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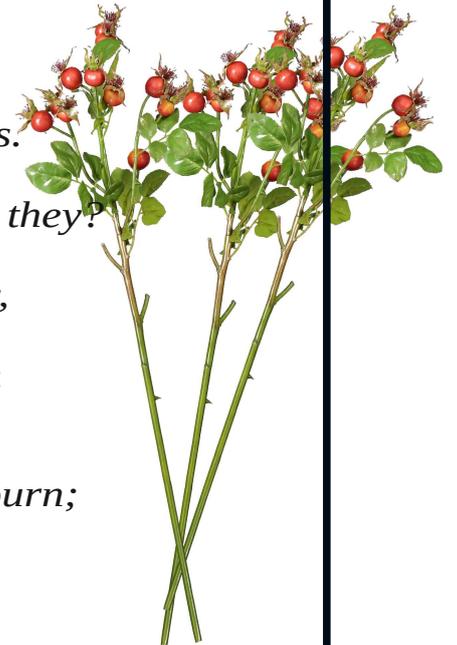
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With sadness

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*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.*

*Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.*

*Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too -
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.*



John Keats 1820

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In a sad month locally and nationally this has not been an easy issue to put together. The article on the prestigious Queen's Award to Shropshire Rural Support was planned before recent events . We understand that this report may bring back recent and past hurtful memories for many but believe that this news and the issues which surround it should be shared.

On a lighter note we are planning to commemorate the modern Elizabethan era with a souvenir edition of photos and press cuttings tracing local people and events over the past 70 years. If you would like to be part of this project we are holding an exploratory meeting at 7.30pm on Monday November 14 th at the Stiperstones Inn.

More in next month's edition. Finally thanks for the very generous anonymous donation.



In a sad month in which millions mourned the death of the Queen, we remember the lives of Sylvia Anderson, Leanne Rose Chidley Uttley, Jenny Groves and Maxine Hall. Our thoughts and prayers go with their family and friends.



Village Hall News for SDN

October 2022



The village hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm. The committee are looking for new members to help with the administration and maintenance of the hall and the play area, and the planning of events. Please do consider if you could offer support to keep these facilities operational and provide a range of activities and events for the benefit of the community.

Regular events held at the hall include Stiperstones Brass practices, yoga, Women's Institute and table tennis club.

The booking secretary Jo Jeays should be contacted to check hall availability and request a booking form using the e-mail:
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or on 07815 733730.

During the summer the hall funded a new picnic bench and shelter at the play area and thanks to Anne-Marie Fleming for making the arrangements. A defibrillator has also been installed in a box external to the front porch. By the time this article gets published scaffolding will have been erected to allow the replacement of the roofing sheets at the wooden end of the hall.

The hall Christmas Fayre is being planned for Saturday 26 November from 11:00-15:00. Please make a note in your diaries and support this event.

Julian Bromhead, Chairman
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REMEMBERING SYLVIA

My unbounded thanks for the many messages of sympathy, comfort and love my family have received since losing my darling wife Sylvia on September 10.

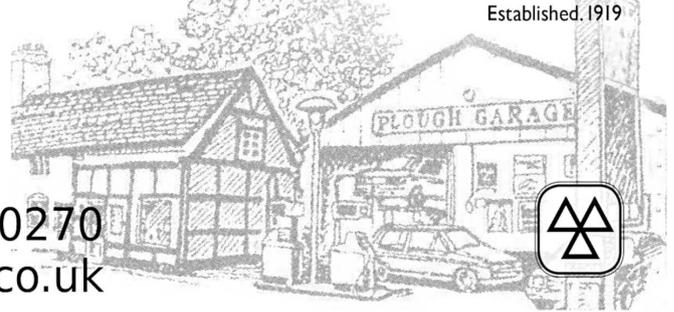
She was part of our special community for more than 36 years, arriving with me in August 1986 to run Tankerville Lodge guest house, where the guests just loved her cooking, including her signature pavlova. They talked about that in Barcelona. But that's another story.

