


## HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

**Services during October**

Sunday 6th October – Harvest Holy Communion at Shelve 9am

Sunday 13th October – Harvest Holy Communion at Hope 9am

Sunday 20th October – Morning Prayer at Shelve 9am

Sunday 27th October – All Souls service at Hope 3pm

As I mentioned last month, this year's 'Ride and Stride' took place in September, in aid of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches. I was delighted to complete an 18.5 mile walk from Pontesbury to Minsterley, Hope, Shelve, Snailbeach, Habberley and back to Pontesbury, with only a couple of blisters! It was great to explore some new (to me) footpaths and bridleways around our villages.

We are now looking forward to our Harvest celebrations, with services at Shelve on 6th and Hope church on 13th October. Our Harvest Supper, with raffle and auction, takes place in Hope Village Hall on Wednesday 9th Octoberat 7pm, and tickets are available from me (details below), or from Wynford Wyke on 01743791320.

As the evenings get darker we are approaching the season of remembrance. All Saints Day, the day after Halloween, and next month's Remembrance Day are both times when traditionally we look back with thanks to generations, and individuals, who have gone before us. On October 27th at Hope church we will be holding an All Souls service at 3pm. At this quiet service we will remember by name those loved ones we have lost, recently or longer ago. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of your loved one, or if you would like a candle lit on your behalf, please do email me at the address below.

Revd Fran Brealey

revfran@btinternet.com • 07982 324760

The **Sabrina Mobile Library** visits Hope Village Hall on Route 3, alternate Wednesdays,

Upcoming dates: 2nd, 16th and 30th October from 1pm to 1.50pm.

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

## Save The Date

## Autumn Fayre at Worthen Village Hall—2nd November

# APPLE DAY 2024

## SATURDAY 5th October

## 12 – 4pm

## HOPE VILLAGE HALL - SY5 0JB



Apple presses available for pressing while you wait – bring your own containers

Apples (not windfalls) can be left for professional juicing & bottling

Refreshments available including

PORK & APPLE BURGERS, APPLE PIES AND CAKES

RAFFLE

Enquiries to Sarah 07790 100462 or email treasurer@hopevillagehall.org.uk

HOPE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

This popular village hall event allows us to produce juice either for the donator's use or for sale at HVH. It provides an 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.

This is just a request to deliver any spare apples you have to the village hall **on the day** for processing into apple juice; you can even have a go yourself, which is great fun for the kids.

## Hope and Bentlawnt Local History Group

For anyone interested in social history, there are many books written by local people about their own communities, that provide information about their people, their interests and activities. Mostly these are compiled from interviews conducted with long-standing residents by an individual or a small group of dedicated community-minded people. Of course, the purpose of these interviews is to capture a record of local memories, whilst the interviewees are still available, and refer to times when life was very different than today. It is only through the dedication of those conducting the interviews and the generous support of their subjects that we have the benefit of this knowledge, which allows us to understand the changes in family and community life that have occurred over time. H&BLHG has most of these books from adjacent areas because, very often, they contain snippets that relate directly ours.

One book in particular is the 1992 publication entitled, 'Down Memory Lane – Recollections of Churchstoke', (unfortunately, there is no identified author/publisher), which in two of its sections tell us of instances where at least two Churchstoke residents had overlaps to the Hope area.

In the section dedicated to schools and schoolmasters we learn that the first record of a school in Churchstoke was in 1772 when, for the next 40 years, Mr William Pugh was the schoolmaster. Some time later, the role of Headmaster was taken by Mr Charles Shuker, who was born at Hyssington on 24th May 1842. He was the youngest son of John and Elizabeth Shuker whose families had, for several generations, followed agricultural pursuits in the border districts. When Charles was four, the family moved to Hope Hall Farm, Drury Lane and he attended the National Schools of Hope (where he must have been one of the very first pupils) and Worthen and walked six miles to school each day. At the age of fourteen he became 'Pupil Teacher' at St. Chad's School, Shrewsbury and on completing his apprenticeship he obtained a first-class Queen's Scholarship and entered Chelsea Teacher Training College, in London; after two years there he obtained his Teachers Certificate and in 1863 was appointed Head Master at Churchstoke National School, a position he held for thirty years.

