

SNAILBEACH & DISTRICT NEWS

FEBRUARY 2018

The Leaving Winter Behind and Looking Forward to Spring Edition

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WHAT YOU
LOVE
INSTEAD OF
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WHAT YOU
HATE

"BETTER TO BE
THE ONE WHO
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THE ONE WHO
DIDN'T SMILE
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YOU WILL
NEVER
INFLUENCE
THE
WORLD
BY
TRYING
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**PLEASE
DO NOT
FEED
THE
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Your life
unfolds in
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to your
courage

it's not who you are
that holds you back.
it's who you think
you're not

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OF YOUR LIFE
IF YOU KEEP
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THE LAST ONE

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how gracefully
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I am not
what has
happened
to me.
I am
what I choose
to
become.
Carl Jung



NEWS IN BRIEF

Snailbeach & Stiperstones Village book

From the year 2000 events in our villages of Stiperstones and Snailbeach have been recorded in a book.

Unfortunately, it was mislaid for a while but has now reappeared and I am currently custodian (unless anyone out there would like the job!!).

The book is a great way to remember what happens in the villages - from births, deaths, and marriages; to the Beach Party; what happens at the village hall; our churches and the Bog; and even simple things like the weather!

As the book was out of action for a while, I have attempted to update it but it's not going to be perfect.

If there are any events you would like included over the last two years and ongoing, please let me have the details. You can either pop a note in our post box, email me on revpambickley@gmail.com or leave a note at the pub.

When we have our next open event at the Village Hall, I'll make sure it's available so everyone can see it.

Snailbeach Village Hall

We had a wonderful Christmas Fair on the last Thursday evening in November which attracted a wide variety of Christmas and crafts stalls. It was well attended; the mince pies and mulled wine were enjoyed by all. Though it was not primarily intended to be a fundraiser, a raffle for a huge blue unicorn, won by Neil Jones, together with the stall holders fees and the sale of refreshments raised £224.

Our annual general meeting, also in November, saw the election of a new Chairman; Philip Sproson-Jones. We also welcomed new trustees, Ray and Caroline Harper and Rosa McCombe.

Unfortunately, our planned social events for December, the bingo and carol singing with the brass band, both had to be cancelled due to the snow.

The committee is planning to replace the blue chairs in the hall. The new chairs will be easily moveable and stackable; making them a practical option especially as the hall is now so well used.

Just a reminder to everyone there is **no overnight car parking** allowed in the village hall car park. The exception to this is bad weather, particularly snow, when many would struggle to reach their homes.

Stiperstones Carol Singers

I would like to extend a massive thank-you to the residents of the Stiperstones for their generous donations during our carol singing evening. We raised £273.05 on the evening and further donations received raised the total to £283.05, for which I have sent a cheque onto the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal. Special thanks to Malcolm & Lorna, Malcolm & Doreen and Elspeth & John for their kind hospitality which was very greatly received.

We all had a lovely night as the weather was kind to us for a change, see you all next year which will be here before we can blink!

Wendy Whitelaw and carol singers.

Pontesbury Library

Once upon a time, in the village of Pontesbury, there was a library. The library was in a little wooden hut at the foot of the very famous Elephant Hill. Once a month on a Monday morning the children were entertained with stories and jolly rhymes. Unfortunately, this wasn't a very good day. So the library ladies Mrs Linkabelle and Mrs Bonnet asked the help of the Jennifer Fairies, sometimes called Jen and Jenny. (Not to be confused with Jenny who magics books back onto the shelves) They are going to entertain the pre-school children with singing and stories of awe and wonder, this will be the first Thursday of the month at the new time of 2.30. We hope the new time will be very good for filling a little gap between lunch and school pick up.

The first Story Time will be on 1st February at 2.30pm

In other news, On Saturday 3rd February we are looking forward to the arrival of the library sculpture. The sculptor, Bill Sample will be unveiling the piece and will talk about his work. Keep an eye out for posters with full details.

John & Ann Jones would like to thank everyone that gave donations to their Christmas lights. £2,029.10 will be donated to Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal.

Friends of Snailbeach Methodist Church

The friends of Snailbeach Methodist Church would like to say a big 'Thank you' to the organisers of the Beach Party for the generous donation of £600 which has been a great help to our finances.

We are also grateful to everyone who supported our coffee morning in December which together with donations raised £606. This event was organised instead of our Memory Tree, and the proceeds have been sent to The Hospice, Lingen Davies and Hope House. Many Thanks.

Mary Challinor writes:

I am sure that, as in previous years, you would like to join me in saying a big 'Thank You' to John and Ann for the wonderful display of Christmas lights which have lit up our village over the Christmas period. Well done!

A 'thank you' from Marg Price, Lower Works.

After my recent hip operation I would like to thank you all for your kindness in sending cards, 'phone calls, lovely flowers, cakes, chocs and visits by friends; Kim and Wendy for beautiful meals. I think I've done really well and can't wait to have a good walk. I've not done Elsie's walk yet, so that will be first on my list. Thank you all again and a happy 2018.

Regular Local Activities

Stiperstones Brass Rehearsals

Snailbeach Village Hall
Mondays 6.30pm

Bingo Night

Stiperstones Inn
2nd Monday - 8.00pm

Quiz Night

Stiperstones Inn
Last Monday - 8.00pm

Knitter Natter

Stiperstones Inn
Tuesdays from 10.00am

Yoga

Snailbeach Village Hall
Tuesday & Wednesday 10am

Iyengar Yoga

Snailbeach Village Hall
Tuesday 7pm

Olit/Pilates Lessons

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Ballroom Dancing

Snailbeach Village Hall
1st & 3rd Thursdays
From 7.30pm

Snailbeach WI

Snailbeach Village Hall
2nd Thursday - 7.30pm

Fit Club

Stiperstones School Playground
Sunday 9 am

Kids Football Training

Snailbeach Football Club
Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
(Easter - October -
excluding school holidays)



Notes from the Editor

We're now well into 2018 and the revelries and overindulgences of Christmas and the New Year are but a distant memory, as is the Great December Snow, so I've put together a forward looking, motivational front cover this month. I hope you can take some inspiration from it.