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Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

Our 79th Annual Show was held on Saturday 27 August and showed that the quality of entries was as high as ever and the number of them, and of visitors, is getting back to normal after the lockdowns. It was good to see many old friend and several new faces.



Trophies were presented by our President, Bill Neil, and the winners were:

2-20	Best Exhibit, Flower Section	Betton Lakelin Cup	Steve Potter
2-20	Most Points, Flower Section	Baker Yates Cup	Cilla Perry
7	Best Exhibit	Dot & Des Evans Memorial	Steve Potter
8	Best Exhibit, English Rose	Bromley Powell Cup	Kath Oldfield
20	Best Exhibit, one Fuchsia	The Holyoak Cup	Cilla Perry
23	Best Exhibit, Petite Exhibit	Joan Jones Cup	Julia Morris
21-26	Best Exhibit, Floral Art Section	Banksian Medal	Julia Brian
21-26	Most Points, Floral Art Section	David & Ann Cup	Julia Brian
28-50	Best Exhibit, Vegetable Section	Bill Stephens Cup	Dave Perry
28-50	Best Vegetable Exhibit	N.V.S. Medal	Dave Perry
28-50	Most Points, Vegetable Section	Bennett Cup	Dave Perry
2-20+28-50	Most Points, Flower and Veg Sections	Barnett Cup	Dave Perry
57-60	Best Exhibit, Fruit Section	Jack Newnes Cup	Sue Lambert
61-70	Most Points, Cookery Section	The Committee Award	Margaret Mitton
71-77	Best Exhibit, Handicraft Section	The Hignett Award	Phil Cross
71-76	Most Points, Needlework	The Jean Swann Cup	Myfanwy Stelfox-Manley
78	Best Exhibit Item made from wood	The Shrop dcarvers' Club Perpetual Trophy	Phil Cross
79-82	Best Exhibit, Painting or Sketch	E & J Simpson Perpetual Trophy	Isobel Sawyer

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Maxine

My beautiful daughter was a gift, and a great blessing from God to me for 52 years, to Tim for 35 years and to Elijah for 20 years; also to other members of the family and many friends for varying amounts of time.

Maxine said that she had had a happy life and had always known that she was loved. During her last few weeks in the hospice Max was visited by friends and family, many of whom travelled hundreds of miles, some for thousands, to share memories and love with her and with each other. She enjoyed their company, their fun and games even when she did not have enough strength to join in but just observed the love that surrounded her and her beloved and devoted Tim who was beside her day and night until the end and beyond.

There are those who are living lives that are are happier and more fulfilled through having known Maxine. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew and valued Max.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord"

Jenny

Maxine Claire Hall nee Alldridge 31.7.1970 - 9.9.2022

Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling

The Abbey Foregate (SURC) Drama Group are glad to announce our new production of Robert Harling's '**Steel Magnolias**'. This play is a brilliant depiction of friendship that manages to be witty, warm, uplifting, and, just when you thought you were safe, utterly heartbreaking. It's also frequently laugh-out-loud funny. It captures this bittersweetness and taps into some fundamental truths about the strength that women derive from one another, regardless of their age or social background.

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King Henry VIII - first royal to divorce

One of the things that King Henry VIII will forever be associated with is divorce. Indeed, he changed our religion in order to be granted one from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, when she proved unable to bear him a male heir, and after he fell for her lady-in-waiting, Anne Boleyn. While he wasn't the first notable monarch to split from his spouse - that title goes to King Louis VII of France and Eleanor of Aquitaine - his actions did bring about seismic changes to life, ushering in the English Reformation.



