

The Minsterley Parish Magazine

with the Stiperstones church group:
Habberley, Hope & Shelve, Snailbeach





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Church services this month

Sun 6th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 13th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 20th	10.30am	"Minsterley Praise"
Sun 27th	4.00pm	Tea Time service in the Parish Hall

other events this month (see page . .)

Tue 1st	Ichthus Bible Study (p17)
Thu 3rd	Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p20)
Tues 8th	Oasis meeting (p13) Parish Council meeting (p21) Minsterley Meadows meeting (p17)
Wed 9th	Hope & Shelve Harvest supper (p26) Minsterley Meadows meeting (p17)
Fri 11th	Harvest Concert (p15)
Sat 12th	Autumn Tidy Up (p3)
Mon 14th	Crafty Monday (p7)
Tue 15th	Ichthus Bible Study (p17) The Gathering (p11)
Wed 16th	u3a Open Meeting (p13)
Sun 20th	Choral Evensong (p4)
Tue 22nd	Oasis meeting (p13)
Fri 25th	Stuart Carter in concert (p7)
Sat 26th	Middleton concert (p20) Final opening at Trading Post (p21)
Sun 27th	All Souls' service, Hope (p26)

Weekly events in the church

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café (p7)
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank (p11)
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub (p11)
Thursdays	10.00am	Trinity Tots

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Liftin up our eyes

As part of the year's Ride & Stride, I recently completed a walk round the six churches of the Pontesbury and Stiperstones group, raising money in aid of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, and to support Holy Trinity Hope and All Saints Shelve.

Ride + Stride is a national event, the largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts which enables them to make financial grants to places of Christian worship. In Shropshire there are over 300 Anglican churches in regular use and many churches and chapels of other denominations. As we know, responsibility for the maintenance and repair of our churches falls upon parishes; our church buildings are not maintained or financed by the Church Commissioners, Diocese or State. So grants from the Trust and others are vitally necessary to help with the cost of repairs.

Many churches are Listed Buildings, which means they are of architectural and historic interest. But for those of us who worship in them, or who attend at significant moments in our lives for baptisms, weddings, or funerals of loved ones, they of course mean much more. When Jacob awoke from his dream of the ladder to heaven, he said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it' (Genesis 28 v16). For many, church buildings are places to meet with God in a special way, whether during worship together, or sitting on our own in the silence.

Visiting each of the churches in our group on foot rather than by car as I usually do, gave me the opportunity to appreciate better each within their own distinct setting and community, arriving at walking pace, often using footpaths or bridle paths

which predate our modern roads, and so seeing things from a different angle.

Rowan Williams' little book 'Being Disciples' which I have been re-reading recently, speaks of the quality of *expectancy*, that watching and listening to what is around us, in the belief that at any moment we might see something of God. That can be true as we read the Bible, as we walk our local footpaths, as we deal with whatever tasks face us every day, and as we worship in our churches.

But Williams goes on to talk about the expectancy to which we are called when we look at one another. He admits this is not always easy: 'Yet it can't be said too often that the first thing ... to think of when in the presence of another Christian ... is: what is God giving me through this person?' The way our churches are organised in parishes, deaneries and denominations may seem a bit random, and we may sometimes find working together challenging, even within our own congregations, let alone more widely or when we disagree.

Yet with this kind of expectancy, we can approach each other ready to receive what Jesus has to give us, prepared to see things and people from a different angle. And sometimes, like Jacob, we will be able to say, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know.'

Rev Fran Brealey

"Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life," Rowan Williams 2016, is published by SPCK

You can find out more about the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust at <https://shropshirehct.org.uk>

Autumn Tidy Up

Our annual autumn church tidy up is taking place on Saturday 12th October. If you can help - outside and/or inside - please let me know on 07971 984925 or just turn up at 9.30am on the day.

If you can bring tools for cutting back, sweeping up, raking leaves, cleaning, etc. that would also be appreciated. Coffee and cake will be provided of course!

