

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Services in March
March 2nd 9am Holy Communion at All Saints, Shelve
March 5th 7pm Group Ash Wednesday service at Holy Trinity, Minsterley
March 9th 9am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Hope
March 16th 9am Morning Prayer at All Saints, Shelve
March 23rd 10.30am Group service at St George, Pontesbury
March 30th 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Hope

Local churches will be organising Lent Lunches again this year, on March 13th, 20th, 27th April 3rd and 10th, from 12-1 in Hope Village hall. A simple soup and bread lunch, followed by a short reflection, with a collection for local charities. All welcome.

It was very sad to hear of the closure with immediate effect of the Post Office sessions at Hope and Minsterley. These have been valued by those who are unable easily to travel further afield. Rural communities have seen the loss of many other services in recent years.

There are no plans to withdraw the service offered by our local churches at Hope and Shelve. As well as worship on Sundays, these buildings are available for funerals, weddings and other special events throughout the year. Yet the cost of maintaining these buildings is a heavy burden, beyond the capacity of regular congregations. At Holy Trinity, Hope we face substantial work on the structure of the building, and we need to appeal for help from a variety of sources, including those who live in the parish. Alongside our wonderful Village Hall, Hope Church is one of our few remaining community buildings. Please do come along to the open meeting on Tuesday April 29th at 7pm in the Village Hall to find out how you can help.

Another way to support our churches is to join the electoral roll, open to all baptised residents of the parish, ensuring they have a voice in the future of the churches in our communities. 2025 sees the quinquennial preparation of a new electoral roll. If you would like to join the roll, or find out more, please contact Susan Bates, Electoral Roll officer s.jbates@yahoo.co.uk.

Revd Fran Brealey, Associate Minister in the Benefices of Pontesbury and Stiperstones.

revfran@btinternet.com • 07982 324760

Mini Health Checks

The Shropshire Community Outreach team will be at the hall to do free health checks on

19th March from noon to 1.50pm

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

PANCAKE BRUNCH

Saturday 1st March

11.30 – 1.30

at

Worthen Village Hall

Join us for some delicious, freshly cooked pancakes



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
WORTHEN BRANCH

£2 Entrance
includes a cup of coffee/tea

Lent Lunches

Thursdays
12-1pm
Hope Village Hall
March 13th, 20th, 27th,
April 3rd, 10th.

Soup and bread lunch
organised by local churches
Short reflection for Lent
All welcome.

Collection in aid of local charities.

MARCHES CHOIR
and SINFONIA
St. John's Church, Bishop's Castle
Saturday 5th April 2025, 7:30pm



PUCCINI
Messa di Gloria



BORODIN
Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor*



BIZET
Pearl Fishers' duet

Alistair Auld – Conductor
David Gregory – Orchestra Leader
Osian Wyn Bowen – Tenor
Nicholas Morris – Bass
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THE MARCHES CHOIR
Singing our hearts out

The Marches Choir present Puccini's Messa Di Gloria

"The Marches Choir present Puccini's Messa Di Gloria – Saturday 5th April.

The choir, together with the Marches Sinfonia and virtuoso soloists, will present a musical feast with a distinct operatic flavour, including the "Messa di Gloria" by Puccini, which abounds in wonderfully uplifting melodies and an exuberant harmonic palette, as well as the "Grand March" from "Aida" by Verdi, providing a stirring opening to the concert, the heartrendingly beautiful "Au fond du temple saint" from Bizet's opera "The Pearl Fishers", the exotic first movement of "Scheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov and the thrilling "Polovtsian Dances" from the opera "Prince Igor" by Borodin.

St John's Church, Bishops Castle, 7.30pm. Tickets £15 (children and students free) from 07806 433394, online via www.ticketsource.co.uk, or on the door.



In aid of
Hospice at Home

FRIDAY 4th April 2025

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

MINSTERLEY MEADOWS

Celebration Day

Friday April 25th

at

MINSTERLEY PARISH HALL

With everybody's help we now own
the meadows for the benefit of wildlife and the community

All welcome to come and share in the celebrations!

