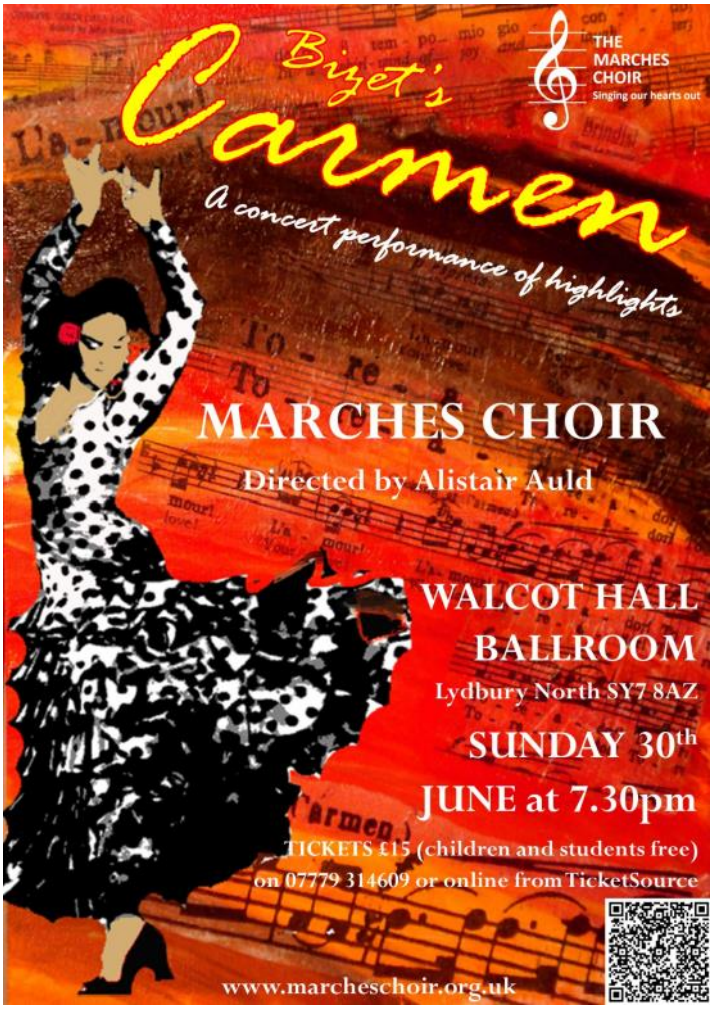
Bishop's Castle Opening
A date has been set to reopen the beds at Bishop's Castle Hospital!!!
It is 15th July and nursing staff will be on site getting ready from 1st July.

Road Closure
B4386 Westbury to Nox and B4386 Westbury to Winsley. - 10th June to 2nd July 2024. Monday to Saturday 09:30 - 16:00
This is for stud removal, surface dressing, sweeping and white lining . The 558 bus will be allowed through

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

Marches Choir sings Carmen!

"The Marches Choir presents a concert performance of excerpts from Georges Bizet's 'Carmen' - Sunday 30th June at 7.30pm. The choir, together with opera singers from Aberystwyth, will present all the main musical highlights of this thrilling opera in the magnificent ballroom at Walcot Hall, Lydbury North. The concert will feature some of the best known and loved of all operatic arias including Habanera and Seguidilla, the Flower Song and the Toreador Song. Tickets (£15, children and students free) are available from 07779 314609, online via www.ticketsource.co.uk, or on the door."



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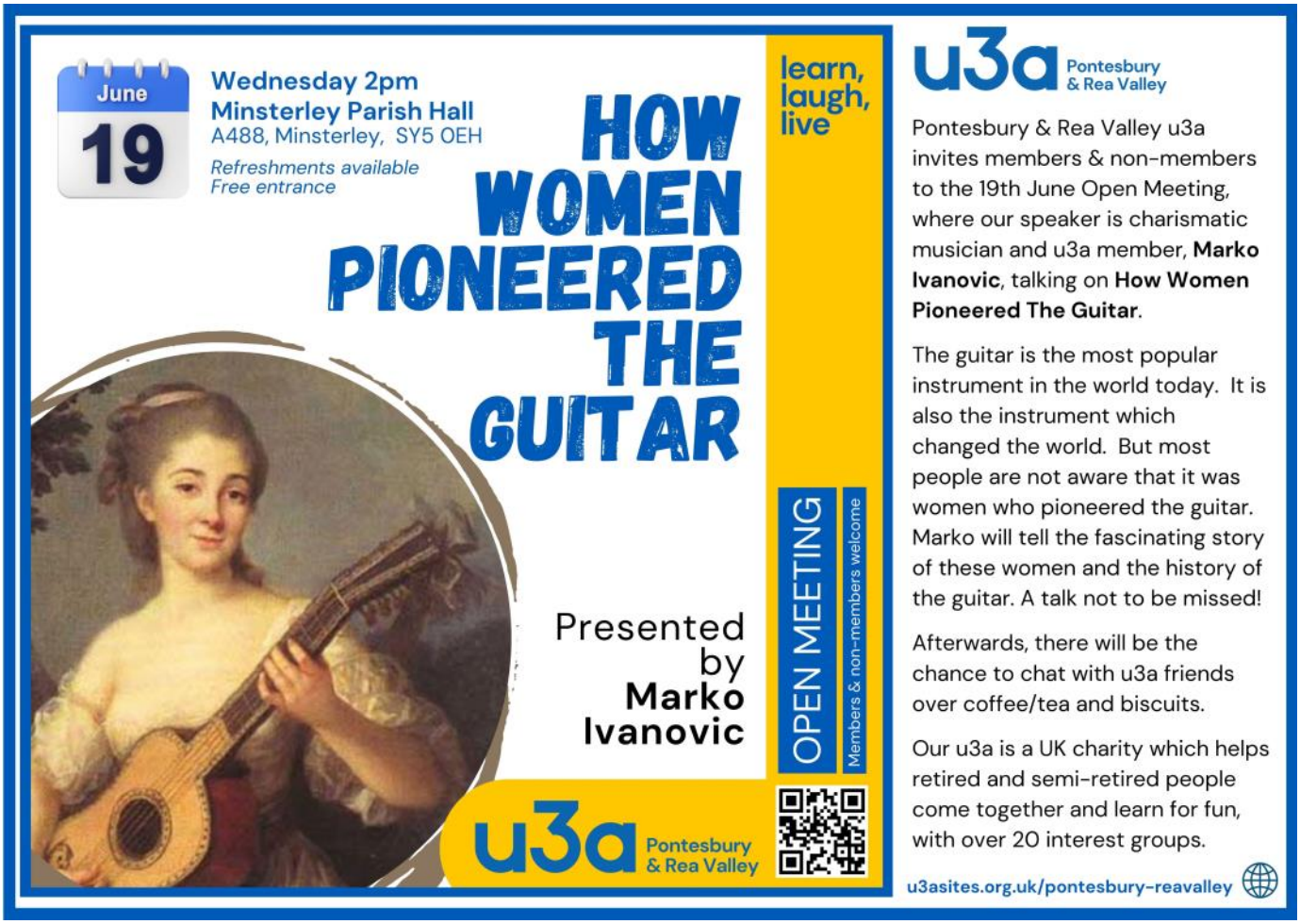
Coffee Morning

We are holding a Coffee Morning iin Worthen Village Hall on Saturday 15th June. from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Existing and prospective new members all welcome!

Come and hear about our plans for this year's productions including our Murder Mystery evening to be held in November. We'll be casting soon and would welcome anyone who would be interested in taking part, both on and off stage.

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