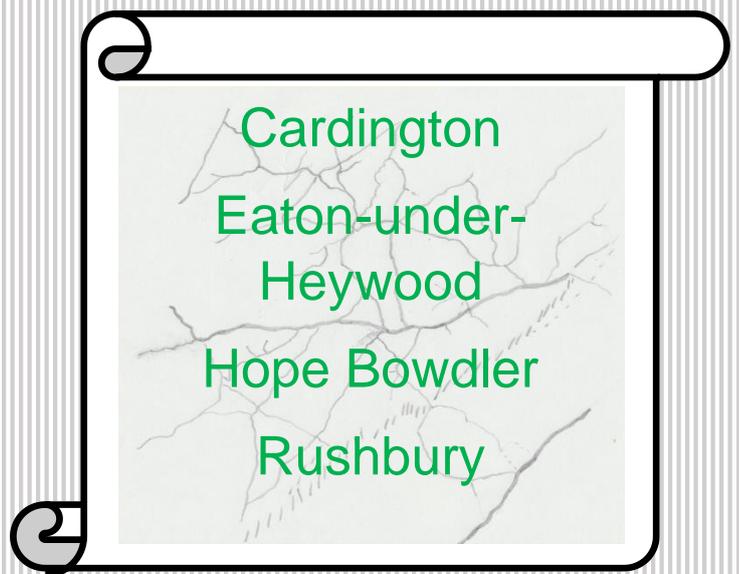


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## March 2021



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Dear Friends,

I had a joyous moment a couple of weeks ago when Aisha and I spotted the first snowdrops in our garden, poking their heads through the snow. It brought a sense of optimism to the current season. Spring feels like it is very much on the way.

I like to reflect on the changing of the seasons because I believe we learn from the slow movements of nature. We learn that darkness and decay are temporary. Light, life, and growth always follow periods of cold and darkness. Seeing the snowdrops peak through the grass reminded me of this, filling me with a sense of optimism and hope. It reminded me that beautiful signs of life are visible even when we convince ourselves that the warmth of summer is far away, and hope is distant. We realise that the austerity of winter, not matter how long-feeling, is really a time of preparation for the joy and abundance of summer.

It therefore feels appropriate for the final stages of the winter season to coincide with the Church's season of Lent, a time of gentle self-denial and reflection in preparation for the joy and abundance of Easter. We observe Lent because for a short time we want to walk in Jesus' shoes. After His baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the desert. Here he encountered not only the starkness of the wilderness, but his own doubts, fears, and temptations. It was a real time of isolation and testing. A time of darkness, where Jesus came face-to-face with the reality of who He was, what He was called to do, and how to stay true to that calling.

I'm sure we all understand what that feels like. Especially if we think about the last twelve months. For many of us, the course of the past year has felt like the wilderness. We have felt like wanderers, lost in news stories, predictions, speculation, and doubt. We have wrestled with inner fears, anxieties, and conflicts. We have felt the pain of isolation.

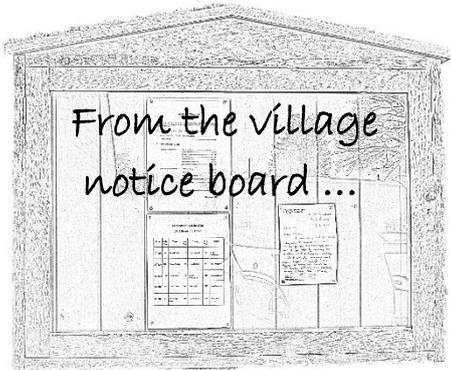
Jesus felt this too.

But God, His Father, brought him through to the other side. Jesus left the wilderness and began a ministry of Good News, telling people about the Kingdom of God, teaching us how to live, and healing those who were shunned, harmed, or unwell. He started a ministry of abundance. He began a ministry of generosity. He initiated a ministry that points to life offered by God. Then, through His death on the cross and rising from the dead, He gave us access to this life. (But this is for the Easter edition!)

Until then, we have the last part of Winter to navigate, and more of this pandemic to get through. But, like Jesus, I believe God will bring us through. Because, like the snowdrops appearing in my garden, there are signs of life, light, and hope around the corner. That hope will carry us forward.