Sarah Edwards

What's On!

5 AUG	DUCK RACE fun, games and food
7 SEPT	AFTERNOON TEA at Merrilees, Reabrook
14 SEPT	RIDE & STRIDE sponsored walk and refreshments for SHCT
21 SEPT	QUIZ & CHIPS have fun & test your knowledge at Holy Trinity
5 OCT	BARN DANCE laughing, food & dancing with the Cuckoo Ale Band
7 DEC	CHRISTMAS FAIR cakes, crafts, food, music, Santa
DEC	CHRISTMAS EVENTS more to follow...

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The wonder of God's creation and promises

This summer, my wife, Emma and I had the privilege of visiting her sister in Vancouver.

It was our first time to that city, and it was very enjoyable. We wanted to do something adventurous, and had booked ourselves on a five day kayak expedition. On the first day we met with our guides and the other six kayakers, and in a drizzly rain we loaded our canoes with enough supplies and equipment for the five days. We then set off from Quarta Island to the north east of Vancouver island and started a circular route around the neighbouring islands. It was a fantastic trip. Taking everything that we needed for five days including our drinking water made me think how in our life at home we are dependent on everything being on tap and readily available. For the next four nights we camped at different sites, each with their own and differing latrine facilities. There were of course no warm showers! The food we were served was amazing which was a huge credit to the company, Wild Coasts, especially considering that we carried it all with us and no one became ill!

We felt very close to the nature around us, especially being so low in the water. Seals were in abundance and I loved the way they took an interest in us, following us and popping up to look at us, coming close when we swam in the sea. We caught a glimpse of porpoises as a group passed by, and a spray of a whale. The sea shore was full of differing star fish and other sea life and over all was the sense that we were touching land that the First Nations had looked after and loved for centuries.

One night as I got out of our small tent to find the loo I took my binoculars with me and spent thirty minutes marvelling at the stars I could see. The moon was a sliver, there was no light pollution and the Milky Way was very clear; it was absolutely stunning. I was particularly struck by the fact that when I looked through the binoculars the number of stars dramatically increased and there was a sense of the depth of space. It made me want to look through a telescope and look even further.

In Genesis we read of God promising Abraham that his descendants would be more numerous than the stars. Although Abraham would have been able to see them without any light pollution he would not have had the luxury of a pair of binoculars. What strikes me about this is that God knows exactly how many stars there are even those we are only just beginning to discover now. God knows all of them. So in his promise to Abraham he was promising something far more than Abraham could ever perceive. When God makes a promise to us we do not always understand the fullness and the depth of that promise. God in his love, in his generosity, explodes it far beyond our imagination. I hope and pray that you will know God's promises for you today and the awesome vastness of them.

Rev Graham Phillips

St Michael's Parish Church, Chirbury



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World News

. . . .or “some of the items you are not likely to see this week on the TV news”

Myanmar believers celebrate the end of a long wait for Bibles

When I received the S'gaw Karen Bible, I was so happy that I cried,” said 17-year-old “Sandar”. She is one of the many Christians in isolated regions of Myanmar that Barnabas has enabled to receive their own copy of the Bible, in many cases, like Sandar, for the very first time. “This is beyond my dreams and thinking, because I never thought Bibles would be distributed for free on our island,” Sandar continued.

Barnabas funded the transportation of 94,000 Bibles to Christians in Myanmar, who continue to suffer violent persecution from the military. The first shipment of 50,000 Bibles, in the S'gaw Karen language, was successfully distributed in February and March. Distribution of the remaining 44,000 began in May and is still ongoing.

We are working with a local Christian partner to deliver the Bibles, which each include a hymnal of Christian songs, to Karen Christians living in impoverished rural areas including islands and other isolated locations that are very difficult to access.

“Arkar”, a 45-year-old islander who makes his living as a fisherman, said “I wanted to read the Bible, but on our island there were no Bibles even to buy, and 95 percent of the Christians on our island had never even seen a Bible.” Now that Arkar has been provided with God’s Word, he always brings his Bible when he goes fishing on the sea, and whenever he has opportunity, reads it while on his fishing boat.

