HOPE NEWSLETTER

July 2025

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Services in July

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

July 13th 9am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Hope

July 20th 9am Informal All-Age Service at All Saints, Shelve

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

Refreshments served after all our services.

If you are interested in a christening, wedding, wedding blessing, funeral or memorial service at the church, please contact Fran (details below).

I cannot believe that we are halfway through the year already! They say it is a sign of age to be surprised at how fast time is passing. As a child the summers appeared to stretch endlessly ahead, promising freedom and enjoyment. Now I always seem to be aware of what is just over the horizon, and wondering how to prepare for it. Adulthood brings a right responsibility, for ourselves as well as for others. But it is easy to be so caught up in preoccupation with the future, that we fail to give ourselves time to enjoy what we have now.

Jesus spoke about this. He said, 'See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not toil or spin. Yet not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of them.' We can dismiss this as a hopelessly impractical, even a reckless sentiment. But maybe there is a grain of truth in it for our anxious times. Perhaps these words might encourage us to stop and look around us. We regularly appreciate the beauty of our surroundings here in Shropshire (including the flowers of the field). But we can also take time to be thankful for other blessings, whether that's our relationships with family and friends, the life of our communities, or God's presence with us, however we experience that. Whatever the future may bring, these are what will keep us going.

Rev Fran Brealey

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER—HOPE SHOW—Schedule on page 2

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER—HOPE APPLE DAY

HOPE SHOW 2025

Saturday 6th September
Hope Village Hall 2pm to 4pm
Show Schedule

Cookery		Produce		Flowers	
1	Jar of Chutney	13	Heaviest Marrow	23	3 x Dahlias
2	Jar of Jam	14	Heaviest Potato	24	A single rose
3	5 x Cheese Scones	15	5 x Cooking Apples	25	A vase of mixed flowers from your garden
4	Quiche - Any filling	16	5 x Eating Apples	26	Autumn Wreath (fresh not artificial)
5	Victoria Sandwich (Traditional, 4 eggs)	17	3 x Hens Eggs	27	Foliage Pot Plant
6	Lemon Drizzle cake	18	Tallest Sunflower (See important in below)	28	Miniature arrangement in a wine glass
7	Bottle of Fruit Gin	19	3 x Tomatoes	29	Flowering Pot Plant
8	**Men Only:** Bara Brith	20	Unusual Shaped Vegetable		
9	Banana Loaf	21	Basket of Vegetables (at least 5 different vegetables)		
10	5 x Shortbread Biscuits	22	3 x Beetroot		
11	Trifle				
12	Gluten Free Cake				
Craft:		**Art:**		**Photography:**	
30	A Crocheted item	36	Open Class, any medium	39	An animal
31	A Knitted item	37	Painting of an animal, any medium	40	A tourist attraction in Shropshire
32	A Patchwork item	38	A Landscape, any medium		
33	An item of jewellery				
34	A Birthday card				
35	An item made from wood				
Children's Classes					
5 years and under:		**Ages 6 to 7:**		**Ages 8 to 11:**	
41	3 x Decorated biscuits	43	Garden on a plate	45	A Vegetable animal
42	A Bubble picture	44	3 x Decorated cupcakes	46	3 x Chocolate Brownies
		Ages 12 to 16:			
		47	Victoria Sponge (4 eggs)		
		48	Flower arrangement		

* **Use your own recipe unless otherwise specified**
* **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 3rd September. Sunflowers will be measured in situ. Email: Barry@hopevillagehall.org.uk Tel: 01743 891263 or see Barry Peabody any Weds (12-2pm) at the Village Hall Café.**

Hope Village Hall – Post Office update

Alongside an apology for the delay in replacing the Hope Outreach service, the Post Office has informed us that the Tregynon Postmaster has agreed to provide a Mobile Post Office service for Hope every Thursday, between 10:15 and 11:15, commencing 3rd July. The van will use the Hall's car park but the Hall will not be routinely open during that time.

Tregynon is up in the hills to the west of Abermule and is about 23 miles from Hope.

Despite our explanation that the service would receive most use if it would coincide with our Community Café, we have had to fit in on the van's existing route and it is not operated on Wednesdays. This may not be ideal but it's better than no service at all but, as the saying goes, 'Use it or lose it'. It has not been put to us this way but I'm sure that the Tregynon Postmaster is viewing this as a service trial and if it proves to be unviable it may be with-drawn.

