

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Services during May

Sunday 5th May – Holy Communion at Shelve 9am

Sunday 12th May – Holy Communion at Hope 9am

Sunday 19th May – Whitsunday Holy Communion at Shelve 9am

Sunday 26th May – Trinity Sunday Holy Communion at Hope 9am

We have two special services in May. Whitsun is on May 19th, also known as Pentecost. This is the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, giving them strength to witness to their faith in the Risen Christ. It is sometimes known as the birthday of the church. The day became popular for baptisms, and Whitsun (White Sunday) probably refers to the white clothes worn by those being baptised. For centuries Whitsun was the main summer holiday in England, and the time for community celebrations with fairs, feasts and processions.

Our church in Hope is named after the Trinity, God as three in one, rather than named after a saint or saints. On Trinity Sunday, May 26th, we will give special thanks for all those who have worshipped in our church over the years since its opening in 1843.

Annual Parish Meeting

All in the community or with an interest in our local churches are welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in Hope Village Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday May 15th. There will be reports on our activities as well as the chance to ask questions.

Hope and Shelve Fete

This will take place on Saturday June 1st at Leigh Manor, SY5 0EG, from 2-4pm. Come along and listen to the Stiperstones Brass band who will be playing for us during the afternoon. There will be free activities for children as well as a number of stalls to browse and refreshments on sale. All welcome.

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

Rea Valley foodbank

COMMUNITY APPEAL



The Rea Valley Foodbank supports anyone unable to meet their food bills and will provide a weekly parcel of food and other essential household goods until financial circumstances improve. You need a referral to ensure that your parcel meets your needs, but it's really easy, just call…..

Greg 07902 794653 Richard 07922 830488

Alternatively GP's and schools are able to make referrals.

We desperately need in-date tinned and packet foodstuff, toiletries, cleaning products, pet food and nappies—as well as egg boxes! Members of our team will be at the following locations to collect donations and provide a warm welcome. Thank you!

For further information please email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

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
8th May	15th May

Storage Facility Needed
It needs to be a clean, dry, weather and rodent proof area, able to accommodate 2-3 tonnes of canned and packaged food in the Minsterley, Pontesbury—Rea Valley area

We are willing to pay for what would be a permanent facility but are hoping for charitable rates. If you have something to offer or know where a suitable storage facility might be available, please contact the Chair, Greg Smith on 07902 794653 or email rectorpontstip@gmail.com

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:

15th May
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: 1st and 15th May

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

Bishop's Castle Community Hospital

Following a consultation and extensive and determined community pressure, lasting more than 2 years, good news from Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust (ShropCom) that following a lengthy and ultimately successful recruitment campaign they are committed to re-open the inpatient beds service at Bishop's Castle Community Hospital, albeit with a caveat that we hope will be satisfied, i.e. 'if it is safe to do so'.

In early April, Patricia Davies, Chief Executive of ShropCom, announced, *"Myself and the Trust Board made a commitment to re-open the inpatient beds if safe to do so and we are thrilled to be working on the plan for the re-opening of the service."*

Regarding the existing services at the BC Community Hospital, the ShropCom website states, *'There is currently outpatient physiotherapy delivered from the site with plans to expand this to link with the new musculoskeletal service. There is also speech and language therapy provided by ShropCom and diabetic eye screening clinics run by Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust. In addition to the services being delivered directly from the site, the South West Rapid Response Team have operational basis in Church Stretton and Bishop's Castle and Admiral Nursing also use the hospital as a base from which home visits can take place.'*

As part of her response to the news, Jenny Sargent, Chair of, 'BC Save Our Beds' said that, *'Bishop's Castle is far more isolated with less transport facilities which makes it very difficult for families. We have worked very hard with the Trust and it shows it can be done.'*

Although recruitment of the 12 nurses necessary to maintain the inpatient service was a main issue for ShropCom, that has now been realised and it has become apparent that several of the newly recruited nurses were BC nurses who were told to work at Ludlow when the BC facility was closed and they are now keen to make their return. But it is now essential that ShropCom's planning for the inpatient opening is handled swiftly to avoid these recruited nurses being left in employment limbo.