I love a good snow, and thoroughly enjoyed battling my way on foot from Lower Works up to the Stiperstones Inn to be met with a mulled wine and a roaring fire. John the Shop, as canny as ever, managed somehow to provide a good supply of toboggans for all the youngsters and not so young.

It occurred to me as I watched various groups of lads and lassies in search of a good downhill run, that many of them would never have seen snow as deep as this before in their young and not so young lives. Many local people I spoke to said that this was the heaviest snowfall they had seen in some two decades. Fortunately (or unfortunately for the tobogganists) it was soon to disappear with the heavy rain that followed. Will we ever again see the 'big freeze' of '63? The snow back then started on Boxing Day 1962 and the 'big freeze' lasted until March 1963 with temperatures dropping to minus 22° centigrade in parts of the UK. January that year was the coldest month since 1814. In February 1963 a huge snowstorm struck Northern Ireland, south-west England and Wales. That led to a fall of nearly 5ft of snow in Tredegar in Monmouthshire with drifts of over 20ft. Now that's what I call snow!

The Snailbeach District News appears to be going from strength to strength at the moment, and we are most grateful for all the positive comments we get. As a consequence, however, we are receiving an increased volume of copy for inclusion. This is proving taxing on our limited space! So, we are going to introduce a "first come, first served" policy. If we can squeeze it all in, then we will (no innuendo intended!). If we can't squeeze it into the current month, we will then, of course, hold it over for the following month. So, if you have an idea for something you think might take a full page or more, then try to get in touch with me earlier rather than later so I can allocate the right amount of space.

Do keep sending us your articles, comments and news though! It's these that continue to make the SDN the vibrant, free and local newsletter it has become!

The deadline for all items for inclusion is midday on the 20th of the preceding month – but if you can get it to us sooner...

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Dawdle & Dash 2017



Devil's Chair Dawdle or Dash 2017 - our 39th year. The elite guys are jostling for a place on the front row and amongst them standing calmly a young runner - cheeky devil I thought and joked with him as to how he should be careful not to be trampled underfoot at the first corner. I didn't realise that this was William Kay, West Midland Junior Xcountry champion, ranked 50th in the UK over 5000m and due to become the youngest ever winner of the Dawdle or Dash. Virtually leading from start to finish 15-year-old William, from Telford AC finished clear of Mercian Daniel Connolly and Straggler Robert Wilcox. His time of 23.03 was only a few seconds slower than veteran Paul Jones's winning time last year.



Mountain biker and skier Joel Chidley returned from Canada to steal the First Local trophy from his uncle and previous event winner Reuben Alldridge.

In the women's event, Mercian runners filled the podium places with Amy Partridge turning the tables on Sarah Wilholt with Anna Bartlett running with her sister's number finishing

third and retaining the ladies vet prize. In the over 50s Sarah Edwards pipped Shrewsbury's Gill Evans (still recovering from her exposure in the Guardian) and Juliet Hoad. Over 60s winner Jo Fotheringham was inside 45 mins with Judy Howells, Debra Delglyn and Lesley Pymm of Bourneville finishing close together in around 50 mins and elder statesladies Jill Leventon and Lesley Schofield showed that 70 is no barrier to competing.

In the veteran men's classes, Telford's Christian Evans, Torq runner Richard Bacon, and Johnny Lawson all

finished in the top twenty. Over 50s winner Mercian John Taylor also ran with the wrong number to increase my apparent incompetence at the prize giving and was followed home by Shrewsbury's Kevin Francis, and unattached Nick Dixon. Over 60s champion, Ed Davies of Mercia retained his title finishing over a minute ahead of Ambleside fellsman Stephen Atherton and Phil Clarke also of Mercia. Pontesbury born Dave Evason was the M70 winner and could celebrate with his two children, their partners and grandchildren all competing in the event.

In the junior classes, MS Wheeler Alex Hart reversed places with Shrewsbury's Jamie Speake and Tom Cattle of Bridgnorth. Last year's u18 winner George Arthur was 4 minutes behind outright winner William Kay, Ludlow's Aiden Yapp was third. For the girls' Shrewsbury's Bethany Trow retained her title from team mates Bethany Wilson and Lillie Dean. U18s Jazz Maddocks held off Chloe Speak again but Charlotte Broadhurst proved too good for both of them.



As usual, the event was well supported with overseas competitors from Canada, USA and Singapore and fell runners from the Lake District, Derbyshire and Wales swelling the ranks of Mercia, Malldwyn, Shrewsbury, Telford and a strong turn out from the Shropshire Shufflers.

Many, many, many thanks to all the marshals on the hill, car parkers, sandwich makers and the spectators who make the event so enjoyable. Extra thanks to Karl for letting us use his yard, to Simon Cooter from Natural England who finished in a very creditable 35mins, to Charlie and Chris for taking the photographs and to the Guardian newspaper for using a photograph with John and I hidden and for calling me 'Sproson' in the article.

Well done too the fancy dressers Santas, ballerinas, strange double headed beasts and a pixie

Proceeds have topped the £1,250 mark - so give yourselves three cheers.

Geoff Sproson – Stiperstones 2017

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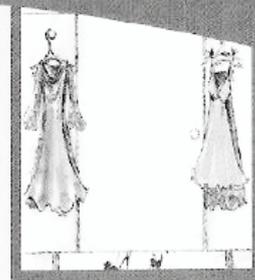


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Bergum Wood was recently purchased by Natural England with the help of public donations. As the first part of our restoration of this land to upland oak woodland we will need to remove the conifer trees from the site.