In another section, dedicated to undertakers, 'Down Memory Lane' provides brief information about the Corfield family whose services, as coffin makers, were clearly in demand in the wider area.

Undertaking was not the only specialism of the Corfields; they were also general carpenters and made wheels and did general repairs. They seasoned all their own timber and coffins took about two days to make. Dick Corfield remembered holding a candle for his father, Ernest, so that he could work at night and also remembers when they started to use oil lamps. It was in 1926, at the age of fourteen, that he started working with his father at the Brynkin, a property a short way up the Priest Weston road from Churchstoke.

Ernest Corfield used to deliver coffins to the Bromlow Callow area where, as we know, there are a lot of very steep banks and at one of these, their horse wouldn't pull the cart up forward, so Mr Corfield turned the pony and let him push it uphill! It took all of one day to do a delivery.

In another interesting tale in this section, we learn that coffins were lined with white material for virgins and coloured for married women. Victor Corfield remembers his grandmother telling a tale of two old spinsters asking for all white linings, with a little mauve in each corner!

As revealing and historically interesting as these interviews can be, they are very time consuming in their transcription and ensuring that they are fully recorded and it is for these reasons that, with limited time resources, I cannot do them here. As an alternative, I offer an invitation to contributors to provide their own written recollections. If you do have anything that you could share with your local history section, please contact barry@hopenews.uk to discuss.

## MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL DEADLINE

A lot has been happening since our first public meeting way back in January. Following a second public meeting and the campaign launch we have had numerous local fundraising events, including raffles and a stall at Minsterley Show. At the time of writing we have raised £149,326.61 towards our total of £240,000 but we need to find the rest by mid-October. Could you possibly help us to reach our goal by making a pledge either by email at: info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk via our website: https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-appeal/ or by sponsoring an orchid? If you purchase one of Sarah Jameson's delightful cards (a painting of a lovely purple Green-winged Orchid) for £5 all the money raised goes to support the Minsterley Meadows Appeal. To order please email: info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk

The nationally scarce Green-Winged Orchids, prolific in these flower-rich fields, form the largest site in Shropshire. The meadows themselves, which are enjoyed by local people, have been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). These are now extremely rare habitats as, sadly, we have lost 97% of our native wild flower meadows. Your help with our campaign to protect these extremely special meadows, which are right on our doorstep in our own local area, would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Members of: Minsterley Meadows Working Group; Middle Marches Community Land Trust; Marches Meadow Group.



Green-winged Orchid card




Look out for the Appeal thermometer in Minsterley . (September total shown

A lot further to go!

**NEW Local Online 'Spotlight on Events' Calendar**

Enterprise House is proud to launch their free 'Spotlight on Events' Calendar on the Bishop's Castle and Beyond website. The calendar is designed to provide a centralised hub for all local events and activities, making event planning and promotion easier, reaching locals and visitors alike.

Available to everyone running events in Bishop's Castle, Clun Valley, South West Shropshire and the Welsh Borders, whether it's a small community gathering or a large annual event. Organisers are invited to add the details to the calendar, including dates, detailed description, and venue and ticket information.

Uploading events is easy using the submission form on the website. Either click on 'Submit Your Event Here' at the bottom of the webpage or go directly to www.bishopscastleandbeyond.co.uk/spotlight-event-form/

A How-To Guide will be available to download from the website and we are planning some short drop-in training sessions for regular event holders, dates and details to follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Enterprise House on 01588 638 038 or info@enterprisehouse.org.uk.