Please advise your local family and friends about this new service and stress to them the need to make use of it, if they can.

Report From Heather

Dear All, Since taking over the running of Shropshire Council a few weeks ago, we have prioritised:

Potholes and flooding. Council is now employing an extra pothole gang to help improve our roads. These are under Council control, not the contractors Kier. If you see potholing gangs shutting roads for ages, doing one or 2 potholes only, sitting for hours in layby's etc., send the details to me (I do need some details- times, where etc.)
We aim to work much closer with Town and Parish Councils to find ways to improve things for everyone in our communities.

We aim to Improve Customer services – when you ring up and online, to improve the quality and speed of the service.

We are also looking at ways to deliver the 20mph speed limits quickly around schools.

Locally, we have some action on the A488. Because of the rugged, narrow nature of this stretch of road, it will have to be closed to ensure a proper job will be done on the repairs: **The road will be closed from 30th June to 22nd August**

- Residents have access only with passes. Deliveries will be permitted if communicated to the road closure by the residents.
- HGV's to be diverted around on other A roads
- Shuttle bus to connect Bishops Castle and meet 553 bus at Plox Green and back.
- Trees and drainage to be sorted too, to reduce the chance of this happening again.

Then the traffic lights will then be gone!

Please remember I am still your local Councillor and am available to help with problems on 07980 635518 or heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk. Best wishes, Heather

Pontesbury Gardeners' Association News

For those wanting to enter the Photography section of our Show (23 August) the subjects this year are::

Insects Footwear Water Children.

All prints are to be a maximum size of 7x5" / 18x13 cm, and be unframed. There is a maximum of three entries per person per subject. Entry forms and details of how to enter and show will be in the Show Schedule which is available at the Trading Post and in various shops in the village in June

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.

Secret Life of a Librarian……

You never know, do you, who might be driving your Shropshire Mobile Library van! Well, my name is Chris Maddocks and I am delighted to bring the 'book wagon' to Hope. Born in Shifnal, Shropshire since marriage to Jules in 1981 I have travelled all over the UK, quite literally.

I had loved the Circus from my first visit to Fossett Brothers Circus in Shifnal in 1968 and I always knew that one day, I would be with a travelling Circus myself. So, In 1987, with wife and 2 young pre-school children in tow, I decided it was now or never time; I quit my job with SAAB UK and answered a call to join a travelling Circus as Circus Ringmaster to tour from March to November.

Our first stand was in March 1987 at St. Neots. I had been told there would be a week of rehearsals and then the shows - in fact there was a back breaking week of putting up the Big Top, driving the trucks and fetching sawdust.

We had been loaned a tiny 16ft caravan for the 4 of us to live in - not quite the American style living wagon I had been lured in with. Fortunately for us, the Santus family, a famous French Circus troupe, took us under their wing and guided us in the time honored nomadic ways of a travelling show. For example - where to do your clothes washing, where to get your water and gas and yes, where to empty your loo. Very showbiz.

In the beginning I have to admit I was ready to quit, but my wife Jules, a real trouper if ever there was one, put her foot down and said "I love this, we are staying". Be careful what you wish for I say.

We thought we would miss our family and friends but in reality we saw more of all of them than if we had stayed at home - after all, who does not love a Circus adventure.

And so, we toured the UK from March to November in 1987, 1988 and 1989 and along the way did 2 Royal Performances in Hyde Park and Battersea Park, 3 Christmas seasons at the SEC in Glasgow and a documentary for BBC2 called Open Road.

How fortunate was I to perform in front of and later, to become friends with my Circus heroes - Gerry Cottle, Dick Chipperfield and Yasmine Smart to name but an illustrious few.

At the time, ours was an animal Circus, so our touring family was made up of a dozen horses, 5 Indian Elephants called Beverley, Maureen, Anne, Janie and Rebecca and a whole host of pigs, dogs, llamas, ponies and goats. Whatever your thoughts on animals in Circuses are I can tell you for sure it was animals first, humans second. They had the best veterinary care available and 24/7 care out on the road - in fact some of my favorite times were spent with our children just relaxing with the animals amongst the fresh hay and sawdust in the stables in a new town.