The Scriptures have transformed Arkar’s family. “After we read the Bible together in our family, we are happy in spirit,” he declares. “My two sons are now going to church,” he adds. “The Word of God changed our family from a disunited family to a family united in Christ. Thanks for your greatest gift to our family.”

The distribution of Bibles has impacted the younger generation significantly, motivating young people to deepen their relationship to God. “We are reading together and discussing together when we have time, especially in the mornings,” Sandar says. “Since we received the Bibles, we are growing in faith. Now, many of our young people are motivated by the Word of God and many more have started coming to church.”

“Dedan” was just nine years old in 2008 when both his parents and his three brothers were all killed in Cyclone Nargis. In his teenage years he found comfort in his Christian faith, a faith that was nourished when he had opportunity to borrow and read his pastor’s Bible. He started praying fervently to be able to buy a Bible. “After eight years, God answered beyond my prayers,” Dedan explains. “My prayer was to be able to buy a Bible, but God answered me by giving me a free Bible with a hymnal. How great is our Almighty God!”

His joy at receiving a copy of God’s Word is clear to see. “Even though I live in a bamboo house, my eternal house is in heaven. Thanks for your wonderful and amazing gift of Bibles to me and other needy people in our village and other places in our region. God bless you all.”

“Hayma”, an 82-year-old widow, also suffered huge personal loss in Cyclone Nargis – when the cyclone struck her village, her husband and all their seven children were among many who died. Her faith remained undimmed. She had been praying to receive God’s Word since she was 19, and never gave up hope. “Our God always has the best plan for us, and He never forgets our prayers,” she said. “I strongly believed that God would answer my prayers to own a Bible before I died. Now, every day, I read the Bible, and I am the happiest and most joyful widow in the world,” she declares. “Even though my husband and all my children died, and I live alone in a bamboo tent, I am happy, because God has given His peace to me.”

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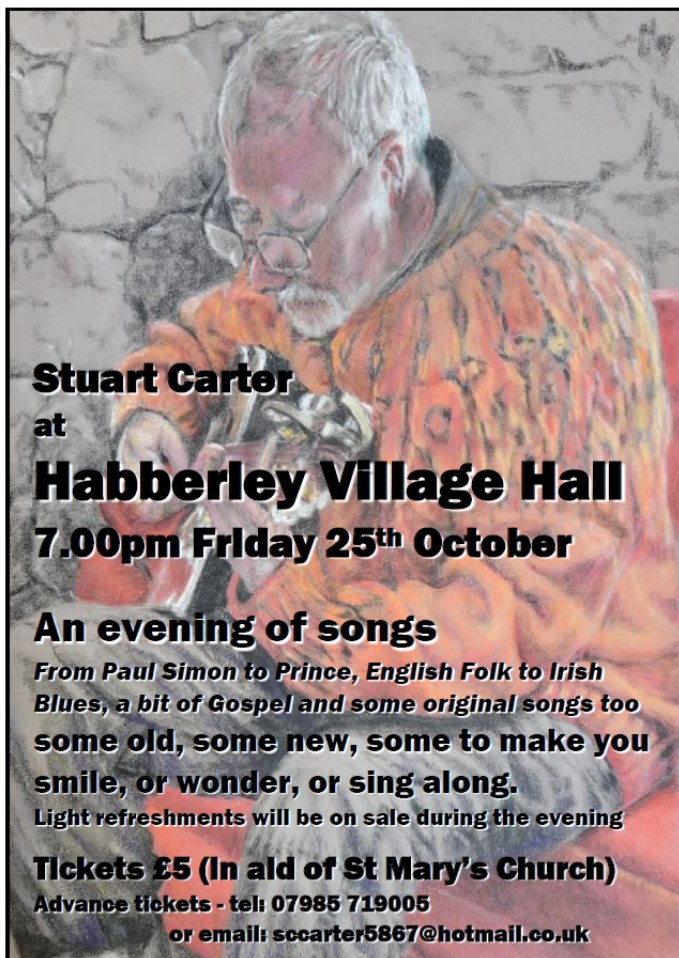
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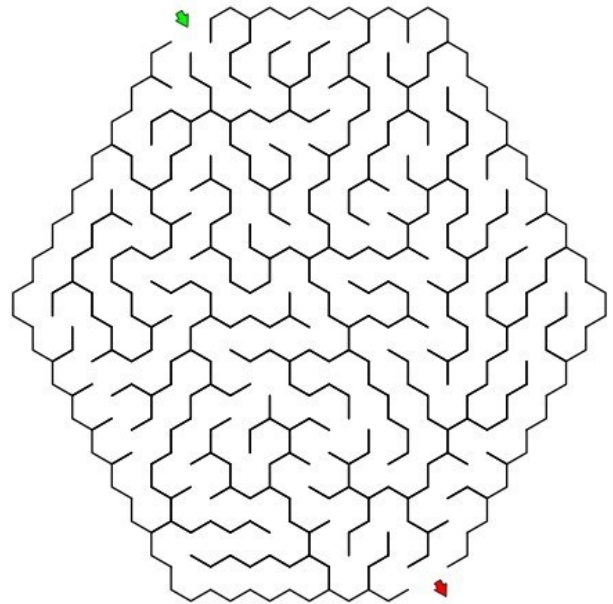
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All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