The 'Spotlight on Events' calendar is also the perfect way to discover what's happening near you. Visit www.bishopscastleandbeyond.co.uk/events-whatson/ to see what's coming up this month. You can even download individual events directly to your online calendar so you don't miss out. The Autum will also see the return of Spotlight; the free printed guide to local events.

# Heathers Report for September 2024

## Green Bins.

From October Shropshire Council will charge all residents £56 per year for the collection of green waste bins. The Council hopes to raise £4m from this charge which will enable them to keep the recycling centres open (at reduced hours!). Food waste collection will also stop.

Applications for this service are now open on line: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/garden-waste-collections/how-to-subscribe/

## Pension Tax Credit

As we go to press, the Chancellor had announced that the Winter Fuel Payment of up to £300 will be scrapped this year. This will have an impact on pensioners who are not on Pension Tax Credit – as only those on Pension Credit will continue to receive the Fuel Payment.

If you are on a state pension and have only limited private pension (if any) and limited savings do check to see if you are eligible for Pension Tax Credit. Even if you only receive a few pence from Pension Credit you will get the Fuel Payment.

Go to https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim

## Landslips

Shropshire Council are now looking to obtain the land necessary to repair the landslip on the A490 by compulsory purchase. Unfortunately, the Council no longer employs suitably qualified officers to draw up the necessary legal papers. They are now having to go out to tender to hire someone suitably qualified to do so!

With regard to the slip on the A488 in the Hope Valley, the Council's contractors (WSP) are currently undertaking a number of surveys before coming up with a design.

## 20 MPH Limits Outside Schools

Chirbury, Norbury and Worthen Schools have been included in the first phase of the programme to introduce compulsory 20 mph limits outside schools. The Council's consultants, WSP, are currently in discussion with the schools and work to put in the signs etc should be complete by the end of the financial year.

## Road safety in Chirbury, Brockton and Worthen

The area Place Plan which allocates money from building in the area has put forward plans for road safety works in Chirbury at the junction of the A490 with the Shrewsbury Road, the Blue Bell crossroads and the Marton turning. We have no way of knowing when any works will be carried out.

I am appalled to say that they think there are no issues in Worthen and that the pavements are fit for purpose. The Parish Council and I are vigorously fighting that.

## Hedgehogs

Keep an eye open for hedgehogs on the road this time of year. They are out looking for places to hibernate and far too many are run over crossing the road!

Heather

Heather Kidd. Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen Division

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Heather does talks about hedgehogs at schools, brownies, cubs etc., as well as Adult groups like WI. Any groups that would like to know about hedgehogs, what Hokey Pokey do and how you can help these amazing little animals. If you think your school or group would like Heather to do a talk please contact her to set up a time and day. Limited spaces this year so get in quick for dates!

## Free Help to Get Online for Shropshire Residents

**Do you feel a little lost using technology? Need help using the internet? Do you feel nervous about using a computer or frustrated about being left behind as everything seems to be online these days?**

Getting to grips with the internet means you can keep in touch with friends and family, get up-to-date information and see the latest news, have shopping delivered to your door and better manage your health and finances.

Shropshire Council is supporting residents to learn to use technology safely through **The Digital Skills Programme**. The service has 25 digital hubs across the area for people who need help to use their laptops, mobile phones or tablets. Learning slowly, taking small steps and having the time to practice are keys to success.

The programme is delivered by experienced, friendly digital volunteers based within Shropshire Libraries and local community organisations. Free data and devices are available for those in greatest need.

"I felt left behind and knew I needed to do something to bring myself up to date," said Peter, who has benefitted from the programme. "My digital volunteer was so knowledgeable and patient. His kindness helped me to realise that I knew a lot more than I thought I did. Getting out of the house each week to learn something new gave me a boost and I thoroughly enjoyed my sessions."

For more information visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/computer-skills-for-all email Susie.Hancock@shropshire.gov.uk or telephone 01743 253958.

