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Dear Friends,

As I write this, in mid-January, we have just entered the third Lockdown and after conversations between our PCCs and Rev Sam the decision has been made that we cannot safely open the churches for public worship for the duration of the Lockdown, while numbers of Covid-19 cases in Shropshire, as further afield, seem to be rising. At least as spring approaches we have hopes of the accelerating rollout of vaccinations that offer hope that we may before too long be able to return slowly and cautiously to a more 'normal' way of life and some of the social interaction that has been so lacking over the last year.

In the meantime, on Sundays, Rev Sam is recording a weekly audio service on his SoundCloud page <https://soundcloud.com/s-mann-6> and we have re-established our weekly email containing a Biblical reflection and other matters that may be of interest in matters of Faith or a more general spiritual dimension on life. Please do get in touch on the email address at the top of this page if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Please also be assured that both Rev Sam and I are still available at the end of the phone or through email – details as published in this magazine - for anyone - churchgoer or not – if you would find a conversation with one of us helpful.

I'm going to conclude with a brief thought for the time in which we find ourselves, inspired by the words of a friend to me recently, quoting, of all things, words of hope on the mug from which they were drinking tea

'Pray to God, but row to the shore'

As we hope to soon have some sort of release from concerns about this pandemic that has so changed our everyday lives. Alongside our prayers and hopes, we need to do what needs to be done to keep ourselves, and all those around us, as safe as possible.

With my love and prayers,

Sue

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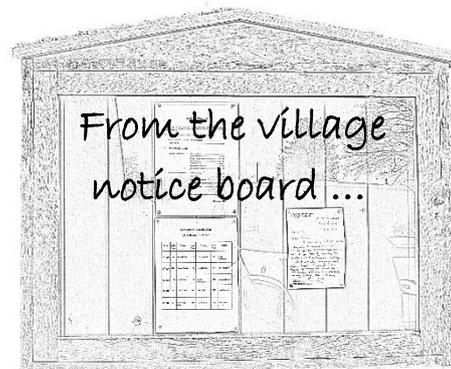
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Wednesday February 10th

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Cardington News

Tuesday 2nd March

The next meeting of **Cardington Parish Council** will be held via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd March.

Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting should contact the clerk either by telephone on 01694 751326 or email clerk@cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk

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CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Eaton-under-Heywood News and Hope Bowdler News

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council's November meeting was rescheduled and held via Zoom on 23rd November 2020. The minutes are available to view on the parish council's website.

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic the next few meetings of the parish council will be held via Zoom and details of how to join a meeting will be on the agendas, which can be found on our website or obtained from the clerk.

The January meeting was held via Zoom on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm. At the January meeting the Precept Budget for 2021/2022 was debated and fixed at £5,252. The draft minutes and a copy of the Precept Budget will be placed on our website.

Zoom meetings will be held on 15th February 2021 and 15th March 2021. At present we have no meeting scheduled for April. All current councillors automatically retire on 6th May 2021 and elections on that day will be held for seven new councillors to be appointed to serve for the next four years.

To contact the Parish Council, please call the clerk, Mrs J de Russett, at 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG, tel. 01568 770741 or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.

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Monday 15th February

Rushbury Parish Council Meetings of the Parish Council continue to be held via remote virtual platform. Details of these, together with items or news of local interest can be viewed on the Council's website. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.30pm. For access to the meeting, please contact the Clerk at rushburypc@gmail.com.



Rushbury Parish Council Update

Do you need a faster broadband connection?

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<https://www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council-10625/home>

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Rushbury Parish Council

Wednesday 17th February

Rushbury and Cardington WI will be holding a Zoom meeting, and are very much hoping that this month there will be a demonstration at 7.30pm.

For information, or advice on setting up zoom on your device, members should please contact Liz or Rosemary.

Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

Belated happy new year from everyone at Rushbury and Cardington YFC.

