

HOPE AND SHELVE CHURCH PARISH

Services during November

Sunday 5th November – All Saints Day Holy Communion at Shelve 9am

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion at Hope 9am

Sunday 19th November – Morning Prayer at Shelve 9am

Sunday 26th November – Morning Prayer at Hope 9am

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest events this year, and for all who donated in aid of the Rea Valley Foodbank, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the work of our local churches.

After some lovely warm days at the beginning of October, autumn is now really here, and the leaves are changing colour and will soon fall. In the church this is a season of Remembrance, beginning in November with All Souls when we take time to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. There will be an All Souls service at Holy Trinity, Minsterley, at 7pm on Thursday November 2nd. This is a quiet reflective service for anyone in the local area who has been bereaved recently or a long time ago. Refreshments will be served after the service.

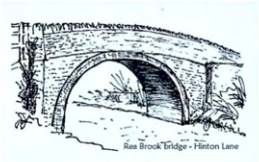
Then on Sunday 5th November, we celebrate All Saints Day, a day to remember all those who have inspired us by their lives, both the saints of old, and more recent individuals. It is a special day for Shelve church, which is dedicated to All Saints.

There will be a community Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in Bentlawnt at 11am on November 11th, when we remember those who have died in the two world wars. The following day there will be a Remembrance Sunday service at Hope church.

When we see the conflicts across the world, and especially now in the Middle East, we can feel helpless to make a difference. We remember the past so that we can create a better future for our own communities. We are placing a 'prayer tree' in Hope Village Hall. You might like to remember a loved one or a situation of conflict, by writing on one of the cards provided and hanging it on the tree.

Rev Fran Brealey, Associate Minister, Pontesbury and Stiperstones benefices, with lead responsibility for Hope and Shelve.

Rea Valley foodbank



COMMUNITY APPEAL

We urgently need in-date tinned and packet food, both men and women's toiletries, pet food and nappies (all sizes)

Numerous Rea Valley households have needed our help during these unprecedented times, and we have so far given out 7 tons of produce. However, our incoming food/hygiene donations have fallen short of that at just 2 tons and, so far, Shrewsbury Foodbank Plus has made up the shortfall. While we may never be independent, we would love to provide more of our own locally donated items. If you are able to help us support those facing hardship donations can be brought to Hope Village Hall at the dates and times listed between 12.00noon-2.00pm

8 November **13 December**

Financial donations can also be made to: The Rea Valley Foodbank
51-61-06
76841804 The reference is: Donor

If you would like to know about the foodbank, or how you can access us, then do pop in and see us. If you would like more information then please email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

The Sabrina mobile library is still out of action following a road traffic accident at the time of publication. We will endeavour to let people know when it is back on the road by way of a poster at the hall

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

We have entered a team in the Shropshire village hall quiz league which takes place from October 2023 to February 2024. If you are interested in playing in the team or want more information, please contact Steve Oates on Oatessj@icloud.com

FREE HEALTH CHECKS

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

Last date for 2023: November 15th

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 2ND December 2023

10.00am – 12.00noon

Hope Village Hall

In aid of Hospice at Home



Stalls: Cakes

Raffle

Christmas Stall

Lucky Squares

Seasonal Refreshments



Donations welcome beforehand, please contact

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WORTHEN VILLAGE HALL

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12.00 TILL 15.00

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Date: October 2023 – Newsletter

BISHOPS CASTLE & RURAL SNT are based at Bishops Castle Police Station, Union St, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AJ.

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

14th September 2023 – 15th October 2023

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of livestock	Friesian cow stolen	Meadowtown	Last seen on the evening of 10th October. Cow not with herd the next day
Assault		Worthen	
Harassment		Worthen	

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

Crime Prevention - Lighten up your home

It's that time of year again when the darker nights are upon us. A simple method of leaving a light on in your home in the evening or late at night can significantly reduce the chance of being a victim of a burglary. This time of year there is generally a peak in dwelling burglaries across the county. Thankfully we do get very few dwelling burglaries in our policing area but having a light on may help deter any opportunist thieves looking to target outbuildings.

