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*And the usual fun
and games with
some smatterings of
trivia*

Its Bank Holiday season, which has put me under pressure. If your SDN arrives late it's because I didn't get the copy to the printers in time.

This May we have May Day, Coronation Day and the old Whit Monday. The weather is not looking hopeful and it is three months until August Bank Holiday. Seems to me we have calendar mis-management. Lots of Kings and Queens in this month's issue with snippets on the remaining monarchies across Europe.

A massive heart-felt THANKYOU to all you lovely people who came to Doreen's funeral on 29 March and the 'wind down' at the Inn afterwards. It was a great pleasure and comfort for me. My family and visitors from afar were so pleased to meet our lovely friends and neighbours. Forever grateful.
Malcolm Dunbar

There are still a few of us left who remember the last Coronation. For our family it meant a new television. BBC 1 only, black and white with a 12 inch screen to which a magnifying panel was attached. Programmes started with children's television at 5 pm with such classics as Muffin the Mule and Sooty. There was no television between 6pm and 7pm so that children would go to bed without distraction. This was followed by a healthy dose of news and current affairs, Panorama was my grandmother's favourite and we all had to sit in silence. The Grove Family was an early soap, with an adventure series based on Robin Hood and scary sci-fi stuff in the Quatermass Experiment (I wasn't allowed to watch series 1). Sport featured at weekends with major events like the Grand National, the Boat race, the Test match and the Cup Final. 1953 was the year Hilary and Tensing conquered Everest and I watched coverage with great interest. Natural history programmes were popular with Sir Peter Scott pre dating Sir David Attenborough with film from the Slimbridge Trust and Armand and Michaela Denis turning their camera on wildlife and native customs in deepest Africa, in a very un-politically correct manner. I wonder what we will be watching at the next Coronation?

The Grandmother of Europe: How Queen Victoria Rules the Continent

Queen Victoria spent sixty-four years on earth sitting on the British throne, becoming queen at the age of eighteen. How did she earn the nickname “Grandmother of Europe?”

Queen Victoria (r. 1837-1901) proposed to her first cousin Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in 1839 and they married in 1840. Their loving and prolific marriage produced nine children between 1840 and 1857, most of whom married into other European royal families. Of these matches, Victoria, who lent her name to the era of human history marked by her reign, stands at the head of a legacy that echoes to this day.



Victoria and Albert were descended from related royal families. Queen Victoria descended from the House of Hanover – a German family in origin that had sat on the British throne since its first ruler George I of Britain (who spoke no English) in 1714. Prince Albert descended from the extensive ducal House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Originating in Bavaria, Germany, Albert’s family consistently served the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg prior to his marrying into the British Royal Family.

Having a German mother and governess, German was likely Victoria’s mother tongue. The queen allegedly spoke English with a slight German accent in childhood, requiring private tutoring to reinforce her Englishness. As an adept polyglot, Queen Victoria was regularly overheard speaking to her husband Albert privately in German.

The children of the pair took the name of the house of their father over their mother. For this reason, the House of Hanover died with Victoria even though her bloodline lived on.

In 1917, due to anti-German international sentiment from the First World War, George V changed the name of his dynasty from the German-originated house of his grandfather Albert to the more British sounding Windsor, after the name of the royal palace. The House of Windsor occupies the throne to this day, headed by the reigning British monarch King Charles III (r. 2022-present) who succeeded his mother, Elizabeth II (r. 1952-2022).

New Royal Line of Succession



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With a clear line of succession established for the current British queen, Victoria’s bloodline is evidently still firmly in place in the British line of succession.



Janet, Debbie & Clare would like to thank everyone for supporting our recent Bingo Evening on Friday 17th March, raising a fantastic amount of £600 for Hospice at Home. This is a charity very close to us as a family.

It was lovely to see the hall so full, and some lovely comments were received saying how much people had enjoyed it. This makes it all worth while. Massive thanks once again.

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Also remember to book your evening at our Shakespeare play - "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which is on for seven nights this year due to popular demand.

We are also delighted to have lured Susie Dent to Ludlow!



Many thanks for being a part of the Fringe. We appreciate your continued support.

See you in June!

Belgium has been a kingdom since 21 July 1831 without interruption, after it became independent from the United Kingdom of the Netherlands with Léopold I as its first king. Belgium is the only remaining popular monarchy in the European Union: The monarch is formally known as the "King of the Belgians", not the "King of Belgium". The current monarch is Albert II.



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festival church at St Luke's Snailbeach.



Dear all

I heard Terry Waite speak at Spring Harvest last week. As the person who interviewed him said, “you should never meet your heroes, because they will inevitably disappoint you.” However, this proved to be an exception to this rule. He warmed up the audience by observing that it was the first time he had been to Butlins in 50 years and that after that last stay, he had moved to rather better accommodation in Beirut. He emphasized that he was joking, but it was very moving to hear him able to joke about the most horrendous of experiences (and I’m not talking about Butlins!) Five and a half years in captivity; four and a half years in solitary confinement; and being tortured when the soles of his feet were repeatedly beaten; appear to have left him without permanent wounds. He was later to return to Beirut to meet his captors and extend his hand in forgiveness, as proof of this.