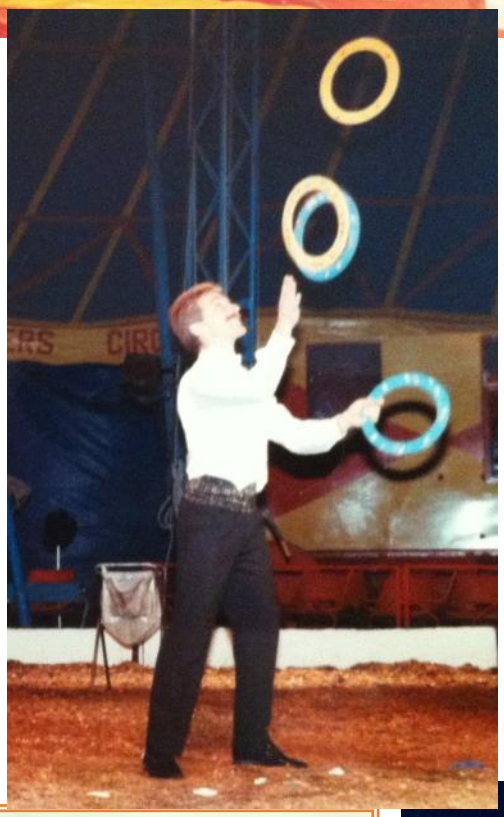
I consider myself a very lucky man, to have realised his dream of running away with the Circus and I would say this to anyone reading my story - it's never too late to follow your dreams.

Thank you very much Hope Village Hall - I always enjoy your very friendly welcome and, if ever you fancy reading a book about the Circus then come onboard, I might just be able to help you.

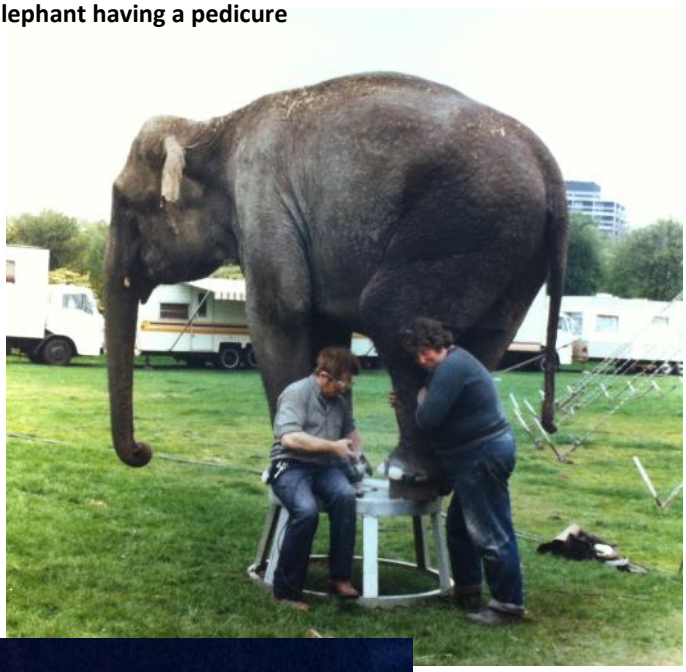
See you next time ...
Chris Maddocks







Top left: Circus Company 1987—Spot the Top hat! Top right: Chris with the famous clown Jacko Fossett. Left: Standing in as a Juggler. Below: Maureen the elephant having a pedicure







Far Left: Chris' & Jules Children Charlotte & William, in front of the Big Top built up on one of the many beach side locations in Scotland

Left: Friends and performers, the Santus Family, French trick cyclists

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(We'd love to hear similar stories and memories from other readers).

Friends Reunite and Rediscover Wellbeing Through Tai Chi for Health

It had been many years since Jean Maitland and Jayne Gunnery last saw each other. As teenagers, they danced and socialised across Shropshire, but life took them in different directions. Then, at a Christmas Fair in Chirbury Village Hall, fate stepped in and brought them back together.

As they caught up, Jean shared a deeply personal journey: after being diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, her health—and her spirit—suffered. “When I was in pain, I used to tense up, which made it worse,” Jean explained. “But discovering Tai Chi for Arthritis changed everything. After just six weeks, I noticed a real difference, and I’ve practiced every day since.” Tai chi not only eased her pain, but gave her a renewed sense of control over her wellbeing.

Tony, her partner on this journey, explained. “I may not have rheumatoid arthritis myself, but I live with it every day alongside Jean. Tai chi has helped me immensely—and it’s accessible to everyone. The exercises can be done seated or standing, making this wonderful art available to all.”