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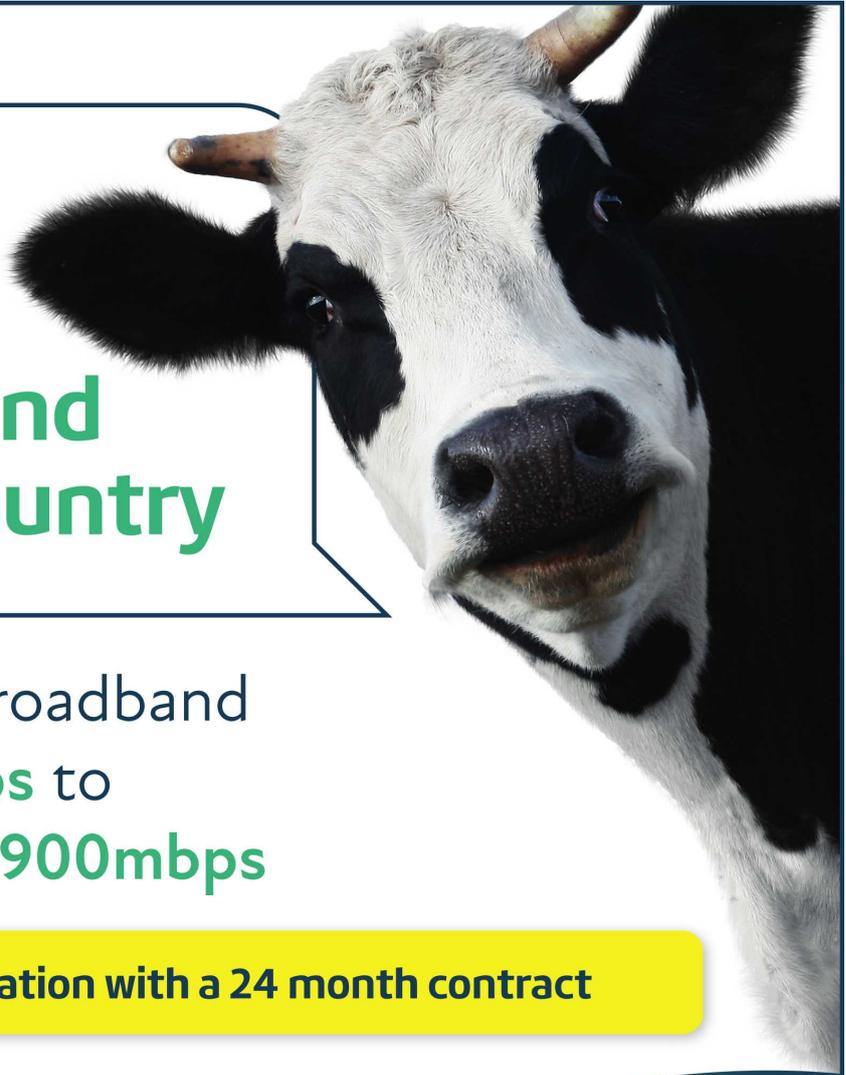
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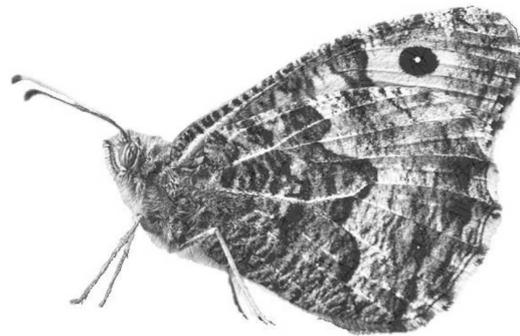
Notes from the hill

The Stiperstones has had a very dry year, like everywhere else, and it raises various concerns for the future, one of which is the lack of water for the common grazing of sheep and cattle. In the past we have been able to rely upon the natural springs on the hill, but these are invariably drying up during the summer months. The fewer watering holes there are, the more the stock remain in one place, which is not ideal as it is their ranging around the site that keeps the scrub and tree growth from invading the heathland.

