

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Services in April

April 6th 9am Holy Communion at All Saints, Shelve

April 13th 9am Palm Sunday Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Hope

April 18th 1pm Good Friday service at Holy Trinity, Hope

April 18th 2.30pm Good Friday service at All Saints, Shelve

April 20th 9am Easter Day Holy Communion at All Saints, Shelve

April 27th 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Hope

Refreshments served at all our services.

From the Registers

Kathleen Doris May Lewis Burial of Ashes in Hope Cemetery 29th March 2025

As April begins it really feels as if spring is here, though we have already enjoyed some warm and sunny days in March. Easter falls late this year, so we are hoping for good weather for our Good Friday pilgrimage. We will be walking from Middleton in Chirbury church to Hope, Shelve, and Corndon Marsh chapel, with short stops for refreshment and reflection at each church. All are welcome to walk part or all of the route.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an invitation to the meeting on 29th April in the Village Hall, together with an article from Alistair Bates, who Is coordinating our efforts to raise funds for the repair work need on the Hope church building. Please do come along if you are able. Responsibility for the maintenance and repair of Church of England parish churches falls upon individual parishes; these buildings are not maintained or financed by the Church Commissioners, Diocese or State. We'd love to hear your views as to the future of our church building, and how it can continue to contribute to the life of our communities.

Rev Fran Brealey

revfran@btinternet.com 07982 324760

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER—HOPE SHOW

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER—HOPE APPLE DAY

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.

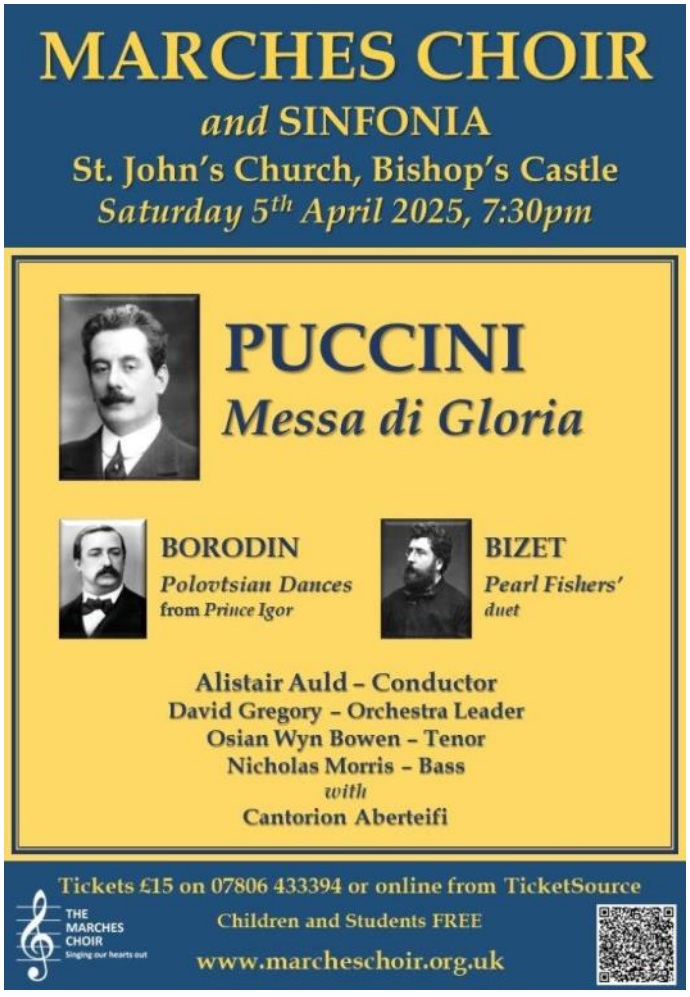
Pieces can be from 50 to 500 words. We can include an image though it will appear in black and white. Any image should be your own (rather than taken from the internet).
Please send your pieces to Sarah Edwards (sarahedwards90@hotmail.com) or David Young (minsterleyparishmagazine@gmail.com) and watch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

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.



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.

BINGO Family Fun Night

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



Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

Spring is now underway and seed sowing can get going in earnest. Most people have their own preferred seed sowing medium, whether it be specialised seed sowing compost or their own recipes using various combinations of potting composts and inert material such as vermiculite or sand, or sowing directly into the soil. Whatever your choice we have material at the Trading Post that can help.