Well, what a strange festive period it was for us. For the first time in a very long time we were not able to do carol singing due to the change in rules in December. It was odd for us all not to celebrate Christmas with you, eating and drinking along the way. The Oak was not full and buzzing like it normally would be on Christmas Eve, with us all singing the 12 days of Christmas and our all time favourite Good King Wenceslas. I'm sure it has offered us all the time to practise our singing skills! We hope you were able to spend some family time together whether it was in person or virtually as we have become used to.

This year's chosen charity is Lingen Davies and we plan to raise £1000 for an extra vital treatment chair in Shrewsbury. We hope that the summer months may enable us to do some other fundraising events but in the meantime our very own Jim Griffiths is doing a sponsored head shave! He's been saving the locks since before Christmas and is in serious need of a shear! If you would like to donate to the cause then you can either search 'Rushbury & Cardington YFC Head Shave' on the Just Giving website or post your donation to Emily Lewis (Treasurer) at Highwinds, Hollyhurst, Leebotwood SY6 7JP. Cheques can be made payable to Rushbury & Cardington YFC.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support and we hope to see you all soon.

Kate Woodcock

Coffee Stop

Due to escalation of the virus we are not meeting until vaccinations are completed.

Please keep well and STAY SAFE!



Apedale Amblers

There will be no further leader led walks for the time being.

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We appreciate that this is an anxious time and that many of you will be keen to have the vaccination as soon as possible. We want you all to know, we are working incredibly hard to deliver as many vaccinations as quickly and safely as we can. It is important to remember that once you have received your vaccine you will still need to continue following government guidelines which at present are to only leave the house for limited specific reasons, wear a face covering where appropriate, maintain physical distancing and practicing frequent hand hygiene.

You may have questions regarding the COVID19 vaccination and it is important to ensure that you use reputable sources of information. If you have access to the internet, please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 for more information and guidance.

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We recognise that, whilst many actions can be taken right now, and this is vital given the climate and ecological emergency we face, there is also a need to further develop plans and refine actions based on a wider engagement and feedback across all Shropshire communities. This Version 1 therefore represents the basis for further consultation, feedback and refinement, and we are planning to publish Version 2 by August 2021.

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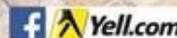
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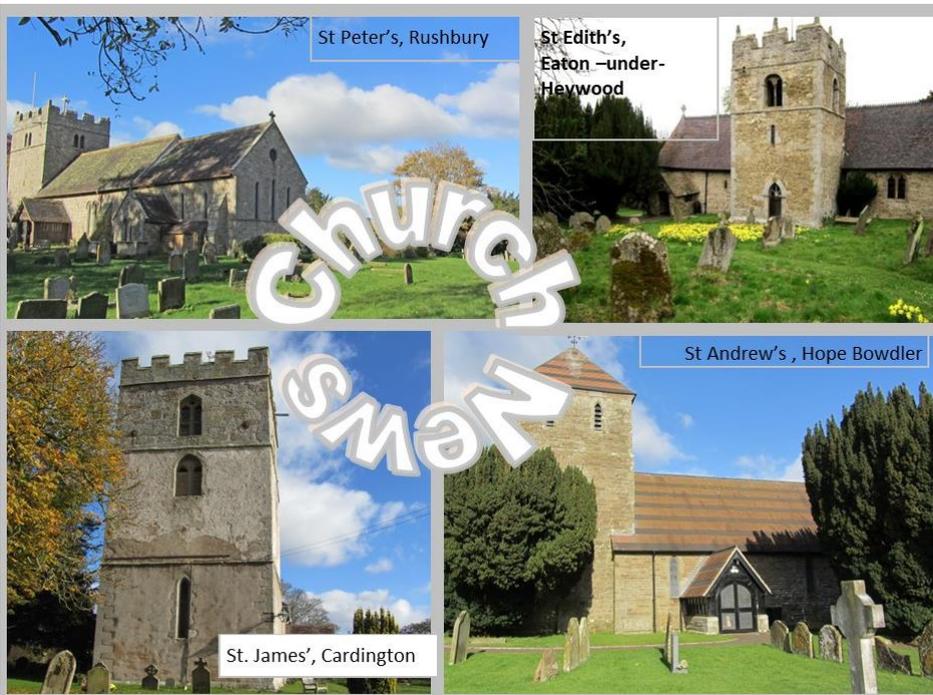
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SERVICE TIMES for February

