

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Services during September

Sunday 1st September – Holy Communion at Shelve 9am

Sunday 8th September – Holy Communion at Hope 9am

Sunday 15th September – Morning Prayer at Shelve 9am

Sunday 15th September – Summer Praise and tea at Hope Village Hall 2.30pm

Sunday 22nd September – Morning Prayer at Hope 9am

Sunday 29th September - Group Holy Communion at Hope 10.30am

This year's 'Ride and Stride' takes place on Saturday 14th September. This is an opportunity to raise funds for our local church buildings, and for the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, a charity which gives grants to parish churches in the county for structural repairs and improvements. I am hoping to walk around all six churches in our benefices (about 17 miles or so), to Minsterley, Shelve, Snailbeach, Habberley and Pontesbury. All the churches will be open, so it is an ideal opportunity to visit one or more and have a look around.

Our third Summer Afternoon Praise is on Sunday 15th September in the Village Hall at 2.30pm A short service will be followed by tea and cake and a chance to chat. There will be some special activities for children. All welcome.

On Friday 20th September there will be a talk on the Rise and Fall of Elvis Presley at the Village Hall, given by Bill Powell from Chester. This promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening. Tickets are available from Wynford and Moira Wyke, telephone 07970755714 or 01743791320.

On 29th September it is Holy Trinity, Hope's turn to host our Group service, when all the churches of the benefice will gather together for a Holy Communion service at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.

Revd Fran Brealey

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

Upcoming dates: 4th and 18th September 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/

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.

HOPE SHOW

Saturday 7th September 2024

Judging of entries for the 'tallest Sunflower'.

1. Only one entry per competitor will be judged.

2. Only growing plants will be judged.

3. To determine which plants will be examined by the judges, entrants must call Barry on 01743 891263 between 5pm and 7pm on Friday 6th September 2024 with the following information:
   - their name;
   - confirmation that their entry is a growing plant;
   - the measurement of their plant, taken from the top level of the soil to the tip of the flower/plant);
   - their contact telephone number(s); and
   - the address where the sunflower can be judged.

4. The entrants of the 6 sunflowers that, from the previously declared measurements, are identified to be the tallest will be selected to be judged. Only those 6 entrants will be contacted between 9am and 9.30am on Saturday 7th September 2024 and notified that their plant will be officially measured by the judges at the location of their entry between 10.30am and 12noon that day.

5. Certificates will be awarded for the 3 tallest plants judged and those successful entrants will be announced later in the day between 3.30pm and 4pm at Hope Village Hall.

Hope Apple Day

This popular village hall event is booked for 5th October. This is just 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.

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

Date for your Diary:

On Tuesday 10th September Enterprise House is holding a FREE health themed digital drop-in session in the Library from 11.00am - 1.00pm Open to everyone staff and volunteers will be on hand to help you set up the NHS App, learn how to order your prescriptions online or help you with any other digital queries you have.

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:

18th September 20th November

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

Local health champion seeks experiences of using community pharmacies

Community pharmacies are offering more services and trying to help take the pressure off GP services. These include 'Pharmacy First' which provides consultation services and the supply of appropriate medicines for 7 common conditions including earache, sore throat, and urinary tract infections.

Healthwatch Shropshire wants to hear from anyone who has used pharmacy services for any reason since February 2024. Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, said, "We would like to understand the experience of patients using pharmacies not only for the Pharmacy First service but all of the other services provided by pharmacies."

"We would also like to hear from community pharmacy staff about their experience of providing Pharmacy First and other advanced services."

"To share experiences people can contact us online at https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HWSpharmacyservices/ or ring our office and talk to one of the staff on 01743 237884."

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

Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Marches Meadow Group



MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL

FUNDRAISER EVENT

TALK ON BARN OWLS

Minsterley Parish Hall, Tuesday 17 September, 7-9pm

Come and hear the Shropshire Barn Owl Group talk about how Barn Owls are faring in the county.

SBOG over the last 22 years have installed 530 nest boxes around the county. Please come along and see if their nestboxes have made a difference.

We will learn about the main reason for Barn Owl decline and what we can do to help these beautiful birds increase and thrive.

