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https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/for-parents/

https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/

For general information you may find the website

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/ useful.

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A Message from the Rectory

Be the change that you wish to see in the world



At the time of writing this, I have today found out that I have been re-elected to General Synod. For those of you that don't know General Synod is a bit like parliament but for the Church of England. It is a body of about 450 people, including bishops, vicars and laity from across the country and even parts of Europe! We meet normally twice a year for a few days at a time to discuss, debate and vote on various forms of business including general runnings of the national church, social action and church laws.

This will be my second 5-year term so, yes, I'm a glutton for punishment… the nerd in me loves all the processes, but more importantly it's a brilliant place to meet and work with incredible people to make change. The Church of England has a habit of moving at a snail's pace but I can say that I am proud that I was a part of the changes that we made at General Synod in the last 5 years, including decisions to distribute more money to parish ministry, to encourage young voices in our national church governance, to try and better support clergy in their vocation and retirement, to improve safeguarding practices and so much more!!

As proud as I am of my whole church, there are also times that I feel very let down by it and am questioned by friends and sometimes even extended family as to why I still attend church when it "believes this" or "says that", and quite often I agree… why do I still go to a church that has repeatedly made huge failures in safeguarding, or has been exclusive in who it allows at the table, or is often seen to be harsh and judgemental about different societal actions? My answer has always been that I have to be in it to change it. Positive change in our church structures is only going to come about if there are people willing to be in that space and change it for the better, even if we don't always agree with the space we are currently in - be the change you wish to see in the world.

So what? Why does this matter? Well not everyone is going to have the time, energy or patience to participate in church governance, nor can Church House in London accommodate every Christian in the country all at once for everyone to put their 2 pence in. But there is a role for everybody. 1 Peter 4:10 says "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms". Churches are a great example of this; we have so many different volunteers doing different roles like welcoming, cleaning, decorating, making pastoral visits/ phone calls, organising, managing finances, writing articles for your parish magazine or even delivering it to your door, to name just a few!

Now you'll be pleased to hear I don't personally manage the church bank accounts, it's not in my skill set! But I am quite happy to use my time and nerdy side to be a part of our church governance, as I feel called to do.

So what is the change you want to see? What gifts do you have that you can use in the service of each other and our communities? And if you are already doing something, thank you!

Miss Emily Hill
Member of General Synod

From Hereford Diocese: The Rt Rev'd Richard Jackson,

Bishop of Hereford

Tanzania 2026

Dear Friends

As I write this, I have just returned from a visit to our link diocese in Tanzania. We visited the Diocese of Masasi in the south of the country which celebrated its 100th anniversary at the end of September. It was an experience both joyful and gruelling in equal measure. I'm not sure the Church of England is quite yet ready for four-hour ordination services in 85-degree heat. The celebration service for the anniversary was an hour longer laced with local music, ululation, joyful singing and a nun playing the vuvuzela! She played it again when we went to the convent for dinner one evening as part of the nuns' dancing and singing welcome – you had to be there really.

Alongside the joy is grinding poverty and a huge disparity of wealth. Whilst Tanzania is one of the most stable democracies in Africa, there is still widespread corruption and a poorly maintained infrastructure. It took us 13 hours to drive the 600 km from Dar Es Salaam to our Masasi hostel. Periods of fast driving were interspersed with bouncing through potholes almost as bad as South Shropshire.

It is easy to look at the Church in Tanzania with its spectacular growth, driven by genuine conversions to Jesus rather than church hopping, and think if only we transferred their patterns here we could have a similar experience. A simple transfer of methodology is unlikely to be successful. Culturally, English people are not as expressive. Similarly, we have such busy lives that 3-4 hour services with preaching of 45 minutes may not gain much traction.

The Christian message has always had to adapt as it moved from one culture to another through its history. Even the early churches described in the New Testament were very different from one another. There was conformity of belief, but great diversity of practice. The same is actually true in Tanzania depending on which UK missionary agency first brought the gospel to each part of the country. Even in the church of England, there is now a huge variation in congregational worship, even in the same parish. Perhaps the greatest lesson was not about a particular style, but the motivating question. In Tanzania it was 'how can we adapt our practice to make the message more accessible to those outside the Church so they can become followers of Jesus'? There dosen't seem to be many arguments about style of worship rooted in their personal preference. Mission comes first. Congregations are agents of community transformation. God is the one on whom they depend for everything, not a spiritual lifestyle accessory. I think all of us who visited found this profoundly challenging. I hope we all might also.

Richard



St. Edwards Dorrington

November Services

8th	Holy Communion	at Stapleton 10:30am	Rev. Laura Hnatiuk
15th	Morning Prayer		Lay Lead
22nd	Holy Communion		Rev. Laura Hnatiuk

All services at Dorrington in November start at 11am in Church followed by refreshments.

On the 8th November **Remembrance Sunday** we are invited to join St John the Baptist Church Stapleton at 10:30am for a service of Holy Communion and act of Remembrance.

A special **Thank You** to everyone who has worked so hard to tidy the churchyard and church this year. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead you are invited to St Edward's Church Dorrington for a **Christmas Tree Festival 'Celebrating Dorrington'** on **Saturday12th December** between 10am – 4pm. Come and see the beautiful trees provided by the different groups, organisations and businesses in our community of Dorrington.
Complimentary refreshment will be available throughout the day.
The trees will appear in church from 30th November.

Tree of Light.
A Christmas tree will be erected at the side of the altar decorated with white lights. These will be lit and dedicated at the service on **Sunday 13th December** and will remain lit until 4th January whilst the church is open. You can dedicate a light in memory of a loved one by donating £5 to St Edward's Church. The names of those being remembered will be read out during the service and placed near the tree and on the notice board in the vestibule.
Please contact Peter Smith on 01743 719294 or one of the churchwardens if you would like to remember a loved one in this way.

WHAT'S ON AT DORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

	Weekly	Monthly
Monday	Short Mat Bowls 2pm-4pm (seasonal) Zumba 6.30pm-7.30pm	
Tuesday	Pilates 6.30pm-7.30pm	WI 7.30pm-10.00pm Second Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	Pilates 7.30am-8.30am TED's Coffee Morning and Craft and Chat 10.00am-12.00pm	Dorrington Young Farmers 7.30pm-9.00pm First Wednesday of the month
Thursday	Badminton 9.30am-11.30am Chair Yoga 11.30am-12.30pm Brownies 5.30pm-8.30pm (term time only)	
Friday	Art Class 10.00am – 1.00pm (Back on 11th September 2026)	
Saturday	Diana Griffiths School of Dance 8.30am-2.30pm (term times only)	

For information about the hall and to book please visit the Dorrington Village Hall website.