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Worship is no longer worship when it reflects the culture around us more than the Christ within us.

- Tozer

Never undertake more Christian service that you can cover by believing prayer.

- Alan Redpath

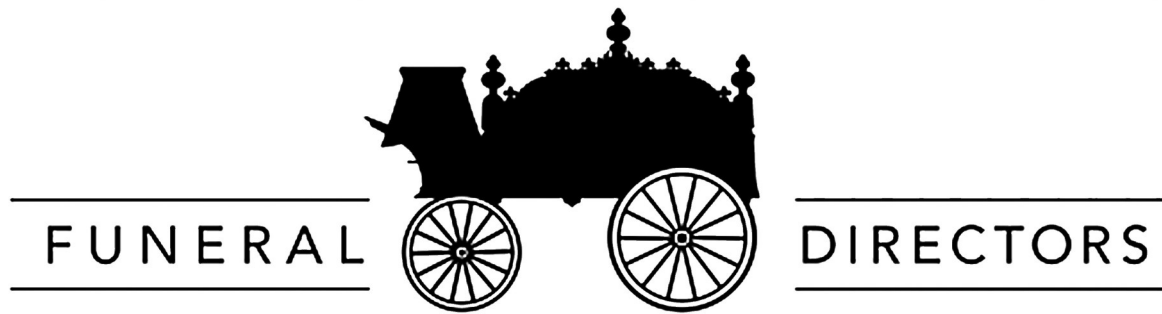
We do the works, but God works in us the doing of the works.

- Augustine

A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the Church will have clowns entertaining the goats.

- Spurgeon

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We will need more support than ever, and food donations along with pet food, nappies and toiletries, can be left at Minsterley Morrisons, Minsterley Methodist Church and Holy Trinity Minsterley. Warmest thanks for your support.

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Val Sinclair



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 Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites members & non-members to the Open Meeting on the 16th October, where our speaker is the delightful **Mal Brown**, coordinator of our u3a music group, talking on **Folk Music – Fact & Fiction**.

Folk Music is not quite what you think! Come along and be educated and thoroughly entertained by Mal who will dispel urban myths surrounding 'folk music' (e.g. it is men in Aran sweaters singing about dead sailors, they all have beards etc.) and perform examples of songs & tunes to illustrate his findings.