We had hoped that the appointment of Matt, our shepherd funded by the 'Our Upland Commons' project, we would be able to move some of the stock around this year and improve the grazing, however the lack of water has meant that this has not been as successful as we had hoped.

Some species, however, have benefitted from the dry weather and we have had some good records of butterflies such as the wall and the grayling. Both are species that prefer open grassland with bare areas of soil and so have benefitted from the dry weather. Their caterpillars feed on a variety of grasses and the adults can be flying late into the year with walls still on the wing in late September.

Grayling



The Stepping Stones Project has now been running for seven years. Its aim is for the natural habitats in this part of the Shropshire Hills to be restored, healthy and connected, and for people who live, work and visit here to understand, appreciate and support their efforts to rejuvenate this remarkable landscape. Over these seven years it has developed many projects to help farmers and the local community to work towards this goal.

The latest Stepping Stones project is looking to help anyone with a garden to make a difference for wildlife. A series of events are planned to help maximise your garden for its wildlife potential:

- Gardening for Pollinators workshop, Tues 4 October, Lea Cross, 10am - 12.30pm,
- Healthy Gardens for Thriving Wildlife talk, Weds 16 November, Carding Mill Valley, 7pm,
- Connecting with Nature in the Garden talk: Tues 17 January, Carding Mill Valley, 7pm
- Gardening to Support the Cycles of Nature talk: Weds 15 February, Carding Mill Valley, 7pm

All the events are led by Natural Gardener Nancy Lowe, an organic and wildlife-friendly gardener based near Shrewsbury.

To book on any of these events, email: john.adams@nationaltrust.org.uk

There is also a Hedgerow Management Workshop for farmers and land managers, Fri 7 October, 10am – 3pm at Ratlinghope. Bookings at: admin@cpreshropshire.org.uk.

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Prince Albert - first royal to be photographed
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Do you remember Nurse Hand?

We believe that Nurse Hand was the first district nurse to live in the village. She was funded through local subscription and lived at Melody Hill in the Crows Nest.

Andy Cuckson is anxious to find out more, including the possible role played by Edgar Gray, the mine manager, and his wife Elsie.

Nurse Hand took Elsie Rowson, pregnant with Pat, in her sidecar to hospital. A prompt action which probably saved two lives.

If you can help with any more information Andy can be found at cucksonandy@gmail.com



Update on defibrillators

Following the purchase of 3 collecting boxes in April 2022, I sent letters to The Bog Visitor Centre, Stiperstones Inn and the Snailbeach Village Hall hoping to deliver some financial support from the community for the maintenance of defibrillator batteries and replacement pads. Collecting boxes were placed at The Bog Visitor Centre and the Stiperstones Inn and Shop. The Village Hall Committee were in the process of purchasing a defibrillator for the Village Hall, which has recently been installed.

With the encouragement of volunteers at The Bog Visitor Centre, the collecting box there has produced a total of over £100 for the maintenance of the defibrillator; this is a great achievement and my thanks go to the volunteers and Noel Evans for keeping me informed of their success.

There are further collection boxes at Stiperstones Inn and Stiperstones Stores and donations are much needed to keep this valuable service operating.

Many thanks to everyone, locals and visitors, who have contributed,
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King Edward VIII - first royal to voluntarily abdicate
One of the most dramatic episodes in royal history saw King Edward VIII abdicating his throne less than one year into his reign, when the British government, Church of England and the public criticised his decision to marry the two-time divorcee American, Wallis Simpson. The momentous event would impact the Royal Family forever, as the King's younger brother, the Duke of York, was called upon to take up the throne as King George VI, which would in turn lead to his eldest daughter the then Princess Elizabeth becoming first in the line of succession - forever changing the trajectory of her life.