The latest developments in the Coronavirus restrictions mean that we are all urged most seriously to minimise contact with others.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUNERALS THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH SERVICES DURING THIS LOCKDOWN.

THE SERVICE ROTA AND INDIVIDUAL CHURCH ROTAS HAVE THEREFORE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HONEYPOT.

SOME OF OUR CHURCHES MAY BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER WHICH WILL BE ORGANISED SUBJECT TO THEIR RISK ASSESSMENTS AND THE NATIONAL RULES ON SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE BAN ON 'MINGLING' WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER HOUSEHOLDS. YOU MAY FIND MORE INFORMATION UNDER INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES OR CONTACT YOUR CHURCHWARDEN.

Thank you all for your understanding and do please look after yourselves and stay safe.

For audio-services and sermons on Sundays throughout January and February, visit:

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This is where I will be uploading audio-services and sermons on Sundays throughout January and February.

Rev. Sam Mann

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Burial of Ashes

Sue Stokes. 15th December - Cardington Church

Funeral and Burial

Geoffrey Davies. 21st December - Cardington Church

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families in their loss.

Notes from St James, Cardington

GEOFFREY CHARLES DAVIES

Ivy and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and kindness shown at this incredibly sad time.

Being the youngest of six, he was born at Birch Coppice Farm under the Lawley into a lively family in 1931. Geoff moved up to Manor Farm in Church Preen in 1935 where his family farmed for numerous years. During the war, they had many evacuees come and live with them, including Charlie and Billy Hough from Liverpool, who sadly lost their parents, and ended up being taken in, and later adopted, by the family. Geoff and Charlie got into loads of trouble and the ARP were sent in as the boys set fire to a tree stump to get a rabbit out - the fire could be seen for miles around! After the estate was sold in 1961, Geoff bought part of the farm and built New Holdings where he stayed until he retired in 1999, whereupon he moved to Cardington.

In 1963 he had a visit from the vets, and out jumped from the car Ivy, who he saw as a good strong lass. Courting soon started and they married in December, as it coincided with his brother moving down to Devon and so they could help him move farms. Three children came along; Tony, Marg and Andy, whom he was enormously proud of. When the grandchildren arrived: Abi, Brad, Susie and Timmy, he became a taxi driver - carting them all over the place when needed. During his time at Church Preen, he was chairman of the YFC and they put the first heating in the church and he was a stalwart in keeping the school open. Upon retirement, he soon got bored and took up a gardening round. His customers were chosen on how much cake and tea they brought to him.

Geoff will always be remembered for his cheeky smile, independence, forthrightness and stubbornness, but with a caring heart, was loved by his family and all that knew him.

Notes from St Edith's, Eaton-under-Heywood

ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING

Our young, enthusiastic Rector demonstrated his versatility and energy. Greeting. Conducting the service. Playing carols on the organ. All to a compliment of fourteen. Several of PCC prepped, returned home and came after the service to complete the routine tasks. Candlelight church: soft and serene. Simple decor matched our contented yet restrained mood.

TO THE RESCUE AS EVER

John is magnificent and reliable in his attention to all things electrical and digital. Truth be told it is an uphill undertaking as the 'resident' mice are very partial to the coating on all wires. They gnaw persistently. So far resisting every attempt to discourage them. Are they a challenge? Or are we? It is a tussle. Then the wind driven rain oozed into the back of the outdoor light. Fused electrics. Timer upset. All sorted with a smile. Thank you, as ever.