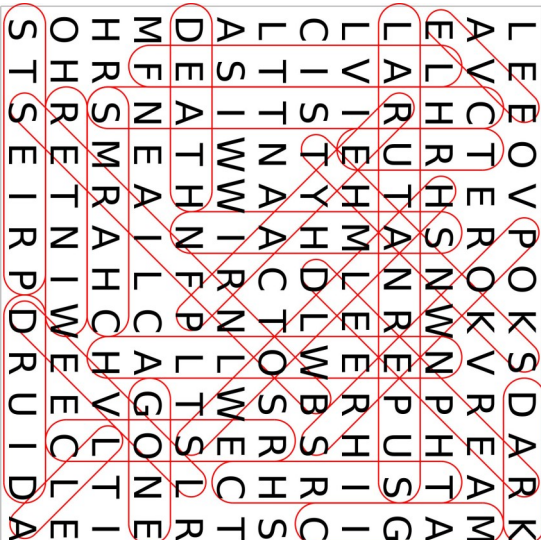
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Our u3a is a UK charity which helps retired and semi-retired people come together and learn for fun, with over 20 interest groups.

u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley

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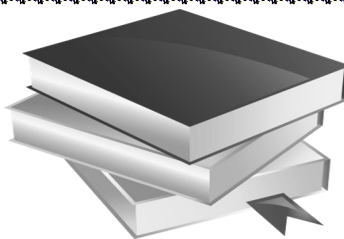
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Date	OT Reading	Epistle	Gospel
6th October	2 Chronicles 7:11-18	Psalms 24	Mark 13:1-9
13th October	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Ephesians 5:8-21	Mark 10:17-31
27th October	Psalms 19:7-14	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	John 5:36b-47



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Wednesday 9th October

Crown & Sceptre – 7.30pm start

Station Rd, Minsterley, SY5 0BA.

Free Entry, donations welcome and please consider making a pledge.

How do I make my pledge?

Pledge your support now by email to:

info@middlesmarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk

or by post to:

Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Enterprise House

Bishops Castle

SY9 5AQ



MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL DEADLINE

A lot has been happening since our first public meeting way back in January. Following a second public meeting and the campaign launch we have had numerous local fundraising events, including raffles and a stall at Minsterley Show.

At the time of writing we have raised £149,326 towards our total of £240,000 but we need to find the rest by mid-October. Could you possibly help us to reach our goal by making a pledge either by email at:

info@middlesmarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk;

via our website:

<https://middlesmarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-appeal/>;

or by sponsoring an orchid?

If you purchase one of Sarah Jameson's delightful cards (a painting of a lovely purple Green-winged Orchid) for £5 all the money raised goes to support the Minsterley Meadows Appeal. To order please email:

info@middlesmarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk.

The nationally scarce Green-Winged Orchids, prolific in these flower-rich fields, form the largest site in Shropshire. The meadows themselves, which are enjoyed by local people, have been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). These are now extremely rare habitats as, sadly, we have lost 97% of our native wild flower meadows. Your help with our campaign to protect these extremely special meadows, which are right on our doorstep in our own local area, would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

**Minsterley Meadows Working Group;
Middle Marches Community Land Trust**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

Psalm 119 : 105

ICHTHUS



Come and join our informal Bible study group. Enjoy the opportunity to ask, contribute or just listen - whatever helps us to grow in our understanding of our Christian faith. Meetings start at 2.30pm.

Liz Jackson 01743 791352

October 1st	Brookfield Waterwheel	Mark 10:2-16, Ephesians 5:18-21, Genesis 2:18-24
October 15th	The Blessing Snailbeach	Mark 10:35-45, Ephesians 6:10-20, Isaiah 53:4-12

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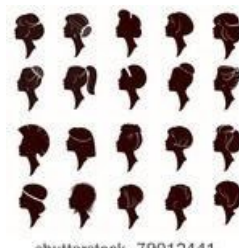
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Local organisations offering help and support

Here are some contact details you might find useful. This page was updated in January 2022, but if you find anything to be out of date, incorrect or not relevant please let the editor know. Likewise please share details of any other group which can offer support to local residents. Thank you.