We may think this is beyond us (it seems superhuman) but we can at least start with the little things by choosing not to hold onto grudges and look for the best in people. To see a man who had been so brutally treated relaxed and smiling was a powerful reminder that this is not just the best way for the church, it is the best way for all of us.

Easter

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Easter a poignant and joyous celebration. Minister, musicians, coffee makers, flower people and many others made it a special time for us all.

Foodbank AGM

Weds May 3rd sees the first AGM of the Rea Valley Foodbank, the organisation responsible for delivering Foodbank out of St George’s and Holy Trinity churches. This takes place at 2 p.m. at St George’s. Our guest speaker is Karen Williams, manager of the foodbank in Shrewsbury. Anyone who is interested in what we have been doing over the last year is welcome to attend. Please note that giving to foodbanks has remained at the same level compared to last year, but the usage has doubled. We continue to welcome all gifts however small.

Unanswered Prayer

There is a zoom course on Tuesday evenings entitled “unanswered prayer” produced by Pete Greig, who recently addressed 300 people at a Diocesan Study Day. For details of how to join others in the Deanery who will be taking part in this, please contact Mark Hackney at

Ascension to Pentecost

The period from Ascension (May 18th) to Pentecost (May 28th) is designated by the church as Thy Kingdom Come. This is envisaged as a time of prayer. The period will start with a Group Service at St George’s on Thurs 18th at 7 p.m. and conclude on Sunday 28th with a Group Service at Minsterley. There will be a special Deanery Service that evening at 6 p.m. at St George’s to which everyone is warmly invited.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of The Revd Fran Brealey as House for Duty Associate Minister for the Stiperstones & Pontesbury benefices, with lead responsibility for the Hope/Shelve parish. The appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a DBS check, which is under way.

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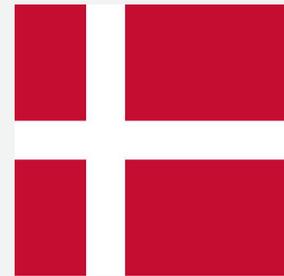
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In Denmark, the monarchy goes back to the prehistoric times of the legendary kings, before the 10th century. Currently, about 80 per cent support keeping the monarchy. The current monarch is Margrethe II. The Danish monarchy also includes the Faroe Islands and Greenland which are parts of the Kingdom of Denmark with internal home rule. Due to this status, the monarch has no separate title for these regions.



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Letter from Westminster May 2023 - Welcome Plan for Water

As you know, I have focussed my campaigning efforts in Westminster to make a real difference in improving the water quality of our rivers.

So last month I welcomed a significant set of measures announced in a comprehensive Plan for Water, which pulled together a wide range of policy initiatives across Government to create a fresh strategy to improve water quality of our rivers and sustainability of water supply.

The new Secretary of State for DEFRA is determined to tackle the long-term challenges posed by under-investment in our drainage and supply networks underground, which have not kept pace with development above ground for 60 years.

The need to do so was graphically illustrated again at the end of March by publication of the latest sewage discharge stats for 2022. While these showed a 19% reduction in the frequency of discharges from treatment works and combined storm overflows across England and a 34% reduction in duration compared with 2021, this was primarily due to reduced rainfall during the year. So the pressure remains on water companies to get to grips with preventing these wholly unacceptable routine sewage discharges. I believe these new measures will make a material difference and have given this Plan a broad welcome - not least since these proposals accept many of the recommendations from the Environmental Audit Committee in our seminal report last year into Water Quality of our Rivers. The Plan also reflects several campaign themes of the Conservative Environment Network contained in their Water Manifesto which I endorsed late last year.

These include giving greater power to regulators, the Environment Agency and Ofwat, to issue unlimited fines on water companies for breaching their permits; and for those fines to be ring-fenced in new Water Restoration Funds to improve water quality. There are currently over 2,000 cases of such breaches by six water companies being investigated by regulators which could lead to fines or criminal prosecution. Regulators will also have the power, which we had also called for, to link senior executives' remuneration and shareholder dividends to environmental performance.

It is not all about water companies either, farmers have a role to play, both reducing nutrient leakage and managing supply of water. So, I welcome further funding for slurry storage and encouragement for buffer zones for pollinators and tree planting along waterways, as well as the consultation on reducing planning barriers for on-farm reservoirs and creating wetlands to help integrate flood planning.

Locally I am encouraged by Severn Trent's engagement with local communities, businesses, and farmers to raise awareness about the importance of protecting and improving the ecosystem of our rivers. It's vital that we work together to ensure the sustainability of our natural resources for future generations. By partnering with local groups, Severn Trent is seeking to work with local community groups in improving the health of our rivers.

Advice and some financial support is becoming available for farmers to help them reduce their impact on waterways. Farmers have a vital role to play in managing pesticide and fertilizer use and improving soil management practices. STWs "Get River Positive" campaign aims to fix its own discharges and encourage sustainable agriculture practice in its catchment.

STW plans to invest £1.2 billion over the next five years to improve water quality, reduce leakage, and increase resilience to climate change. Locally £4.5 million of this is being invested in the next two years in improving treatment works and Combined Sewer Overflows along 12 miles of the River Teme between Leintwardine and Tenbury Wells to get the river to high water quality standard.