ROLL ON. ROLL OUT.

Hope is rewarded. The vaccines are rolling out. New strains permitting, we will see freedoms by the summer.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We all look forward to sustaining some of our collective worship. When our new Archdeacon arrives we may be able to offer worship and hospitality. It will be interesting to see who is appointed to ace Michael as Dean of the Cathedral. We wish him a very happy, healthy and peaceful retirement. Our good wishes and prayers to Bishop Richard as he recovers from the effects of Covid 19. HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

STAY SAFE. KEEP WELL.

GWEN

Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

We were able to hold an outdoor Carol Service on Christmas Eve, attended by 42 villagers - all socially distanced, of course. We were also able to celebrate Christmas and Epiphany before deciding to cancel further services for the time being in light of the pandemic.



Currently we are taking the opportunity of lockdown to treat the woodwork in the church. If anyone would like to access the church for private prayer please contact Ruth Jenkins on 01694 724919.



Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Rushbury Church is open by appointment for individual private prayer. Please contact our churchwarden Darren Merrill to make arrangements.

COFFEE STOP Every Monday from 10.00am to midday at Rushbury Village Hall. Term time only. See Rushbury News for this month's dates. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US. Not currently taking place.**

HOLY COMMUNION 10am Holy Communion first Wednesday in month at St. Andrew's, Hope Bowdler. This is not currently taking place but we are hopeful it will restart very soon.

A MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICE, first Thursday each month, 1:30 p.m. at Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton. You would be most welcome. Not currently taking place. Check with Mayfair for further information.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND HEREFORD DIOCESE - explore www.hereford.anglican.org for information for Churchgoers, Visitors, about Church work and Diocesan News and views.

PRAYER AND CARE. In situations of illness or distress and need for prayer and perhaps visiting, please contact (with the permission of those affected) the Revd. Virginia Clements the Rev. Sue Jelleyman, or one of the churchwardens (details listed on the church contacts page).

HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE TAKEN TO PEOPLE AT HOME if they are unable to get to church. Contact Revd. Sue Jelleyman, one of the churchwardens or one of the parish-link people if you would like either of these or if you know of someone else who would.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP FOR February 2021

The great Spanish saint, Teresa of Avila, was both witty and wise. On being thrown out of a carriage into the mud during a long journey, she records her conversation with God beginning, "If this is how you treat your friends, its no surprise you have so few!" Some of her thinking is surprisingly contemporary and relevant. She once said that most problems in leadership stem from a lack of self-knowledge. Recent events in America certainly bear this out.

As we continue through this second lock-down, a more mindful understanding of what is going on inside us could be a great help in fostering good relationships. Current circumstances put us all under a great deal of stress. If we're unaware of what is really going on inside us, that stress can emerge in unhelpful and relationship destroying ways. Even within the church, I have encountered people who are delightful and caring in normal circumstances, but when under stress can erupt in explosive anger. The strength of that has surprised even themselves, never mind the bruised recipient of the outburst.

Voices from the past, even voices long since dead, can still echo in our present experience. The child who was never good enough for their parents, can get into the habit of justifying their existence through driven activity. The child who was only praised for good performance can feel hugely threatened if they don't meet their own standards. I think that was what was going on in the anger I spoke of earlier. But these habitual patterns of coping and doing life are ultimately destructive.

This month, we begin the journey of Lent. Traditionally this is a period of spiritual examination. It may be that lockdown affords the opportunity for greater self-scrutiny this year. Perhaps a meditation on the words God spoke over Jesus at his baptism could kick us off. "This is my child, the beloved, in him I am well pleased". As people 'in Christ' these are words God speaks over us as well. These are words to counter the narrative of inadequacy, or being valued only for what we can achieve. They are words that affirm God's unconditional love. They are words that transform and renew. May we hear those words rather than the unhelpful ones this Lent.