Alternatively please e-mail the administrator on info@dorinngtonvillagehall.co.uk or call on 07762 449935

The Filling Station

Dear Friends

The next Filling Station meeting will be on Wednesday 4 November 2026 at Leebotwood Village Hall at 7.30 pm with refreshments available from 7.00pm.

The speaker is Rev Alex Aldous. He is Chaplain at Prestfelde and regularly preaches at St Chads and Holy Trinity Meole Brace, He will be speaking on our theme for this year 'Truth' based on John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me".

The following meeting will be on 2 December 2026.

We hope you can join us.

DORRINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Dorrington WI October 2026

We were pleased to welcome our speaker Andrew Powell to our October meeting to tell us about the work of the Street Pastors in Shrewsbury.

We had a good turnout of members and also welcomed a guest to swell our numbers. After concluding the business part of the evening, including circulating a list of events being organised by the Shropshire Federation in the next few months, we settled down to hear Andrew explain what Street Pastors actually do.

Founded in London in 2011, it is now a countrywide Charity operating in many towns and cities. Volunteers venture out into the streets in the evening to offer practical help and support to the people they encounter late at night, often young people in distress after consuming rather too much alcohol, or getting separated from their friends.

Help can include offering coffee, tea or pot noodles served from a van affectionately known as The Donkey. Flip flops are another hand out when stylish but impractical high heeled shoes have been abandoned. Apparently lollipops are also very popular. Just talking to people, asking if they are okay, or offering a listening ear can be enough to help them cope with their situation.

The volunteers are drawn from the local churches and are people who want to translate the essence of their beliefs to practical help to those who might be distressed or even at risk.

We were very impressed with their dedication and the help they offer to the young and sometimes not so young people they meet on the streets of Shrewsbury between 9pm and 4am. Working in groups of three every Saturday night the Street Pastors offer vital support to a vulnerable section of society.

We commandeered Andrew to draw our raffle, and also judge our competition which this month was an item beginning with 'I'. He chose a beautiful Indian shawl brought in by Helen, and the raffle was won by Judith.

Our next meeting is on November 10th and will include our AGM, a quiz and making Angel decorations for a Christmas tree in St Edward's Church .
Our competition will be something beginning with 'J'.

We look forward to welcoming new members and guests to our meetings.
For more information please contact
Margaret Roberts, President Dorrington WI
07419847846
Email: margaretroberts0@icloud.com



Services on Remembrance Day
Sunday 8th November

10.30am – Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance
St John's Stapleton

10.30am – Act of Remembrance
St Mary's Longnor

10.30am – Act of Remembrance
St Mary's Leebotwood

10.30am – Act of Remembrance
St Michael's Smethcott



St Mary's Leebotwood

November 2026 Leebotwood for Parish Magazine

Church Cleaning

Sunday 1/8 November	Anne Hone
Sunday 15/22 November	Maryjane Hargreaves
Sunday 29 November	Pam Martin
Sunday 6 December	Pam Martin

Flowers

Sunday 1/8 November	Anne Hone
Sunday 15/22 November	Maryjane Hargreaves
Sunday 29 November	Doreen Mansell/Lillian Collins
Sunday 6 December	Doreen Mansell/Lillian Collins

Church Roof: We are very grateful for all donations so far received, thank you. We have also received some grant money but remain quite a long way off the total needed. If you are able to donate and pay tax, please complete a gift aid form, thank you. We remain hopeful that the re-roofing can be undertaken next summer.
We are very grateful to the Corbett family for their fund-raising Quiz on 10th October in Longnor village hall - match funded for Leebotwood's roof. It was very well attended, a little noisy, but fun.

Unfortunately the planned harvest supper and auction on 2nd October had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

On 11th October the Archbishop of Canterbury Dame Sarah Mulally attended an Evensong in Hereford Cathedral to celebrate the 1350 anniversary of the Hereford Diocese. She preached on the subject of darkness and light and how God is there when life is at its darkest, God is there in the hard times as well as the good and is there to help us to deal with life. God isn't just the light and doesn't vanish when life is hard. Attendance at this service reminded me about the celebrations held in 1976 for the 1300 years of the Diocese, the Cathedral hosted the Royal Maundy, the old Hereford cross was paraded around the Diocese through every parish, there was a hymn and special prayer written among other events.

We pray for Antony Shorter and Naomi Hindley who are to be married at Leebotwood on 31st October.

Our November services will be:
Sunday 8th November 10.30am Remembrance service
Sunday 15th November 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 29th November 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leebotwood Village Hall

Winter Warmer Christmas Coffee and Cakes
November 29th
10am til midday
Pop in anytime

QUIZ 2027 is on its way!
Get the date in your diary- Feb 6th 2027

The Facelift is Complete

Enjoy our sparkling new hall with:

Ample parking

Kitchen facilities

Projection wall

A welcoming community space

Perfect for: Clubs • Socials • Work Meetings • Training Sessions • Community Events

Items Available to Hire: Trestle tables • Comfy dining chairs • Party glasses • Crockery • Hot water urns and more **Donation only required** for hired items.
Join Our Friendly Village Hall Team! we'd love to meet you
Give as much or as little time as you like - **No experience required**

Can anyone help us with Facebook/Website???

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 3rd November 7:30pm Village Hall - All welcome

Regular Groups

Yoga **Thursdays at 9:30am (**Becca — 07905 236805)

Small Holders Group 2nd Thursday of every month
shropshiresmallholders@gmail.com

Art Classes Email Lesley Brown for dates
lesley@lesleybrownart.co.uk

Contact Us: 01694 643 353

leebotwoodbookings@gmail.com

We are a registered Charity: All donations and bequests welcome.

It is run entirely on donations and from fundraising.
Please help us save our beautiful church.