**Sam**

This month's copy should be with the editor by  
**Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Alterations to contact details on the inside cover, or the two Church information sections, need to be with the editorial team before the first day of each month.



## Cardington News

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The next meeting of **Cardington Parish Council** will be held via Zoom at 8pm on *Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:clerk@cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk)



### A SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE...

I'm looking for new challenges and more positive things to focus on. My family have suggested a sunflower growing competition with the children.

What if we all had a go?

No pressure. Just a few sunflower seeds, a bit of soil, somewhere to grow them, a pot for now while it's cold on a sunny windowsill, then out in the garden if we have one? We could post our pictures on how they are growing and give us something else to focus on? We could fill social media with sunflowers instead of Covid?

I know lots of Cardington residents may be interested whether on social media or not.

I'm sure we will have plenty of seedlings to share from Danesbrook if anyone would like to take part but is struggling to get started.

**Would anyone who is interested contact Jennie at [jennifer\\_leech@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennifer_leech@yahoo.co.uk)**

### A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS.

YOU RAISED £400.00, despite the challenging restrictions we've experienced. All the more worthwhile with children being so adversely affected during this pandemic. Very well done.

The next collection will be October 2021.

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Best wishes

**Jane Secrett**

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4th	217	£10	Pauline Hughes
5th	118	£10	Christine Peplar

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# Eaton-under-Heywood News

## EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council's January 2021 meeting was held via Zoom on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The minutes are available to view on the parish council's website along with the precept budget for 2021/2022.

The last Zoom meeting was on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 7.30pm. Two officers from Shropshire Council's highways team were invited to join the meeting to discuss with councillors what measures can be taken to enforce the 30mph speed limit through Hope Bowdler.

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, the meetings of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 will also most certainly 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.

Parishioners are reminded that a national Census is being conducted between 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Each household will receive a Census package shortly. The Census forms must be completed and returned by the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The agendas for our meetings are posted on the notice board in Hope Bowdler and in the bus shelter in Ticklerton and can be viewed on our website which is [www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk](http://www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk). Also on the website are the contact details for all councillors and the clerk, information about the parish council's accounts and audits and copies of minutes, agendas, protocols and financial information.

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](mailto:eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com).



### A SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE FOR EATON...

An idea that began in Cardington, but Jennie thinks it would be lovely if all our parishes could become involved and create a dale full of sunflowers. Wouldn't that be lovely! See page 4 for more details.

## Hope Bowdler News

### AND HOPE BOWDLER...



### The Leprosy Mission

We are all focussed on the number of Covid cases at the moment but every two minutes someone in the world is diagnosed with leprosy. That is more than 200,000 new cases a year. Although it is curable, millions of people worldwide are living with the effects of the disease, from physical disability to mental health problems, poverty and discrimination.



In the past few years many of you have supported my coffee mornings in aid of The Leprosy Mission, for which I and TLM are extremely grateful.

As there is no possibility of planning one at the moment, I would like to draw your attention to their unconditional appeal. If you donate before 24th April the U.K. Government will double your gift!

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or, if you want me to send the donation off for you, please put it in an envelope marked **The Leprosy Mission** and put it in my letter box. Thank you.

**Ruth Jenkins, The Manor, Hope Bowdler**

## Rushbury News

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm. For access to the meeting, please contact the Clerk at [rushburypc@gmail.com](mailto:rushburypc@gmail.com).

### RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Please visit our website for details of agendas, minutes, planning and other parish council news.

[www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council](http://www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Rushbury and Cardington WI** hope to be holding a Zoom meeting at 7.30pm.

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

### A SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE FOR RUSHBURY...



An idea that began in Cardington, but Jennie thinks it would be lovely if all our parishes could become involved and create a dale full of sunflowers. Wouldn't that be lovely!

See page 4 for more details.

### Apedale Amblers

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

Merle Lippitt has printed walks of the immediate locale if you need inspiration for your own walks. 01694 771405. Look out for messages on Facebook and in other places for details of when we may be able to reopen.

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### Coffee Stop

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

Please keep well and **STAY SAFE!**



## Around and About...

News from outside the Four Parishes

**Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice**

### News

Where to start?