More details to follow
from Middle Marches

Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

The Trading Post re-opens on Saturday 1 February 2025.

The bulk delivery of multi-purpose compost, both reduced-peat and peat-free, has arrived and a special offer on three bags or more of the peat-reduced compost is in place.
There is a good stock of seed potatoes as well as pea, bean and beetroot seeds and onion and shallot sets. Details of which varieties we will have are not available yet, but we do know of one variety that we won't have: Pink Fir Apple potatoes have grown in popularity over the last few years but are not available this year.

As well as our opening date of 1 February here are more dates for your diary:

- 11 March: Annual General Meeting, held at 7.30 pm in the Len Simpson Room of the Public Hall, where refreshment will be provided after the main business of the evening has been concluded.
- 26 June: Spring into the Garden, held in Pontesbury Public Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. This has been moved from our usual May date to tie in with the Pontesbury Festival (more details of this appear elsewhere).
- 23 August: Garden and Craft Show, held in the Public Hall, and open for viewing at 2.30 pm. Entry free.

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

March 5th & 19th

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

West Mercia POLICE

Newsletter

West Mercia Police contact numbers

Emergency: 999 **Non Emergency:** 101
Bishops Castle Police Station (not for reporting): 101, Extension 770-4901
Report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/
Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes or investigations are recorded below due to the sensitive nature or ongoing investigations.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE 16th January 2025 – 16th February 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	**DETAILS**	**LOCATION**	**NOTES**
Malicious communications		Brockton	
Malicious communications		Hope Valley	

LIVESTOCK THEFT

During the last month there have been two separate reports of theft of sheep in the area, one near the Kerry Ridgway and the other around Chapel Lawn. There has also been a report of an illegal slaughter of a sheep just over the border into Powys, the sheep was killed and skinned in the field it was grazing in with the offenders just leaving behind its fleece and head.

Please be wary of unusual activity around fields containing livestock such as unknown vehicles seen parked in gateways or the sheep making more noise than usual suggesting something is disturbing them.

If you own livestock please consider locking gates with padlocks, keep your hedges, fences and gates in good repair and check your livestock regularly.

Please report any suspicious activity involving livestock to police.

LIVESTOCK WORRYING

Lambing season is now starting where historically it has coincided with increased reports of livestock being worried or attacked by dogs.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 it is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep, worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep. Dog Owners, either living locally or simply visiting the area for a walk, have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times. It is vital that dogs are kept on a lead around livestock, even if they can usually be trusted to come to call. If living in or near a farming area, please make sure that the dog is secure and cannot escape from the property.

Join us Village Halls Week

COMMUNITY BRUNCH



SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

11AM – 2PM

HOPE VILLAGE HALL

SY5 0JB

Light refreshments including:

Bacon/sausage baps, egg muffins

Tea/coffee, cakes

HOPE VILLAGE HALL
WITHDRAWAL OF THE POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE

Join our very local campaign: SALOP (Save A Local Outreach Postoffice)



Hope Village Hall (HVH) has now joined those of Marton and Stiperstones (which lost their service in June 2024) to have had Post Office Limited (POL) withdraw its Branch Outreach Service.

With one fell swoop, POL withdrew the service at Hope, Minsterley and Shawbury, all of which had been operated by the Branch at Pontesbury.

The letter notifying this serious issue was written late on Friday 14th February (feel the love there!!) to take effect from Monday 17th February so, in effect, immediately. It was noted as having been 'unplanned' and due to 'unforeseen circumstances' and no further reasoning was given. If a closure is planned, POL is obliged to provide a 6-week local public consultation process, but they have avoided this by the action they have imposed.

The particular outlets were not informed directly and only Worthen with Shelve Parish Council was notified. The staff at Pontesbury Post Office only learnt of the situation on the Saturday from Facebook postings. Fortunately, the POL email was found on Saturday morning. Even Heather Kidd, the Shropshire Unitary Councillor for Hope was left off the circulation, against POL's own instruction to notify Ward Councillors.