Donations can be made online using the QR code or website, or in person to any PCC member

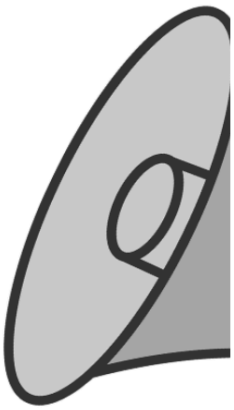
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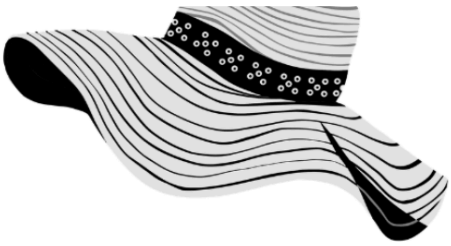
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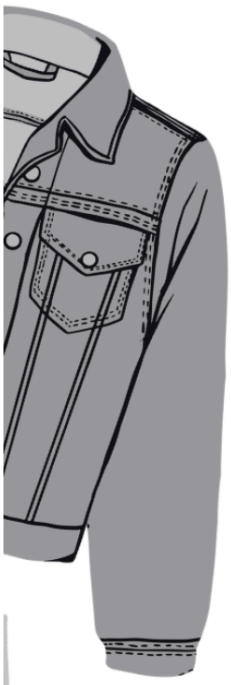
PCC Members

Anne Hone, Karen Mason, Cherry Downes, Lisa Lupton, Kellie Bramble









St Mary's, Leebotwood

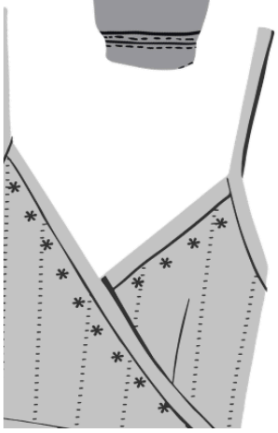
Recycle For The Roof Is Back

and we really need your help!!

Do you have clothes that no longer fit and that you no longer wear?

Why not donate them to the church to help us raise funds for the roof







We are asking for donations of good quality, second hand, women's, men's and children's clothing

DONATION DROP OFF POINTS

LEEBOTWOOD & LONGNOR PARISH COUNCIL

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RECENT UPDATES -

We have our VAS - finally!

For those keeping up with our recent activities, you'll be as delighted as we are that our Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has arrived and is now operating in Leebotwood! It is currently positioned towards the south boundary of the 40mph zone but the mobile unit will allow us to move the sign as necessary to remind motorists of the adequete speed from different places throughout the village. We're really pleased with our choice and we hope residents will start to notice a slowing effect on traffic. Have a glance the next time you're driving through although, of course, we don't expect you to trigger it!



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Longnor Traffic Plans

Shifting the focus onto Longnor, we've recently been contacted with concerns over the state of traffic through Longnor - particularly heavy vehicles - and we'd like to share what we're working towards in response.

A new 20mph speed limit past the school has been planned by Shropshire Council however we're also pushing for a deeper review of the traffic through the village as it is clear from residents that this is insufficient. We've also walked the new Highways Engineer at Shropshire Council through Longnor to relay those concerns and there is now discussion about extending the proposed 20mph zone and introducing further measures to keep everyone safe so watch this space for more.

If you have any comments or feedback for us, we would love to hear from you. Please come along to our bi-monthly meetings or feel free to contact us below and we will get back to you ASAP.

clerk@leebotwoodandlongnor-pc.gov.uk www.leebotwoodandlongnor-pc.gov.uk



Next Meeting: Monday 9th November
Longnor Village Hall @ 7:30 pm



St Michael and All Angels Smethcott

St. Michael and All Angels, Smethcote

Encouraging the whole community to discover the good news about Jesus Christ

	Flowers and brasses	Cleaning
8 November	Ros Crook	Kerry Locker
22 November	Ceri Lewis	Lucinda Lovesey

We were very sad to hear of the death of Graham Wilcox in October. Graham was a delightful character and dairy farmer and lived at New House Farm, Smethcott with his wife Margaret and family for many years, and he was a much valued member of our community. He was village hall chairman for some years and initiated the village hall quiz team. He and Margaret were very keen gardeners and together with Geoff Jarrett were the main stays of the annual church plant sale and hosted the event at New House Farm on several occasions. They were both very supportive of all church and village events. They moved to Condover when they sold the farm. Graham's funeral will take place on Tuesday 3 November at 2 pm in Smethcott.

A date for your diary – Follow the Star - nativity walk on Sunday 20 December from 4 pm. More details in December magazine.

The library van will be at the bus shelter in Picklescott from 12.10 to 12.45 pm on 3 and 17th of November and 1 December.

Thought for the month

*"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments" (*Deuteronomy 7, v.9 NIV)

SMETHCOTE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting Report 14th October 2026.

A reminder that winter is near, as it was dark when we met at Leebotwood Village Hall this month. Seventeen members gathered to hear the amazing Angela Hill relate her cancer journey. Angela is currently the Community Fundraiser for Lingen Davies Cancer support, the main fundraiser in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Mid Wales. Cancer is undeniably frightening and the rise in the number of people affected equally so. The fundraising initiative is incredibly important as it allows the community to help purchase equipment, train specialist staff and support patients in so many ways.

The current Sunflower Appeal aims to raise £5 million for a new cancer treatment Centre in Telford. Currently £1,455,000 has been raised. We will be supporting this appeal at a future event. We are incredibly lucky to have the support of this group in Shropshire, and would like to thank Angela and the team of community fundraisers for their enthusiastic fundraising to make a better future for those who are battling cancer.

A refreshment break and chat allowed many of us to speak one to one with Angela, to gain information and signposting for their own or a family members cancer journey. For our flower of the month competition, Angela chose a gorgeous rose brought in by Sarah. The Heath tip competition was won by Chris D

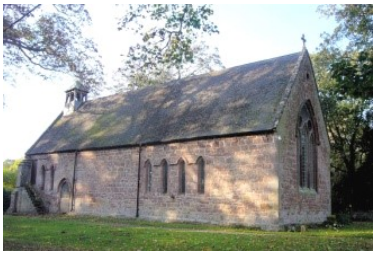
The business meeting followed and hit a high note straight away. £135 raised from our produce stall at the last market. Thanks to all members who donated delicious goodies and to Sarah who co-ordinated everything, she is definitely a 'Superseller' We have another market on the 21st of November, planning is in hand.