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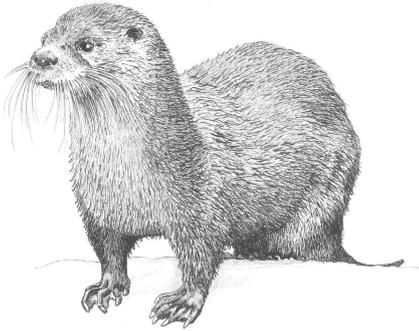
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Living alongside our furry friends.



We all live much closer to the local wildlife than we sometimes realise. This was brought in to sharp relief when an intruder recently devastated the fish stock from many local garden ponds. The immediate suspect, the heron was soon discounted when it was realised that many of the ponds were well protected with grids and netting. Two more likely candidates were the mink and the otter.

The mink, an incomer with a tarnished reputation or the otter thought by many to have disappeared from these parts. Expert advice was sought and based on evidence left behind by the culprit at the crime scene the otter was declared to be the guilty party. I was one whose pond was left empty but the news that we have otters back in our streams out weighs the loss, although how I am going to protect any future fish in our pond is a puzzle still to be solved.

Our field is a hunting ground for many local cats and a fox at different times of the day. The little gifts we and our neighbours receive on the doorstep are a testament to the variety of small mammals sharing the habitat. House mice, field mice, voles, shrews and the inevitable rat or two have all met their demise. We were surprised however when our neighbour Tim discovered a much larger offering. A stoat or a weasel we concurred and despite being well versed in the old adage that weasels are weaselly recognised and stoats ate stoatally different we sought out the field guide. No long tail with a black tip identified the unfortunate creature as a weasel.



Roe deer and muntjac are becoming increasingly common on our hills with the deer becoming more accustomed to their human neighbours and coming to feed close to gardens above the line at Snailbeach, Oak Hill at Stiperstones and at Lower Santley

We can also happily report the return of hedgehogs to our garden. Earlier in the year we were alerted to a mating pair by the loud grunting made by one or both of the couple. I have an outside camera with a motion sensor which I must set up again soon to picture these and other of our welcome visitors, may be even a hungry otter.



Shropshire Rural Support Receives Queen's Award



On August the 20th at Minsterley Show Mrs Anna Turner, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire presented Clifford Evans with the award .

Shropshire Rural Support, a charity providing a free confidential service for farmers and rural people, has won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. The charity is managed by a committee of trustees, all volunteers from the farming community who all work unpaid. The recognition by this prestigious award, is a wonderful accolade for such an important organisation in Shropshire.

The Chair of Shropshire Rural Support, Andrew Bebb, said "we were delighted to have been nominated for this award, and absolutely over the moon to have won the Queens' Award for Voluntary Services. Congratulations and a big thank you must go to our trustees and volunteers, past and present, as this award is recognition for their hard work in helping to build the reputation of Shropshire Rural Support.

"We would not be in existence today without the inspiration of Clifford Evans MBE, that work being carried on more recently by Brenda Sturrock, whose determination kept us going through some lean years.

Clifford Evans, a local farmer from Drury Lane and one of the early instigators explained to us some of the reasons for its conception.

"In early 1992 it was reported in the local newspaper that 27 rural people had committed suicide in Shropshire in the previous year. Attempting suicide had still been considered a crime only 8 years before this. Paramedics had been called out to over 220 attempted suicides in the first four months of 1992, the majority of whom were farming people. The suicide rate in Shropshire was higher than the national average. Enquiries were made but the subject seemed to be cloaked in silence and in some cases the close family, and even husbands or wives of the victim felt both guilty and isolated. Many people didn't know what to say to the bereaved or what to do, so they kept away. It was obvious that an attempt had to be made to reduce the death and misery and a meeting was held between representatives of the church and the NFU. It was decided to contact other local support organisations. The Shropshire Farming Support Group was born though the title was later changed because many non-farming groups felt that it sounded as if it was for farmers only.