The spark of reunion soon grew into something more and Jayne, who helps at the Hope Village Hall Café, suggested that their lovely venue could host tai chi sessions. In February, an introductory session was held—and warmly received. That success led to regular classes every Friday morning, open to anyone curious about tai chi and the Tai Chi for Health Institute (learn more at www.taichiforhealthinstitute.org).

Jayne admitted she didn’t know what to expect at first. “I’d heard of tai chi but had no idea what it really was. I’d tried keep-fit classes in the past but couldn’t keep up!” Now, twelve classes in, she’s hooked. “They’re relaxed, well explained, and we always have a laugh. Tai chi helps me tune into how I’m feeling—and I practice every day now.”



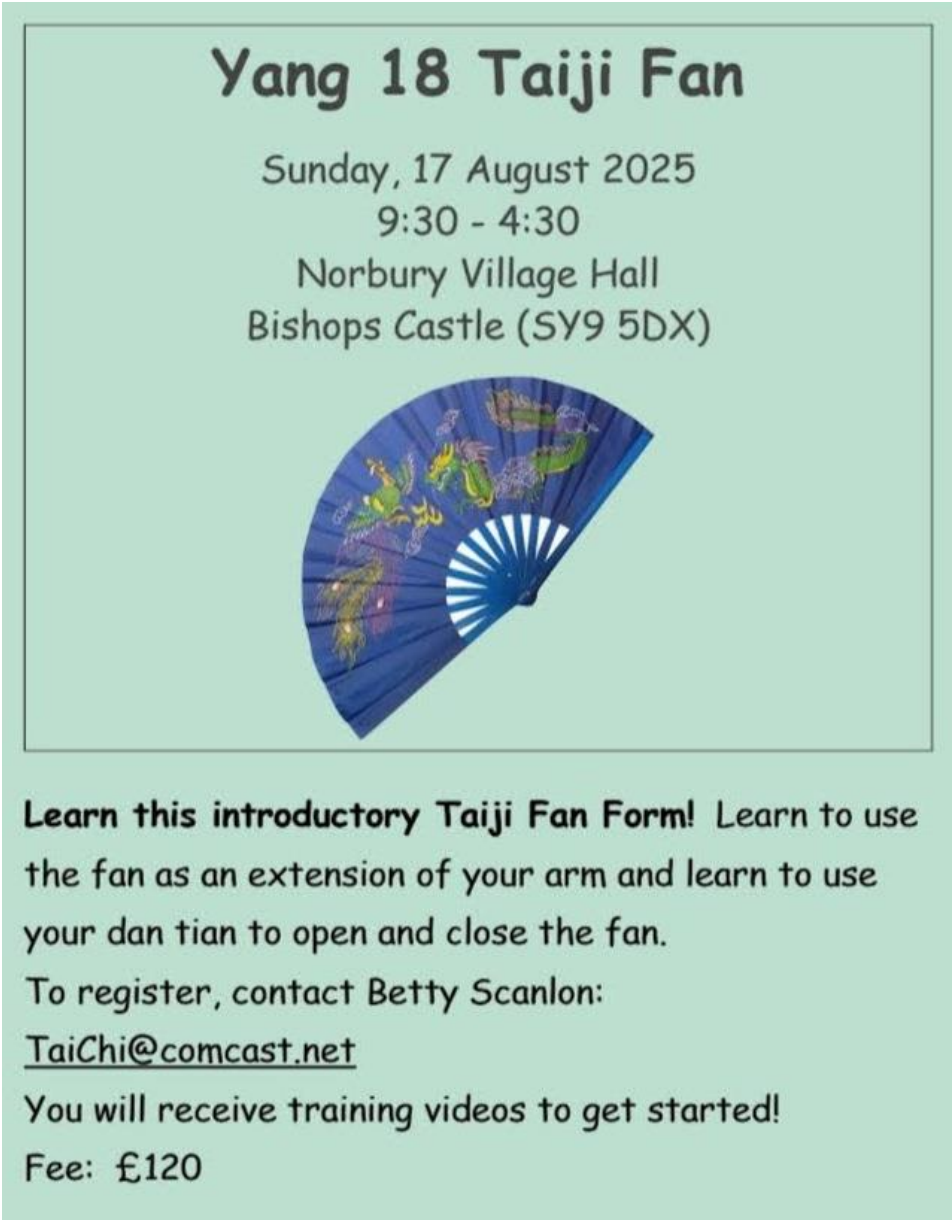
Jean and Tony with the Tai Chi class at Hope Village Hall

Tai Chi is a mind body exercise originating from ancient China, where it started as a famous martial art. These days, its practiced around the world as an effective exercise for health to improve strength, flexibility, aerobic conditioning and balance. The exercise is used to improve cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, prevent falls and help people who have arthritis.