Details for the Soup and Pudding lunch on 24th of October were finalised. Offers of soup and puddings were accepted, responsibilities for the day were allocated. Another successful event in the making. Thank you everyone for supporting your WI so well.
Details of our visit to the Memorial Arboretum on the 4th of November were shared. Coach times and tour details are ready. Payment now due. Suzanne is keen to have more trips and asked for ideas.

The evening ended with a lot of laughter. In February we will be showing Smethcote WI Pantomimes from the Past. Recently retrieved during the archiving of our records. Hilarious episodes of costume failure, wig disguises and scary makeup were retold. A date for your Diary Friday February 26th 2027, the Panto is coming!

11th November Meeting **Dorothy Nicolle. Shropshire in the Second World War.**

Picklescott Village Hall **Information. Suzanne Gill, President 07749 575833**



St Mary's Longnor

St Mary's Longnor

		Service	Sidesperson	Reader
8th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Service	Annabel Warburg	Various
22nd Nov	10.30am	All Age Worship	Trevor Thomas	Norene Dunn

Harvest - thank you
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest celebrations and made them such happy and successful events. It was wonderful to have a full Village Hall for the Harvest Supper and lots of people at the Harvest Festival service too. Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, donated raffle prizes and produce and helped behind the scenes – and to our wonderful flower arrangers who made the church look absolutely beautiful.
And a huge thank you to everyone for your generosity. Donations at the Harvest Service for the vital work of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution totalled £182.

Remembrance Poppies
To mark Remembrance Day and as a tribute to all those who fought and gave their lives during two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts, there will once again be a large and beautiful poppy display in church, from 7th – 21st November. The church will be open every day during daylight hours, so do please go in and have a look.

We also have individual knitted poppies available for people to wear. Suggested donation £2 per poppy, with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion. They're in a basket at the back of church (with a collection box), or please contact Annabel Warburg (07800 571174). Please also contact Annabel if you would like to have a selection of poppies to offer to friends or work colleagues.

Remembrance Sunday Service, 8th November
There will be a Service of Remembrance in Longnor Church at 10.30am on 8th November, with an Act of Remembrance at 11.00am. Everyone is very welcome. During the service, the names of the men who are commemorated on the War Memorial in the church will be read aloud. If anyone has a relative who they would like to be remembered in the service (whether or not they had any other connection with Longnor), please send their name to Annabel (annabelwarburg135@gmail.com).

Longnor Village Social – Friday 27th November from 7.00pm
Our monthly Village Socials are family-friendly get-togethers, a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Food available plus a bar. Everyone very welcome.

Christmas events
Advance notice that Carols Round the Tree in Longnor Churchyard will be on Monday 21st December at 6.30pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Village Hall.

The Carol Service will be in Longnor Church on Sunday 20th December at 10.30am.



St John the Baptist Stapleton

Services - Details about all Services in the Benefice are on the centre pages in the magazine.

100 Club November winners
1st prize number 70 Vicky Stephens
2nd prize number 1 Helen Higgenson

Thanks to everyone who supported our Bookfest in October

Remembrance Sunday. A wreath will be laid at the war memorial at 11am on Sunday 8th November.
Donations towards the cost of this (now £30) would be appreciated.

Gift Day 2026
On **Sunday 16th November** we are holding our annual Gift Day. This is a simple and direct way that parishioners and local people can support our beautiful church.
We, like everyone else, face rising costs to maintain our ancient building, as well as hold services and support our Christian mission.
We recognise these are financially challenging times for many people, but if you are able, it would be really appreciated if you can make a donation or increase your direct debit towards our church.
You can pay online (Stapleton PCC, 00400563, sort code 30-97-62) or you can drop off / post your donation (Cross Acre, Stapleton,
SY5 7EH - cheques made payable to Stapleton PCC)
Don't forget that the Church and churchyard are open every day. Everyone is very welcome to come in – this could be for private prayer, a quiet moment of reflection, to look around our historical building or just to enjoy the view! Our amazing church is also a great place for special celebrations such as weddings and baptisms. Please contact Rev Laura (revlaura72@icloud.com) to organise.

All Age Christingle Service

Sunday 6th December 2026 at 4.00pm

Come and support the work of the Children's Society
and help lots of children to have a good future.

A big welcome to all children
you get to make a Christingle loaded with sweets
and you can take it home
The Collection will be in aid of the Children's Society

Dates for your diary

Remembrance Sunday	8th November
Gift Day	15th November
Christingle Service	6th December
Carol Service Village Hall at 4pm	20th December

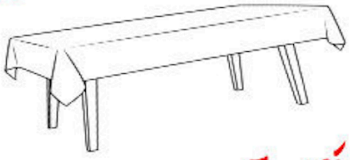
The
Nearly Christmas Market

Stapleton Village Hall
SY5 7EF

Save the Date
21st November 2026



Tables Available £10.



Christmas Cafe Corner.

Crafts, Christmas Fare



WI Christmas Produce



Gifts and Christmas Wrap



For more information
or to book a table contact
Carol 01743 718451
beaumont.carol@gmail.com



St Michael and All Angels Woolstaston

Church Flowers

1st November Tipton Family
6th December (Carol Service) Allison Rodenhurst
3rd January No Service.

Thank you all to everyone who decorated the Church for The Harvest Festival, it all looked very colourful. We had a lot of people attend the Service.

On the 1st of November there will be a Service at 10am.

The Christmas Carol Service will be at 10.30am on the 6th of December. There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the Service.

Wishing Anna a very speedy recovery, sending her our love and prayers, looking forward to seeing her soon.

A big thank you to the Tipton family, who do a marvellous job of keeping the Church Yard so beautifully tidy. We many comments from visitors of how well kept our Church Yard is.

There will be no Service in January.

Hello everyone from Dorrington Surgery,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is **Emma,** and I am the new Dispensary Manager, replacing Lisa, who has moved on to a new surgery.

I have over 25 years' experience working in pharmacy and dispensing doctor practices. I am very fortunate to be supported by an amazing and dedicated team, many of whom you will already know.

Karen, Julie and Nikki have many years of experience between them and will now be working at Dorrington Surgery on a permanent basis, rather than across both sites within Beeches Medical Practice.

We are actively promoting our **"Use It or Lose It"** campaign, which encourages eligible patients to use our dispensing service. To qualify, you must live **more than one mile from a retail pharmacy**.