We as consumers can also play our part by stopping flushing wet wipes down the loo and putting filters in washing machines to stop microfibres from our clothes being flushed out. There will be a consultation on banning plastic in wet wipes to reduce the risk of blocking sewers.

There is still much more to do to clean up our rivers and coastlines, including reducing surface water runoff from roads and developments, designating more bathing waters, and tackling nutrient pollution. But the measures set out in the Plan for Water represent a credible and wide-ranging strategy to tackle the scourges of pollution and underinvestment that have blighted England's waterways for too long.





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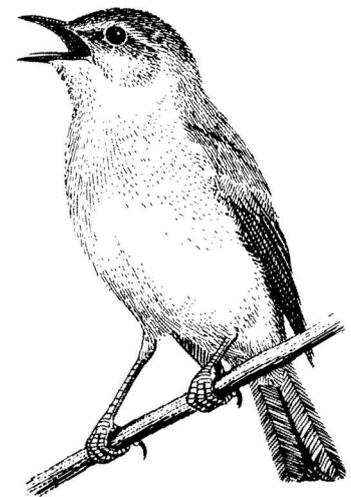
NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

Writing this in April, we are just starting to see our migrant summer visiting birds returning. The earliest arrivals are the chiffchaffs. This small leaf warbler is one of the easiest birds to recognise by its two-note song which it is named after. It is a common bird and one that seems to be benefiting at the moment from climate change. Its number have increased significantly since the 1980s and its breeding range is moving further north. It is also increasingly staying through the winter in the UK rather than migrating down to the Mediterranean and north-west African coast. Up here on the Stiperstones however it is very much a summer visitor usually arriving at the beginning of April.

The chiffchaff's arrival is followed closely by the other common leaf warbler, the willow warbler, a week or two later. The two birds are similar to look at, but the willow warbler's song is a sad one with a number of descending notes, completely different from that of the chiffchaff. It too has spread further north in the UK, but its population has shown a general reduction. Both these birds nest close to the ground in shrubs like bramble and deer pressure, particularly in southern England may be having a detrimental affect on their breeding habitat.

The other leaf warbler that used to occur, until recently, on the Stiperstones is the wood warbler, a brighter coloured bird with a very distinctive song, likened to a coin spinning on a glass tabletop. Unfortunately, this lovely bird is in decline in the UK, and it is now restricted largely to western oak woodlands. This warbler migrates the furthest of the three and declines may be due to loss of wintering habitat in countries such as Ghana.



We have lots of walks coming up in May, some of which coincide with the National Nature Reserve week. All our events can be booked by following the links from our Facebook page, those in May are:

- Dawn Chorus guided walk by local naturalist Dave Pearce. Sunday 7th May 6am - 8.30am with optional breakfast at the pub. (£7.50, not including breakfast).
- Birds of the Stiperstones with the Upper Onny Wildlife Group. Saturday 13th May 9.30am -1pm. Free guided walk from the NNR car park. (No booking required).
- Evening Wildlife walk led by local naturalist Dave Pearce, listening out for snipe and nightjar. Sat 20th May 7.45 – dark. (£7.50).
- The Hidden Stiperstones. Sat 27th May 10am – 4pm. A 10 mile walk around the Stiperstones with the wardens discovering lost settlements and hidden wildlife. (£6pp, £15 family).



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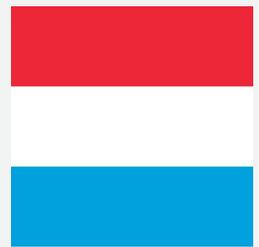
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Luxembourg has been an independent grand duchy since 9 June 1815. Originally, Luxembourg was in personal union with the United Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of the Netherlands from 16 March 1815 until 23 November 1890. While Wilhelmina succeeded Willem III in the Netherlands, this was not possible in Luxembourg due to the order of succession being based on Salic law at that time; he was succeeded instead by Adolphe. In a referendum held on 28 September 1919, 79.83 per cent voted in favour of keeping the monarchy. The current monarch is Henri.



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The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group has been looking for Curlew, Lapwing, Kestrel, Cuckoo and Red Kite since late March, in our area that extends from Stapeley Hill to Brockton in the west, across through Minsterley and Pontesbury to Plealey, south to Cothecott Hill and then westwards over the Stiperstones and Hope Valley.

If you've seen or heard any of these species, please don't assume we know about them.

Please report all your observations, especially any Curlew ("the most important bird conservation priority in the UK") to Leo Smith 01694 720296, leo@leosmith.org.uk.

If you want to help next year, please also contact Leo

CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

On 25th March Hope Village Hall arranged another CPR/Defibrillator training session, which due to a clash of commitments was held at Worthen Village Hall. It had been advertised in local newsletters and social media in the hope of drawing interest from a wider audience and this proved to be the case, because participants included people from Worthen, Stockton, Pontesbury and beyond.

Although these sessions are free, the Community First Responder who runs them invites attendees to consider making a donation to the charity through which he operates. As with last year's session, Worthen with Shelve Parish Council has made a significant donation to that charity as a gesture of the considerable benefit that the session would bring to the community and it is heartening to see a positive application of local taxpayers' funds.

It is hoped that another session will be held in 2024 and I hope that the next session might be held at Snailbeach Village Hall to encourage extra participation from a wider area. If anyone would like to register an interest in attending this session please contact me at barry@hopenews.uk.