As we have mentioned several time previously, this and next month is the time for potatoes to be planted. Traditionally it was Good Friday when this happened, that day being the first one in the Spring when the workers had a day off. Easter falls a little late this year so you may not want to wait until late April!. There is still a danger of frost until the middle/end of May so look after tender plants and seedlings until then. If you don't have a greenhouse in which to shelter the smaller plants you can wrap them in horticultural fleece when frost is forecast.

Whether you are growing fruit and veg to eat or to show, or cut flowers for a vase in the house or to enhance the garden, then come along to the Trading Post to share your stories. Although we sell most materials to help you in the garden we also like to hear what works for you and to share it with those who are just starting with their first plot. So if you are experienced or a novice, please come along for a chat.

The Trading Post is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and we are there every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

HOPE CHURCH NEEDS YOU

We hope that you need us too!

Hope Church has been part of the community since 1843 and for many in the area has been the setting for life events including baptisms, weddings and funerals. It has been supported by local people including churchwardens who have given many years of service.

It still has a very small (and sadly) mainly aging congregation who meet and worship regularly together and are often joined at different times such as Easter, Christmas and Remembrance Sunday by other families from our area . Our current minister Fran Brealey is well known in the community and provides support for individuals and groups.

But the Church is currently facing a major challenge. A recent inspection identified that the building requires a considerable amount of work to carry out repairs and other works to ensure that it remains in suitable condition to continue to serve its community. The need for repairs has been caused by a combination of age and its location where nature thrives! It is estimated that the works required will cost in the region of £70,000 to include items such as scaffolding to carry roof and stonework repairs and removing years of greenery that is taking hold.

Members of the church are willing to embark on the required fundraising to ensure that the building can be preserved for the foreseeable future to continue to serve the needs of local people.

But we do have a question for local people. Do you still want or see a need for the Church building and would you be willing to support us in our efforts? This might involve attending events that we plan to hold (Community events, Quizzes, Open Days), passing on details of our campaign to those who may have moved from the area, but have a connection and perhaps even pledging or donating to our efforts. Perhaps there are things too that the Church can do for you?

We know that we shall have to concentrate our efforts on raising funds through bids to grant -making bodies and other organisations but it would be a great boost to our submissions if we could show that you, the local community are behind us and we have your support.

We are organising a public event on Tuesday 29th April at the Village Hall where we shall explain in detail the work to be undertaken and give an outline of our plans for how we hope to raise the money. Everyone is welcome to attend (refreshments available) to ask questions, make suggestions or just show that you want the Church still to remain as an integral part of Hope.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information or think you can help please contact Rev Fran revfran@btinternet.com or welcome@hthope.church

THE BOG VISITOR CENTRE
2025 Season

The Visitor Centre reopens for the 2025 season on Wednesday 9 April

The Stiperstones National Nature Reserve managed by Natural England presents a unique landscape of rocky tors and heathland that has a rich natural history and geology. Lead and other minerals provided reason for centuries of human occupation in which industry The Bog played an important part. It is a privilege and pleasure to pass on information of these aspects to visitors and to provide guidance on the range of walks, long and short, that are available for them to enjoy.

Our team of 'volunteers' are looking forward to welcoming visitors from near and far with information and refreshments. A wide range of local crafts are available to purchase as are books, maps and walk leaflets.

Staffing The Visitor Centre

'Volunteers' work their first 20 hours voluntarily and additional hours after that are paid at the minimum rate for those who chose to be paid. **Our pool of volunteers ranging in age from 16 to 80+ needs expanding and we are looking for people who would enjoy interacting with our visitors.** New recruits receive comprehensive training during their induction period. If interested please email Lin Brown. (Contact details below)

School students make a considerable contribution to the successful operation of the Centre at weekends and during the holidays and are paid for all their working hours at the appropriate rate for their age. Students interested in joining the team please contact Lin Brown. (see below)

Opening hours: Wednesday – Friday 12 – 4pm
Saturday and Sunday 11am – 4pm

Contact details for our Secretary Lin Brown 01694 781634 bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk

Mini Health Checks (Blood Pressure)

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

21st May & 5th July from noon to 1.50pm

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

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

2nd, 16th & 30th April

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

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.

ROGUE TRADERS

There have been recent reports of some pushy doorstep traders operating in the Bishop's Castle area, they have been cold calling at properties offering services such as gardening work, tree cutting and gutter cleaning.