If you are on regular medication and are interested in becoming a dispensing patient, please speak to a member of the dispensary team and we will be happy to discuss your eligibility and register you on our system.

The dispensary can be contacted on **01743 874565 (Option 1)** or by email at prescriptions.dorrington@nhs.net. We are here to help our dispensing patients with any medication queries or concerns.

Please note that we are **unable to make appointments**. To book an appointment, please call **01743 874565 and select Option 4**.

We are also **unable to accept patient samples**. Any samples should be taken directly to **The Beeches Medical Practice**.

We only accept Card Payments for Prescription Charges.

Dispensary Opening Hours

Monday: 8:30am to 1:00pm
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Kind regards,
Emma
Dispensary Manager
Dorrington Surgery

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Monthly Letter from Stuart Anderson MP for South Shropshire

In my role as the MP for South Shropshire, I receive emails, phone calls, letters, and messages relating to local health and social care every day. So, I wanted to get a clearer picture of the situation across South Shropshire to enable me to target my work where it matters most. Back in January, I launched my 'Health and Social Care Survey' and I am pleased to share that it received 1423 responses.

These responses varied hugely, but one clear trend emerged. Even though many residents were happy with the quality of our local health and social care services, an inability to access these services in the first place absolutely dominated the responses. For example, 61.3% of respondents selected hospital waiting times as a top priority for improvement. This was followed by ambulance response times on 42.7% and GP access on 42.2%. Now that my survey has closed to submissions and my team and I have had time to analyse the results, I can get to work addressing the issues raised.

First, I will ensure local health bodies are made aware of my constituents' views as well as sharing the key concerns directly with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Then, I will continue working locally and in Parliament to try and fix the problems which are having the biggest impact on South Shropshire residents. From reducing hospital waiting times to improving rural transport, I am committed to listening, supporting, and delivering for my constituents when it comes to health and social care.

In another local campaign, I was glad to join forces with the DWP and Bridgnorth Jobcentre recently to host the South Shropshire Youth Opportunities Fair at Bridgnorth Rugby Club. I want young people in South Shropshire to have access to the highest quality of education and employment opportunities in the world. However, youth unemployment in the UK is at its highest level in a decade with around a million young people across the country not in education, employment, or training. This event was about turning concern into action.

It was a pleasure to speak with local business owners alongside colleges, apprenticeship providers, and careers advisors who offer one-to-one support for young people in the constituency. With meaningful support from Government, these organisations must work together to tackle the growing scourge of youth unemployment. In South Shropshire alone, 1,215 people were claiming unemployment-related benefits in August 2026, which is 2.3% of the population aged 16 to 64. I have always been passionate about getting people into work. So, I will continue fighting to open up the education, employment, and training opportunities my constituents need.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who came along to my recent MP Coffee Morning in Worthen Village Hall. As I have said time and time again, events like these are why I love being the Member of Parliament for South Shropshire. It was a real pleasure to spend the morning with the team in Worthen speaking with residents about a whole host of different issues. I hope to meet many more constituents in the coming months as my MP Coffee Mornings continue making their way around South Shropshire.

If you have any national or local concerns, I would love to hear from you. You can get in touch by emailing stuart.anderson.mp@parliament.uk or phoning my team at 01746 555025.

Monthly Column from Chris Naylor
Shropshire Counciler for the Ward of Burnell

Improving services for our older residents - while government funding still on hold.

I'm pleased as Shropshire Council's Chair of Finance & Improvement Scrutiny to have arranged a special 'All Member Briefing' (an hour-long session for all our councillors to listen in to) and an extra formal Scrutiny Committee meeting to help the Council's decision-making regarding how to improve our social care for older people. Looking after older residents is of course a key statutory responsibility for the Council, and consumes for us, and other neighbouring councils, a major part of our annual budget, over 70%.

With the Scrutiny Committee's support, the Cabinet has just agreed a new Adult Social Care Strategy which focuses on getting help to our older residents sooner on the tried and tested basis that 'a stitch in time saves nine'. This can help with some of those illnesses which hit older people harder, eg getting wider take up of flu, pneumonia, shingles vaccines. Or with financial difficulties which mean some older people can't afford decent food or warmth at home. Or indeed with the loneliness and isolation that can make people depressed and despairing. The overriding aim is to help older people stay independent and self-confident for longer, able to look after themselves rather than having to be looked after, until they really need that of course.

I've had some problems with my legs recently - sudden collapse! - and I touched on this new Adult Social Care Strategy with the physiotherapist I was sent to. He said to me 'Please help older people get exercise and stay fit, where they can'. A key reason for older people ending up in care homes, he suggested, was that they become unable to stand up without assistance and felt that more exercise could help.

After an hour's questioning most of our Scrutiny Committee backed this new Strategy, but with three provisos. Firstly, that not everyone seemed to appreciate the benefits of earlier help and longer independent living. So the Council needs to continue making the case for that. Secondly, if this improvement requires investment (money has indeed been set aside) we as Scrutiny need to see a proposal before giving approval. And thirdly, with such a massive budget, we need more figures to track effective service transformation and reassure ourselves that Shropshire residents will not only get better services but also lower costs, better value for money.

We're lucky to now have several excellent people heading up Adult Social Care, including Cllr Ruth Houghton, who helped run the department before standing as a Councillor, and a new Director Chris Atherton. I'm confident the new strategy is taking us in the right direction, not only helping older people lead better lives for longer, but also helping the Council manage within its means.