But the hoped-for success here raises the issue of the fate of the other 4 community hospitals at Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Whitchurch and Oswestry and how funding for these will be managed. But as BC is our closest venue, it is certainly good news for all in our community. If BC can be saved there may be all the more chance for the other four facilities when there is such a demand for a local service from these smaller hospitals.

It has also become apparent that this community led initiative has been held as an example for the re-opening of community hospitals in other parts of the country.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the consultation process; those community campaigners who continued undaunted with the effort to restore this service to our local hospital and to ShropCom for taking the final decision. Let's hope this added facility will become available very soon.

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.

NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

This month's species seems very apt as we are starting to hear the arrival of many of our migrant songbirds as they return from sunnier climes to our rather wet landscape. It has been the longest wettest winter that I have known and it has made some of our management work on the hill impossible. Fencing projects have been postponed and it is the first year when we have not been able to carry out any heather burning.

The species that I am featuring this month is the tree pipit. This is one of the twelve species for which action plans have been produced by the Stepping Stones Project. These plans can be found on the Middle Marches community Land Trust web site. Each of these species now has a champion that will encourage the delivery of the plan's actions and there will soon be a species factsheet produced detailing how everyone can help these declining species in our area.

The tree pipit is what is commonly known as an LBJ, or a little brown job. It is a small streaked brown bird which can be easily confused with the more common meadow pipit. Apart form a few differences in appearance the main way of distinguishing between the two species is by its song and its habit of perching in trees. They arrive back at this time, from there overwintering grounds in the Sahel, the region of Africa below the north African deserts.

Tree pipits nest on the ground but use trees for song perches, where they can be seen flying up and parachuting down to a branch, singing their characteristic song. They are one of the few birds that seems happy to continue singing through the middle of the day and this can be a good time to look for them. There preferred habitat is scattered trees in grass and heathland, although they will also use woodland edges and newly planted plantations. It is for this reason that the tree pipit was chosen by the Stepping Stones project as an indicator species for one of its key habitats the ffridd, also called heath/woodland mosaic.



Ffridd is a Welsh term for the scrubby land found on steep hillsides. It is on these steeper hill sides where grazing pressure is less and agricultural improvement has not been possible that allows a mix of scubby trees, gorse, bracken, heath and natural grassland to remain. These areas if managed well with light grazing can be extremely important for wildlife and birds such as cuckoos, whinchat, linnets and tree pipits rely upon them. However, if they are grazed too heavily they turn into barren grassland and if they are ungrazed become dominated by bracken or gorse.

It is the relatively natural habitat structure of the ffridd and the range of insects that will live on them, particularly if they are south facing that then benefits insect eating species such as the tree pipit. The cuckoo also benefits from these hill edges which not only hold good numbers of host species such as dunnocks and meadow pipits in whose nests it can lay its eggs, but again because of the insect food available. Cuckoos are particularly fond of large moth caterpillars and as such act as the canaries of the hills, their lack of song warning us of the dangers of losing these precious remains of natural habitats in the Shropshire Hills.

There is a bird walk on the Stiperstones on the 4th May, where hopefully we will see and hear tree pipits. We will be meeting at the Stiperstones carpark at 9.30am, see Facebook for more details.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

PONTESBURY & DISTRICT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Spring Planting

There is still a danger of frost until the middle/end of May so look after tender plants and seedlings until then. If you don't have a greenhouse in which to shelter the smaller plants you can wrap them in horticultural fleece when frost is forecast. Looking further ahead to when your soft fruits are ripening and protect them from marauding birds with fruit netting. You can make a protective cage using canes and netting – just be careful if high winds are forecast!

Spring into the Garden

Don't forget the social evening at 7.30 on Thursday 16 May in the Public Hall. Admission is free, as are the refreshments, so all you have to pay for is anything that you buy from the plant and garden-related stalls that will be there. More information will be in next month's Newsletter.

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.