Shropshire Council funded free digital support is available at:

**North**
Qube, Oswestry; Oswestry Library; BizEd Projects, Whitchurch; 4 All Foundation, Market Drayton and Cockshutt; Market Drayton Library; G.O.A.L. Wem; Wem Library.

**Central**
Barnabas Community Projects, Shrewsbury; The Roy Fletcher Centre, Shrewsbury; Shrewsbury Library; Library at the Lantern, Harlescott. Shrewsbury; Bayston Hill Library; Pontesbury Library.

**South**
Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton; Enterprise House, Bishops Castle;
Craven Arms Library; Ludlow Library; Bridgnorth Library; Broseley Library; Much Wenlock Library; Shifnal Library.

**Specialist digital support**
Enable: for people receiving support into employment and/or training
Taking Part: for people with learning difficulties
Sight Loss Shropshire: for people with visual impairment.

**FREE Internet for Beginners** **Montgomery Institute, Arthur Street**

Cllr Jeremy Brignell-Thorp will be holding some Internet for Beginners sessions, mainly aimed at older residents who have not yet got to grips with the Internet. As more and more services such as banks go online, it is becoming more important to be able to access the internet. Being able to use the internet is now a really useful skill, whether to access your bank account, to access council services, to find out about community events, or just for keeping in touch with family and friends.

Sessions to get you up and running will take place at Montgomery Institute between 2pm and 4pm on the second Monday of the month. All welcome and there is no charge and no need to book. You don't need to bring anything; the Institute has laptops that can be used, and Jeremy may be able to offer advice on what device would be best for you to get for yourself.

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

# Harvest Supper

**Wednesday 9th October**
**6.30 for 7 pm**
**Hope Village Hall, Minsterley SY5 0JB**
***Tickets £10***
***under 11s half price***

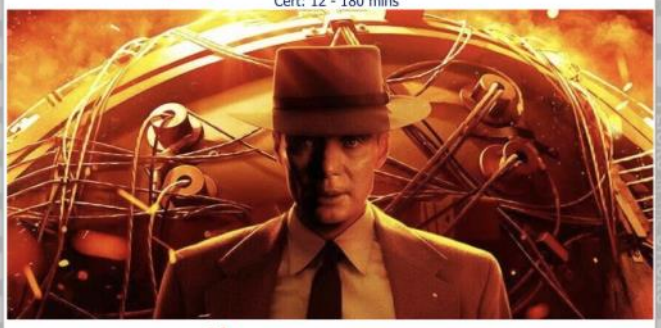
**Bring own drinks**
**tea and coffee provided**
**Auction and Raffle**

**Contact Wynford 01743791320**
**or Fran 07982324760 for tickets**

arts alive FLICKS IN THE STICKS

# Oppenheimer

Cert: 12 - 180 mins



## Fri 11th Oct - 7.00pm

### Marton Village Hall

Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50
Enquiries: 01743 792790 or 07810 230860

Please note that this film starts at 7.00p.m.
Film £5. Film + Fish/chips £10. (Fish & chips must be pre-ordered).
Bar and refreshments available from 6.30 p.m.

The story of American scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer journey from an ambitious scientist to a man tormented by the central role he played in the development of the atomic bomb.

Starring: Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon, Florence Pugh, Robert Downey Jr.

Film Forever



October 16

**Wednesday 2pm**
**Minsterley Parish Hall**
A488, Minsterley, SY5 0EH
*Refreshments available*
*Free entrance*

learn, laugh, live

# FOLK MUSIC - FACT & FICTION




**Presented by Mal Brown**

OPEN MEETING
Members & non-members welcome

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

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Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites members & non-members to the Open Meeting on the 16th October, where our speaker is the delightful **Mal Brown**, coordinator of our u3a music group, talking on **Folk Music - Fact & Fiction**.