It had to be Coronation Chicken



Ingredients

2 chicken breasts, skin removed
 1 tbsp olive oil
 1 unwaxed lemon, zest and juice
 knob of butter
 1 shallot, finely chopped
 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
 2 tsp madras curry powder
 2 tbsp tomato purée
 100ml/3½fl oz dry white wine
 100ml/3½fl oz chicken stock
 1 tbsp apricot jam
 150ml/5fl oz mayonnaise
 75ml/3fl oz crème fraîche
 1 large mango, peeled, stone removed, flesh diced
 4 spring onions, finely chopped
 2 tbsp finely chopped fresh coriander
 dash Tabasco sauce
 salt and freshly ground black pepper
 green salad leaves, to serve
 50g/2oz flaked almonds (toasted lightly dry frying pan), to serve

Method

Rub the olive oil all over the chicken. Scatter over the lemon zest and season with salt and pepper.

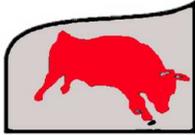
Steam the chicken for 20–25 minutes, or until cooked through. Set aside to cool.

Melt the butter in a frying pan, add the shallot and chilli and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the curry powder and cook for 2–3 minutes. Stir in the tomato purée and cook for a further minute. Add the wine and simmer until the volume of the liquid has reduced by half.

Stir in the jam and stock, and simmer until the volume of the liquid has reduced by half. Set aside to cool.

Mix the mayonnaise and the crème fraîche together in a bowl, then stir in the curry dressing. Fold in the mango, spring onions, lemon juice and coriander.

Cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces. Fold into the curry dressing and season with salt, pepper and Tabasco to taste. Serve with a green salad, and scatter with the toasted almond flakes.



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Marches Meadow Group 2023 AGM An Appeal for Committee Support.

We will be holding the Marches Meadow Group AGM this year on Sunday 14th May at The Cock Inn at Hanwood, .

I hope many of you will join us for both the formal part of the day, when we will vote to fill the roles of Officers and Committee members, and then stay to hear our speaker Lynn Besenyei, who will talk about her work at Wolverhampton University. Lynn was a colleague of Prof. Ian Trueman and worked with him on the development of the green hay technique for meadow creation.



For a growing Group like MMG there is a variety of ways in which members can support our activities: from a specific role on the Committee to a non-Committee support role. For example, working with the Secretary to organise the Group's Annual Event Programme would be a valuable contribution to our activities and would ensure fresh input, reflecting the wider interests of the membership. Already from outside the Committee Sarah Jameson is managing the MMG website and Clare Donnelly does the same for our Facebook presence. We have a number of other topics where we do need your input.

MMG has just completed ~ 2 ½ years' development work funded initially by the People's Postcode Lottery and then, over the past 18 months, by the Heritage Lottery, Green Recovery Challenge Fund 2, administered by the National Trust. The 2022 MMG Annual Report detailed some of the projects we have completed. More details of these activities will be available at the AGM.

The high level of activity over this period, coupled with the growth of the Group, has brought into focus the absolutely essential need to fill various roles, in support of the Committee. Fund-raising will be high on the agenda, as with no grants available for the foreseeable future, someone to focus on fund-raising will be an essential going forward.

Both the Secretary and Chair have served very long terms of office, through what has been an exceptionally busy time for the Group. The Constitution stipulates that both the Chair and Secretary should serve for a period of 3 years (I will have been in post for 5 years and Richard Small as Secretary for 8 years). I anticipate that 2023 and 2024 will provide a period of consolidation and time for a much needed regrouping. This period will allow Marches Meadow Group to implement essential changes to the Organisation, without pressure from defined project deadlines. To achieve this we need more active participation from our 150+ households. Please don't convince yourself you need special qualifications to help, as there is a small body of individuals in MMG who are more than willing to support your volunteering!

To allow MMG to continue to grow and function, I repeat my annual appeal for more active support from the membership. This is now becoming critical. Without these changes and new active recruits to support the Committee the Group will cease to prosper and move forward and the advances made in the past 6 to 7 years will be lost.

When you receive Richard's Calling Note and agenda for the AGM, please give some serious thought as to how you might become more involved with the valuable meadows development by MMG. Please turn your thoughts into action and let Richard have details of which role, or part role, you feel best able to help with. Thank you and kind regards David

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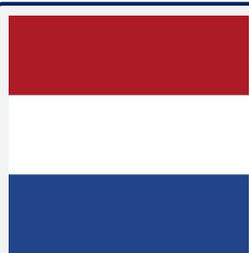
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We are staging the event again on Saturday 10th June. The times will be as last year with registration at 1130 and different start times for the different events from 1200. We shall have access to the whole village hall this year, so I promise no waiting around in the cold!

The Chase is just over 4 miles including several climbs and is timed. The Crawl at 3,5 miles is the opportunity to enjoy the local landscape at your own pace while the Pootle can be run or walked with your pooch over the same course..

As this is the second running of the new event there will be the chance to beat the course records as set last year for the Chase and the Pootle. The Chase record is currently held by Orlando Bayliss at 31:40 and the Pootle record at 31:15 held by Mal and Moss Fellows. The category records will be available on the website. Once again, participants will receive a memento on the day and there will be refreshments at the Village Hall. The winner of the Chase will be named on the Richard Bayliss shield.