I don't think this was the start to 2021 that any of us had imagined. We are currently in our third lockdown and not sure when restrictions will be lifted. However, things are now different, with the peak hopefully over and cases reducing, and a mass vaccination campaign underway that has already vaccinated over 10 million people at the mid- February point.

We now have a practice **FaceBook page** which we will use to update you with all things COVID19, vaccines and other practice information, so please give us a like and a follow to get all the latest news.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the vaccination process in our PCN and those elsewhere. This pandemic has shown the best in humanity and really demonstrated how when we work together we can honestly achieve anything.

Take Care.

**Dr Jess Harvey, on behalf of all at Much Wenlock and Cressage Medical Practice**



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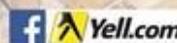
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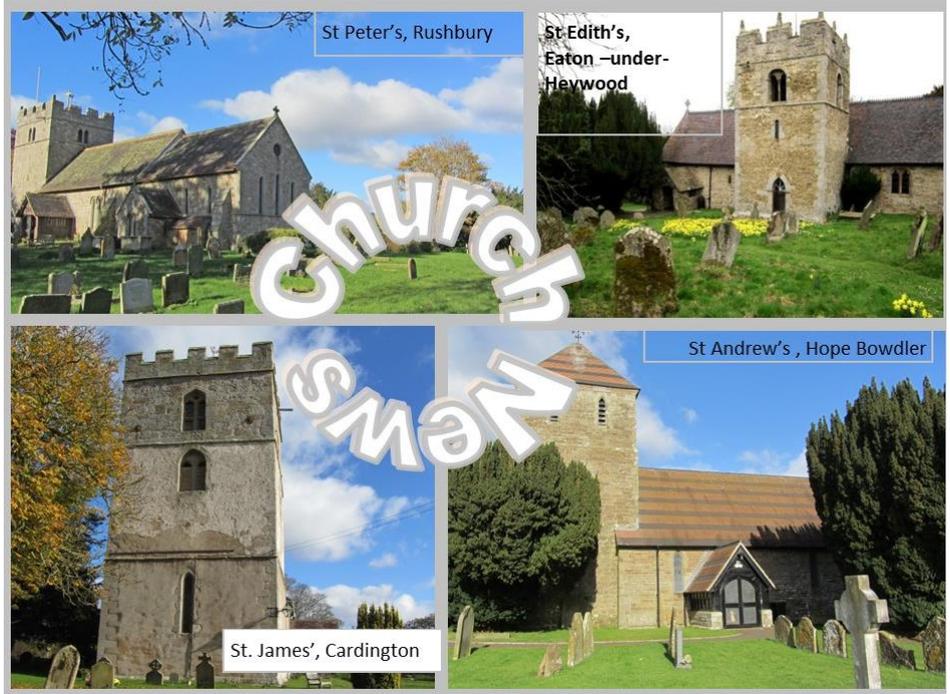
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## SERVICE TIMES for March

*As in previous months during this lockdown churches may still be closed, so do check with the individual churches that a service is taking place.*

### **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

10.00am Holy Communion (said, no sermon) Hope Bowdler

### **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Holy Communion Hope Bowdler

6.30pm Evensong Cardington

### **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Benefice Mothering Sunday Service Eaton

### **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**

9.30am Holy Communion Cardington

11.15am Holy Communion Hope Bowdler

### **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Benefice Palm Sunday Service Rushbury

## ***From the Parish Registers***

At St Peter's Rushbury:

**The Funeral of Noel Marcus Ward** on *Monday 18th January*, followed by Burial in the churchyard.

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

### ***Notes from St James, Cardington***

There are no rotas available at the time of going to print, but they may perhaps become available towards the end of the month if services are going ahead. Check for details locally.

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

#### **Flower rota**

NO FLOWERS. LENT.

#### **Cleaning rota**

14th Judy and Elizabeth      28th Nicky and Phyllis

#### **TURN OF THE YEAR**

January came dull, bleak, damp with little daylight. Vaccine rollout lifted the mood a tad.