Folk Music is not quite what you think! Come along and be educated and thoroughly entertained by Mal who will dispel urban myths surrounding 'folk music' (e.g. it is men in Aran sweaters singing about dead sailors, they all have beards etc.) and perform examples of songs & tunes to illustrate his findings.

Afterwards will be followed by refreshments.

Our u3a is a UK charity which helps retired and semi-retired people come together and learn for fun, with over 20 interest groups.

u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley




# Green Open Homes

## October 19-20 and 26-27

**See how you can save money on your energy bills, make your home more cosy, reduce your carbon footprint — and enjoy a great day out!**

If you would like to open your green home there's still time to join in.

**Green Open Homes nearby!**
Scan and use the postcode search to find homes near you and plan your visits.
www.greenopenhomes.net

marches

Herefordshire Green Network

FUTURE READY HOMES

If you have a look at the live listing you will see there are properties open in the Stiperstones, in Clun and Bishop's Castle, and across Shropshire and Telford: https://shropshiregreendoors.greenopenhomes.net/shropshire-and-telford-green-open-homes-2024-298

With autumn on its way and another energy price rise looming, you might be thinking about improvements you can make to your home so it's more energy efficient. There's a host of benefits – as well as saving money on energy bills, you can increase comfort levels in your home, cut your carbon footprint, and make both you and your home healthier by dealing with any mould and damp issues. But where do you start?

Green Open Homes is a wonderful opportunity to visit some of the loveliest 'greenest' homes in Shropshire and Telford. Learn all about them from their owners, people just like you who have taken the plunge and improved their homes. Look around and see for yourself things like:

- Air source heat pumps
- Solar panels with battery storage
- Extra insulation

EV charging

It's your chance to ask questions of the homeowners to find out why they made the choices they did, and what they learned in the process. The event is free and there are no salesmen. It really is the ideal opportunity to gain the confidence and understanding you need to start making energy efficiency improvements to your home.

Run by local charity Marches Energy Agency, this year's Green Open Homes takes place across two weekends, 19th – 20th and 26th – 27th October.

You can start planning your visits to beautiful 'green' homes near you by using the postcode search here: https://www.greenopenhomes.net/

And it's not too late to take part! If you'd like to get involved by opening your home just contact Marches Energy Agency

**FIRE SAFETY**

HVH has received an invitation from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service about their Fire Safety Prevention talks for interested groups.

The aim is to reduce accidental fires and to keep us safe in our homes.

The talk would last about one hour but could be customised to particular needs or time and would be held at HVH or at one of the Fire Stations, with a tour included.

If anyone is interested in partaking of this offer, please contact Barry at barry@hopenews.uk or see me at HVH at a Wednesday Community Lunch.

In the meantime, SF&RS have provided this QR Code for you to try their online home fire safety check. Once completed, you will receive a personalised fire safety action plan to help keep you and your household safe from fire.

**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<br>CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE<br>16th July 2024 – 15th September 2024 | | | |
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| **CRIME REPORTED** | **DETAILS** | **LOCATION** | **NOTES** |
| Harassment | | Chirbury | |
| Public order offence | Victim has disturbed 3 males acting is a suspect manner where they have become abusive and threatening | Snailbeach | 03:20 31st July. Linked to below burglary |
| Burglary | Pit bike and tools stolen from shed | Pennerley | Occurred overnight 30th – 31st July |
| Burglary | Quad bike moved from farm outbuilding, quad abandoned in nearby field, damage caused to ignition | Brockton | Occurred early hours 24th July |
| Criminal damage | Occurred at care home | Chirbury | |

# NATURAL ENGLAND

## Notes from the hill

An interesting year so far, with so much wet weather. All of our grassland areas have so much growth that the sheep, cattle and ponies can't keep up with it and a good deal of what we usually cut for hay just hasn't been possible this year. On the positive there seem to be quite a few red grouse about on the heath, with the odd wheatear moving through and even a dotterel visiting for a few days.