This work is programmed to start at the end of January 2018. Due to the aspect of the site with the road below, this may involve temporary restrictions on traffic movement while trees are being felled or timber moved. I hope this will not cause too much inconvenience and hope that you can bear with us while the works are completed. All tree works will be completed by the end of March.

For further information please contact us on 01743 792294.

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Gardening for Wildlife

Talk by Jenny Steel, plant ecologist & wildlife gardening specialist

Tuesday 6th February,

How to make a wildlife pond.

Snailbeach Village Hall (SY5 0NZ)

The talk is free, doors open at 7pm.

7.30pm Talk by Jenny,

8.30pm Questions & Answers

8.45pm, Refreshments

(teas, coffees & biscuits)

For more information and to book, please contact the Stiperstones & Corndon Landscape Partnership Scheme on

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Remarkable Wildlife

This month in the garden...



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Week 1.

...early spring, time to mulch the borders...

Mulch the borders with a thick layer of compost or well-rotted manure to give nourishment through the coming year and aid water retention in the soil. In mild weather continue to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. Indoor bulbs that have finished flowering can be planted out in odd corners of the garden.

Week 2.

...no time to linger...

Complete pruning of established trees and shrubs as early as possible before bud-burst and mulch liberally with organic matter. Soft fruit will benefit from a dressing of well-rotted farmyard manure. Plant autumn-fruiting varieties of strawberries now so they will have time to establish during the summer.

Week 3.

...give hedges a haircut...

Late February is an ideal time to cut back overgrown hedges before they start producing new growth during the spring. Thin, straggly hedges of hawthorn or privet will benefit from hard pruning now. Be brave! Fresh new shoots will soon hide the bare branches and give your hedge a new lease of life.

Week 4.

...plan for spring...

This is an ideal time to visit flower shows and gardens to see new bulb varieties that you may want to plant yourself in the autumn. Remove faded flower heads from daffodils to prevent seed heads from forming. Don't remove the leaves; let them die back naturally so that the bulbs aren't weakened

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You can buy Judith's 2018 "Garden Days" calendar at her website shop - www.judithglover.com



The Stiperstones & Corndon Hill Country Landscape Partnership Scheme is a five year programme of work, ending March 2018, to raise awareness of, enhance and celebrate local history and wildlife. The Scheme is managed by a Partnership of professional and community representatives from Shropshire and Powys. The lead organisation is the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, hosted by Shropshire Council.

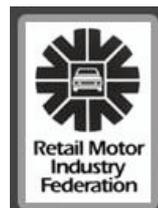
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Now that's quite interesting...



- More wine is drunk per head in Vatican City than any other country on Earth.
- There is no known scientific way of predicting earthquakes. The most reliable method is to count the number of missing cats in the local paper: if it trebles, an earthquake is imminent.
- In the 19th and early 20th centuries, having all your teeth removed and replaced with false ones was a popular 21st-birthday present.
- In North Welsh, the word for 'now' is 'rwan', in South Welsh it is 'nawr', the same word spelt backwards.
- The Irish word 'leis' (pronounced 'lesh') has four different meanings. "Bhí leis leis leis leis" means, "His thigh was naked also".
- It is cheaper to send Scottish cod to China to be filleted and sent back again than to fillet the fish in Scotland.
- The English word 'squirrel' is particularly difficult for Germans to pronounce.
- The first documented blood transfusion took place in 1492, when Pope Innocent VIII was given the blood of three ten-year-old boys.
- One third of Russians believe that the Sun revolves around the Earth.
- Stephen Hawking was born exactly 300 years, to the day, after Galileo died.
- The Nazis made it illegal on pain of death for apes to give the 'Heil Hitler' salute.
- Zeppo Marx, the youngest of the Marx Brothers, designed the clamping device that held the atom bombs in place before they were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- If you forget the tilde (~) over an N when asking how old someone is in Spanish, you will end up asking them how many anuses they have.
- Elvis was naturally blond.

Heaven and Hell

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, 'Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.'

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell.'
They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one.

There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, 'I don't understand.'
'It is simple,' said the Lord. 'It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.'

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Edric the Wild

Shropshire landowner and outlaw



When first I moved to the wilds of West Shropshire, I heard the name 'Wild Edric' and imagined it was some sort of organic breakfast cereal. "Not so!" cried many locals. 'Wild Edric' quickly assumed mythological status in my mind – he was a ghost from the past who was imprisoned with his

wife Godda and his followers in the Snailbeach mines tap, tap, tapping to draw the attention of living miners to the richest seams. He was a local 'Hereward the Wake' who rose up against enemies of England throughout history in times of great need. He had been seen on several occasions riding towards the enemy at the time of the Napoleonic and Crimean wars and again at the start of the First and Second World Wars. It is said there is even a great fish that wears Edric's sword that lives in Bromere Pool! No one will be able to catch this fish until Edric's descendants return to Conover Hall, his birth place, and confusingly, he is now an English rose, described as strong and delicious; exceptionally tough and reliable – all the qualities (with the exception of delicious!) that seemed to fit the persona of the legend that is Edric. More recently he has been seen driving at full tilt towards Europe in a battered old green, Series 1, Land Rover Defender. Actually, I made that last bit up...

So who was the real 'Wild Edric'?

Historical records describe him as an Anglo-Saxon noble who led a resistance movement against the Normans in Shropshire between the years 1067-70. Like many of his kind, before the invasion of 1066 he spent most of his time drinking or hunting around the Long Mynd, Stiperstones and Forest of Clun. In total we believe he ruled over 56 manors and around 3,500 people. Though Edric was a common name in pre-Conquest England, mention of him in the Domesday Book in 1086 describes one particular Shropshire Edric with the word 'salvage', the Old French equivalent of 'sauvage', or 'the wild'. This marks him out as the owner of manors in Lydham, Loppington, Berwick, Middleton, Weston and Hope Bowdler amongst others. It is believed that he owned land both in Shropshire and Herefordshire, but identification with any other of the landholders of this

name listed in the Domesday Book remains a tricky affair.