Rea Valley Foodbank 07902 794653
Food parcels available locally in Minsterley and Pontesbury. Referral needed.

Community Good Neighbours, Rea Valley
07944 891953

Get in touch with a local Good Neighbour for a friendly chat, small errands and support to stay active and connected within the community.

Pontesbury Community and Care Co-ordinator
01743 790325 or e-mail h.tazewell@nhs.net
Helen Tazewell can give assistance to patients of all ages in need of help, support and advice by signposting to other useful services. She works Monday and Wednesday locally.

Healthy Shropshire 0345 678 9025
Shropshire Council telephone line for information and advice on a healthy lifestyle, including smoking, alcohol, weight, exercise and other matters.

Shrewsbury Food Hub Shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk
Surplus food share tables across Shrewsbury.
See Facebook page for venue details.

Shrewsbury "foodbank PLUS" 07421 745857
Food parcels, debt advice, returning to work, digital Inclusion, life skills. Referral needed.

Citizens Advice Shropshire 0344 499 1100
Confidential advice and help to solve problems with debt, benefits, housing, legal matters & employment.
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Keep Shropshire Warm 0800 112 3743
Advice and grants for people struggling with heating and energy bills.

Shropshire Council Housing Support 0345 678 9005
Support on all housing matters particularly rentals and homelessness.

Shropshire Mental Health Support 01743 368647
Mental health support.

Shropshire Recovery Partnership 01743 294700
Drugs and alcohol support.

Shropshire Rural Support 0300 123 2825
Confidential support during periods of anxiety and stress, and with problems relating to family and business. See website shropshireruralsupport.org.uk.

Samaritans 116 123
Free 24/7 confidential support whatever you are going through.

Shropshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 0300 303 1191
Support for anyone suffering from domestic violence.

West Mercia Women's Aid 0800 783 1359
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Minsterley Parish Council

The roadway between Minsterley bridge and the mini roundabout by the Toll House will be closed for carriageway repairs from Wednesday, 16th October to Thursday 17th October, between 9.30am - 2.45 pm.

The Parish agreed again to write to Shropshire Council regarding the names put forward for the new development at Hall Farm. The site is being built on land which was part of Hall Farm and the Parish feels that the name 'HALL FARM CLOSE' should be adopted.

A meeting with our new M.P. Julia Buckley has been held to discuss the problems of flooding in the Parish. A further meeting is being arranged for early October 2024.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm in Minsterley Parish Hall.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman, Minsterley Parish Council
www.minsterley.org.uk

To contact the parish council please e-mail:
clerk@minsterley.org.uk

MINSTERLEY 59 CLUB WINNERS

Draw 34	21st August	No. 58	Miriam Nichol
Draw 35	28 th August	No. 30	Margaret Wainwright
Draw 36	4 th Sept	No. 17	Judith Matthews
Draw 37	11 th Sept	No. 28	David Wainwright



Garden & Craft Show

Our annual Show was held on Saturday 24th August. Poor weather conditions this year resulted in a lower number of entries in the Flower, Fruit and Veg categories but the Art, Handicraft and Cookery sections were well supported. It was good to see that there was a large number of new exhibitors, some of whom are new to the village, so we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Xmas Meal

This will be held on the evening of Tuesday 3rd December. As our usual venue is no longer

HARVEST SERVICES & CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING OUR FARMING COMMUNITY... ALL WELCOME

15th September
St Mary's, Habberley - 10.30am

6th October
All Saints, Shelve - 9am
Holy Trinity, Minsterley - 10.30am
St Luke's, Snailbeach - 3pm

9th October
Harvest Supper
Hope Village Hall - 7pm

13th October
Holy Trinity, Hope - 9am
St George's, Pontesbury, Service & Lunch - 10.30am

DONATIONS AT SERVICES IN AID OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION & REA VALLEY FOODBANK

WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR OUR FARMERS... let us know how we can help
Greg Smith - rectorpontstip@gmail.com

With Halloween in mind ...