This withdrawal will have a very serious effect for the community at Hope and its environs, who made very good use of the service, which, as you know, operated for just 1½ hours to coincide with the Community Café held at HVH on Wednesdays. The Post Office service was a strong draw for people for miles around and greatly assisted in boosting the Café's numbers.

On Wednesday 26th February, Radio Shropshire attended our Community Café and recorded interviews with several local residents, each of whom stated how aggrieved they were at the abysmal manor in which the POL had handled the matter.

Beyond the lodging of a formal complaint (which is being done), a paper petition is in circulation and an online petition is already gaining great support from around the country. For those wanting to add their names to

this online petition, it can be opened here (because it's such a long URL, anyone reading the paper version of this newsletter can be sent the link by contacting barry@hopevillagehall.org.uk). For anyone wanting to sign the paper version, it will be available at HVH each Wednesday lunchtime until early March and separate copies will be available in some local areas. I would urge anyone reading this to add their signature to show the strength of feeling towards POL's mishandling, error of judgement and disdain for our community.

For anyone wishing to take more direct action, a letter of complaint can be sent directly to the POL Consultation Hub. The person to whom such complaints should be emailed is:

Carol Williams—Area Change Manager
Post Office Limited
comments@postoffice.co.uk

Paper complaints can be sent to the same person and posted free of charge, addressed to:
'FREEPOST Your Comments'

All complaints should reference our Branch Outreach Service, located at:

Hope Village Hall, Hope, Minsterley, SY50JB

Similarly, it would be very helpful, in support of our cause, for letters to be sent to the following individuals, namely those in charge of POL and to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (POL is wholly owned by the Department of Business and Trade (DBT)), to show the strength of feeling. The more letters the better and to any (better to all) of those shown below. Their contact details are:

Jonathan Reynolds MP Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of the Board of Trade. House of Commons London, SW1A 0AA Email: jonathan.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk (The Minister responsible for the Post Office and postal policy)	Nigel Railton, Interim Chair Post Office Limited 100 Wood Street, London, EC2V 7ER
or to:	
Jonathan Reynolds MP Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and President of the Board of Trade. Department for Business and Trade Old Admiralty Building, Admiralty Place, London, SW1A 2DY	Nicholas Read, Chief Executive Officer (until March) Post Office Limited 100 Wood Street, London, EC2V 7ER
Lorna Gratton - Non-Executive Director Post Office Limited 100 Wood Street, London, EC2V 7ER Lorna Gratton is the representative on POL's Board of UKGI (UK Governments Investments Ltd), the actual sole shareholder of POL.	Neil Brocklehurst, Acting Chief Executive Officer Post Office Limited 100 Wood Street, London, EC2V 7ER
or to:	
Lorna Gratton - Director, UKGI C/O MSP Secretaries Limited, 27/28 Eastcastle Street, London, W1W 8DH	

If anyone requires further information, please contact Barry (at HVH each Wednesday) or email me at barry@hopevillagehall.org.uk



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

HOPE VILLAGE HALL

Do you have some spare time to support the Village Hall?

Hope Village Hall is a registered charity run by a committee of volunteers passionate about our community. We are proud to host a variety of events during the year including the Hope Show, Apple Day and the ever popular weekly Community Café.

We really need your support to join our team of friendly volunteers to keep the hall running. It isn't arduous; you can give as much or as little time as you wish. There are opportunities to join the Management committee and have a direct input into the running of the Hall but we are also looking for volunteers who would just like to give a helping hand. There's something for everyone so any skills you can offer would really make a difference.

To find out more, please contact: enquiries@hopevillagehall.org.uk

Or talk to one of our volunteers at the Community Café.
Hope Village Hall, every Wednesday between 12pm-2pm.



THE GREAT POTTERY THROWDOWN

Who doesn't love watching the Great Pottery Throwdown? Join us and get a sneaky look behind the scenes of this TV program as told by Shropshire lass, Lucinda Lovesey, the semi-finalist in 2022.