- Rogue traders often appear at your door unannounced, claiming to have noticed issues whilst driving by.

- They may try to pressure you into making a decision immediately or sign up for services on the spot.

- They may offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after it has been completed.

- Do not be forced into making a quick decision on the doorstep.

- Do not allow uninvited callers into your home.

- Beware of 'companies' that only use mobile phone numbers and accommodation addresses.

- Anyone who signs a contract on the doorstep following a visit that was not arranged (unsolicited) have 7 days to cancel it by law.

- All cancellation rights must be provided in writing to the customer at the time the contract is agreed, usually on the doorstep - it is an offence not to do so.

- Refuse to be taken to the bank to withdraw money - if you ever feel intimidated by them, close the door and call the police.

For further information and reporting dubious traders, please contact:

Shropshire Council Trading Standards – www.shropshire.gov.uk/trading-standards/

Citizens Advice - https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/

This year Easter falls on the following dates
From Good Friday on 18th April to Bank Holiday Monday on 21st April

Community Brunch

Thank you so much to all those who took time to support Hope Village Hall's first Sunday Brunch. This took place at the end of 'Village Hall's Week', an annual campaign organised by ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to highlight the contribution of England's 10,000+ village halls to rural communities, which aims to celebrate, encourage and support the efforts of volunteers who keep these important community buildings open and to provide continued emphasis of the enormous benefit of village halls to rural communities.

Like Hope and its environs, many villages have lost the important places that were taken for granted for so many years; the shop, the post office and the school and these losses have given an increased significance to village halls as the only places left for community gatherings. The survival of each village hall is dependent on them being used, to create the income necessary to remain open. That is why events like this week's Brunch, other events hosted by HVH and private hirings are so important. Please remember this when planning a family gathering or other special occasions.

And if you can spare some time to help out at the Hall, so much better!

A special thank you goes to all our amazing volunteers for organising and 'working' on the day.

A thank you

This is a quick shout out for Sue and Mark who were spotted doing some good work tidying up around the cemetery, next to the Village Hall. Many thanks to both of you for taking the time to brighten up our area.

On a related subject, I'm sure that many of you despair, as do I, when you see discarded litter along our otherwise beautiful lanes. I'm not referring to the very small amount of paper waste that, just possibly, escapes from our recycling bags when they are emptied: it's the purposely discarded items, mostly cans, bottles and fast-food wrappings that some idiots throw out of their car windows. I just cannot believe that it is anyone local doing this, rather a small few of the many who, unseen, when traveling through our area. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly new litter items replace those I have collected on a walk. Can I make a plea that if you do go on a local walk you take with you a bin bag (and litter picker if you have one) and collect any litter items whilst you're out. If we all did this, it would make such a difference.

Don't get me going on dog mess! There's just no excuse for not collecting it, but that simple act seems to escape some people. At least, they seem to have stopped adorning the hedgeways with discarded poo-bags.

Also some other conscientious local residents, (you know who you are), collected over 9 bin bags of rubbish along a 1.5 mile stretch of the A488, 50% of which they managed to recycle. So thank you as well!



Yetta Littlehales

We were so sad to learn of the death of Yetta Littlehales, from Pentervin Farm. Such a lovely lady and devoted to her husband, Herbie. Yetta had been a stalwart of our community; along with Herbie, she was a mainstay of Hope Church for many decades and for many years had been a member of the Hope Village Hall committee and engaged in many other local activities.

More recently, Yetta had been of great help to me with matters relating to local history because of her wide knowledge of the area and of its inhabitants, stretching way back. Thanks Yetta.

Altogether, Yetta's demise is a great loss to our community.

Our condolences go to Herbie, Dawn, David and their families.

There will be a temporary road closure on the A488 Clun to Shrewsbury road
31st March to 4th April 2025

Purpose: Road Closure to enable vegetation clearance (trees etc.,) and drainage investigation.
Closure - 09.30 - 16.00

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: https://one.network/?tm=142132509
Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk

Shropshire Council will take the opportunity to look at the works required to repair the 3-4 landslips there.
Highways, WSP contractors who draw up schemes and others will all be onsite.

It is then hoped that the work will then be carried out in June and July for 4 to 6 weeks.

A site will be set up (with a QR code) for people to be able to track the works



VE Day 80th Anniversary

The 80th Anniversary of VE Day falls on Thursday 8 May 2025. VE Day marks the end of World War II in Europe. It honours the service and sacrifice of those who fought in the war, as well as those who supported them from home.