Edric was also given the nick name 'silvaticus' by the Normans, which is generally thought to derive from the generic term given to a group of people well known in their day as 'silvatici', meaning 'wild' or 'silvestris', meaning 'the woodland'. Many of the rebels after the Conquest took to the woods and marshes, living in tents rather than houses. Though it has been said that this was because it kept them from becoming 'soft', it is more likely that this lifestyle, though affording them all the opportunities of a guerrilla style of combat, was thrust upon them; the beginnings of the Old English nobility on their way down and out.

In 1067 The presence of a Norman, Richard Fitz Scrob, who had the fortress at Richard's Castle near Ludlow, the first of its kind in England, meant that Hereford was one of the few counties that had been subdued by that time, and Richard and his men, aided by the garrison at Hereford, harried Edric's land because he refused to submit. Edric raised a rebellion and joined with Welsh forces under Bleddyn ap Cynfyn, Prince of Gwynedd and his brother Riwallon, Prince of Powys. They raided Herefordshire as far as the River Lugg at Leominster but could not capture Hereford Castle. The city of Hereford was devastated instead and Edric retreated to plan further raids. Skirmishing continued between Edric and the Normans for the next two years, but Edric remained undefeated.

In 1069 King William had to take an army north to defeat a rebellion by the Saxon Earls of Northumberland and Mercia. Edric took the opportunity to raid Norman lands in the north of Shropshire and burned the town of Shrewsbury, though unable to capture Shrewsbury Castle. He was helped in this by rebels from Cheshire and his old Welsh allies. As soon as he heard of the raid, King William headed south again and Edric wisely retreated to his lands in and around the Stiperstones. The Welsh and Cheshire rebels, however, did not retreat and they were defeated by King William in a battle near Stafford.

William then proceeded to devastate the lands held by Edric, who finally surrendered and swore allegiance to King William in 1070. William left Edric with only 3 manors so he could support himself and his family. These included Bourton Manor in Shropshire, and 2 small manors in Herefordshire, Cuple and Laysters.

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Edric the Wild

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And so, after 3 short years of rebellion, Edric was finally forced into quiet servitude. In 1072 Edric was among the personal followers of William in his expedition against the Scottish; an arrangement which no doubt served to keep this wild man of Shropshire safely under the royal eye. This is the last that authentic history has to say about him; this is where "true" history ends and legend takes over...

'Wild Edric' is said by some, even now, to haunt the Stretton Hills as a large black dog with fiery eyes and there are those who would see his imprisonment in the Snailbeach lead mines as a punishment for making peace with the Conqueror. It is said that, when danger threatens England, Edric and his men are released from the mines so that they can fight again, only to return underground once the danger is passed. He cannot die until all wrong is made right and England is returned to the state it was before the Norman Conquest. Guess he's going to be tapping away in our local mine for some time yet, then.

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By Amy Douglas and Lucy Wells

Thank you on behalf of the Women's Refuge

Early last year a call went out from the Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley for knitted squares to make blankets/throws for the Women's Refuge. The response was amazing. Six blankets, 1 cot blanket and 3 doll's blankets were made, each with a label telling the women that they are handmade 'With Love'. Thank you to everyone who knitted wonderfully coloured squares and also thank you to Christine Watson and Barbara Norsworthy who provided teddy bears to go with the doll's blankets to make them even more special.

A second 'thank you' goes to everyone who helped us raise a wonderful amount of money on the Craft Stall at the Holy Trinity, Minsterley's Christmas Fair. Pam Bickley's scarves now adorn many necks. Ruth's immaculately knitted dolls' clothes have made many dolls very well dressed. There were many others who also contributed to make it all such a success.

The Women's Refuge is a safe haven for the women and children who go there, usually quite suddenly, while running away from often abusive partners. The refuge provides a safe place where women and children can try to put their lives back together and restore their confidence before they go on to the next step of setting up a new home for themselves and their children.

For security reasons, very few people know where the Refuge is and we at Holy Trinity Church just collect gifts and groceries for them at various times of the year to help with little extras

Thank you to everyone for putting so many smiles on so many faces. I wish you all a Happy New Year – wonder what we can do in 2018?

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- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Who tastes dog food when it has a 'new & improved' flavour?
- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhoea... does that mean that one in five enjoys it?
- If a man is in a forest talking to himself with no women around, is he still wrong?
- One of the problems about retirement is that it gives you more time to read about the problems of retirement.
- The other bad thing about retirement is, you can't call in sick.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- Quantum Mechanics: The dreams stuff is made of.
- For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.
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“ The only time my education was interrupted was when I was in school - George Bernard Shaw.

I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception - Groucho Marx.

When one person suffers from a delusion it is called insanity; when many people suffer from a delusion it is called religion - Robert Pirsig.

The biggest argument against democracy is a five minute discussion with the average voter - Winston Churchill.

Anger can be an expensive luxury - Italian Proverb.
Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city - George Burns.

I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink - Joe E. Lewis.

The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about - Oscar Wilde.

I did not have three thousand pairs of shoes, I had one thousand and sixty - Imelda Marcos.

My advice to you is get married: if you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher - Socrates.

She's descended from a long line her mother listened to - Gypsy Rose Lee.

He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death - H. H. Munro.

He never chooses an opinion; he just wears whatever happens to be in style - Leo Tolstoy.

No man is regular in his attendance at the House of Commons until he is married - Benjamin Disraeli.

Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then - Katharine Hepburn.



St. Luke's Lucky Number and Treasure Hunt

These are the winners of the Lucky Numbers and Treasure Hunt held by St. Luke's Church to raise money for the upkeep of the church. Thanks to all who supported us and to those who donated prizes.

William Evans - £20 Sainsbury's voucher, Steven (Titch) Williams - £15 Sainsbury's voucher, Carol McMillan - John Deere jacket, Marie Edwards - Amarallys Lily, Jean Ellis - bottle of Port, Philip Williams - box of chocolates, Rev. Giles Tulk - bottle of wine, Debbie Willner - bottle of mulled wine, John Morris - M & S biscuits, Hazel Potter - Thornton's chocolates, Elaine Uttley - tin of Celebrations, Andrew Yapp - bottle of wine, Peter Butter - box of chocolates, Clair Corfield - toy tractor, Myra Bunting - bath gift set, Georgia Corfield - chocolates, Phoebe Moore - box of shortbreads, Patrick Jones - bottle of wine, Iain Offin - chocolates, Joan Miller - chocolates, Fran Potter - bag and wine, Joy Corfield - Thornton's chocolate, Dianne Norrell - bottle of whisky, Martin Millington - jar Quality Street

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Plastic Waste now a Local Problem!

I received a 'phone call recently from a very concerned, unsung hero of our village community, Dougie Boulter. He scours the road and hedgerows from Plox Green to the Village Hall, on a regular basis. He collects all the refuse thrown from the windows of passing traffic. He has done this for many years; unasked and unpaid. He cares passionately and desperately about our environment, locally and globally. He's just a regular guy, born and raised in our village. He was almost in tears as we spoke.

He told me, "I've just done my usual clean-up of the road and hedgerow and I've picked up more plastic refuse than I've ever picked up. I'm worried. Don't people realise that this stuff gets washed down the drains, then washed into the Severn, then into the sea where it hangs around forever, killing our sea life, and eventually, us?"

He described how he had found an empty beer can that had been discarded. "It's not just the throwaway plastic that will kill us eventually, it's on our own local level that people's selfishness is hurting us already. I found an empty beer can in the hedgerow. A small field mouse had crawled inside. I shook it out. It was dead, of course. The poor thing had climbed in, but couldn't climb out again. Why do people do it?"

Coincidentally, Theresa May was talking at me from the television, telling me what a wonderful thing it was that her government was doing by making us pay for our plastic carrier bags from the supermarket, and how the government is considering raising the price of these bags. I talked with our unsung hero about this and his response was, "They should make 'em charge far more than 5p. a bag! They should take away the bags altogether!"

Recently I've watched pictures, with dismayed awe, of the huge swirling masses of plastic detritus found floating in the Caribbean and the logjam of plastic bottles choking the sacred Ganges in India. And then yet more examples of the ludicrous packaging that we all buy into. Coconuts wrapped in cling film. Apples sold in a plastic throwaway tube. Plastic straws wrapped in plastic. Chinese takeaways in styrofoam containers supplied with plastic knives and forks. Multilayers of plastic on almost every item we buy in the supermarkets.

As a result, our oceans are slowly turning into a plastic soup and the effects on ocean life are chilling. Greenpeace report that large pieces of plastic are choking and entangling turtles and seabirds and tiny pieces are clogging the stomachs of creatures who mistake it for

food, from tiny zooplankton to whales.

Last year, a study estimated that around eight million tonnes of our plastic waste enter the oceans from land each year.

Every minute one rubbish lorry's worth of plastic is dumped into the sea. If we continue at this rate, some estimate that our oceans will contain more plastic than fish by 2050. New research reveals that just 10 river systems transport more than 90% of plastic waste to the world's oceans.

Rivers are the arteries of our planet. From tiny tumbling streams to vast sluggish deltas, rivers are the link between the atmosphere, land and oceans. Since time immemorial people have clustered near rivers, taking advantage of the fresh water, fertile land, ready-made transport links and plentiful fish. And of course rivers are also excellent conveyor belts for whisking rubbish away.

Single-use plastic bags first appeared in the US in 1957 and in British supermarkets in the late 1960s; worldwide there are now more than a trillion manufactured every year. We reduced our plastic bag use in the UK by 26% last year, to 9.9 billion. We've still a long way to go. Bottled water entered the mass market in the mid-1980s. Global consumption is now 200 billion litres a year and only one in five of those plastic bottles is recycled.

The total global production of plastic in the 1950s was 5 million tonnes each year. Global production of plastic now stands at 288 million tonnes per year, of which 10% ends up in the ocean in time. Litter gets swept into drains and ends up in rivers - so that the plastic straw or cup lid you dropped, the cigarette butt you threw on the road, could end up in the ocean.

A study of fulmar carcasses that washed up on North Sea coastlines found that 95% had plastic in their stomachs - an average of 45 pieces per bird.

A dead albatross was found recently with a piece of plastic from the 1940s in its stomach. Even if plastic production halted tomorrow, the planet would be dealing with its environmental consequences for thousands of years, and on the bottom of the oceans, where an estimated 70% of marine plastic debris ends up, for tens of thousands of years. It may form a layer in the geological record of the planet, or some microbe may evolve that can digest plastic and find itself supplied with a vast food resource. In the meantime, what can we do? Well, try not to buy plastic, and if you do, then recycle it, don't just chuck it away on the lane for Dougie to pick up. Help Dougie, and the rest of the planet.

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My Stiperstones...