The 'Lighten up' top security tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in and not unoccupied
- Use timer switches to turn lamps on when you are out
- We recommend dusk 'til dawn lighting, which is the type that stays on through the hours of darkness, switching off before the sun comes up.
- Don't just set a light on a timer in the hall or landing area, try and set the lights up in room
- Consider other types of lighting, such as devices that simulate the light of a TV
- Invest in external lighting such as PIR lights to light up outbuildings and yards
- Always lock windows and doors and keep gates and side entrances well secured



In aid of
Hospice at Home

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2023

Doors Open from 7.00pm

(Eyes Down 7.30pm)

Hope Village Hall

Bingo Books
£10 for 6 or £5 for 3
To include a strip of raffle tickets

Donations of Raffle Prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Clare (790419) or Deborah (891414)

Refreshments will be available on the night

CHANGE OF OPENING TIMES AT ENTERPRISE HOUSE

Enterprise House, your local business and community support centre in Bishop's Castle, is changing its opening hours to ensure higher staffing levels on the days it is open. We will now be open all day from 9am – 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, closing only on a Wednesday. The full range of Enterprise South West Shropshire services from customised IT support, printing and publishing, flexible work and meeting spaces through to community information and personalised support for community groups, businesses and local events will now be available on these days. Whatever you need we are here to help, and you are welcome to get in touch on 01588 638038 / info@enterprisehouse.org.uk or call in to find out more.

Bishop's Castle Library, also run by Enterprise House, continues to be an active and vibrant community hub welcoming people on Mondays 10am – 1pm, Tuesdays and Fridays 10am -5pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm. This winter we will once again be a Warm Hub and everyone is welcome. In addition to our extensive range of fiction, non-fiction and audio books, we also offer free computer access, magazines and local papers and craft activities for children. We now host a monthly hearing support hub on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (appointments to be prebooked by calling 01743 342 168) plus a drop in clinic with the local dementia awareness co-ordinator on the 3rd Friday of the month between 10am & 12 noon and further outreach support is planned for the new year.



With many exciting projects planned to support South West Shropshire communities, including an online community events calendar and community support drop-ins, the coming months will see us continuing to evolve and fulfil our valuable role supporting the local and business community.

South Shropshire Climate Action's (SSCA) new website gives the people, communities and businesses of South Shropshire up to date tips on how to reduce their carbon footprints, save money, promote their health and wellbeing and enhance the natural environment.

Have a look at https://www.southshropshireclimateaction.org/



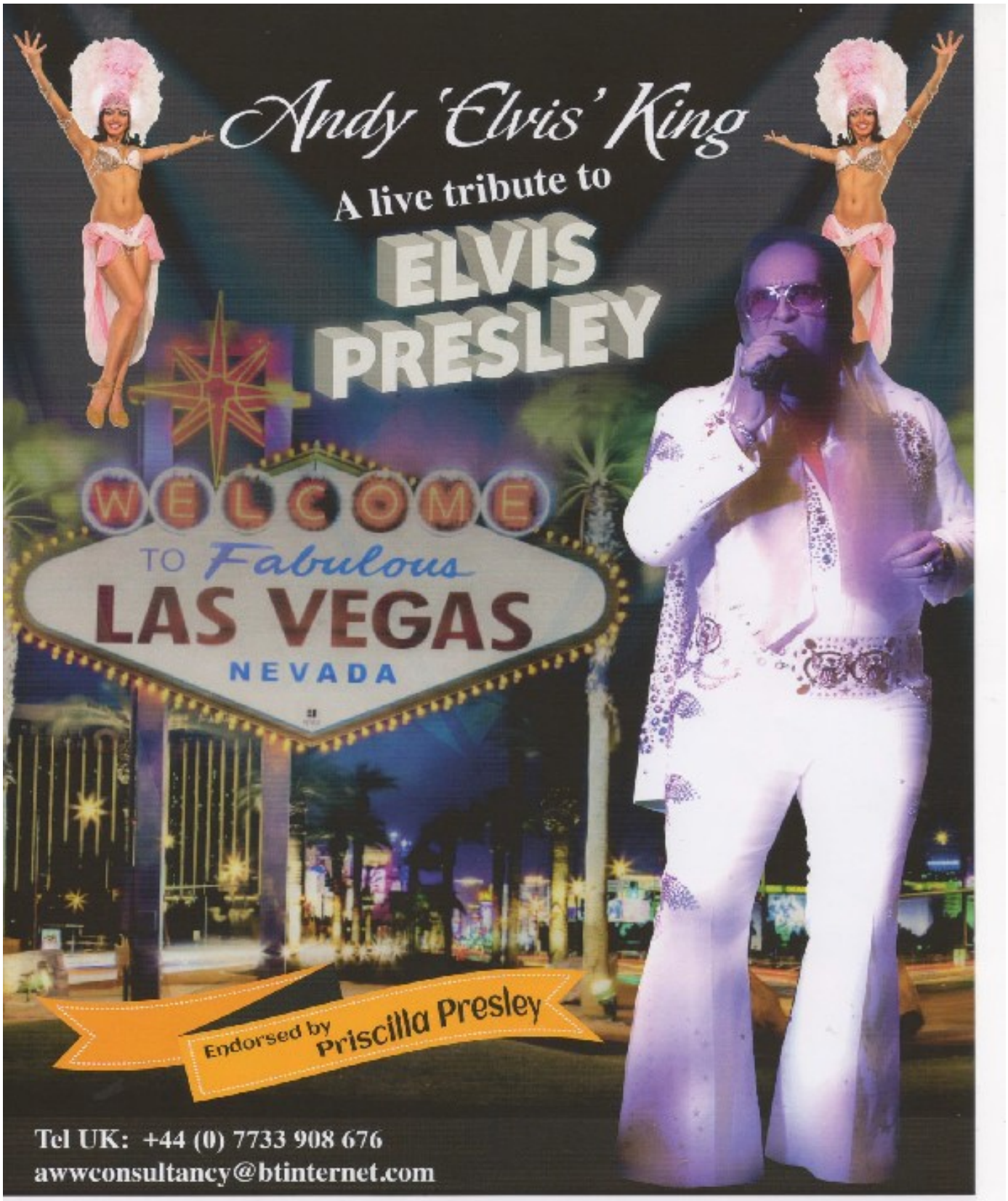
SSCA published its "Next Steps" Climate Action Plan in 2021 to help the Ludlow Constituency reach net zero by 2030. The website helps to put that carbon reduction plan into action providing information and advice tailored to Shropshire.