February is seasonal. Cold, some frost, fluttering snow showers. Some days, not many yet, of bright clear sharp, pale blue skies. Stunning edges to the hills and trees as daylight lingers in the early evening. Snowdrops dance and gleam. Hazel catkins swing in the breeze. Birds are nest building. Buds are forming. HOPE is rewarded as the older PCC members await their second dose of vaccine. As the anniversary of LOCKDOWN ONE approaches many of the second doses will be administered and the young may return to new and renewed freedoms.

#### **WORSHIP**

With new variants and inclement weather the Rector agreed to suspend collective worship. Church remains open and bare for Lent. People masked and gloved visit routinely. A pleasure for us.

#### **WELCOME**

Nicola, from Rushbury, and her young partner Chris, moved into Woodview. The average age in Ticklerton falls again. Amazing. In two years so much life renewed.

#### **RECOVERY**

Elizabeth received her stent.

She looks and feels well. Assimilation following a double dose of anaesthetic requires time. Progress is steady.

#### **SECOND HELPINGS**

Simon Brown released the sequel. It is available to purchase, read and browse.

## TVH

The next phase of updating is under consideration. Contact Tony, Claire and/or Nicky for further info'. Toilets , cloakrooms and entrance hall need radical attention. May elections are scheduled by the Government so there will be some income this year. AND an opportunity to see the new ceiling and lights. Feedback?

## GEOFF

His gravestone is now settled into position. It enhances the churchyard.

As LOCKDOWN ONE ANNIVERSARY passes, spring will be advancing. In the meantime, STAY SAFE. KEEP WELL. CHASE THESE VACCINES ASAP.

Gwen

## Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

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**WHILE THE CHURCH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SERVICES WE HAVE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TREAT THE WOOD FOR WOODWORM AND TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE BATS.**

## 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.

**We would like to welcome as many people as possible to our church services as advertised in the Honey pot but please book your place with Darren Merrill on 01694 771341 or email at [darrenbmerrill@gmail.com](mailto:darrenbmerrill@gmail.com).**

There is a limit on places to maintain social distancing and we will ask you for your contact details for the NHS Track and Trace system which we will keep for 21 days, at which time these will be destroyed in line with current rules.

There will be no singing and face coverings must be worn inside the church.

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## LETTER FROM THE ARCHDEACON FOR March 2021

As I write this we are approaching the start of Lent. Easter this year falls very early and it feels like only yesterday that we finished celebrating Christmas. One impact of COVID-19 and the pandemic is that time can feel somewhat stuck. It can feel like we are trapped between events rather like a strange Science Fiction world where we are caught up in an endless cycle of repeating the activity. It reminds me a little of the film 'Groundhog Day' where the main character is trapped in a world where he simply repeats February 2nd over and over again! I think if we are not careful our spiritual lives can get stuck too, with little opportunity to worship together in church and limited social interaction, we can very easily become dislocated from our faith and from each other.

Lent traditionally has been seen as a time of self-examination, self-discipline and fasting although interestingly it didn't include Sundays as these were feast days and celebrations. It took its form from the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism. It also marked the traditional beginning of spring and the word Lent is based on the old English word for 'spring season'. As part of that preparation and self-denial, we have traditions of giving things up for a season and abstinence. In more recent times we have been encouraged to take something up that is of spiritual benefit to ourselves or general benefit to others instead. One of the things we have perhaps lost sight of is it was also a season of spiritual generosity and almsgiving.

When I did some research as part of some studies into what helps churches to grow one of the common themes that emerged was that growing churches were generous churches. They held lightly to their money and buildings, giving of time, talents and money for the 'Common Good' through acts of service and generosity. They saw money as a resource to be used for the Kingdom rather than hoarded for a rainy day that never came.

This Lent is a prime opportunity to set time aside to realign our spiritual lives. John writing his Gospel gives us a wonderful picture in chapter 15 of the vine and its branches. In that Jesus says to his disciples:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15 5-8

If we are going to be effective disciples, we need our lives to be rooted in Jesus. We have to learn not just to listen to Jesus' words but live them out. I think one of the reasons many of us find the pandemic restrictions so hard is that the Christian faith is primarily lived out in the community and is not a solitary or individual activity.