Our Wednesday Community Café on 7th May will have a VE day theme.

MINSTERLEY & DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD 2024

The Minsterley and District Eisteddfod Committee would like to thank all the competitors who entered the various classes at the event on Saturday, 22 March 2025. We congratulate the winners and hope that both entrants and visitors enjoyed the occasion and gained pleasure from the performances.

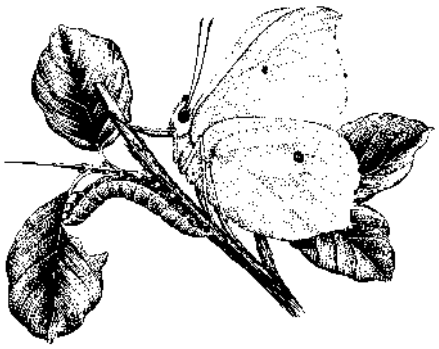
NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

Hooray! Spring is here. The flowers are emerging, such as the violets in our woodlands and on our hillsides which are ever so important for a number of butterflies through the summer. The first butterfly to emerge at this time of year is the brimstone, whose delicate pale lemon colour gives the insect its name as it is reminiscent of the colour of sulphur.

The birds too are singing away, with the skylarks being our most vocal bird at this time of year, so much so that it is sometimes dificult to hear the other birds when carrying out a survey. The birds are also returning to the hill from distant parts, with the chiffchaffs being one of the first new songs to be heard in the woodlands and curlews in the grasslands.

It is at this time of the year when the winter management programme has been completed and we move over onto our summer work programme which has a lot of focus on survey and monitoring. Looking at our timetable we have 25 different surveys and censuses that need to be carried out between the beginning of April and the end of August. As well as more general surveys we also have particular species that we census as indicator species for each habitat. These are:



- Red grouse for the heathland.
- Mountain pansies for the acid grassland.
- Orchids for the neutral grasslands.
- Hairy wood ant and pied flycatchers for the woodlands.
- Small pearl-bordered fritillaries for the wetlands.

Some of our monitoring feeds into other schemes such as the local bird surveys carried out by the Upper Onny Wildife Group or national schemes such as the British Trust for Ornithology's heathland bird survey.

There is a lot of survey and monitoring carried out across the country by local communities through citizen science. This year we are encouraging anyone with an interest in birds to help out with a survey of three species that are good indicators of the well managed hillsides in the area. These birds are tree pipit, cuckoo and stonechat. We would like to encourage folk who have not carried out surveys in the past to get involved, by carrying out some training sessions. Following which you can adopt a favourite area to visit a couple of times to carry out the survey and have a nice walk in the hills at the same time.

The training sessions will be in the morning of either Friday the 2nd May or Sunday 4th May. Of course if you are a confident birder then you could just take a section and not worry about the training.

Finally there are a couple of events coming up, a Dawn Chorus Walk which can be booked on Eventbrite on the 27th April and our annual Bird Walk with the Upper Onny Wildlife Group on the 3rd May. For more details see our Facebook page or email stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.

REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MONTHLY WALKS AND EVENTS : APRIL 2025

Wednesday 16th April - Monthly Walk
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Brockton Car Park - native.broadcast.fully



Join our friendly Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group (RVCWG) at our April monthly walk (our first evening walk) providing an opportunity to discover local flora and fauna together.

Free to attend and no booking required

Please note that there is no designated leader for these monthly walks. A meeting point is listed for each walk and the group will decide together on the day where they would like to walk.



Saturday 26th April - Wildflower Walk at Pontesford & Earls Hill
10am - 1pm
Pontesford Hill Car Park - hoot.signed.cobbled

Joint event with the RVCWG and Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill.
Explore Pontesford Hill & Earls Hill together and learn all about the wildflowers growing there from a local botanist.

This event is free, but donations are welcome.

Pre-booking is required by emailing reavalleycwg@gmail.com

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www.facebook.com/groups/reavalleycwg

More Information
www.shropscwgs.org.uk/rea-valley-wildlife-group/

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- Have your say on the future of NHS Services at BC Community Hospital

Friday 11th April

10.00am - 1.00pm

FREE EVENT

EVERYONE WELCOME
Refreshments & Cake Available
(for a small donation to The Friends of Bishops Castle Library)

Enterprise House, Station Street, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AQ

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REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

















Join us today!