Everywhere I look for descriptions of the Stiperstones I find words of foreboding, they are referred to as “ruined fortresses”, “fossil monsters”, “virile & hard”, “barren & jagged”, and of course Mary Webb’s “inviolable, taciturn, evil glowering darkly in the dawn”. Maybe I’m biased, but I can’t help but feel that our poor hills have received a bit of literary bad press. For me they have always been a joyful place. Whilst the climb up as a child may have often been accompanied by a few moans & groans (I’ve always been a pretty good whinger), and the climb up as an adult is accompanied by wheezes and several stops for a breather, I have always felt such a sense of achievement at reaching the top, that the stones are a place of celebration rather than foreboding. Even when Old Nick is firmly sat in his chair and visibility is at a minimum the walk along the ridge line still leaves me firmly in my happy place.

Geologically I am informed (In Tom Wall’s “The Singular Stiperstones”) that the Stiperstones range runs from Pontesbury to Linley. The Stiperstones hills themselves are in the middle of the range and the ridge line rocks run from Shepherd’s Rock (at the top of Perkin’s Beach dingle) all the way to The Rock (Just past the shooting range). In between there are 6 major outcroppings of stones: Scattered Rock, Devil’s

Chair, Manstone, Cranberry Rock, Nipstone Rock, and the unofficially named Wolf Rock. On their own any of these rocks would be notable, however on the Stiperstones it is The Devil’s Chair which dominates the myths, legends and stories which have grown up around the area. Over the next few months I’m hoping to have a look at each of the stones in turn, so I would love to hear from anyone who knows any history of, or has any personal stories about the other stones.

The hills themselves have seen centuries of human civilisation: both bronze and iron age fortresses have been discovered here, The Snailbeach area has been mined for lead and other ores since Roman times and the “Royal Hunting Forest of The Stiperstones” is recognised in the Domesday book where, like the rest of Edric’s lands, it is given to Roger Corbet. After this the land is passed around as a bit of an afterthought for the next few hundred years until those clever industrialists came up with all sorts of uses for lead, like carrying water and making paint dry quicker.

As demand increased so did the interest in the hills as the Earls of Tankerville & Bath found themselves happy owners of mineral rights. These minerals are mostly found in the Mytton Flag layer of rocks which



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comes up to the surface in Shelve and Snailbeach, (The older buildings in the area such as the Stiperstones Inn are mostly built of the Mytton Flag stone). The rocks on the ridge line of the hills are made of the far older and harder Stiperstones Quartzite and so whilst the slopes of the hills are covered in old mine shafts and buildings, the top of the hill remains relatively unscathed with just a few old crumbling cottages and dry stone walls to show for the many hundreds of years of use that man has put the hills to.

As a child I was blissfully unaware of any controversy in the area, thankfully the likes of Emily Griffiths and the Stiperstones Preservation Society, were fighting to protect the common rights of those who used the hills every day, thus the conifer planting which covered over the Nipstone Rock area was not extended to the main Stiperstones range, and the rather large BBC aerial was sited on top of the Wrekin rather than over our heads here (although our TV reception might have been remarkably improved by this). I do however remember the grand opening of the Stiperstones as a National Nature Reserve, (we had a day off school, and met David Bellamy and everything!).

Since then the Nature Conservancy Council, English Nature and Natural England have all managed the land. Keeping down the spread of bracken, fighting the heather beetle, reinvigorating the heather with the “Back To Purple” strategy and more recently fighting the phytophthora fungus. Thankfully over the years all of these well meaning professionals have had plenty of local help telling them exactly how they ought to be running things and the hills themselves are still teeming with life, be it wildlife, livestock, orienteers, mountain bikers, local dog walkers, and of course the obligatory large wild cat.

For me the stones of the hill have always been simply home. Those craggy rocks can be seen from a surprisingly long way away and they are always the first thing I look for when I climb any hill from Monmouth to Cheshire. They were moulded by the last ice age and have seen human beings come and will probably see them go, Inviolable? - certainly, barren? - most definitely not!

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Notes from the hill

We are well in to the New Year now when I always think that it is worth looking back at some of the conservation successes in the area. Conservation can tend to get a bit gloomy sometimes as we hear a lot about the countries declining wildlife and uncertain times ahead. However there are a lot of people working away locally that care enough to get involved and make a difference. Even if you are just putting food out for your birds it all helps maintain our wonderful wildlife heritage. These are just a few highlights of 2017 that come to mind on and around the Stiperstones.

We managed to purchase Bergum Wood as an extension to the Stiperstones NNR, through public donations. A first for Natural England and the present conifers will start to be felled at the end of this month to make way for a new native upland oak wood.

Nightjar returned to the Stiperstones after a 13-year absence, having not been seen since 2004. Although only a calling male was heard and seen, we live in hope that it will return to breed next year.

Restoration works including the removal of conifers and the blocking of lots of drainage channels was carried out at a number of sites on and around the Stiperstones by the Shropshire Wildlife Trust run Wet Flushes project. We have already seen a good deal of snipe activity in these re-wetted areas and look forward to seeing if we get any more breeding territories in the spring.

The Hay Meadow Festival ran for its second year and attracted over 500 visitors, many of whom were keen to learn about scything and our fantastic flower-rich hay meadows.

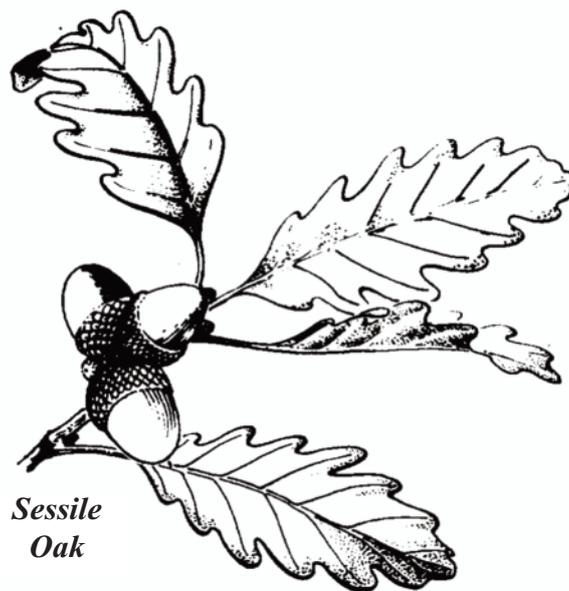
The Curlew Country Project with the help of local farmers saw 30 curlew chicks hatch with at least 6-9 successfully fledged young, which was a huge leap forward from the zero success rates that had been recorded in the two previous years.