News from Rushbury Church of England Primary School

Message from Steve Morris (Acting headteacher at Rushbury CE Primary School)

I am delighted to be contributing for the first time to this magazine. Having perused previous editions you can see that 'The Honey Pot' plays a very important role in bringing the local community together and sharing important and interesting information amongst its readership.



Here at Rushbury CE Primary School and after many years wonderful service from Diane Pye, the Rushbury School headteacher's baton has been temporarily passed on to me. I feel privileged to play a part in the school's immediate future; to make new relationships and offer even more opportunities for the pupils who attend this fantastic school. It is a school which benefits from a great reputation both on a local and county-wide basis. Of course much of this is down to the superb team at the school, along with the pupils but Mrs Pye's role cannot be underestimated.

The school building itself is, I must confess, both beautiful and steeped in so much history. A central feature of the Rushbury community. Quite apt then that, in this New Year, it celebrates its 200th year of existence. I hope the school has at least as long to serve the future community of Rushbury too.

This particular corner of Shropshire is not too familiar to me, having previously lived in Ludlow and currently residing in Shrewsbury. The countryside is absolutely stunning and I have especially enjoyed it on the two occasions I was either brave or foolish enough to cycle to school from my home!

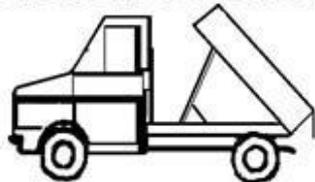
I will remain in post until the end of the spring term with Mrs Pye's permanent replacement commencing his/her post from the start of the summer term. The school are due to appoint the permanent headteacher at the end of January.

Starting any headteacher post is always an incredibly busy period and this is no different at Rushbury. Throw into that a pandemic leading to two full school closures and it's turned out to be quite a baptism! However, the staff and governors have been wonderfully welcoming which I am extremely grateful for. The school's proximity to the Church of St Peters is hugely beneficial too. Our Church of England status, as a school, is very much cherished by all at Rushbury and there are some super links between us. We have also welcomed a new rector into our school. Rev Sam Mann already feels like a regular fixture at the school and is also an active member of our governing body. There's no doubt then, that this special bond between church and school will grow and develop as we move forward.

My final comment has to be reserved for the pupils. They are an absolute joy to be with and a school can feel very much like an empty vessel in these uncertain times. But we will be back and raring to go soon.

Stay safe everybody and the warmest regards from everybody at Rushbury Primary.

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We have printed copies for all those of you on our database as normal for the February edition. We are in a different position to the first lockdown when we were printing and collating our copies in Rushbury Village Hall. We now have the magazine printed by a printing company who are able to provide the printed copies that we know so many of you prefer.

The committee have therefore decided that we will not deliver your printed copies until we feel that it is safe and within our government guidelines. We are conscious that this is a pivotal time in getting this disease under control, and that if we are patient and stay at home as instructed, with vaccinations now taking place, perhaps soon something nearer to normal may be possible.

FEBRUARY EDITION.

We will publish online for this month, but you will also receive your printed copies by post PAID BY THE HONEYPOT together with your March edition. (We are not able to post out at the end of January as our database is not currently set up for postals and time is therefore needed to organise this. Following a Royal Mail price rise on the 1st of January it now costs 96p postage plus label and envelope to post out. We can send 2 copies in the same envelope for the same price, so it makes sense to send out 2 copies together.)

MARCH EDITION. We will print and post March copies **TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS BY MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY** to enable us to calculate numbers before sending to print.

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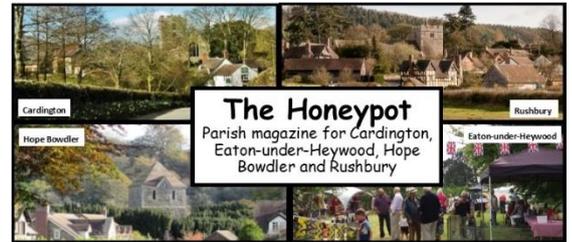
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Do keep sharing your information and photographs. Sometimes they may not appear right away until they have been validated by one of the team.