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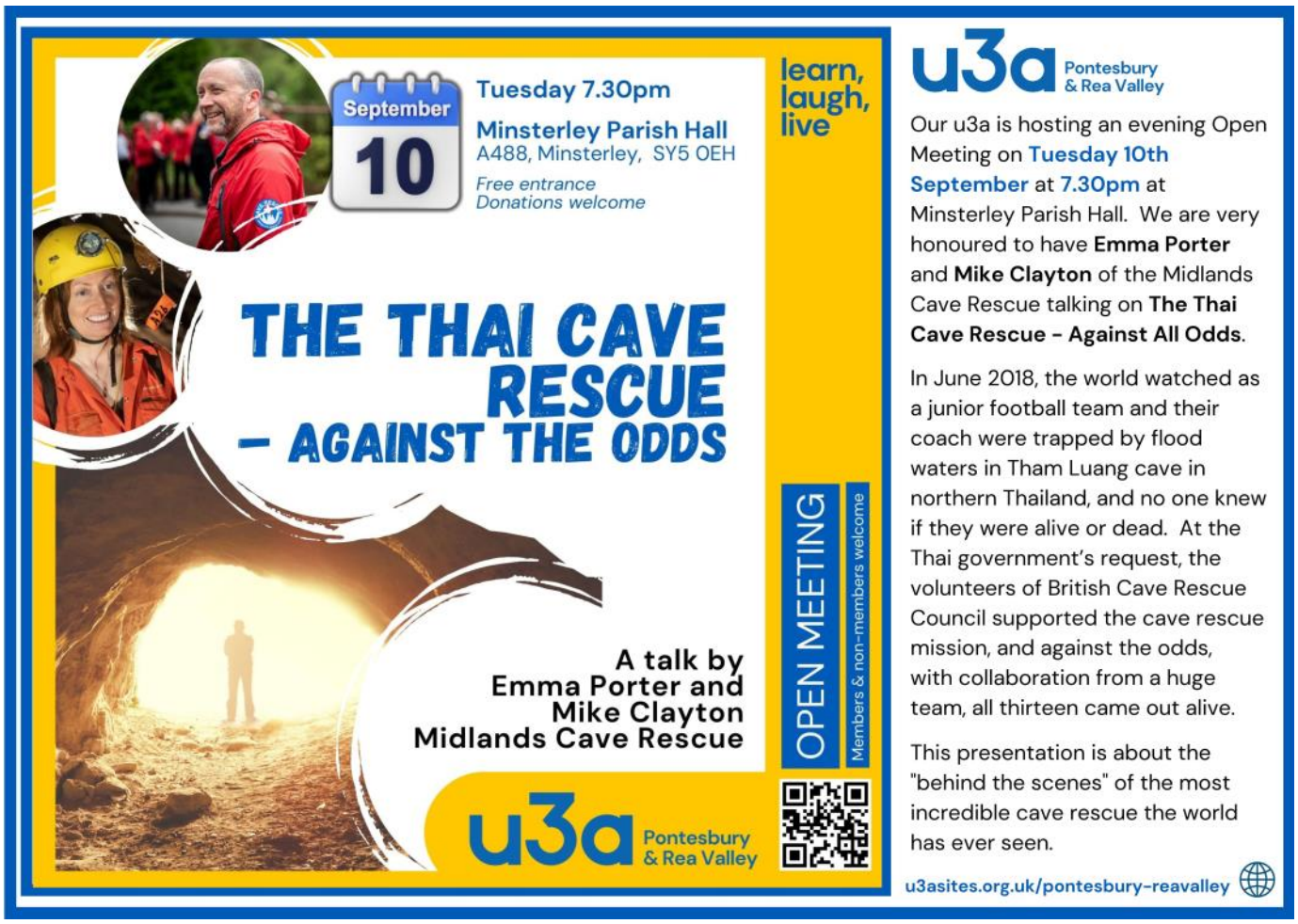
Can you help us purchase Minsterley Meadows for future generations?

We have an exciting opportunity to purchase two flower-rich meadows on the outskirts of Minsterley, Shropshire to safeguard them for future generations. Amongst many other species, the meadows support the largest colony of green-winged orchids in Shropshire which has led to their designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by the government's nature conservation body, Natural England.

The meadows adjoin Callow Lane and are well used by local people. The 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 Meadow Group would help manage the meadows.

This appeal is supported by Minsterley Parish Council, CPRE Shropshire, Friends of Pontesford Hill and other local groups.

Donations to the Minsterley Meadows fund can be made here or in cash on the day


September
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Tuesday 7.30pm
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Mike Clayton
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OPEN MEETING
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Our u3a is hosting an evening Open Meeting on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm at Minsterley Parish Hall. We are very honoured to have Emma Porter and Mike Clayton of the Midlands Cave Rescue talking on The Thai Cave Rescue - Against All Odds.
In June 2018, the world watched as a junior football team and their coach were trapped by flood waters in Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand, and no one knew if they were alive or dead. At the Thai government's request, the volunteers of British Cave Rescue Council supported the cave rescue mission, and against the odds, with collaboration from a huge team, all thirteen came out alive.
This presentation is about the "behind the scenes" of the most incredible cave rescue the world has ever seen.
u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley


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August 18th
September 15th
Hope and Shelve parish



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.