Lucinda is a retired NHS therapist turned vibrant ceramic artist. She became the show's semi-finalist in 2022 after which her journey took an artistic turn. She now crafts colourful, practical and decorative ceramics in her studio that captivate the eye, with a sense of fun that appeal to our inner child.

12th March 2025 at 7:30pm Brockton Church Rooms



£5.00 entry includes drinks and refreshments
Call to ensure you get a seat
Coral 07485 655992
Linda 07840 365474



Callow Club
Everyone is welcome!







HTM

WWII 80th Anniversary

To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War next year, we'd like to feature your recollections throughout the 2025 Minsterley Parish Magazines. These can be a memory of the war years as a whole, of VE/VJ Day, family history etc. They don't need to be specifically Minsterley or even Shropshire centred - we're excited to hear about wherever you were.

Pieces can be from 50 to 500 words. We can include an image though it will appear in black and white. Any image should be your own (rather than taken from the internet).
Please send your pieces to Sarah Edwards (sarahedwards90@hotmail.com) or David Young (minsterleyparishmagazine@gmail.com) and watch out for what we hope will be a really interesting feature for 2025.

NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill



February and March are a quiet time on the hill for wildlife, particularly as the weather has been cold of late. The Long Mynd have been reporting flocks of golden plover and we usually get some over this way particularly on areas where we have carried out recent heather burns.

March is traditionally the month in which we carry out controlled burning of the heather. This is to give the heath a more varied structure, provide young shoots for the red grouse and to reduce the fuel load in case of a summer wildfire.

Sunday the 6th April is our first event this year, which is for any scythers out there wishing to get their blades in good condition for the coming year. The peening workshop will be at our reserve base from 10am to 1pm.

Although we still use some traditional tools like scythes when managing nature reserves we have also embraced technology in conservation in a number of ways. We regularly use drones to carry out aerial photography which allows us to monitor things like the extent of bracken and gorse or management practices like the burning and cutting of the heather. Recently the use of thermal imagery from drones has given us a much better idea of how many deer are in the countryside and has even been used to spot nesting birds such as curlew.

We also use trail cameras for surveying wildife and continuous sound recording to identify birds using the site, soil moisture probes and visitor counters.

We have just purchased some GPS collars for the cattle that graze the hill, which when attached next year should allow the commoners to find them easily which will help with their welfare checks, but will also give us a better idea of how the cattle travel and use the hill. Other sites have gone one step further and use virtual fencing which works with the same technology and keeps animals within an area without the need for a fence.

Other tech that we are considering includes a robo-mower, which is a remote controlled tracked mowing machine that can go up steep slopes and is now used extensively on the Long Mynd, the use of environmental DNA to sample soils so that fungi records can be obtained.

There is plenty of technology today that is availabe through your phone, with Merlin the bird song identifier and Seek being the most well known. If you havent seen them they are well worth trying out.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak.

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telephone: 01743 254740, email: shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk

14th February 2025

'Talking Tourism', the Visit Shropshire Hills Tourism Information Exchange

We are excited to invite you to 'Talking Tourism', the upcoming Visit Shropshire Hills Tourism Information Exchange.

Wednesday 19th March 2025, 10:30 -15:00 at Acton Scot Heritage Farm.

This is a unique opportunity for local businesses, attractions, and tourism providers to connect, showcase, and promote what makes the Shropshire Hills so special.

You'll have the chance to:

- Learn about the latest developments in tourism within the Shropshire Hills
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Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group

Celebrating wildlife in Pontesbury; Minsterley, Pulverbatch, Stiperstones and the Hope Valley Areas.

The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group (RVCWG) met for our inaugural monthly wildlife walk. After a friendly introduction we set out to explore around the Lead Mines at Snailbeach – an interesting site managed by the Shropshire Mines Trust. Continuing up along the top of the Hollies Nature Reserve to Blakemoorgate cottages at Stiperstones then circling back down through Resting hill wood to the start point at Snailbeach.