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This year I am also including prompts on the facebook page to remind you of our cut off dates for submitting material for the next edition of the magazine, so do look out for them if you are on facebook, but don't forget to put the relevant dates in your diaries, and on your calendars and phones.

THE DATE FOR COPY TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS ALWAYS THE 10th OF THE PRECEDING MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ON PAGE 3 OF THE HONEYPOT.



FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

HATS

Outside it's snowing and the wind is blowing,
I really should wear a hat
I have a drawer that's full of them,
But none of them seem quite apt.
There's a green one knitted by Barbara,
And there's one I bought in town.
It's really quite pretty in purple,
But I wish I had bought it in brown.
A pink one which is rather thin for such icy weather.
A blue one which is rather nice but seems to lack a feather!
There's one that only covers ears, now what's the use of that?
It doesn't cover up my crown or protect my thinning thatch.
Of course, I have some wedding hats
With fancy bits a plenty.
But not sure if this weather is deserving of anything trendy.
So, I'll just slap on my old woolly hat,
Go and feed the birds.
Face the neighbours with a smile,
And give them all a twirl.

Keeping my distance of course!!

Jenny Rose



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A hint of more to come.....
First Snowdrops
from Gill Barnard.

HONEYPOT BOOK REVIEWS:

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Adam's Ark by Frances Brand.

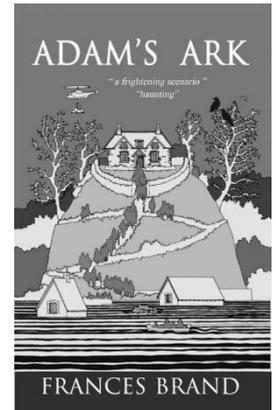
"As climate change tightens its grip, weather patterns become more erratic, from extreme heat to periods of monsoon-like rainfall.

"Large parts of the world are inundated and in a flood of apocalyptic proportions, anywhere on high ground becomes a refuge from the rising water."

Adam's Ark is an unexpected story, very well written and imaginative with suspense throughout. The various characters are well defined and the reader can easily identify with them. I liked the descriptions and the emotions that the text evoked .

Part of the book's attraction for me is that, knowing the countryside that inspires the author and this story, I can feel a part of it.

It is also an uncomfortable and thought-provoking read - it could happen! I would recommend reading this book, not least of all because it serves as a warning to what might lie in store for us if we don't quickly act to halt global warming!



Sue Sheppard

I have no doubt that the climate emergency is a real threat and a vital issue for us wherever we live in the world. This is the story of a catastrophic flood (occurring very close to home for us) and of a man pushed, sometimes unwillingly, into a series of responses to the events that follow.

I found this book quite gripping, so much so that I read it in two sittings. I really had to find out what would happen next and see how the different situations would be resolved. No spoilers but I was not disappointed! Early on, I didn't warm to Adam but, as the various strands of the story unfolded, I could try to put myself in his shoes and I began to respect him. This was especially true when he obstinately held to what he believed to be the right and humanitarian course of action.

Among other things, I see a story of redemption here, a man who is haunted by his past actions and who, one way or another, finds a degree of peace and acceptance of himself. I also really enjoyed the writer's descriptions of places and situations, I felt I was there in the drowned valley and on the hillside surrounded by despair and volatility. I got a lot from this book and I recommend it to you.

Reverend Carol Hibberd

Would you have survived the pandemic if you couldn't read?

For many of us the restrictions on our lives have provided the perfect opportunity to catch up on a novel we've been meaning to read, or take up baking, learn a new skill, or even become a teacher for our children. In fact, one way or another we've all probably spent a lot more time reading.

But it's not been this way for everyone. Many adults missed out on the opportunity to learn to read at school during the short period of time when the basic foundations of this skill are learned. In fact, research shows that over 7% of adults didn't learn to read at school and most of them have never caught up.