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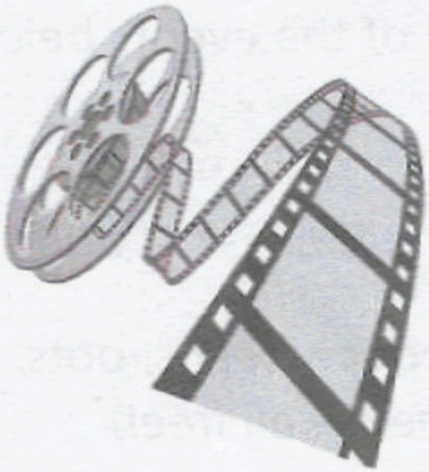
November Dates
Tuesday 10th and 24th

December Dates
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Stapleton Village Hall SY5 7EF

Our film nights are held on the first Saturday of every month,



Film Night

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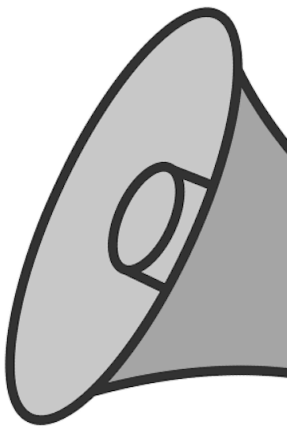
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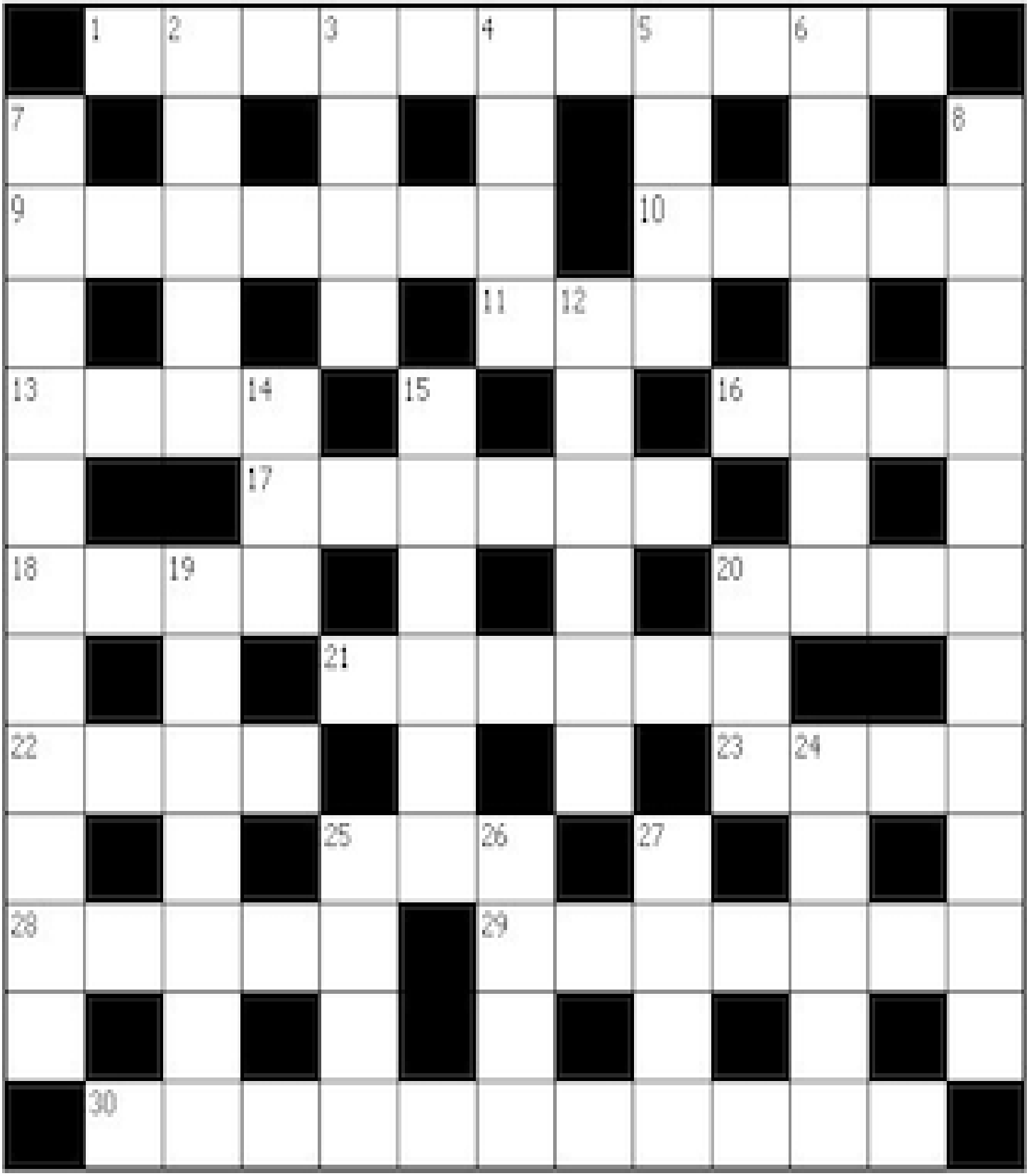
Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
9 Mosesí question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)
16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
25 Tree (3)
28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
3 Way out (4)
4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
5 Done (anag.) (4)
6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
7 Concerning the study of God (11)
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
14 Frozen (3)
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
20 See 1 Across
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
25 Time (anag.) (4)
26 Lists choice of meals (4)
27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

November Crossword



Answers on back page of magazine

Services in November 2026 – Lectionary Year A/B

Sunday	Dorrington	Leebotwood	Longnor
1st November **All Saints** **Gold/White, All Saints** Rev. 2: 9-17 Matt. 5: 1-12			
8th November **Remembrance Sunday** **Red, Remembrance** Amos 5: 18-24 Matt. 25: 1-13	All go to Stapleton	10.30am Act of Remembrance **Lay Leaders Team**	10.30am Act of Remembrance **Lay Leaders Team**
15th November **2nd Sunday before Advent** **Green, Ordinary Time** Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 Matt. 25: 14-30	11am Morning Prayer **Lay Leaders Team**	11am Holy Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**	All go to Leebotwood
22nd November **Christ the King** **Red, Christ the King** Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Matt. 25: 31-46	11am Holy Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**		10.30am All Age Worship **Lay Leaders Team**
29th November **Advent Sunday** **Purple, Advent** Isaiah 64: 1-9 Mark 13: 24-37	6.30pm - Evening Prayer Leebotwood **Lay Leaders Team**		
6th December **2nd Sunday of Advent** **Purple, Advent** Isaiah 40: 1-11 Mark 1: 1-8			

Smethcott	Stapleton	Woolstaston	Also This Month
	10.30am All Age Worship **Mike James**	10am BCP Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**	**Wednesday** **4th November** 7pm onwards **Filling Station** Leebotwood Village Hall
10.30am Act of Remembrance **Lay Leaders Team**	10.30am Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance **Rev Laura Hnatiuk**		
	6.30pm Evening Prayer **Mike James**		
9.30am Holy Communion **Rev Laura Hnatiuk**	10.30am Morning Prayer **Mike James**		**Wednesday** **2nd December** 7pm onwards **Filling Station** Leebotwood Village Hall
10.30am – Benefice Service Advent Communion – Smethcott **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**			
	4pm Christingle **Mike James**	10.30am BCP Advent Communion with Carols **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**	

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Meetings held on 2nd Wednesday of the month with time to chat from 7.00pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm. The competitions each month will be 'Flower from your garden' and as below.