Over the past nine years, Jean and Tony have built a daily tai chi practice. They've met skilled practitioners from around the world and, as instructors with the Tai Chi for Health Institute, they keep their skills updated every two years. Usually that means travelling to a big city—but this year, international master trainers are coming to them.

Jean and Tony are currently learning Yang 18 Fan, preparing for a special workshop in August led by Master Trainer Betty Scanlon from Florida at Norbury Village Hall. "Tai chi has kept me going," Jean says. "I've made friends from all over the world—and now, they're coming here!"

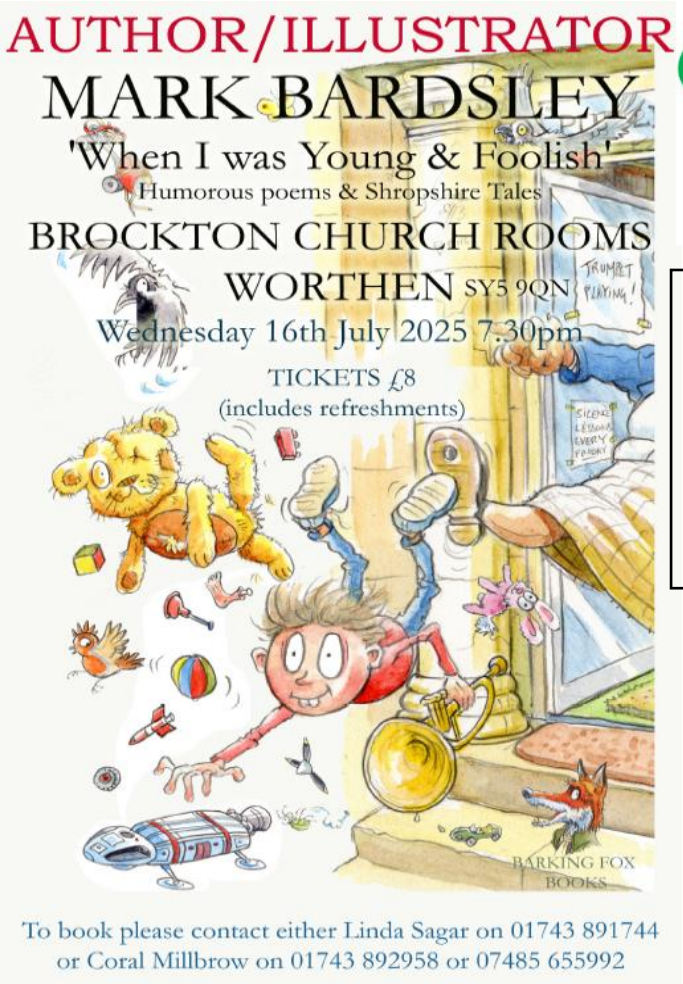
We hope local people will embrace the opportunity to learn the tai chi fan 18 form with Master Trainer Betty Scanlon in August and if anyone who is interested emails her she will send the training videos. Jean and Tony have already organised weekly practice sessions on a Friday from 11.30am to 12pm at Hope Village Hall. Email: jeanandtony2@yahoo.co.uk for details.



Three other Master Trainers—Pat Lawson (USA), Yvonne Eggmann (Switzerland), and Philip Kums (Belgium)—will also visit in August to train UK and European instructors. Jean and Tony hope to offer them a warm welcome and showcase their stunning local area.

And the adventure doesn't end there. In September, Jean and Tony will head to Switzerland for further training with Dr Paul Lam, founder of the Tai Chi for Health Institute. Their journey continues—and it's one that's healing, connecting, and inspiring others every step of the way.