Highlights of fungi including collared earthstar; black earth-tongues, witches' butter, turkey-tail and scarlet elf cup, and giant puff ball as well as liverworts, lichens, and mosses such as: white earwort (a first iRecord in our area); ciliated fringewort, dog lichen and big shaggy moss!

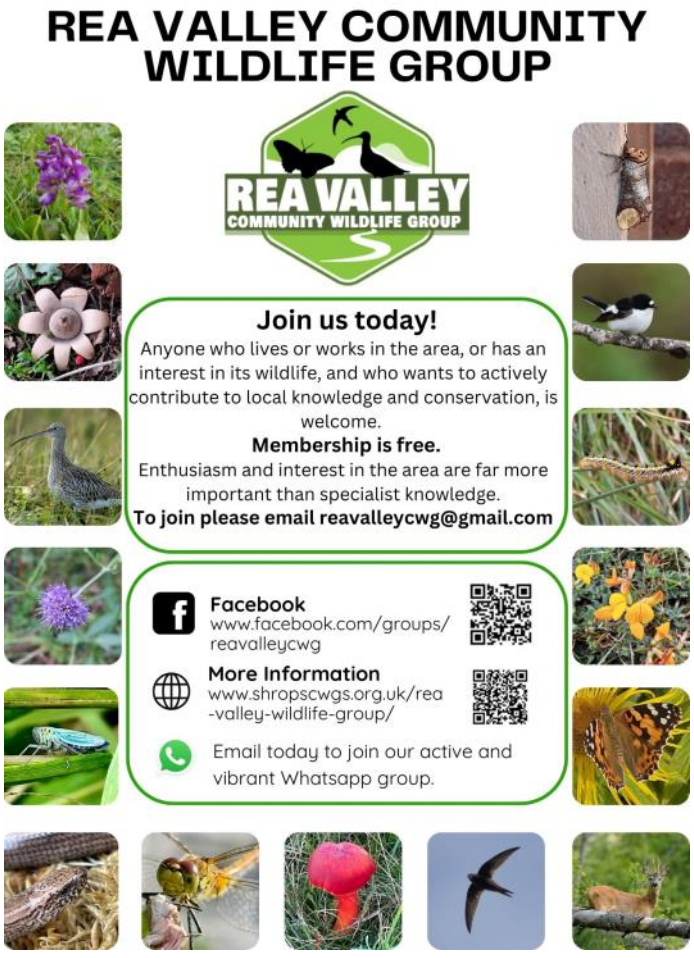
For the botanists among us – seeing spurge-laurel in flower was a lovely highlight. The non-botanist among us saw plenty of birds including raven, jay, nuthatch blue and great tits. Towards the end of the walk most of us were happy to glimpse a fox at the top of the hill.

A successful walk for a cold January day!

Each walk is free to attend, and no booking required. The next walk takes place Saturday 22nd March at Gatton Daffodil Car Park.

Joining the RVCWG is free and open to anyone who lives or works in the area and has an active interest in nature. We have botanists and birders, moth and butterfly fanatics, reptile and mammal lovers and general natural history enthusiasts.

Email the secretary at **reavalleycwg@gmail.com** to be added to our mailing list or WhatsApp group.
More information on our website or Facebook page (search Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group).





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Hope Show

This is a very early reminder that, as previously, the Hope Show this year will include a class for the tallest sunflower and as these will need planting sometime between April and June it is a timely reminder to get your seeds and prepare that special plot of land/container. Good luck to you all.

HEATHER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

A488 Landslips
This problem started over a year ago when the edge of the A488 broke away limiting traffic to one lane only. Traffic lights were installed and despite a lot of pressure from me and residents, nothing has been done to repair the road. Since then, two more sections of road have crumbled away leaving motorists having to navigate three sets of traffic lights. The problem has been made much worse as the Council's contractors Amberon have not always acted quickly to put them right. I've lost count of how many times I've reported the lights being either completely out or even green at both ends.

They didn't seem to care how long the lights were out and it's been very hard work to get them to turn out to repair them. The result is that we have had a significant number of near misses with traffic traveling in both ways down the single lane. That's no joke when you meet the service bus or a crane!