No one needs to be convinced of the seriousness of the climate emergency, but much more help is needed to know what to do about it, and this website is focused on the actions we can all take, as individuals, communities, schools, town and parish councils and businesses. There are four main themes: energy & buildings, land & biodiversity, transport, and reuse – repair – recycle, each featuring a wealth of useful information, toolkits, videos and local examples to inspire you.

If you want to find help near at hand, there are links to the wide range of groups and activities already available in Shropshire. These include local repair cafés and climate action groups, household energy surveys provided by Lightfoot, Stretton Climate Care and Marches Energy Agency, Save Our Shropshire's carbon literacy workshops, and the many organisations supporting Shropshire's wildlife.

By signing up to SSCA's newsletter we can also keep you fully informed of the opportunities happening locally including the latest news of forthcoming events. By working together, sharing our resources and ideas, we can make a real difference.

We welcome feedback, email Nick and Fiona at ssca@mea.org.uk.



Pontesbury Public Hall Friday 15th December 7.30pm
Tickets £12 from Hignetts, Connections, Library, eventbrite.co.uk
Bar, Raffle Proceeds in aid of Friends of Pontesbury Library

An Introduction to Oasis

There are few of us who will not experience the loss of a loved one during our lives. Whether that loss is sudden or expected, we are likely to be devastated, and then face a long period of adjustment, of learning to live without the person who is so important to us. Family and friends can be helpful, but this can feel like a journey we are making alone.

Even though grief is universal, it is not always easy to find places where we can share our sorrow with others. Oasis was set up to be such a safe space for the recently bereaved, a place where people are welcome to talk about their loss, their feelings, the ways they are coping (or not). No-one has to say anything, unless they want to, but even though everyone's grief is different, those who come have had similar experiences and so everyone's contributions can support us on our journey of grief.

We do not provide counselling, but can signpost people to helpful resources and organisations.



Oasis is run by volunteers from local churches, and takes place from 12-1.30pm at Minsterley Methodist church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. However, it is open to those of all faiths and none. A free light lunch is provided.

Heather's Report for October 2023

1. **Shrewsbury Relief Road**. The Government has now promised to fund this road in full. IF this happens, my colleagues and I (who mainly represent rural Divisions) will be pressing very hard for any savings made to be spent on repairing our rural road network which is still in a lamentable state.