Online entries are available. For more details, please check on the event website at www.callowrun.uk.

I am delighted to announce that the event will again be kindly sponsored by Stapeley Veterinary Practice and also supported by Hope Village Hall.



HOPE VILLAGE HALL

We are planning to use the same courses as last year and once again I shall be asking for local volunteers to act as marshalls on junctions etc together with any budding photographers / videographers to record different stages of the event. Please contact me at callowrun@gmail.com.

Further details will be provided in future editions of the Newsletter together with regular updates on the website.

Alistair J M Bates
www.callowrun.uk

Saturday 10th June

12:00 Hope Village Hall

Registration 1130

The Callow Chase 4 mile run

(on and off road - lots of uphill!)

The Callow Crawl 3 mile walk

Pootle with Pooch - a 3 mile walk run
with your dog

(uphill but mainly on road)

Entries are limited and are available from 4th April 2023.
Prizes in a number of categories

For more information please visit : www.callowrun.uk



Enterprise House Welcomes a New Manager

Enterprise South West Shropshire is pleased to announce the appointment of Polly Owen as its new manager. A familiar face in the area, Polly has lived locally all her life, studied Rural Business Development at Harper Adams and has worked with numerous national and local organisations. With her knowledge and understanding of the area, along with her experience she will be a valuable addition to the team. Enterprise South West Shropshire is a successful social enterprise, based in Enterprise House in Bishop's Castle, which has specialised in supporting the community, groups and businesses in the wider area for over 25 years. Home to the library, Village Outreach Equipment Hire, privately rented workshops, offices and community storage, Enterprise House also provides a diverse variety of services from printing and publishing, IT support, business support, meeting space hire and co-working desks through to managing the SpArC Theatre and the Artificial Sports Pitch. The past 18 months has seen the introduction of several new projects, including the Enterprise Initiative business support project, the Bishop's Castle and Beyond visitor website and the Co-working Hub, all of which have been managed by Polly on a freelance basis.

On her new position, which starts on May 1st, Polly said "I'm really looking forward to becoming a permanent member of the team. Enterprise House is an essential asset to our community, and this is a fantastic opportunity to support the company's continuing development in this important role." Acting Manager Sarah Ellison said "we are really excited to welcome Polly as manager, we work brilliantly as a team and she is a pleasure to work with. We are all looking forward to a bright future at Enterprise South West Shropshire." Polly Owen The Enterprise Initiative



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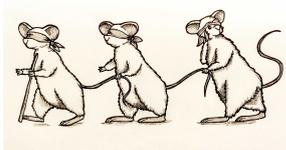
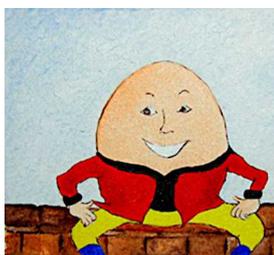
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| Hope Village Hall | 1.00pm |
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| Shelve Lower Farm | 3.45pm |

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Many of our nursery rhymes are likely to have been satirical, poking fun at kings, queens and politicians. Here are three but you can research many more online as I did.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the King's horses, and all the King's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again!



Three blind mice, three blind mice
See how they run, see how they run!
They all ran after the farmer's wife
Who cut off their tails with a carving knife
Did you ever see such a thing in your life
As three blind mice?

Sing a song of sixpence
A pocket full of rye,
Four and twenty blackbirds
Baked in a pie.
When the pie was opened
The birds began to sing,
Wasn't that a dainty dish
To set before a king?

The king was in his counting house
Counting out his money,
The queen was in the parlour
Eating bread and honey
The maid was in the garden
Hanging out the clothes,
When down came a blackbird
When down came a blackbird
And pecked off her nose!

The English Civil War from 1642 to 1649, ended with the execution of Charles I, King of England and Scotland, and the take-over of power by Oliver Cromwell. It is told that, a cannon named Humpty Dumpty - which actually existed - was put on the tower of a Church in Colchester by the troops of Charles I, from where they fired on the Roundheads, Cromwell's army of the parliament, led by Lord Fairfax. In order to stop this bombardment the Roundheads fired on the tower and succeeded in knocking down the cannon, and neither the king's men nor the king's horses were able to pull it into position again.

This nursery rhyme is often said to be about Mary I (1516 - 1558), the daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon, who was made "illegitimate" when her father married Anne Boleyn. She nevertheless became Queen of England when her half brother Edward IV, the son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour, his third wife, died. If this theory is true, the song is most likely about religious persecution, specifically protestant persecution by a Catholic Queen. There are also many songs linked to the persecution of Catholics by Anglican Kings (Little Jack Horner, Goosey Goosey Gander). Religious persecution in the 16th century seems to have given rise to many songs.

As well as in other nursery rhymes there are many interpretations of this song. Possibly there is a relationship to the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII. In this case the black birds would be the monks or priests, usually dressed in black, who started to sing (a scornful way to say that they cried) when the cake, the monasteries, are opened and consumed (became part of the property of the king). If we interpret it that way, the last sentence would be very true. Wasn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?