The initiative is now referred to as the Shropshire Rural Isolation Project. The aim was to bring the subject of suicide into the open to give people a better understanding of the causes and enable those suffering from stress, anxiety and depression, to come forward to talk about their problems more easily and thereby seek help. A contact card was designed. Although only a month away it was decided to launch the card before the West Midland Agricultural Show. The tight deadline was met through the assistance of the Area Health Authority. 10,000 cards were distributed initially and a further 8,000 at the show via agricultural trade stands, the Women's Institute, Young Farmers' Clubs and the NFU. A further 10,000 have been distributed at livestock markets, and directly onto farms via merchants, vets and ADAS staff, mostly by hand."

The impact of the scheme was immediate with only one related suicide three years later.

The award highlights the success of the group and its continued need in the current economic climate.

The network is always seeking new volunteers. If you can help or if you know someone who needs help and is potentially suicidal doing nothing is not an option. You can share our details with them to contact us on our confidential helpline on 0300 123 2825 or email us at ruth@shropshire-rural-support.org.uk.



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This advice is from one of the early leaflets distributed by the network.

What can you do?

- * Show you are aware, and befriend them.
- * Encourage them to share their problems with someone: a close friend, family, clergy, doctor, solicitor, business consultant, accountant, or a support group listed overleaf.
- * Encourage normal living practices eg regular meals and exercise.
- * Advocate relaxation.
- * Inspire them to seek good social company.
- * Recommend take a break. -
- * Promote joining local groups or clubs (sports or recreational).
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So what is Green Doors? It's the perfect opportunity to learn more about energy efficiency for the home, and the latest green technology, from homeowners who've taken the plunge and are reaping the benefits, in the form of lower energy bills, healthier more comfortable homes, and a lower carbon footprint. They'll be opening their doors for you to visit, have a look around and ask any questions you have. So if you've wondered what an air source heat pump actually looks like, or how to fit insulation to the external walls of your house, now's your chance to find out.

All of the details can be found on <https://www.greenopenhomes.net/> where you can search for homes you'd be interested to visit by technology and by area.

This year Green Doors is part of a wider project called Future Ready Homes, run by a partnership of local green groups, Marches Energy Agency and Severn Wye Energy Agency. It's all about energy efficiency and renewables in the home – so crucial as we face a mounting energy crisis and climate change. You can find out more here <https://mea.org.uk/our-work/future-ready-homes/>

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Project Manager

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Prince Philip - first royal to give a television interview

Today we are used to seeing our Royal Family being interviewed on television (see: Princess Diana on Panorama, Prince Andrew on Newsnight and Harry and Meghan on Oprah) but until 1961, there was a much more hands-off approach. That all changed with Prince Philip undertook the first royal interview on television, when he was questioned by Richard Dimbleby on his work for the Commonwealth Technical Training Week. It offered the public its first real insight into the working life of the late Duke of Edinburgh, who had previously only been seen on official engagements with the Queen.

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Ever keen to keep me on my toes Malcolm Dunbar has sent me this advice:-

HOW TO WRITE GOOD

1. Avoid Alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writers should never generalize.

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8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.

9. Who needs rhetorical questions?

10. exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

Can you solve these meaningful anagrams? **here come dots they see a stew, Sir bra sets bad credit**

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A man walks into a bar and sits down. He asks the bartender, "Can I have a cigarette?" The bartender replies, "Sure, the cigarette machine is over there." So he walks over to the machine and as he is about to order a cigarette, the machine suddenly says, "Oi, you bloody idiot." The man says with surprise in his voice, "That's not very nice." He returns to his bar stool without a cigarette and asks the bartender for some peanuts. The bartender passes the man a bowl of peanuts and the man hears one of the peanuts speak, "Ooh, I like your hair." The man says to the bartender, "Hey, what's going on here? Your cigarette machine is insulting me and this peanut is coming on to me. Why's this?" The bartender replies, "Oh, that's because the machine is out of order and the peanuts are complementary."