If you don't believe in the devil's existence, just try resisting him for a while. - *Charles G Finney*

Satan is not fighting churches; he is joining them. He does more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat. He accomplishes more by imitation than by outright opposition. - *Vance Havner*

available we are looking into an alternative and will let people know as soon as we can. It would be good to gauge the level of interest so if you are calling in to the Trading Post please let us know if you would like to attend.

The Trading Post

We will be closing for our winter break at the end of October so be sure to call in and get everything that you will need for the garden over the winter months. We are open every Saturday from 9.30am to 12noon until the end of the month, and will be able to take bookings for the Xmas meal after that.

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CRIME/INCIDENTS OF NOTE REPORTED

CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

16th July 2024 – 15th September

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Chirbury	
Public order offence	Victim has disturbed 3 males acting in a suspect manner and they have become abusive and threatening.	Snailbeach	03.20hrs 31 st July. Linked to below burglary
Burglary	Pit bike and tools stolen from shed .	Pennerley	Overnight 30 th – 31 st July
Burglary	Quad bike moved from farm out-building, quad abandoned in nearby field, damage caused to ignition .	Brockton	Early hours 24 th July
Criminal damage	Occurred at care home.	Chirbury	



Shropshire Hills National Landscape

Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund -- Open for Applications

The Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund is a small grant pot to support practical projects that help to conserve, enhance and raise awareness of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.

The Fund supports projects to deliver practical conservation work in the Shropshire Hills and/or educational and awareness-raising activities relating to the Shropshire Hills and its conservation, especially involving young people.

From September 2024 we have two rounds of funding available:

- We can support activities over this winter - which must be completed by April 2025.

We can support year-long projects to start in April 2025 and complete by the end of March 2026.

Grants range from £500 to £2,000 and can be of up to 75% and match funding can be made up in kind and volunteer time contributions as well as cash. Further information about the Fund and how to apply is on our website. You can contact me by email at stephanie.hayes@shropshire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01743 254746.

The Conservation Fund is administered by the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. The funding is from Friends of Shropshire Hills subscriptions, the Millichope Foundation, Moonshine & Fuggles and individual contributions.

www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk

Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team

Unit 5 Drovers House,

The Auction Yard,

Craven Arms, SY7 9BZ

telephone: 01743 254740

email: shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk

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From 6th January 2020

HOPE AND SHELVE
PARISH

Harvest Supper

Wednesday 9th October
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Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he’s going.

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation’s range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original ‘Jaws’ story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

Minsterley Methodist Church

10am Sunday services



6th October. Family Service led by members of the congregation.

13th October. Preacher – Mrs Helen Pearson.

20th October. Minsterley Praise – Holy Trinity at 10.30am.

27th October. Preacher – Rev Brian Spencer. Service will include Holy Communion.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to come and join us at any of our services and for refreshments afterwards.

Sandra Lewis



All Souls Service

**A time to remember
those we have lost
recently or long ago**

3.00pm

**Sunday 27th October 2024
Holy Trinity, Hope**

Our partner churches in the Stiperstones Group —

St Luke's Festival Church Snailbeach



Treasurer

Cheryl Bromhead

St Luke's is a "Festival Church". Services are usually held on six festival days: Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and St Luke's day. A few other dates are planned too. See "A Church Near You" website for upcoming services.

**Next service is Harvest Festival
3pm on Sunday 6th October.**

St Mary's Parish Church Habberley

Church Wardens

Pauline Stopford, The Kennels, Habberley (01743 790784)

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Robert Currie

Sunday 6th October	5.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 20th	5.00pm	Holy Communion



Hope & Shelve Parish

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Barbara Venables

Secretary

Sara Young

Treasurer

Kevin Bowers

Holy Trinity Church Hope

Sunday 13th October	9.00am	Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	3pm	All Souls' service



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 6th October	9.00am	Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	9.00am	Morning Prayer

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