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Spain came into existence as a single, united kingdom under Carlos I on 23 January 1516. The monarchy was abolished on 14 April 1931, first by the Second Spanish Republic — which lasted until 1 April 1939 — and subsequently by the dictatorship of Generalísimo Francisco Franco, who reigned until his death on 20 November 1975. Monarchy was restored on 22 November 1975 under Juan Carlos I, who is also the current monarch. Today, there is a large number of organisations campaigning in favour of establishing a Third Spanish Republic; however, only 25 per cent of Spaniards are in favour of establishing a republic.



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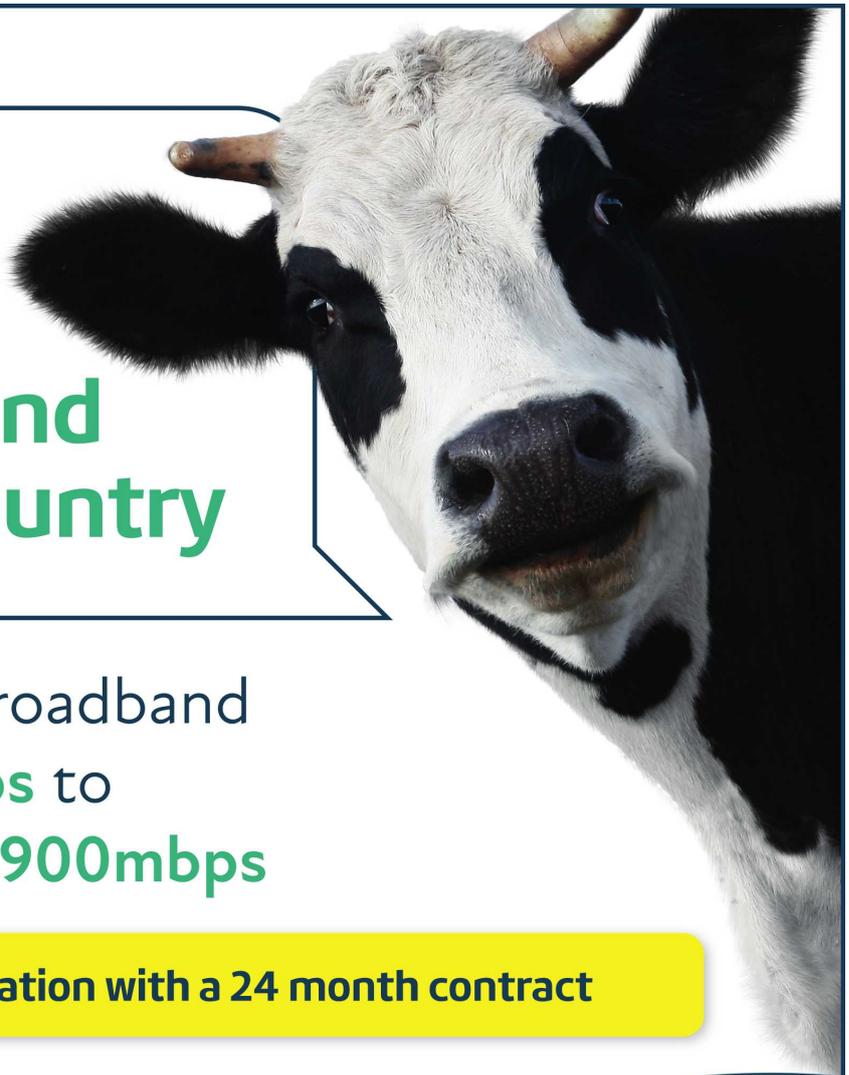
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CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

16th March 2023 - 15th April 2023

| CRIME REPORTED | DETAILS | LOCATION | NOTES |
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| Criminal damage | Damage caused to fence | Snailbeach | |
| Burglary | Lock forced on shed and pit bike stolen from within | Tankerville | Occurred overnight 28 th - 29 th March. Stolen bike stopped whilst being ridden in Shrewsbury and recovered. Enquiries ongoing |
| Harassment | | Bentlawnt | |
| Criminal Damage | Two works vehicle's damaged, window's broken on both vehicles and fuse box's / radio's tampered with | Lowfield, Marton | Overnight 20 th - 21 st March. Similar MO where two vehicles had windows smashed and searched in Tankerville on 12 th March. |
| Harassment | | Meadowtown | |
| Harassment | | Marton | |

Protect yourself from fraud and cyber crime

Reports of fraud or scams are ever increasing. Although fraud and cybercrime come in many forms, there are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself.

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1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

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8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. I run like the winded.
11. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
12. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

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13. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
14. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
15. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

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Council Ignores Vulnerable in Digital Changes