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Prince Charles - first royal to graduate from university

Known for being the most ‘bookish’ of the Queen and Prince Philip’s children, Prince Charles struggled with the physical aspects of his father’s beloved school Gordonstoun, once dubbing it ‘Colditz in kilts’. He was more at home at Cambridge University, where he read history, archaeology and anthropology at Trinity College, performed with the am-dram group the Dryden Society and even learned the cello. The first heir to the throne to attain a university degree, it’s now far more commonplace, with his son Prince William, nephew Peter Philips, and nieces Zara Tindall, Princess Beatrice and Eugenie all becoming university graduates.



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Heather's Report for September 2022

CROSS BORDER CONCESSIONARY BUS TRAVEL. Although pensioners and the disabled can travel across the border into Wales, they can only do so on certain bus services and passengers can't change buses. Together with Colleagues in Powys and North Shropshire (including our MP Helen Morgan) I am asking the Leader of Council at the next Council meeting to find ways to end these petty restrictions so that residents on both sides of the border can travel unhindered.

RURAL CRIME. There has been a rise in break-ins to vans, sheds and outbuildings since the lockdown started. Just the other week there was a spate of break-ins to sheds in Chirbury.

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MARTON SHOP/POST OFFICE: The shop sadly has now closed. From 19th September, the Post Office will operate from Marton Village Hall on Mondays from 9.15 till 11.30. The Post office is seeking to upgrade the telephone line to the hall to improve the service. Its hoped to serve tea, coffee and cake as well!

CHIRBURY SHOP: A couple from Churchstoke will hopefully be taking over the shop in the near future. The post office however, will close on October 3rd.

The new proprietors have looked into alternatives so that they can maintain as much of the traditional service as possible. They will apply for facilities for bill payments, phone top-ups, cash withdrawals and a full parcel delivery and collection service They also aim to maintain the shop service and a café.

Best wishes
Heather

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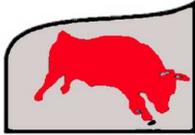
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Princess Anne - first royal to compete in the Olympic Games

Perhaps inheriting some of her grandfather's sporting prowess and competitive streak (although with far more success) Princess Anne turned her love of horses into a successful equestrian career, entering the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games on the Queen's horse, Goodwill. Her daughter, Zara Phillips, would follow in her footsteps and go one better - winning a Silver medal at the 2012 Olympics - presented to her by her mother.

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Pub Quiz
8.00pm Monday 28th November

Princess Beatrice - first royal to complete a triathlon
While better known for her interests in fashion and art, Princess Beatrice is a closet sportswoman, having competed in both the London Marathon and a triathlon - becoming the first member of the Royal Family to do both. Bea ran the marathon in 2010 aged 21 as part of a 33-person team dressed as a human caterpillar for her mother Sarah, Duchess of York's charity, Children in Crisis. In 2016 she competed in her first triathlon alongside friends Holly and Sam Branson and their father Sir Richard, to raise money for her charity Big Change. 'After swimming 3,300m biking 140km, running a half marathon and hiking up mount Etna I finally made it,' she said of the achievement.

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The Editor

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Princess Diana - first royal to take a baby on tour
Much has been made of the many ways in which the late Diana, Princess of Wales, was a force for change within the monarchy. One of her many notable firsts was her decision to take a one-year-old Prince William with her and Prince Charles on their 1983 royal tour of Australia and New Zealand, refusing to leave her baby at home, as was protocol. It was during the trip that William made his first steps - while Diana's popularity with the Australian public stopped Australian anti-royalists in their tracks.