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

Some dates for your diary:

- 19 May Pontesbury Garden Trail
- 24 August: Annual Show, 2.30 pm in the Public Hall
- 26 October Last Trading Post open day for 2024.

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.

Congratulations Mike

In early April, Mike Pejic, the former Stoke City, Everton, Aston Villa and England left-back who lives locally with his wife Marilyn, was in Harrogate for the 2024 British Taekwondo National Championships and there he was presented with an unexpected Lifetime Achievement in Sport Award by British Taekwondo.



British Taekwondo

In his early teenage years, Mike played as a left winger for Newcastle-under-Lyme schools but in 1967, having been born locally, signed professional forms for Stoke City FC (the Potters - the club he had supported as a boy). He became a regular in the Stoke squad and in the 1970s enjoyed with them a successful period with the club reaching the semi-final of the FA Cup twice and winning their first major trophy – the League Cup in 1972.

In 2022, 50-years to the day after Stoke City's 1972 League Cup win, the original squad were inducted into the city's Sporting Hall of Fame.

Between 1972 and 1974 Mike made 12 appearances for England, firstly for the under-23s and then in the senior side.

Then as a left-back, he was renowned for being a tough player. In February 1975, he broke his leg and, in his absence, and with injuries to three other key players, Stoke's genuine First Division title challenge fell away. He made 274 appearances for Stoke but in 1977, with the Potters finances under pressure following the collapse of a stand roof the club had to sell their most valuable players and Mike left to join Everton and 2 years later moved to Aston Villa. His retirement as a player happened in 1980 as a result of an injury.

Following his playing days, and for the next 30 years or so, Mike built his next phase in football with management positions at a number of local clubs in the UK and then abroad.

He went on to be the regional director for the North East FA and then taught FA coaching courses. In 1999, he managed the Malaysian club, Selangor FA but also coached in Zimbabwe and Kuwait. In February 2007, he became Head of Youth Coaching at Plymouth Argyle but left in June 2010 to take up a similar position at Ipswich Town.

Mike now works as a co-commentator on Stoke City matches for local radio and also writes a column about Stoke in the Saturday edition of The Sentinel.



Credit:
PA:Empics
Sport



Taekwondo:
It was whilst employed as a coach in Kuwait in the mid-1990s that Mike discovered the Korean martial art of Taekwondo. Because of the evening heat, football training was held early in the morning which left his afternoons free. The club, Al-Arabi, offered lots of other sports and Mike took up Taekwondo, which he loved so much he ended up doing fight training six times a week for 12 months. Combined with his existing levels of fitness, by 1995 he was able to compete in the Kuwait National Open Championship after just a year of training and when up against the number one in the country he was only just beaten; but he had got a taste for competition in this new sport and decided to return to the UK to work on his gradings.

Mike is the reigning national Taekwondo champion of Great Britain and in Europe in his age group and was runner up in the World Championships. He recently succeeded in persuading British Taekwondo to create an over 70 age category and is now hoping that this category will be added for the European and World Championships.





Credit: George Barrett - Pejic Taekwondo

His next challenge is to become a Grand Master, the highest position in Taekwondo, which will take a lot more hard work but he hopes he will achieve the position in the next few months. This goal was made more challenging when his Achilles tendon snapped when he was knocked from his bike just 50 yards from his home, but with complete dedication to his task he is almost back to full capability in his sport only 16 months after this very difficult injury.



Credit: George Barrett - Pejic Taekwondo

One of Mike's passions is running his 'Pejic Taekwondo Academy' in Newcastle-under-Lyme, which gives him enormous pleasure to put his students through their black belts.

By the way, Mike is also a black belt in the art of the Japanese samurai.

There can be no doubt that Mike Pejic is a worthy recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in Sport Award and we wholeheartedly praise him for the very well-deserved accolade, earned for his commitment to sport over many decades.

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

Hope and Shelve Parish



Summer Fete
Saturday June 1st
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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 March 2024 – 15th April 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Worthen	Suspect identified
Assault		Brockton	Suspect identified
Fraud			

Preventing vehicle thefts

This last month has seen a spike in thefts of vehicles around Bishop's Castle, believed to be conducted by a criminal gang travelling into the area. Please take note of the following security advice to help prevent any further thefts.