2. **Cullverts and drains**. The recent heavy rains have revealed just how many roadside drains and blocked hence all the floods across our road network in the wake of Storm Babet. Please let me know of any blocked near you via the contact details shown below.

3. **Grit Bins**. Winter is not that far away. Please let me know if there are any grit bins near you that need filling before we get any snow or ice!

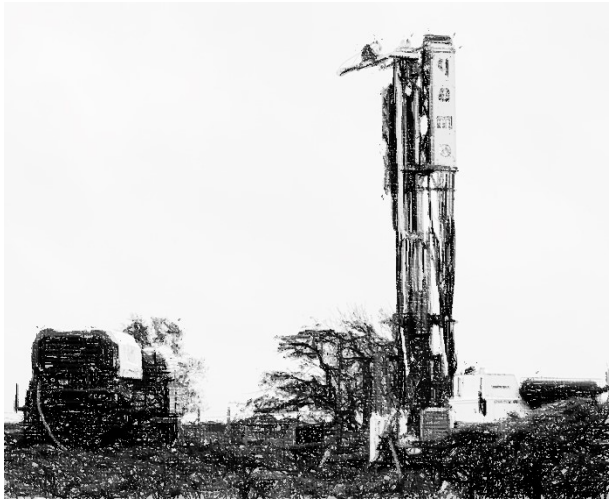
Best wishes
Heather
Heather Kidd. Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen Division.

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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

A strange machine has been noticed by local people up at Blakemoorgate which has got a few people speculating as to what is going on. The answer is that we are drilling a borehole to see whether we can provide a reliable water source for the grazing animals at the north end of the hill. Water has been in short supply for a number of years now, as the natural springs have been drying up and the grazing commoners have increasingly had to bring water up to their animals on a daily basis through the summer.



Water emerging from the springs on the Stiperstones have always been used to maintain grazing animals on the hill. Indeed, most of the settlements on and around the hill grew up around water sources, either springs or wells, both for the families that settled there and their animals. At Blakemoorgate the spring emerges above the settlement and was brought down to the cottages along a ditch. Later, it was diverted into a pipe and run out to some water troughs. Out on the open heathland it was the natural springs that allowed animals to be put out to graze.

Grazing on the heathland is largely carried out by two local farms which have common rights on the hill. Summer grazing is vital for the maintenance of the heathland habitats found on the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve and without it the heathland would slowly change to woodland, and we would lose our specialised heathland wildlife.

The climate change predictions for Shropshire are for increasingly dry and hot summers so this water shortage problem is not going away and if anything is likely to become worse. This is why we have made the decision to sink the borehole.



Our longer term aim for the nature reserve is to move towards grazing with hardy cattle rather than sheep, as cattle are more selective in their grazing and tend to be able to move more easily through the tall heather and gorse. They are also more likely to control bracken through trampling. However, cattle require more water than sheep, so we would need reliable water sources to keep them on site.

There is no guarantee that we will find water but thanks to grants from the Farming in Protected Landscapes fund and some match funding from Our Upland Common project we will hopefully be able to make the site more resilient to the inevitable results of climate change.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

Hope and Shelve churches
CHRISTMAS FUN AFTERNOON

Saturday December 9th
2.30 - 4pm
Hope Village Hall

FREE ENTRY!

crafts for all ages
activities for children
refreshments
cake stall

Festive Flowers

A talk and demonstration by much loved local florist Ann Whysall

NOV 15

Wednesday 2pm
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Anne Whysall FLORISTS



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Our guest speaker for November is our very own local florist Anne Whysall. Many of you will remember (and miss) her lovely shop with its wonderful window displays and the varied flowers, plants, candles and fancy goods.

Although the shop has gone, Anne is still in business and will be coming to talk to us about flowers, flower arranging and her experiences over the years running a floristry business. She will be doing an arrangement while she talks which will be raffled off at the end of the event.

As usual there will also be the chance to chat with u3a friends over coffee/tea and biscuits and a catch up on u3a news. Non-members are also welcome.

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- 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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If you have any events or other contributions you would like included please let us know.

Contact info on back page



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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

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Shropshire Council Welfare Support	0345 6789078	Shropshire Council Bereavement Support	0345 6783028
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Shropshire Citizens Advice Bureau	0808 2787894	Shropshire Rural Support	0300 1232825
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society	0800 1884444	Farming Community Network	01788 510866
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