The featured species this month is the bilberry bumblebee, which was one of the first species for which a species action plan was written by the Stepping Stones project. Also know as the upland bumblebee, this species with its pale-yellow collar and orange rear, is confined to the hills and like many upland species in the Shropshire Hills is on the south-westerly edge of its range.

At this time of year, it will be the new queens that are seen and they will be getting ready to hibernate underground through the winter.
This iconic bumblebee is threatened by changes to the climate and loss of natural upland habitats, particularly bilberry covered slopes and adjacent flower rich grasslands.

To learn more about the bilberry bumblebee and how you can help, you can contact *bumblebeesonthemynd@gmail or see links on The Stepping Stones Project in the Shropshire Hills webpage.*

All of the 12 species action plans can be found on the Middle Marches Community Land Trust website.

*Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak*

Shropshire Hills National Landscape

www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk

**Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team**
Unit 5 Drovers House, The Auction Yard, Craven Arms, SY7 9BZ
telephone: 01743 254740, email: shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk

## Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund Open for Applications

The Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund is a small grant pot to support practical projects that help to conserve, enhance and raise awareness of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.

The Fund supports projects to deliver practical conservation work in the Shropshire Hills and/or educational and awareness-raising activities relating to the Shropshire Hills and its conservation, especially involving young people.

**From September 2024 we have 2 rounds of funding available:**

We can support activity over this winter. Projects must be completed by March/April 2025.
We can support year-long projects to start in April 2025 and complete by end of March 2026.

Grants range from £500 to £2,000. Grants can be of up to 75% and match funding can be made up of in kind and volunteer time contributions as well as cash. Further information about the Fund and how to apply is on our website, search Conservation Fund - www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk. Or email stephanie.hayes@shropshire.gov.uk, or telephone 01743 254746.

The Conservation Fund is administered by the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. The funding is from Friends of Shropshire Hills subscriptions, the Millichope Foundation, Moonshine & Fuggles, and individual contributions.

## Pontesbury Gardeners' Association

### Garden & Craft Show

Our annual Show was held on Saturday 24 August. Poor weather conditions this year resulted in a lower number of entries in the Flower, Fruit and Veg categories but the Art, Handicraft and Cookery sections were well supported. It was good to see that there was a good number of new exhibitors, some of whom are new to the village, so we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

### Xmas Meal

This well be held on the evening of Tuesday 3rd December. As our usual venue is no longer available we are looking into an alternative and will let people know as soon as we can. It would be good to gauge the level of interest so if you are calling in to the Trading Post please let us know if you would like to attend.

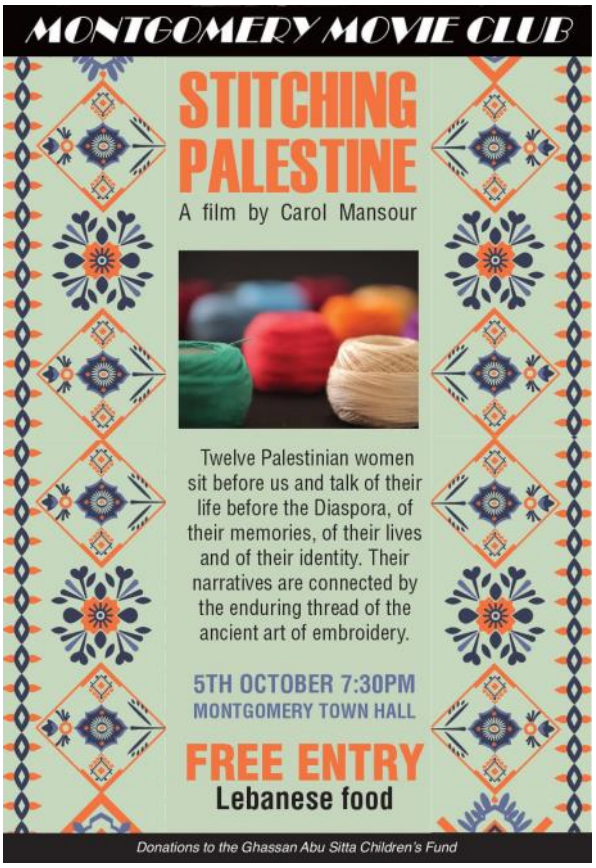
### The Trading Post

We will be closing for our winter break at the end of October so be sure to call in and get everything that you will need for the garden over the winter months. We will be open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon until the end of the month, and will be able to take bookings for the Xmas meal after that.