The Landscape Partnership Scheme's Rescuing Rocks and Relics Project opened up a lot of important butterfly sites through the removal of scrub, which should see a benefit next year in building the populations of some of our special butterflies such as grayling and grizzled skipper.

The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group continued to monitor the success of the nest box project at Resting Hill, with eight broods of pied flycatchers and of course the two dormice nests.

The Stepping Stones Project which is looking at the wider connectivity of habitats across this landscape, has been taken on by the National Trust as one of their major projects in the region and we look forward to seeing how this develops over the coming years.

Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmooeak.



*Sessile
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*"Have no fear," the voice told her, "for in thee lies the hope of all.
Only thou can deliver the land from darkness."
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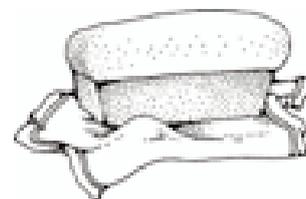
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Letter from Westminster February 2018

As readers may know, last month I left my position as Minister of State for Health, as part of the Prime Minister's reshuffle.

It was a tremendous honour to serve in Government since 2010 – first as a Government Whip until 2012, followed by Minister for Defence Procurement until 2016, and then as Minister of State for Health for the past 18 months.

Following the announcement, I was heartened to receive so many kind words from constituents about my time in office. Serving as a Minister is a remarkable experience for any MP. It provides an opportunity to effect real change on a national scale, while sharing responsibility for the government's work and helping deliver reform to improve people's lives. It requires commitment and energy, and at times can be frustrating when the system proves slow to turn – but when you succeed in making changes you know it can make a real difference.

For me, personal highlights include being able to undertake work to enable the launch of our new aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth - whose commissioning ceremony I was able to attend just before Christmas – and putting in place more routes into nursing, so more people can achieve their dream of becoming an NHS nurse.

I am proud of the role I was able to play in working for both David Cameron and Theresa May as Prime Ministers, and their Secretaries of State, in seeking to make Britain a fairer country with opportunity for all. I had the good fortune to work with some talented Ministers, outstanding civil servants and dedicated NHS staff and Armed Forces personnel, whom I would like to thank for their stalwart support in both the Department of Health and Ministry of Defence.

Following my resignation, I returned to the backbenches, somewhat surprised by the sense of liberation I felt personally, but also with optimism for the future. My main purpose since first elected in 2005 has been to serve the people of South Shropshire, and my determination to do so is unchanged.

I now have greater control of my own diary, and therefore more time, as well as the ability to speak on any topic on the floor of the House of Commons - which Government Whips cannot do at all, and Ministers only on their area of responsibility. This should allow me to be a little more visible in fighting our corner more directly. Indeed, at my first opportunity from the backbenches on the day after I left the Government, I was able to use my new found freedom in the House to raise the importance of our community hospitals in South Shropshire.

I shall continue to support the Government's work to deliver Brexit alongside sound economic policies and important reforms that benefit us here in South Shropshire. The wider reshuffle has injected fresh talent into the Government and Conservative Party. I look forward to seeing how they continue the vital work of improving the quality of life for all of us.

As ever, I am always be happy to take up cases on behalf of constituents. So please do feel free to email me at philip.dunne.mp@parliament.uk to raise any issues or concerns.

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Heather Kidd's Report February 2018



GRIT BINS. We are not out of the woods yet this winter and we could see more snow and ice. The Council have been re-filling grit bins over the last week or so but if you know of any still empty, let me know.

LIBRARIES. The Library strategy review has now been accepted by Shropshire Councils Cabinet. The Library van will be reducing its stops in some areas in future. Ask your Library van for details of this. The 'Tier 2' Libraries of Bishop's Castle and Pontesbury will have to be self-supporting by 2022/23.

HEALTH. As we go to press Future Fit, the programme that is meant to shape the future of health care in Shropshire, is on hold. Another 12 week consultation is due to start in the near future.

Stiperstones School OFSTED carried out 10th January. This was carried out under the new inspection process which began this year. Schools keep their grading unless there is a serious problem. The inspection appeared to go well but the final decision letter will not be received for about 2 weeks. We would also like to welcome Ms Dione Rondel, the new class 1 teacher who has settled in quickly and faced OFSTED after only 8 days in school!

COUNCIL TAX - £9m shortfall. It looks likely that Shropshire Council's Cabinet will have to take £9m out of reserves just to make ends meet. Council tax is also due to be raised by 5.9%. All this will still not be enough to tackle the County's problems - services will continue to decline and the state of our roads will continue to deteriorate.

Best wishes,

Heather Kidd,

Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen Division

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 Alternative Reference: Not Available
 Application Validated: Tue 02 Jan 2018
 Address: Shropshire Mines Trust
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 SY5 0NS

Proposal: Various works to trees
 within Snailbeach
 Conservation Area

Status: Awaiting decision
 Appeal Status: Unknown
 Appeal Decision: Not Available

Reference: 17/06019/FUL
 Alternative Reference: PP-06608559
 Application Validated: Fri 05 Jan 2018
 Address: Proposed Dwelling To
 The North Of
 Stiperstones Snailbeach
 Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and
 detached garage

Status: Awaiting decision
 Appeal Status: Unknown
 Appeal Decision: Not Available

Reference: 18/00076/TCA
 Alternative Reference: PP-06593034
 Application Validated: Mon 08 Jan 2018
 Address: Tankerville Mine
 Pennerley Shropshire
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Proposal: Fell to ground level and
 stump grind 2No. Ash
 trees and coppice to
 ground level 2No. Hazel
 trees within Worthen with
 Shelve Conservation Area

Status: Awaiting decision
 Appeal Status: Unknown
 Appeal Decision: Not Available

Answers to 'Stiperstones or Snailbeach?'