Anyone who lives or works in the area, or has an interest in its wildlife, and who wants to actively contribute to local knowledge and conservation, is welcome.

Membership is free.

Enthusiasm and interest in the area are far more important than specialist knowledge.

To join please email reavalleycwg@gmail.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/reavalleycwg

More Information
www.shropscwgs.org.uk/rea-valley-wildlife-group/

Email today to join our active and vibrant Whatsapp group.

REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

EVENTS : 2025

Join other friendly members at our specialist events - discovering local flora and fauna together. Experts will be on hand to help us identify and understand what we are seeing.

Free to attend but booking essential. Book via reavalleycwg@gmail.com
Donations welcome.



25th January
Winter Visitors - a beginners guide to winter ducks
10-1pm
Venus Pool Car Park
washing.spud.spiking



26th April
Wildflower Walk-at Pontesford & Earls Hill
10-1pm
Pontesford Hill Car Park
hoot.signed.cobbled



9th May
Bat Walk - evening walk at Minsterley Meadows
8:45pm - dusk
Minsterley Meadows
leafing.hopefully.helpful



30th May
Bat Walk- evening walk at Snailbeach old mine works
9:15pm - dusk
Snailbeach Car Park
premature.picnic.completed



29th June
Butterfly Walk - Transect - Mitchell's Fold & Black Marsh
10-1pm
Mitchell's Fold Car Park
snaps.scarecrow.rods



7th July
Swift Walk with Carol Wood - Shropshire Swift Group
8pm - dusk
Ford Village Hall
shaver.songbirds.rare



11th July
Swift Walk with Carol Wood - Shopshire Swift Group
8pm- dusk
Hanwood - Caradoc View
hugs.possibly.lushly



4th September
Pond Dipping & dragonfly spotting
6.30pm - dusk
Meadow House, Habberley
absorbing.rigid.national

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More Information
www.shropscwgs.org.uk/rea-valley-wildlife-group/

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20th & 21st April
10am to 4pm

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£2 £2

Easter Egg Trail

PICK UP A MAP FROM BUNNERS OR SPAR,
FOLLOW THE EGG TRAIL AROUND MONTGOMERY TO FIND
THE LETTERS TO MAKE A WORD

12TH – 27TH APRIL 2025

COLLECT YOUR CHOCOLATE REWARD FROM
BUNNERS OR SPAR ONCE COMPLETED

£2 £2

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
All proceeds to Friends of Montgomery School.

learn,
laugh,
live

OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome

Guide Dogs

Learn all about the work of the Guide Dogs association, including the puppy walker programme and get the chance to meet some of the dogs.