If anyone is interested in discovering more about the tai chi for Health programs or would like to attend the classes then email: jeantony2@yahoo.co.uk



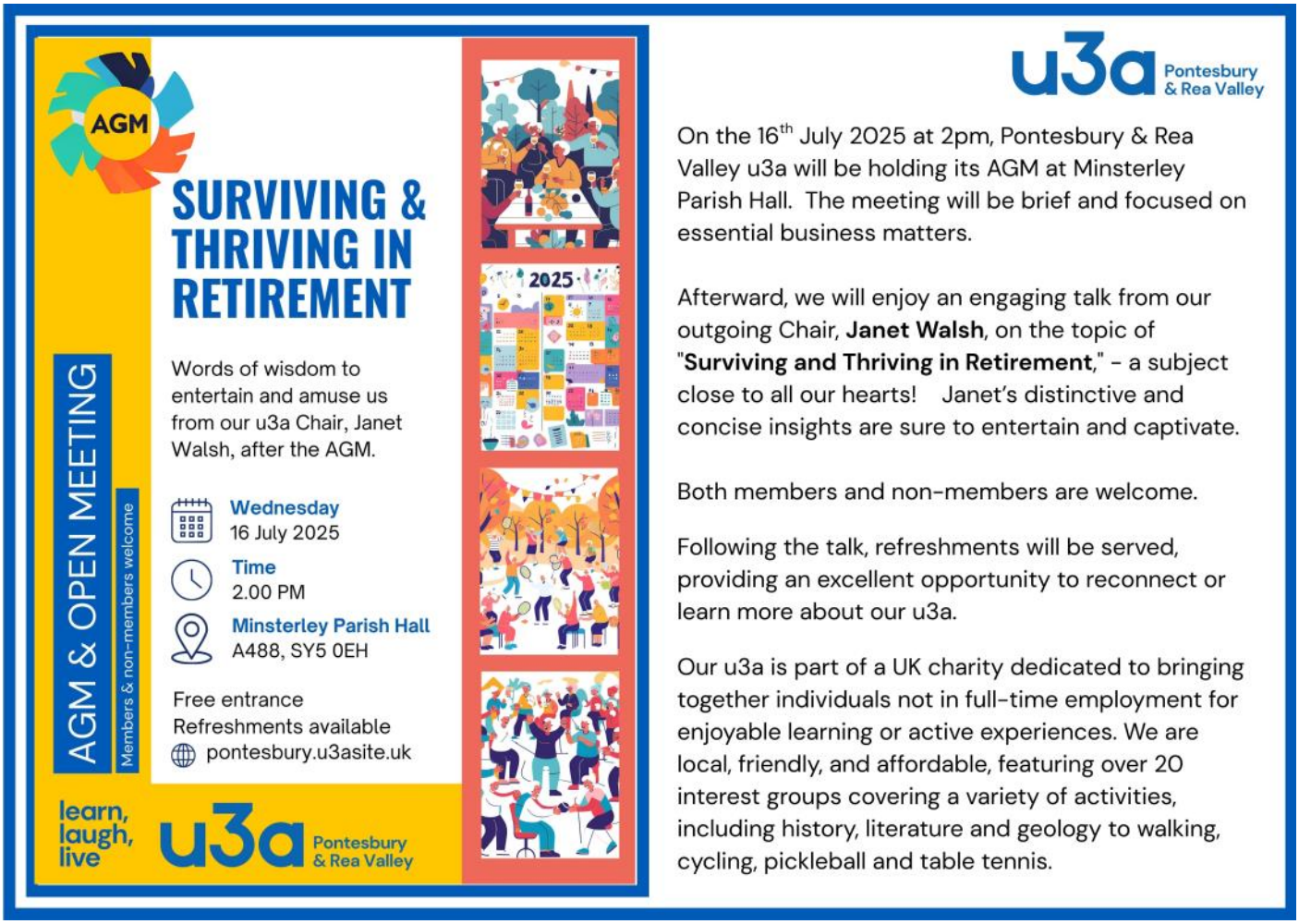
Callow Club

Everyone is welcome!

16th July 2025 at 7:30pm – Come and join us to hear well-known Mark Bardsley author, illustrator and caricaturist

August – Shropshire Petal Fields – date and time still to be confirmed – watch this space and Facebook