## All Saints Church Presents…"A Thousand Years of Worthen"

Richard Tongue delves into the forgotten history of this ancient village, of the Kings and Lords, Renegades and Rogues who passed this way, the famous and infamous characters of the past. Hear the stories of Wild Edric, the Last of the Saxon Warlords, of Mary Anne Talbot, Sailor in the French Revolutionary War, and many other illustrious characters. Take a trip back in time and explore the world of our ancestors.

**Saturday 9th November, All Saints Church, 3pm. All Welcome.**


MONTGOMERY MOVIE CLUB
STITCHING PALESTINE
A film by Carol Mansour
Twelve Palestinian women sit before us and talk of their life before the Diaspora, of their memories, of their lives and of their identity. Their narratives are connected by the enduring thread of the ancient art of embroidery.
5TH OCTOBER 7:30PM
MONTGOMERY TOWN HALL
FREE ENTRY
Lebanese food
Donations to the Ghassan Abu Sitta Children's Fund


MONTGOMERY
Antiques & Collectors Fair
Antiques & Collectables
Vintage, Art, Coins, Curios,
Home & Garden Décor
and more!
Montgomery Town Hall
26th & 27th October
Saturday Sunday
Noon to 4pm 10am to 4pm
Made in Monty in The Institute
Exhibition in The Old Bell Gallery
Refreshments available in the Hall


Worthen & Brockton
Big Community
LUNCH
Sunday 13th October
Worthen Village Hall
12.00am – 4.00pm
Food served from 12.00am – 2.00pm.
Free admission after 2.00pm.
Advance lunch booking essential.
Tickets available from Londis
Adults £8 Children (under 12) £4.
Photographs
Worthen and Brockton
We are taking part in the
Shropshire Best Kept Village
Community Competition!
Kid's activities
Demonstrations
Competitions


Montgomery Scarecrow Competition & Trail 2024
Sat 26th Oct
to Sat 3rd Nov
£2 for a trail map to find the scarecrows and vote for your favourite!
To enter a scarecrow please go to online entry form:
For more info contact
07813 741 687
Trail maps £2 from Bunners & Spar
£5 to enter a Scarecrow
Results to be announced Sunday 3rd November. Prizes will be awarded to the best scarecrows as voted for by the public!



# All Souls Service

**A time to remember those we have lost recently or long ago**

**3.00pm**
**Sunday 27th October 2024**
**Holy Trinity, Hope**




## 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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u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

**STRENGTH & STABILITY CLASS**
**FOR AGES 60+**

Tuesdays 9.30am—10.30am at Minsterley Parish Hall

Thursdays 10.00am—11.00am at The Pavilion Community Hub, Pontesbury

Booking is essential.

Contact Dan Lewis on 07904 338 791

or danlewisfitness@btinternet.com

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## Shropshire Pickers

## Anything old and interesting

Buyer of records, stamps, old toys, engineering items, carpentry items, military items, cars/bikes including parts, old farm items.

Shed, garage and house clearances.

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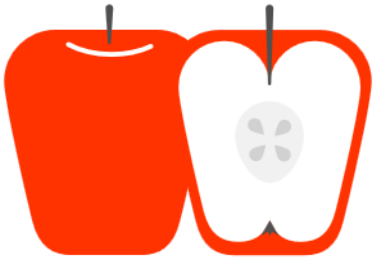
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