Shropshire Council has been trying to introduce
a 'Digital Strategy' which will mean that we will
have to contact the Council online if we want to
access their services, pay bills etc.
Whilst many of the proposals in this strategy
make sense - allowing easier access for residents
to report problems and the like, I have real
concerns about accessibility.
Shropshire has a higher-than-average proportion
of elderly residents, many of whom are not
conversant with IT. When you add residents with
learning difficulties or those without reliable
broadband or mobile phone signal the numbers
become significant. Research estimates that
some 17,000 people in Shropshire are not
digitally enabled.
Already, for example, blue badge holders have
to apply online for their badges - and in no other
way. Given that the vast majority of blue badge
holders are elderly or disabled this is already
problematic for many.
The ruling group on the Council voted against
my amendment to this policy at the last Council
which would have allowed residents more choice
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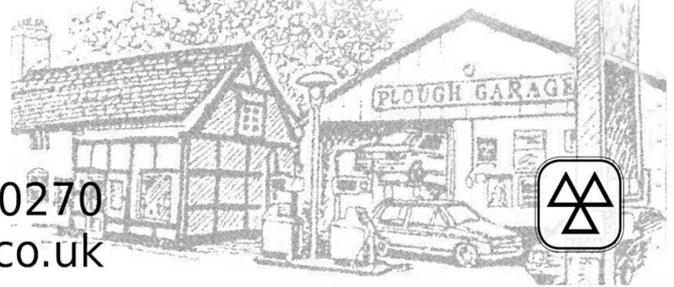
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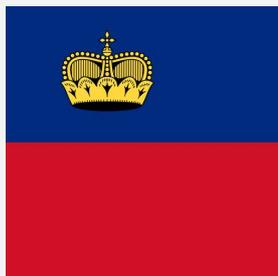
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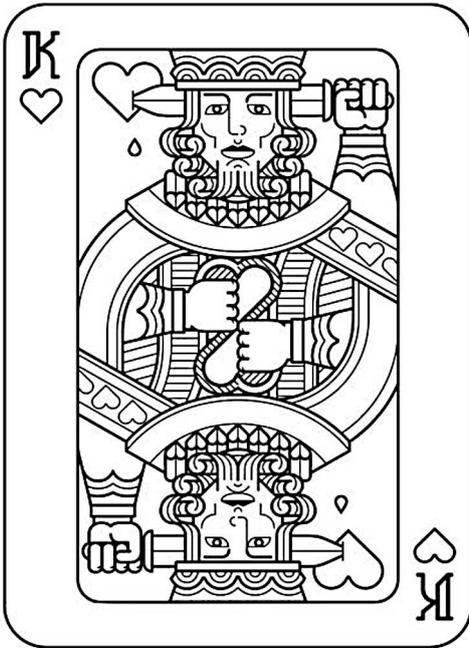
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A foolish King was nearing the end of his life, and knew he needed a suitor for his daughter before he died. In order to find the bravest, mightiest, most valiant man in the Kingdom (and perhaps cull out a few of the weaker ones), the King decided to host a challenge. He invited the entire Kingdom to gather around a large pool that he filled with snakes, alligators, eels, and every other kind of danger he could imagine. He announced that the first man to successfully swim across the entire pool would inherit his Kingdom, his throne, and his daughter's hand in marriage. Before he could even finish his sentence there was a loud SPLASH and every one gasped at once. All that could be seen were arms and legs flailing across the surface of the water as a blur swam faster than anyone had ever seen. Finally, after nearly a minute of frantic swimming, out popped a dwarf, only 3 and a half feet tall. Everyone was

shocked. As the regal King approached the man, he stared in amazement. "What a mighty man this must be!" he thought to himself. The dwarf was hunched over, hands on his knees, gasping and huffing and puffing and trying to catch his breath. The King said, "Sir!! That was the most amazing thing I have seen in my entire life! I knew this challenge would reveal who the bravest, mightiest, most valiant man in all the Kingdom is! And even more so for a man of your short stature! Please! do you have anything to say?" In between gasps, the dwarf said, "Yea.....Who the hell pushed me in!?"

Kings and Queens of England

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552/553 Bishops Castle Stiperstones Shrewsbury Monday - Friday