Keep your vehicle locked. Always locking your car when you leave it goes without saying, but make sure you double check the car is actually locked, check each door and the boot to make sure. Many modern vehicle's have wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, criminals will look for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out as it makes it clear that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Although we are aware of only one offence of this type in the last 12 months, another method of car theft is known as a relay attack, a method being used increasingly by car thieves on vehicles that use keyless entry. This involves two criminals working together using electronic signal relay devices to clone a vehicles' key. One criminal will use a device to receive the key signal from inside the home, transferring the signal to a second box, which is placed alongside the car. This tricks the car into 'thinking' the key is there, allowing the thieves to unlock the vehicle and drive away. Although the signal can pass through doors, walls and windows, it cannot penetrate metal, so placing the keys inside a metal box, signal blocking wallet known as a Faraday pouch, safe or even your microwave should protect your vehicle from a 'relay attack'.

If you own older vehicles which have poor locks that are easily bypassed like an old Land Rover or previous generations of the Ford Transit please consider fitting anti-theft devices like a steering wheel lock.

HEATHER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

BISHOP'S CASTLE HOSPITAL
Following a high-profile campaign run by the community and local Councillors including myself, Shropshire Community Health Trust have announced that Bishop's Castle will re-open.

This is excellent news for the SW Shropshire area. It means people can be cared for closer to home and visited by friends and family. It has been a long campaign but worth it to get this excellent result. I know that everyone in our local community will be delighted at this turnaround.

FIX MY STREET
I am getting increasingly annoyed by the Council's Fix My Street portal telling residents that their potholes have been filled when they haven't. For example, after reporting the potholes on the Priest Weston to Whittery road many, many times I received an email from them recently telling me that they had been fixed. On inspection this was patently untrue, I'm not sure if they had even been up there!

I have taken this matter to the Leader and the CEO of Shropshire now as its clear that someone in their contractor KIER is giving us misleading information. However, I need more evidence to back my case. If you have been told by them that your pothole has been fixed and hasn't – drop me a line at heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk

RECYCLING IN CRAVEN ARMS

As we go to press, Shropshire Council is considering closing the recycling facility in Craven Arms. This would be a disaster on two counts. First, it would deprive residents of a valued facility and second, it would severely impact on the amount of waste we recycle and therefore on our environment.

Charging for your Green bin - £52 per year. There is a consultation on this. Please take part Garden waste and household recycling centres consultation | Shropshire Council

WANTED - CURLEW SIGHTINGS

If you hear or see this bird please call 077903 25007 or email details asap to UCCWG@shropscwgs.org.uk. If we know where they are we can help protect them!

EMAILS FOR ROUND-ROBIN

I have also lost a number of email addresses in the recent update to the system. If you haven't heard from me lately, please email me and let me know. *Heather*

MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL – SALE AGREED!

We are now launching a campaign to raise the funds to purchase these two species-rich meadows on the outskirts of Minsterley to safeguard them for future generations. Amongst many other species, the meadows support the largest colony of Green-winged Orchids in Shropshire. This has led to their designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by the government's nature conservancy body, Natural England. The meadows adjoin Callow Lane and are well used by local people for dog walking, and as a pleasant walking route towards Poles Coppice.

Minsterley Meadows would be owned by the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, a local community-led Trust dedicated to helping create an ecologically healthy and sustainable countryside. The Marches Meadows Group would help manage the meadows. The appeal is supported by Minsterley Parish Council, CPRE Shropshire, Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill, and other local groups.

Can you help us purchase Minsterley Meadows?

PUBLIC MEETING

on Saturday 11th May

1pm-4pm

Minsterley Parish Hall

Minsterley Meadows Fund-Raising Appeal Launch

Sunday 9th June

10am-3pm

Minsterley Parish Hall

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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:

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- 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)



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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
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Pilates Class

When? - Mondays

Time? - 6:00-6:45PM

Class? - Mat Pilates

Where? - Hope Village Hall

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