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



NATURAL ENGLAND - Notes from the hill

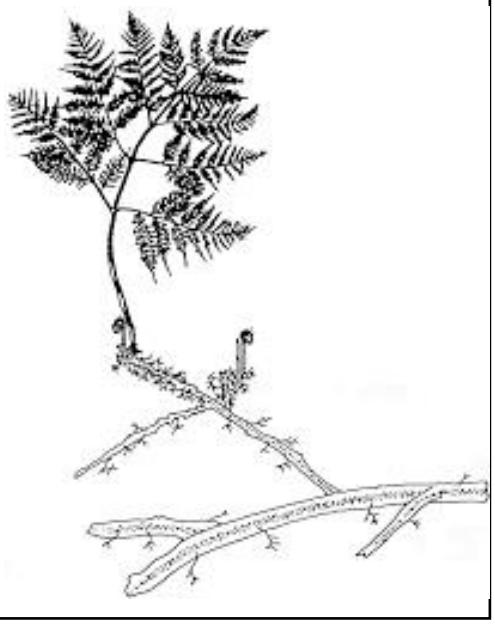
With the summer having properly arrived on the hill, many of our birds become less obvious. Now that their territories are established, attention is focused on the important job of feeding the chicks rather than defending their boundaries and so there is less bird song filling the air. Some birds will continue to sing, but to a lesser extent than in the spring, while others will cease altogether and this may depend upon whether one or two broods are raised in a year.

The cuckoo is no longer to be heard, having left his eggs to be brought up by foster parents, he either already left or will be getting ready to depart for Africa. According to recent studies over half of the UK population of cuckoos have left the country by the end of June, reinforcing the view that these are a truly African species that that only spends 15% of the year in Britain and the rest either migrating or in their homelands around the forests of Congo.

July is also the traditional time for haymaking on and around the Stiperstones although this is always very weather dependant, and in our case is complicated by other factors such as whether there are any nesting birds such as curlews around.

There are a couple of places left on the Introduction to Scything Course on the 27th July and this year we are hoping to hold the first ever bracken scything competition on the 1st August. Between these two dates we have a week of scything both bracken and grass for any volunteers proficient at using a scythe.

Bracken is becoming an increasing problem in upland areas for a variety of reasons. Farmers and commoners would have once harvested this resource to provide bedding for animals instead of straw and this would have limited its spread. Until recently it could be controlled through a specific herbicide, but that option is no longer available. To make matters worse warmer winters and increased airborne nitrogen is favouring its growth and spread. Much of the bracken on the Stiperstones is on steep rocky slopes and above heather which makes it almost impossible to control, so the more people we can encourage to cut it with scythes the better.



Scything, particularly with Austrian scythes is a very enjoyable pastime and as Levin said to his brother, after a day's mowing, in Tolstoy's Anna Karenina, *"You can't imagine what an effectual remedy it is for every sort of foolishness."*

Anyone interested should get in touch through our events email: Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.

Finally, if anyone would like to join us for our family wildlife walk and picnic on Tuesday the 12th August, please book through Eventbrite using the QR code.

Bookings can also be made for our Stiperstones Stomp walk on Sunday the 17th August.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

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

9th & 23rd July

Mini Health Checks (Blood Pressure)

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

5th July from noon to 1.50pm

RVCWG monthly walk on Saturday 19th July starts at Hope Village Hall Car Park. We are also excited to host two 'Swift' walks with Carol Wood from Shropshire Swift Group on Monday 7th July and Friday 11th July.

REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MONTHLY WALKS AND EVENTS : JULY 2025

Saturday 19th July - Monthly Walk
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hope Village Hall Car Park - mellons.tortoises.threaten



Join our friendly Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group (RVCWG) for a July Saturday 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.

We are also excited to offer two special events this month that focus on Swifts!



Join us as we support Carol Wood from the Shropshire Swift Group to explore where Swifts might be nesting in our local villages:

Monday 7th July - Swift Walk
8pm - dusk
Ford Village Hall - shaver.songbirds.rare

Friday 11th July - Swift Walk
8pm - dusk
Hanwood - Caradoc View - hugs.possibly.lushly

Shropshire Hills National Landscape

These events are free, but donations are welcome. Pre-booking is essential as spaces limited. email: reavalleycwg@gmail.com

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

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CPRE The countryside charity Shropshire

Free Entry

Sense of Place

Enter your favourite photographs of Shropshire and be in for a chance to win a cash award of £150!

We all know the Shropshire countryside is beautiful, unique and needs protecting.

What part of Shropshire is special to you? It may be your local town park at sunrise, a river or walk in summer or a hike in the hills with big views. It may be your daily dog walk, a favourite meadow or country lane, or as close as your back yard or garden.

Grab your camera, smartphone or tablet and show us what is special about this place to you!