| Notes (SCH - School Days Only) | | | SCH | | SCH | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Bishops Castle Salop Street Jct | | | | 07:32 | | | | 09:42 | | | 12:22 | | 13:32 | | | | 15:42 | |
| Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct | | | | 07:36 | | | | 09:46 | | | 12:26 | | 13:36 | | | | 15:46 | |
| Llan Turn Jct | | | | 07:40 | | | | 09:50 | | | 12:30 | | 13:40 | | | | 15:50 | |
| White Grit, Jct | | | | 07:44 | | | | 09:54 | | | 12:34 | | 13:44 | | | | 15:54 | |
| Gravels | | | | 07:47 | | | | 09:57 | | | 12:37 | | 13:47 | | | | 15:57 | |
| Hope | | | | 07:50 | | | | 10:00 | | | 12:40 | | 13:50 | | | | 16:00 | |
| Stiperstones, opp Pub | 06:50 | 07:20 | 07:50 | | 08:23 | | | | 11:15 | | | | | 14:35 | | | 16:50 | |
| Snailbeach, Village Hall | 06:54 | 07:24 | 07:54 | | 08:27 | | | | 11:19 | | | | | 14:39 | | | 16:54 | |
| Plox Green, Crossroads | 06:56 | 07:26 | 07:56 | 07:56 | 08:30 | | | 10:06 | 11:21 | 11:55 | 12:46 | 13:05 | 13:56 | 14:41 | | 16:06 | 16:53 | |
| Minsterley, opp crown & sceptre | 06:58 | 07:28 | 07:58 | 07:58 | 08:33 | 08:50 | 09:25 | 10:08 | 11:23 | 11:57 | 12:48 | 13:07 | 13:58 | 14:43 | 15:10 | 16:08 | 16:58 | 17:35 |
| Pontesbury, Hall Bank | 07:03 | 07:33 | 08:03 | 08:03 | 08:37 | 08:55 | 09:30 | 10:13 | 11:28 | 12:02 | 12:53 | 13:12 | 14:03 | 14:48 | 15:15 | 16:13 | 17:03 | 17:40 |
| Mary Webb | | | | | 08:40 | | | | | | | | | | 15:26 SCH | | | |
| Lea Cross, Opp Jct | 07:08 | 07:38 | 08:08 | 08:08 | | 09:00 | 09:35 | 10:18 | 11:33 | 12:07 | 12:58 | 13:17 | 14:08 | 14:53 | 15:30 | 16:18 | 17:08 | 17:45 |
| Hanwood, Cock Inn | 07:11 | 07:41 | 08:11 | 08:11 | | 09:03 | 09:38 | 10:21 | 11:36 | 12:10 | 13:01 | 13:20 | 14:11 | 14:56 | 15:33 | 16:21 | 17:11 | 17:48 |
| Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct | 07:13 | 07:43 | 08:13 | 08:13 | | 09:05 | 09:40 | 10:23 | 11:38 | 12:12 | 13:03 | 13:22 | 14:13 | 14:58 | 15:35 | 16:23 | 17:13 | 17:50 |
| Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct | 07:18 | | 08:18 | | | | | | | 12:17 | | | | | 15:40 | | | |
| Shrewsbury Hospital | | 07:48 | | 08:18 | | 09:10 | 09:45 | 10:28 | 11:43 | | 13:08 | 13:27 | 14:18 | 15:03 | | 16:28 | 17:18 | 17:55 |
| Copthorne Rd, adj Barracks | 07:23 | 07:53 | 08:23 | 08:23 | | 09:15 | 09:50 | 10:33 | 11:48 | 12:22 | 13:13 | 13:32 | 14:23 | 15:08 | 15:45 | 16:33 | 17:23 | 18:00 |
| Bus Station Stand N | 07:30 | 08:00 | 08:30 | 08:30 | | 09:22 | 09:57 | 10:40 | 11:55 | 12:29 | 13:20 | 13:39 | 14:30 | 15:15 | 15:52 | 16:40 | 17:30 | 18:07 |

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| Shrewsbury Hospital | | | 09:02 | 10:17 | 10:37 | | 12:12 | 12:42 | 13:42 | 14:12 | | | 15:57 | 16:37 | | 17:12 | 17:52 | |
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| Pontesbury, opp Shop | 08:03 | 08:38 | 09:18 | 10:33 | 10:53 | 11:28 | 12:28 | 12:58 | 13:58 | 14:28 | 15:03 | 15:21 | 16:13 | 16:53 | 16:53 | 17:28 | 18:08 | 18:38 |
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| Snailbeach, Village Hall | | | | | 11:01 | | | | 14:06 | | | 15:32 | 16:21 | | 17:01 | | | 18:46 |
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| Pontesbury Shop | 08:50 | Ludlow Assembly Rooms | 13:15 |
| Minsterley | 08:55 | Craven Arms | 13:30 |
| Hope | 09:00 | Long Meadowend | 13:35 |
| Gravels | 09:03 | Aston on Clun | 13:37 |
| White Grit | 09:05 | Lydbury North | 13:50 |
| Lydham | 09:10 | Little Brampton | 14:00 |
| Bishops Castle | 09:15 | Clunton | 14:02 |
| Colebatch | 09:20 | Clun | 14:05 |
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| Clun to Ludlow 745 B | | Clun to Pontesbury 745 A | |
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| Clun | 09:35 | Clun | 14:10 |
| Clunton | 09:38 | Colebatch | 14:20 |
| Little Brampton | 09:40 | Bishops Castle | 14:25 |
| Lydbury North | 09:50 | Lydham | 14:30 |
| Aston on Clun | 10:03 | White Grit | 14:35 |
| Long Meadowend | 10:05 | Gravels | 14:37 |
| Craven Arms | 10:10 | Hope | 14:40 |
| Ludlow Assembly Rooms | 10:25 | Minsterley | 14:45 |
| | | Pontesbury | 14:50 |

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775 Tuesdays only

| Pontesbury to Bishops Castle 775 A | | Newtown to Bishops Castle 775 B | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Pontesbury Shop | 09:30 | Newtown | 13:50 |
| Minsterley | 09:35 | Kerry | 14:00 |
| Plox Green | 09:38 | Sarn | 14:10 |
| Hope | 09:40 | Blue Bell | 14:15 |
| Gravels | 09:45 | Church Stoke | 14:20 |
| White Grit | 09:48 | Bishops Castle | 14:35 |
| Llan Turn | 09:51 | | |
| Bromleys Mill | 09:55 | | |
| Lydham | 09:57 | | |
| Bishops Castle | 10:00 | | |

| Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B | | Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A | |
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| Bishops Castle | 10:05 | Bishops Castle | 14:40 |
| Church Stoke | 10:20 | Lydham | 14:43 |
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| | | Minsterley | 15:05 |
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The u3a promotes lifelong learning across a wide range of activities and subjects and which fosters friendship and fun, open to anyone who is older or retired or not in full-time employment. Website: u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley. Non-members are also welcome to come along to meet us and ask any questions you have about the u3a.

We hope to see you there.