The Council are now thinking of putting up some semi-permanent lights. However, what we need immediately is contractors who now come out urgently to keep the lights in proper working order before someone is hurt or worse. We also need an urgent long-term solution to this problem before more of the road crumbles away and becomes impassible!

A490 landslip
The Chirbury to Churchstoke landslip will be 'celebrating' its 5th birthday on 17th February. I am asking local resident to sign a letter in Chirbury Shop asking highways to stand by their pledge to do that this summer. We need to see the plans around that 'fix' soon.

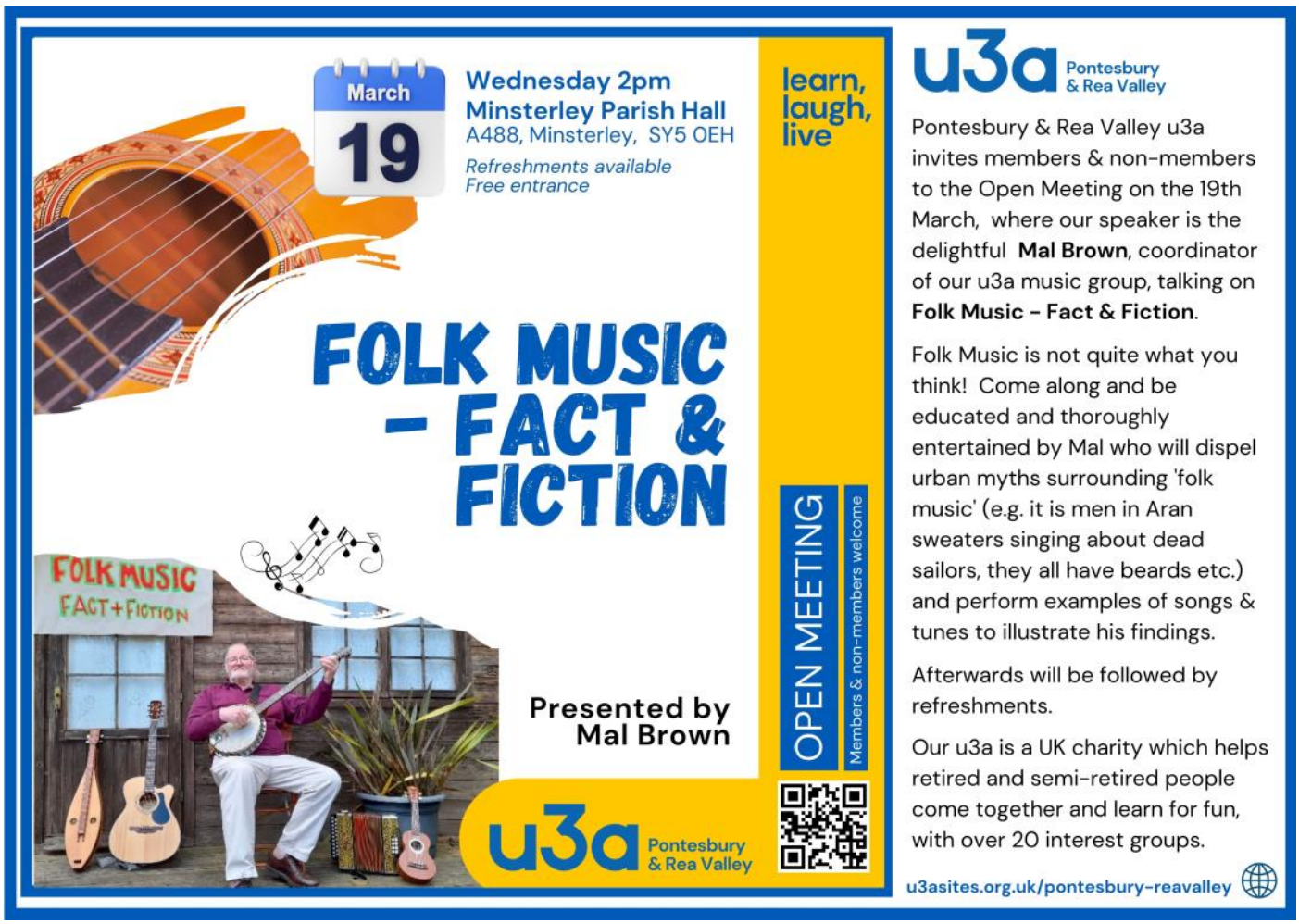
Eastridge Woods, Snailbeach.(and the road at Habberley)
As we go to press a meeting has been arranged with Forestry England, Snailbeach Village Hall, Highways, the Parish Council, the police if available, Shropshire Countryside and I to find a way to manage the use of the woods and the impact on the area.