Saturday 14th September - Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers Championship Broad Street, Montgomery



Montgomery is proud to be the location for this years' Town Crier Competition, hosted by their very own Town Crier Susie Blower.

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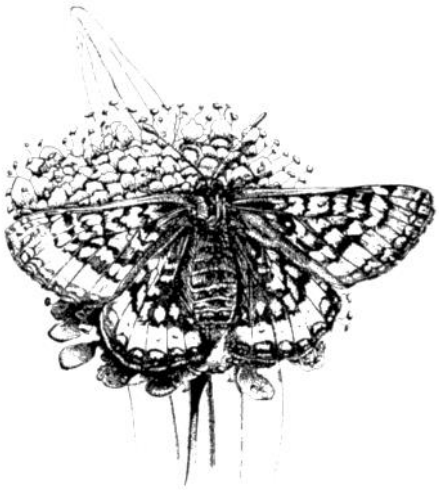
Why not visit Montgomery Castle and have a browse in the independent shops and cafes while you're there!

NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

The wet weather year has had some strange effects on the hill this year and affected our management too. There has been a lot of grass growth, but very little window of good weather so our hay fields are still awaiting their annual cut. This can be good for late flowering species such as devil's bit scabious, which is the species I am featuring this month. It would seem to have been a good year for most plants and the bracken has been growing strongly. Unfortunately, we no longer have the option of controlling it with the herbicide Asulox, so we continue to look for an alternative method and have trialled a few ideas although carrying out anything above heather and bilberry is going to be difficult.

Last month we had a good turnout of scythers over a week of scything where a lot of bracken and thistles were cut on the grassland areas of the reserve. We also managed to cut a couple of local meadows and hold a competition, with the hay going off as green hay for local meadow restoration projects.



The featured species from the twelve Stepping Stones Species Action Plans this month is the devil's bit scabious. Named due to its short rootstock, which was allegedly bitten off by the Devil because he was annoyed at the healing properties of the plant. The name scabious comes from the latin scabere, meaning to scratch from its traditional use to treat skin conditions such as scabies.

It is a late flowering plant that is found particularly in wet meadows and marshes and used to be very common in the Church Stretton area along with the butterfly that is usually associated with it, the marsh fritillary. An account from 1884 mentions a swarm of butterfly larvae in this area of countless thousands blackening the ground. Unfortunately, this butterfly is now extinct in the whole of the West Midlands.

All of the Species Action Plan species have champions and in the case of the devil's bit scabious it is the Marches Meadow Group. The group has been collecting seeds from their member's meadows with the intention of growing them on as plugs that can then be planted out into suitable sites. They are also looking to do the same with other meadow species that are restricted in their distribution and therefore unlikely to spread widely.



The last opening of the Blakemoorgate cottages this year will be on Sunday 15 September, between 11am and 3 pm.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

Winter Fuel Allowance

From this year the winter fuel allowance will only be available to people on means tested benefits one of which is Pension Credit. People aged over 66 with income of approx. less than £235 per week (single) or £350 per week (a couple both aged over 66) may be eligible for Pension Credit and are advised to submit a claim as soon as possible . Either call 0800 99 1234 or apply online at www.gov.uk/pension-credit

Bishop's Castle People and Public Spaces Consultation







Following the closure of the Public Hall in Bishop's Castle we would like your views on the need for indoor public spaces in the town. Do you go to meetings, events, exhibitions? Does the town need a big space for indoor craft or art markets, concerts, celebrations?

Please let us have your views.

Either download the QR code to link to the survey, follow the link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCPPSPGv1, pick up a hard copy of the questionnaire from the Town Hall or visit the stall at the Michaelmas Fair and other town festivals. We would really welcome your help.

Bishop's Castle Town Council/Church of St John the Baptist

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Pickleball
Play reading
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Short Tennis
Table Tennis (Minsterley)
Table Tennis (Pontesbury)
Walking (long)
Walking (short)



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Bishop's Castle Medical Practice	01588 638285	Montgomery Medical Practice	01686 668217
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	01743 261000	NHS Non-Emergency Helpline	111

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

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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We are a small friendly Club who play competitively in the various Shrewsbury Bowling Leagues. We have our own Club Cup Competitions which usually take place at weekends and Bank holidays and we organise friendly matches with other local Bowling Clubs. This means we have many social events throughout the bowling season which runs from April through to September.

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