If we are going to make the most of Lent then we need, as a church, to rediscover a communal faith which looks outwards. To put our faith not in an institution called 'church' but instead in the person of Jesus who longs to change us into the people God created us to be.

However you use these coming weeks, why not discipline yourself to spend a few minutes each day to reflect on your spiritual journey and your relationship with God, to offer yourself to Him that we might become more like Him, as CS Lewis said:

"We must lay before Him what is in us, not what ought to be in us," from *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*, chapter 4.

Derek

**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.**

**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.

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**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 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.

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# Permitted Exercise

It's January and a day or so since Storm Christoph battered his way across the country, and I'm out again on one of my habitual walks – and despite being on roads, still lots to see, a long uphill pull, a wonderful view, and no sodden boots or filthy trouser bottoms!

Christoph has left his mark:

Little deltas of gravel and grit are everywhere, debris washed out of the hedges and fields and down the hill left like so many strand lines at high tide, oddly isolated tussocks of grass ripped out of the banks sit marooned in the middle of the road.

Now, washed clean of any mud along the sides of the road, the foundation layers of pounded rock that were all that was needed here in horse-drawn days are revealed. Water racing over the tiny cliff edges of layered tarmac has laid bare the salmon pink base below.



*Photograph: Claire Nicholson.  
From our Facebook page.*

Field drains are doing their job well, expelling their contents noisily, but only a little way away, bent over and straightened as if combed, grass shows that the flow was too great at the height of the storm and water rushed madly off the fields, finding its own un-channelled route.

In autumn, the crab apples fell, sitting bright yellow in the verges until now, ignored by the birds and much too sour to be tempting until recent frosts have made them more palatable. But now at last they are welcome food and show the peck marks of blackbirds, fieldfares and redwings – still no chance for the holly berries though, not tempting enough even this late into the winter.

One of the apples had escaped from all the others in their patch, and was away down at the very bottom of the hill: I could imagine it joyfully bobbing and bouncing along in the torrent, celebrating this unexpected freedom !

At the top, the reward:

Wenlock Edge and Apedale displayed before me, and bare branches and twigs in the woods hazily greening.

Sun, sky, clouds.

Returning the same way, robins fiercely keeping their distance from one another sing to proclaim their territories; a mistle thrush calls from on high a few fields away, and yes, it's cold and icy but I know the chiff-chaff is soon starting his journey back to us. Last year I heard the sweet, endearing little voice of this first summer visitor on Mothering Sunday: "chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff", and now, after the strangest and most testing twelve months any of us has ever known, I long to hear it again.

Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter. Renewal. Hope. Life.

**Shirley McNicol**

# News from Woodlands Nursery

An oasis of normality.

Woodlands continues for all but two of its little people and more babies have joined the fun.

We have been challenged to find music for the children to listen and respond to which has included The New World Symphony, the Banghra Bros, Let It Go (of course), The Flight of the Bumble Bee and more. As ever we have been surprised by their responses, able to sense mood and tempo.

When the rest of our world is unrecognisable in some ways, the fun of children is a beacon of joy and normality, steadfast.

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We will register a community project with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and apply for a voucher for your property which will cover the entire cost of the installation and upgrade.

**Here's more good news – we will be able to deliver faster speeds for the same as our Superfast prices.**

Price Per Month	Superfast Speed		Gigabit Capable Speed	
	Download	Upload	Download	Upload
£26	10 Mbps	5 Mbps	30 Mbps	10 Mbps
£34	20 Mbps	5 Mbps	60 Mbps	20 Mbps
£42	30 Mbps	5 Mbps	90 Mbps	30 Mbps

**I'm interested – what do I do now?**

Just let us know: Complete an Expression of interest through our website [www.securewebsiteservices.co.uk](http://www.securewebsiteservices.co.uk) or call me on 01743 627027.

**Then what?**

As soon as we have enough interest to make your community project viable, we'll launch your community project and apply for the voucher from DCMS to cover the cost of delivering to your property. We'll tell you as soon as we've done this as the voucher won't be activated until you've confirmed you really do want a Gigabit capable connection. We'll stay in touch throughout and keep you updated on progress.