It may be one thing not to be able to enjoy the pleasure of reading a new title by a favourite author, but stop for a minute and think how different things would be if you couldn't read forms, shop online, apply for grants or benefits, follow medicine instructions, help children with home schooling, or follow the ever-changing Covid-19 guidelines. Many people who struggle with reading usually rely on the help of others on a daily basis but with the recent increased levels of social isolation a lack of support has left many people coping alone.

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Steve Gibbon, Read Easy Shropshire Hills



News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns enjoyed some lovely celebrations in the run up to Christmas. The restrictions that were in place meant creating new traditions – but imagine our delight to find Father Christmas in Forest School (and presents left in our room)! There was a magical woodland walk with decorations and lights, as well as a quiz to find all the names of Santa's reindeer. The school kitchen also produced a delicious Christmas lunch for us on Christmas jumper day.

We have been busy feeding the birds in the cold weather – topping up our feeders with seed and fat balls, as well as making our own by threading cereal hoops onto pipe cleaners and coating pinecones with peanut butter and bird seed. There is a very tame robin in Forest School as well as lots of blue tits, great tits and chaffinches., and we are using our binoculars to spot them. The cold wintery weather has not hindered us from wrapping up and getting outdoors – the snow and frost are perfect for mark making and ice is great for breaking! As I write this, we haven't had enough snow to build a snowman though.

Lockdown 3.0 is proving very challenging for everyone, but Little Acorns is doing our best to support all our families (whether learning from home or in the setting). I do hope we can hold our stay and play sessions again soon and welcome some new children into our little group. If you would like more information please contact Elaine by e-mail info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk or visit our website www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk



Bird watching



Festive face painting



Mark making in the snow

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HOAR FROST

I hope you saw the fairyland picture outside your windows, one morning a little while ago. Everything was sparkingly white.



It was caused by water droplets in the air falling on very cold trees, plants and fences, etc., forming ice crystals with every drop, so that everything sparkled in the morning sunshine.

It is called **HOAR FROST** and doesn't happen very often.

Have a go at making your own hoar frost picture.

You will need;

1. Coloured paper. Blue is good but other colours are fine.
2. A black felt tip pen.
3. Thick white paint and a brush.
4. Small piece of bubble wrap.
5. Glitter, if you have some, but not essential



Draw a simple wavy line two thirds from the top of your paper. {See the picture}.

Draw and fill in your trees with the felt tip.

Paint the snow from the bottom up to the wavy line. Swirl it with your finger.

Paint the tops of the lumpy side of the bubble wrap and print onto your picture.

Sprinkle with a little glitter, if using, whilst paint still wet.

The picture would look good stuck on your bedroom window with a little blu tack.

Enjoy.

THANK YOU TO ANNE AND ALLAN DAVIES FOR THIS SUPER ACTIVITY AND LOVELY PHOTOGRAPH .

We have enjoyed your frosty photographs this month. If you would like to share your photographs please make sure they are clear, and preferably in jpeg format. It works better for us if you keep editing and cropping to a minimal amount, or leave for us to do.



Image: Gill Barnard

This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

FEBRUARY

- 10 Wed **Deadline date for copy for MARCH parish mag to reach the editor.**
15 Mon EH&HB Parish Council Zoom Meeting. *p4*
15 Mon Rushbury Parish Council remote meeting. *7.30pm. p5*
17 Wed R&C WI Zoom meeting. *7.30pm. p5*

MARCH

- 2 Tue Cardington Parish Council Zoom Meeting. *8pm. p4*
15 Mon EH&HB Parish Council Zoom Meeting. *p4*

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The rainfall at Ticklerton in November 2020 was 60mm, and in December 2020 was 184mm. The total for 2020 was 1110mm, a very wet year. The wettest month was February with 197mm, and the driest was May with 10mm.

Claire Nicholson

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