Empty Grit Bins?
Winter may not be done with us yet. If your grit bin is empty then contact heather on 07980 635518 or heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk. You can also put this on FixMyStreet but let me know too, please.

Council Election Next May
Although the Government has introduced sweeping changes to Council's throughout England, Shropshire will remain unchanged and elections for a new council will go ahead on Thursday 1st May 2025.
Remember you will need some photo ID to vote – drivers licence, passport etc., (see: https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need for a full list). If you would prefer to vote by post and haven't registered to do so then phone or email: elections@shropshire.gov.uk/ 0345 678 9015

Heather
Heather Kidd
Liberal Democrat Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury & Worthen

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March
19
Wednesday 2pm
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A488, Minsterley, SY5 OEH
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Free entrance
learn, laugh, live
FOLK MUSIC - FACT & FICTION
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 19th March, 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


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starts
7pm
entry
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TO BOOK call 07971 984925 or email sarahedwards90@hotmail.com
SATURDAY 29th MARCH

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS

Can you help? The Village Hall committee are working on updating the website and would like to include some good quality, high resolution images of the interior and exterior of the hall.

If you are a keen amateur, or professional photographer, would you be willing to take some pictures we could use? Or, you may have some of an event you attended you'd be happy to share.

If you are able to help please email enquiries@hopevillagehall.org.uk

Thank you.

Lent Lunches
will be held in
Marton Village Hall
on Wednesday 5th,12th,19th & 26th March
& 2nd 9th & 16th April.
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- Pancake Day is also known as Shrove Tuesday. ...
- Pancake Day is a Christian festival. ...
- It always falls 47 days before Easter. ...
- The name 'Shrove Tuesday' comes from the word 'shriving'. ...
- The first pancake day was in 1445. ...
- The most pancakes flips in a minute is 140!

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enquiries@hopenews.uk






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Come to the Gathering!
An evening of Praise, Singing and Christian Fellowship
Third Tuesday of the Month
7:00pm for refreshments and 7:30pm start
Marton Village Hall
ALL WELCOME

www.worthenwithshelvepc.org.uk/committee

Key Phone Numbers

Pontesbury & Worthen Medical Practice	01743 790325	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
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Business Support Helpline	0300 4563565	Keep Shropshire Warm (Energy Advice)	0800 1123743
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Age UK Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin	01743 233123	Just Credit Union (Low Cost Loans)	01743 252325
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

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- Volunteers to clean out the hedgehog pens (ideally someone who can commit to at least once a week)
- Manning stalls and car boot sales to raise funds
- running a quiz at your local pub, or approach them for us to see if they would be keen for us to do so.
- Ask your local community groups/schools to get in touch if they would like Heather to give a talk about hedgehogs.
- Do you have a fundraising idea? We'd love to hear from you.

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Recorded music
Short Tennis
Table Tennis (Minsterley)
Table Tennis (Pontesbury)
Walking (long)
Walking (short)



learn, laugh, live

Contact
Steve Anderson
steve.anderson.u3a@gmail.com
07861 531 186
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HOPE VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS
6.30 TO 8PM



Table Tennis
(2 tables available)
Or Darts



We have bats etc., available but bring your own if you can. Small charge to cover refreshments.

Pilates Class

When? - Mondays

Time? - 6:00-6:45PM

Class? - Mat Pilates

Where? - Hope Village Hall

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