**What if you can't deliver 1Gb to me?**

We won't let you miss out on faster speeds – we're already in the process of carrying out an uplift of the SWS Broadband network and will be able to offer SWS Ultrafast FWA (fixed wireless access) connections (up to 90Mbps) to properties not able to access Gigabit capable connections. We hope to hear from you very soon, if you want more information before letting us know you're interested, please email, visit our website or call me on 01743 627027.

# The Honey Pot Book Reviews

We would love to know what you have been reading.  
Book reviews or recommendations should be sent to the editor:  
[honeypoteditor@outlook.com](mailto:honeypoteditor@outlook.com)



## From our Facebook page...

**Diane Pye**

**The Honey Pot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale**

Lots of new residents in Rushbury today.  
This post created quite a bit of interest, with more snowmen popping up from around the parishes.  
To see them, and other seasonal photos, take a look at our Facebook page.



## Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Shropshire [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire) is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find.

Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris [www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk) email: [john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

**We are so lucky to have such lovely walks nearby....**

Image: Gill Barnard. From our Facebook page.  
**Wenlock Edge this morning while the sun was shining.**



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## The Great Big Art Exhibition.

Sir Anthony

**Gormley** is a famous artist who makes very large sculptures like the one in this picture called " **The Angel of the North.**" He is one of several artists who would like as many as possible of us to make art of any description and display it in our windows and gardens where others can see it. It could be painting, collage, sculpture from any bits and pieces you can find etc.



Image: [www.photoeverywhere.co.uk](http://www.photoeverywhere.co.uk)

The first subject is "animals" and you can see from the pictures on the website how busy some have already been. You can find details on [www.firstsite.uk](http://www.firstsite.uk) and once you have registered you will get updates with exciting new ideas and a gallery of art already made and uploaded to the site. It would be great to see some of yours on there as well as seeing it for real in your windows and gardens. This is not just for children; get your adults creating too. A joint project would be great.  
**Happy creating.**

Anne Davies



### News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Many of our little ones have stayed safely at home during the third lockdown. We have loved seeing photographs of them busy at home and enjoying the snow. The children continuing to attend Little Acorns loved the snow and ice too and continued their daily Forest School sessions despite the cold!

This year we have missed our annual trip to The Dragon King in Shrewsbury to celebrate Chinese New Year – this has been a regular event for over 15 years!

2021 is The Year of the Ox – I wonder what Chinese animal you are? It has been lovely to see the children making Chinese lanterns at home and even eating with chopsticks.

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](mailto:info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk) or visit our website [www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk](http://www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk)



Sledging!



Chinese lantern



Tipi in the snow

## This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes

### MARCH

2 Tue	Cardington Parish Council Zoom meeting. 8pm. p4
10 Wed	<b>Deadline date for copy for MARCH parish mag to reach the editor.</b>
15 Mon	EH&HB Parish Council Zoom meeting. p4
15 Mon	Rushbury Parish Council Zoom meeting. p4
17 Wed	R&C WI Zoom meeting. 7.30pm. p6

### THE APRIL HONEYPOT

At the time we go to print we have yet to have had the announcement of the timetable setting out how our current lockdown will be released. However, with the implementation of the vaccine programme, and the gradual fall in cases, it seems appropriate for the distribution of the Honeypot to now pass back into the hands of the local distribution teams. It may be that your magazine may be delivered, or it may be that you may need to collect your magazine from a drop box or distribution point if there is no one available to deliver in your area, or it isn't deemed safe to deliver. Each parish will make their own decisions according to their position, and the national rulings at the time.

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Please see also **THE FOUR PARISHES EVENTS CALENDAR** on Village Notice Boards, or websites [www.cardington.org.uk](http://www.cardington.org.uk) or their new web address <http://www.cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk>

The rainfall at Ticklerton in January 2021 was 155mm, over double my 10-year monthly average of about 70mm.  
**Claire Nicholson**

### SMALL Ads

**MY NAME IS MADELINE EGAN**, (previously of Sayang House).

My husband and I have now moved to ANNAGMORE. I have always had a love of cooking, doing breakfasts, evening meals, and catering for small parties. I can now only cater in people's houses, or drop off. If anyone would like a luncheon, evening meal, or small party catered for in their home please contact me. I can cater for most diets.

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