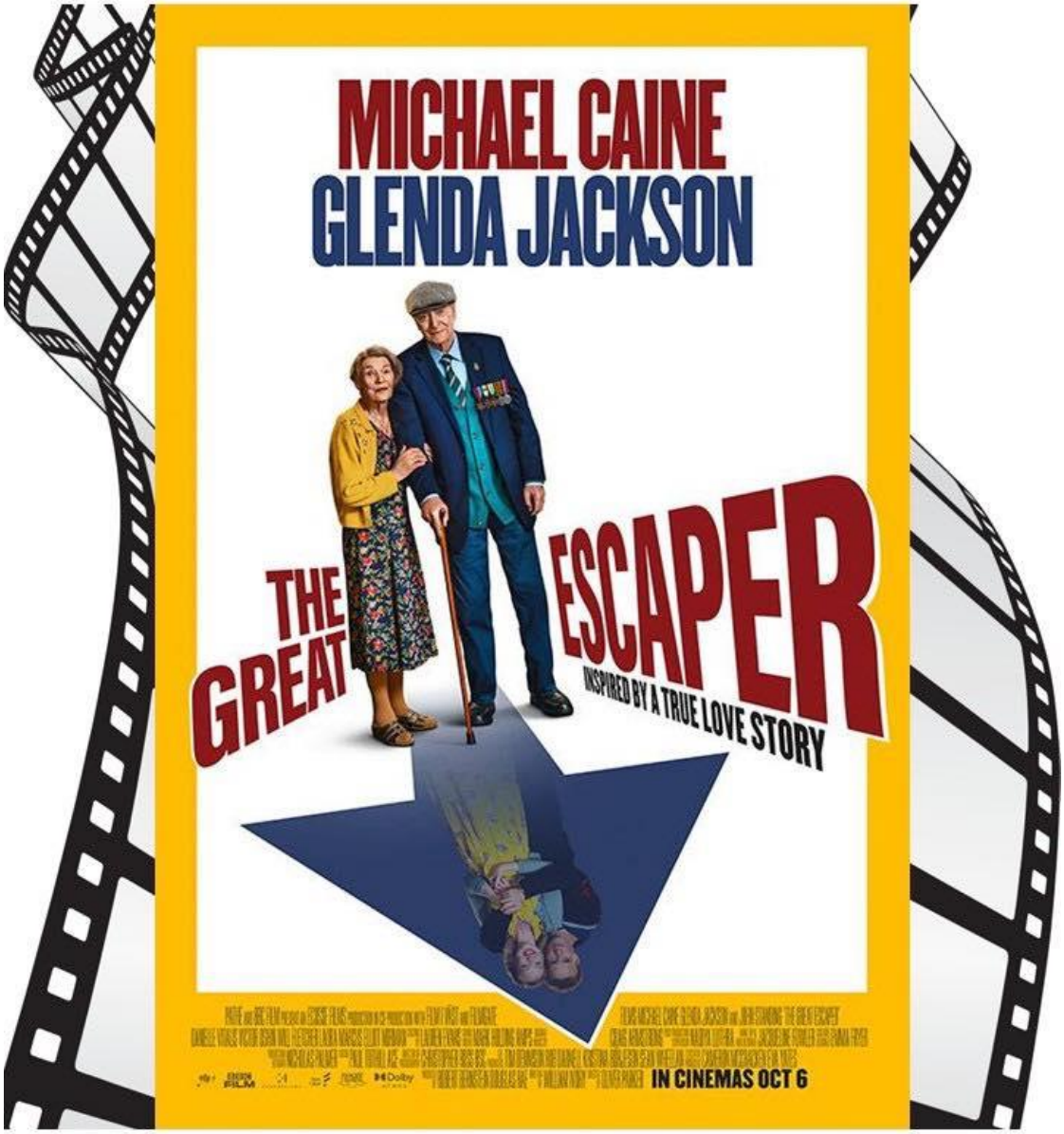
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Wednesday 2pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
A488, Minsterley, SY5 OEH

Refreshments available
Free entrance

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pontesbury.u3asite.uk

MOVIE NIGHT AT WORTHEN VILLAGE HALL



The Great Escaper: a heart-warming comedy drama, based on real events, featuring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. Certificate 12A

Saturday 26th April 7.30pm

Tickets £5 Available at Londis or by calling 07557673265

Bring your own refreshments. Hot Drinks, soft drinks and popcorn will be available.(Doors open at 7pm)

CRAFTY MONDAYS

CRAFT AND CHAT

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
LOUNGE AREA
AT
MINSTERLEY METHODIST CHURCH
7 PM TO 9 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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VEHICLE TESTING STATION

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Lent Lunches
will be held in
Marton Village Hall
on Wednesday 5th,12th,19th & 26th March
& 2nd 9th & 16th April.
Soup Bread, Cheese & Biscuits & Tea & Coffee
1-00pm start
Admission £7-00

All welcome.



Presence of Mind

Body & Spirit

WELLNESS ROOM

A beautiful new healing space has opened in Pontesbury. Located in the Connections Emporium and Post Office building. Please feel free to call in and meet Krystyna. She has been a physical and emotional therapist for over 30 years now, trained in many different fields of therapy. So if it is an aching back, anxiety, stress or one of the many maladies we humans suffer – or just pure relaxation, pop along have a chat and book a session.

See Facebook Energetics Engineer or Connections/ Pontesbury Post Office for updates, special offers and workshops.

Call Krystyna on 07876 238843

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Dark Sky Gazing

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Telephone or text
07806 432311 for details.

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Marton Village Hall
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www.worthenwithshelvepc.org.uk/committee

FREE

Do you have an event to promote?

Anything for sale or wanted?

A regular group meeting? Group activity?

Community information?

We usually have space to include posters or a mention about the above for no charge.

Just email details to:

editor@hopenews.uk Or:

enquiries@hopenews.uk

Key Phone Numbers

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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
National Grid (Fault Report/Status)	0800 6783105	Environment Agency (Incident Hotline)	0800 80 70 60
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