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'Is a constant trouble to everybody and is always in some scrape or other. He cannot be trusted to behave himself anywhere' – (Winston Churchill, Prime Minister)

'Certainly on the road to failure... hopeless... rather a clown in class... wasting other pupils' time' – (John Lennon, musician)

'He must devote less of his time to sport if he wants to be a success. You can't make a living out of football' – (Gary Lineker, footballer)

'It would seem that Briers thinks he is running the school and not me. If this attitude persists, one of us will have to leave' – (Richard Briers, actor)

'He will either go to prison or become a millionaire' – (Sir Richard Branson, entrepreneur)

'He will never amount to anything' – (Albert Einstein, physicist)

'A persistent muddler. Vocabulary negligible, sentences malconstructed. He reminds me of a camel' – (Roald Dahl, author)

'Off you go and I am glad to get rid of you' – (On Laurie Lee, poet and author)

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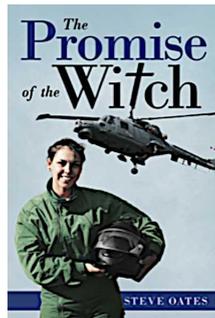
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17th July 2022 - 15th September 2022

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Public order	Road worker threatened	Roadworks on A488	
Public Order	Road rage incident	Gravels	
Burglary	Garage broken into by removing padlock. Nothing stolen from within	Chirbury	Occurred overnight 3 rd - 4 th September
Unlawful importation of controlled drug			
Criminal damage	Window broken on vehicle. Domestic related	Worthen	Suspect identified
Assault		Worthen	
Threats to kill		Leigh	Suspect identified
Harassment and malicious communications		Stiperstones	
Public order and harassment		Snailbeach	
Malicious communications		Wotherton	
Criminal damage	Sharp implement used to scratch panels on a vehicle	Gravels	Occurred 26 th - 29 th July
Arson	Small fire started in an outbuilding at a derelict property	Worthen	28 th - 29 th July
Harassment		Drury Lane	
Threats to destroy property		Bromlow	

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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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BUS STATION, Stand N	07:35	08:10	08:50	10:05	10:25	11:00	12:00	12:30	13:30	14:00	14:35		15:45	16:25	16:25	17:00	17:40	18:10
Copthorne Rd, opp Barracks	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:32	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:42		15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:17
Shrewsbury Hospital			09:02	10:17	10:37		12:12	12:42	13:42	14:12			15:57	16:37		17:12	17:52	
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:47	08:22				11:12					14:47				16:37			18:22
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:42	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	14:52		16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:27
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:44	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:19	14:54		16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:29
Lea Cross, adj Jct	07:57	08:32	09:12	10:27	10:47	11:22	12:22	12:52	13:52	14:22	14:57		16:07	16:47	16:47	17:22	18:02	18:32
Mary Webb		08:36 SCH										15:20						
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
Minsterley, adj crown & sceptre	08:07	08:42	09:22	10:37	10:57	11:32	12:32	13:02	14:02	14:32	15:07	15:27	16:17	16:57	16:57	17:32	18:12	18:42
Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	10:59	11:34	12:34	13:04	14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:44
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:01				14:06			15:32	16:21		17:01			18:46
Stiperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:50
Hope	08:15			10:45			12:40			14:40				17:05				18:20
Gravels	08:19			10:49			12:44			14:44				17:09				18:24
White Grit, Jct	08:23			10:53			12:48			14:48				17:13				18:28
Llan Turn Jct	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52				17:17				18:32
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56				17:21				18:36
Bishops Castle Salop Street jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58				17:23				18:38
Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00				17:25				18:40

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745 Mondays and Fridays only

Pontesbury to Clun 745 A		Ludlow to Clun 745 B	
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
Clun	09:30		

Clun to Ludlow 745 B		Clun to Pontesbury 745 A	
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

Does not run on Bank Holiday except Good Friday



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	
Bishops Castle	10:05	Bishops Castle	14:40
Church Stoke	10:20	Lydham	14:43
Blue Bell	10:25	Bromleys Mill	14:45
Sarn	10:30	Llan Turn	14:49
Kerry	10:40	White Grit	14:52
Newtown	10:50	Gravels	14:55
		Hope	15:00
		Plox Green	15:02
		Minsterley	15:05
		Pontesbury	15:10

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