April 8 Leebotwood	Strange Meetings – the words of Wilfred Owen – Shaun Higgins	(A favourite poem)
May 13 Leebotwood	Awareness of Bees; Their Importance in the Environment – Alison Wakeman	(Bee-related)
June 10 Picklescott	Preserving Nature's Legacy: Cryopreserving Livestock & Wildlife for Future Generations – Tulis Matson	(Endangered species photo)
July 8 Leebotwood	Archiving Smethcote WI documents All members participate.	(A WI memory)

Summer Break. No meeting in August. Next meeting September 9th Picklescott.

SMETHCOTE WI

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Meetings run from Oct to Apr and take place at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall on the first Weds of each month, starting at 7.15pm. Entry charge £2 for non-members, members free. Refreshments are served during the interval for a small fee.

Weds 4th November – "24 Years of Barn Owl Conservation in Shropshire" with John Lightfoot - co-founder of Shropshire Barn Owl Group and owner of Talon Nestboxes. John & his wife Wendy have decades of hands-on experience monitoring Barn Owl populations across the County and will share a wealth of knowledge, fascinating stories and a deep insight into the lives of these elusive nocturnal hunters.

Weds 2nd December – **"Under African Skies" with Mark Sisson** – renowned award-winning wildlife photographer. Prepare for an unforgettable journey through incredible wildlife and extreme habitats on a continent where Mark has spent most of his recent overseas working life. Although lions and elephants may at times steal the show, this evening promises to reveal much more of the hidden wonders of this extraordinary place.

Please check the website in case of changes to the programme. You can also find details of our fieldtrips on our website. To find out more visit **www.shropshirebirds.com**

RSPB Shropshire Local Group

Meetings are held at Bayston Hill Memorial Hall on the 4th Tues monthly from Sept to Apr (exc Dec). Meetings start at 7.15pm. Entry £3 (members), £7 (non-members).

On Tues 27th October, **Alicia Leow-Dyke** presents **"Return of the Beaver"**. Alicia is the Welsh Beaver Project Officer for the Wildlife Trusts in Wales – which aims to re-establish beavers into the wild in Wales. She also advises other organisations interested in bringing beavers back, and has played a pivotal role in the Old Riverbed beaver project in Shrewsbury.

On Tues 24th November, "**The Work of the RSPB Investigations Team Protecting Raptors**" by **Jack Ashton-Booth** and **Niall Owen.**

The RSPB's Investigations Team works with police and partners to bring about prosecutions and help carve out a better future for these magnificent birds.

Monthly field trips continue throughout the year. To contact us and find out more about what we do: you can find us on Facebook, email **shrewsburyrspbgroup@gmail.com** or visit **www.rspb.org.uk/groups/shropshire**

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Dorrington Village Hall
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PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2026. 3rd Friday of the month unless specified otherwise.

SEPTEMBER 19th. I SWEAR 2025 15 Director Kirk Jones (121 mins)
NB 4th Friday of September

I swear is a remarkable, and deeply personal coming of age drama that approaches Tourettes syndrome with unusual sensitivity and emotional intelligence. It is a poignant biopic based on the true story of Scottish Tourette syndrome activist John Davidson. Critics have widely praised Robert Aramayo's Bafta-winning transformative lead performance and the film's empathetic balance of raw, heartbreaking struggle and occasional respectful, laugh-out-loud humour.

OCTOBER 17th. HOCUS POCUS 1993 PG Dir. Kenny Ortega (96 mins)

Three witches hanged in Salem 300 years ago are resurrected at Halloween time in present-day America. This classic has Halloween film has scares and gross-out moments. It is funny, scary, but warm and human all at once. Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy enjoy themselves enormously as the three witches.

NOVEMBER 21st. EVERYONE TO KENMURE STREET 2026 U Dir. Felipe Bustos Sierra (95 mins).

Everybody to Kenmure Street is a critically acclaimed 2026 documentary directed by Felipe Bustos Sierra. It chronicles the true story of a May 2021 UK Home Office raid in Glasgow's Pollokshields area, where hundreds of local residents rushed into the street to successfully prevent the deportation of two Sikh neighbors. Spirited and uplifting, Everybody to Kenmure Street triumphantly captures a community's witty, determined stand against injustice through the power of collective action.

DECEMBER 19th. A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS 2021 PG Dir. Gil Kenan (104 mins)
Earlier showing at 6pm. Full details to be announced later.

"A Boy Called Christmas" is a resplendent Santa Claus origin story with a star-filled cast (Maggie Smith, Joel Fry, Kristen Wiig, Jim Broadbent, Stephen Merchant) with sumptuous visuals, and some melancholy details to keep it from being too sugary. Enjoy spotting the origins of many Christmas traditions, but what will stay with you is the message of kindness, courage, and as Aunt Ruth (played by Maggie Smith) explains, the stories that hold the universe together.

All films start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. There's a half time break with tea/coffee and cake. Entrance fee £7 which includes refreshments.



Kate Dickie, Keira Lucchesi, Emma Thompson

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Everybody To Kenmure Street

A powerful and inspiring documentary by Felipe Bustos Sierra, chronicling the real-life 2021 Glasgow protest when an entire community united to stop the deportation of two neighbours. Using crowd-sourced footage, interviews, and reconstructions, the film captures the urgency and emotion of a spontaneous act of civil resistance, highlighting the strength of collective action and local solidarity.