Winning entries will be professionally printed and shown in our Sense of Place exhibition at the Gateway Gallery, Shrewsbury in October 2025.

Deadline for entries: Sunday 31 August 2025.

Entry forms, further information and full terms & conditions are available on our website www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/sense-of-place or email: photos.cpreshropshire@gmail.com



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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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









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CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE 16th May 2025 – 15th June 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	**DETAILS**	**LOCATION**	**NOTES**
Burglary	Unoccupied property entered via rear door and items stolen from within	Snailbeach	Occurred over 5th – 8th June
Malicious communications		Worthen	
Assault		Brockton	
Public order offence		Chirbury	
Dog dangerously out of control causing injury		Stiperstones	Dog seized
Theft from motor vehicle	Fuel siphoned from 3 tractors	Snailbeach	Occurred between 17th – 18th May
Assault	X3	Marton	Children's care home
Criminal damage		Marton	Linked to above
Stalking		Worthen	

COUNTY LINES

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.
They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'.

OCGs often use high levels of violence and intimidation to protect the 'county line' and control them. There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in county lines:

- Repeatedly going missing from school or home and being found in other areas
- Having money, new clothes or electronic devices and they can't explain how they paid for them
- Getting high numbers of texts or phone calls, being secretive about who they're speaking to
- Decline in school or work performance
- Significant changes in emotional or physical well-being

If you're concerned about drug-related crime in your area or think someone may be a victim of drug exploitation, please call us on 101, email bccar.snt@westmercia.police.uk or report online www.westmercia.police.uk

[Separately, as well as the usual incidences of burglary/theft from sheds/farms being reported in this police district, there were reports of 2 men having stolen 2 expensive bikes in Bishops Castle at the end of May. With more of you out cycling at this time of year please be extra vigilant when you make temporary stops away from home and do not leave your bikes unattended.]

TRADITIONAL SUMMER FETE

July 5 2025

Featuring

1940'S SWING BAND

VINTAGE VEHICLES

PERIOD COSTUMES

BOUNCY CASTLE

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SPORTS

VARIOUS STALLS

BBQ AND A PIMMS BAR

SCARECROW TRAIL

WINNER ANNOUNCED ON FETE DAY

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

£100 CASH TOP PRIZE

Worthen Village Hall and Recreation Ground

1 - 4 pm

Support Minsterley school and create lasting memories at our Summer Fete!

Minsterley Parish Hall

12-4pm



12th July SUMMER FETE

BBQ. RAFFLE. TOMBOLA. PENALTY SHOOT OUT. SPORTS. CAKE SALE. BOUNCY CASTLE. GLITTER TATTOOS. FACE PAINTING. PLUS LOTS MORE...

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

MINSTERLEY PARISH HALL

2pm - 4.30pm

50p Entry per adult



PRE-BOOK YOUR SLOT £10 (EMAIL: bookings@minsterleyparishhall.co.uk)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Sunday 13th July 2025

Minsterley Parish Hall, A488, SY5 0EH

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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OR SANDRA ON 01743-891861

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SAT 12th JULY 1PM – 5PM
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The show home for five stunning 2- and 3-bed homes at the soon-to-be-completed Leigh Hall Stables conversion will be open for viewing. Rents from £1,050pcm. Parking at Barn Store.

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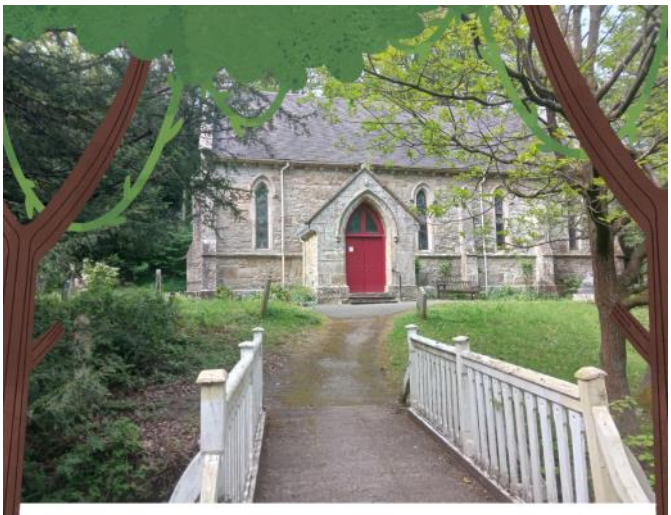
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