Ryton Village Hall

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Friday 20 November

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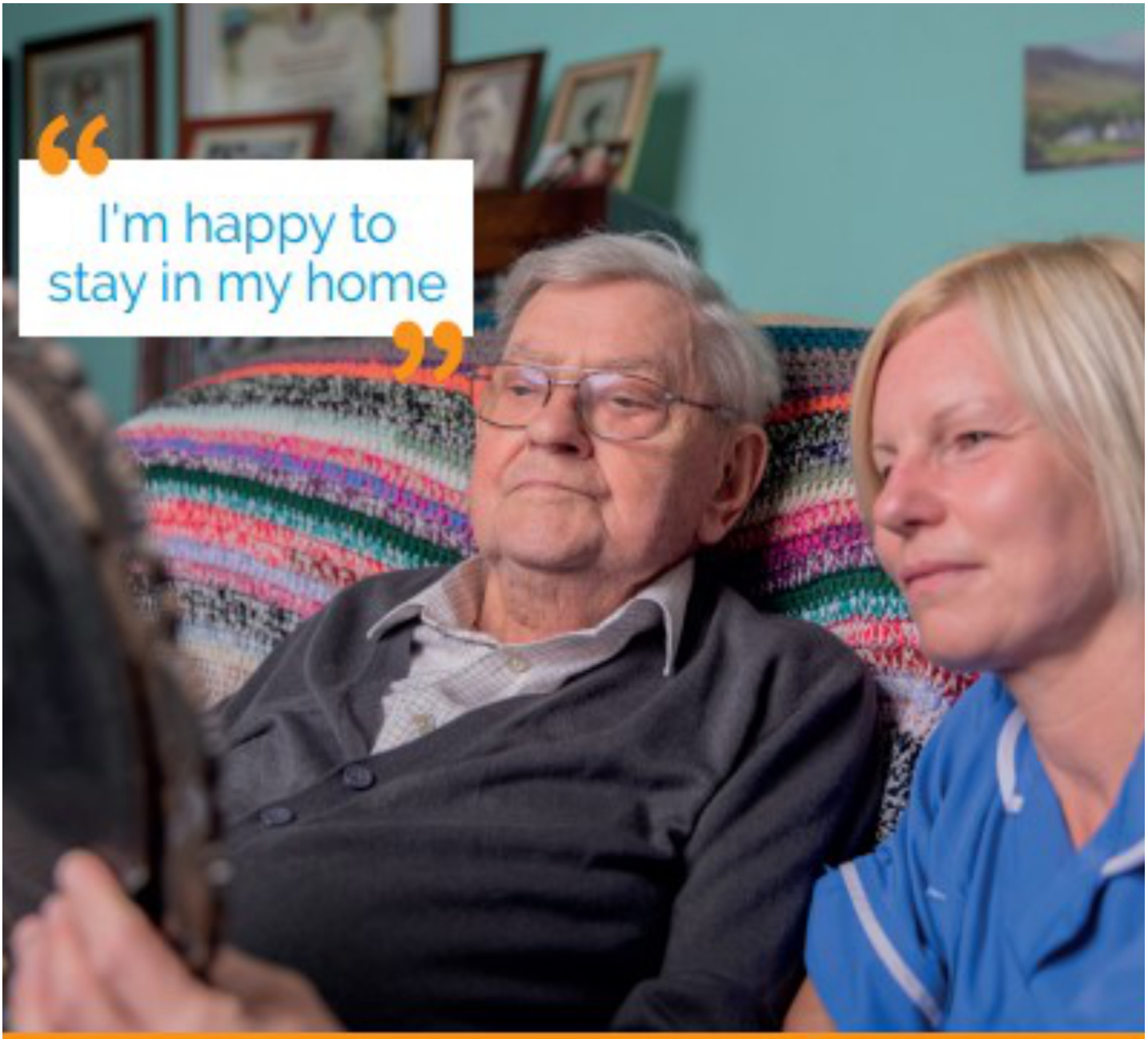
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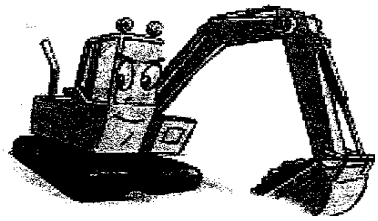
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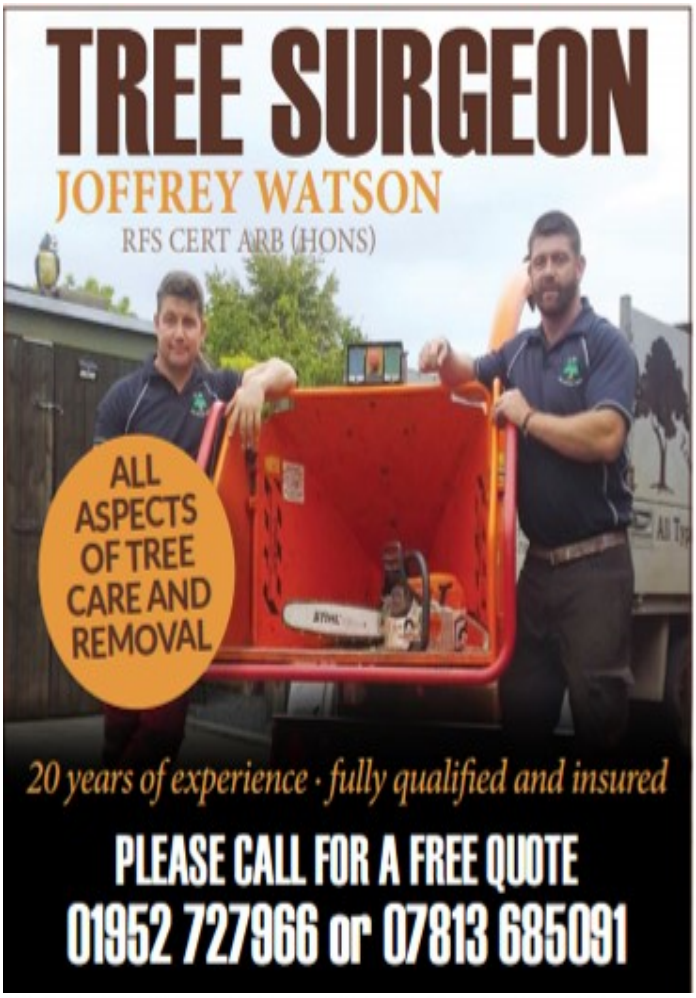
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November 21st	Nearly Christmas Market	Stapleton V.H.
November 28th	Novemberfest	Picklescott V.H. 7pm
December 5th	Christmas Special	Stapleton V.H.
December 12th	Christmas Tree Festival	Dorrington Church

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ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16. Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.

DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

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