- Stiperstones
- 1) Spinner – Stiperstones 2) Sniper –
 Stiperstones 3) Chablis – Snailbeach 4) Sister
 - Stiperstones
 5) Sheila – Snailbeach 6) Scab – Snailbeach
 7) Pointer – Stiperstones 8) Sort –
 Stiperstones

Snailbeach or Stiperstones?

Below are 12 clues that are dictionary definitions. The answer to each clue is to be found in either the word 'Snailbeach' or 'Stiperstones'. What are the answers and which village supplied it?

- 1) An unmarried woman
- 2) Hidden gunman
- 3) A French wine.
- 4) Female family member
- 5) Australian woman
- 6) Wound protection
- 7) Breed of dog
- 8) Group similar things
- 9) Artificial waterway
- 10) Continue firmly
- 11) A connected flexible series
- 12) Shallow recess in a wall



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<u>Tuesday</u>	Tai Chi (Weekly)	Local History.(3) Painting & Drawing.(2) (4)
<u>Wednesday</u>	Geology. (1)	English Literature. (2) Gardening & Garden Visits.(F)
<u>Thursday</u>	Walking 2 (6+ miles).(F) Italian.(2) (4) Writing (1) (3)	
<u>Friday</u>		Astronomy.(L)

“Photography”, “IT”, “Chess” and “Pontesbury from the Inside Looking Out” are being considered

(F) Fortnightly

(L) Last week of month

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Snailbeach White Stars

Match Reports

Snailbeach White Stars 6-0 Harlescott Rangers

SUMMARY: A convincing but not particularly entertaining win to make it six wins from six games in the league. The lads never really got out of second gear but did enough to ensure the three points were secured. We fielded a strong team from the off to ensure the job got done and we can now focus on a big County Cup encounter in Telford next week.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Ben MILLINGTON, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS

MID: Joe BYERS, Kyle PURSLOW, Jamie HYNE, Craig GRIFFITHS, Sam JONES

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES ©

SUBS: Chris CARSWELL, Kieran JONES, Sam PRICE, Calum BENNETT

GOAL SCORERS: Adam DAVIES (2), Kyle PURSLOW, Sam JONES, Joe BYERS, Calum BENNETT

MAN OF THE MATCH: Kyle PURSLOW – A proper box to box midfielders display. Won nearly every duel in the middle of the park, was constantly on the ball looking to create and topped off his performance with a well struck goal from range.

Bulls Head Dawley 2-3 Snailbeach White Stars

SUMMARY: Worst performance of the season against a very poor side on a surface that should have suited our players. Very disjointed and not helped by some simply dreadful officiating. Luckily we snuck through to the quarter-finals by the skin of our teeth!

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON ©

DEF: Chris CARSWELL, Owen MORRIS, Sam PRICE

MID: Joe BYERS, Craig GRIFFITHS, Dan CAMBURN, Kyle PURSLOW, Calum BENNETT

ATT: Jamie HYNE, Marcus ASHLEY

SUBS: Jack BREEZE

GOAL SCORERS: Jamie HYNE (2), Marcus ASHLEY

MAN OF THE MATCH: Owen MORRIS – Steady and assured in the heart of the back 3. Comfortable in possession and his usual reliable self when a few had poorer games than usual.

Snailbeach White Stars 2-0 Saha

SUMMARY: A very strange game. We went a goal up through Danny Jones early on before Sam Jones got sent off in the twentieth minute for a reckless challenge. After that, the boys dug in and ground out a massive three points to continue our 100% record. Captain Adam Davies sealed the victory with a well struck left footed effort.

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GOAL SCORERS: Danny JONES, Adam DAVIES

MAN OF THE MATCH: Danny JONES – After falling down to ten men early on all the team had to play their part in ensuring we gained maximum, particularly the defence. All of the boys at the back played well but Danny got the votes for a gutsy performance and occasionally flattening the opposing forwards when required!



Football Bloopers

“The last player to score a hat-trick in a cup final was Stan Mortenson. He even had a final named after him, the Matthews final.”

Lawrie McMenemy

“I felt a lump in my mouth as the ball went in.”

Terry Venables

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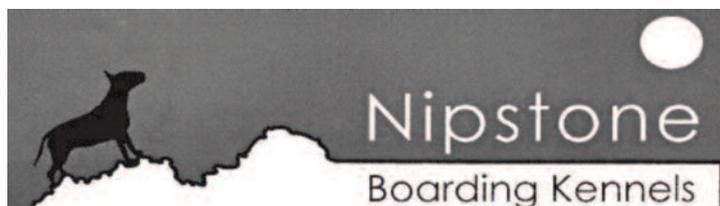
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Terry drank for many years in The Star in Plymouth and each day at 1800 hours he would order and drink 2 pints of bitter. Dermot, the landlord, commented to Terry on this practice and Terry naturally told him the story. This went on for some 16 years, every day. Last week Terry entered The Star and only ordered one pint of bitter.

Shocked and a trifle worried and anxious, Dermot enquired whether Ken had passed away hence no need for the second pint.

'Oh no' replied Terry, 'I've given up drinking.'

Recipe of the Month

Savory Pancakes with Cheese & Ham

Preparation time: less than 30 mins

Cooking time: 10 to 30 mins

Serves: 2-3

Why stick to lemon and sugar when these savoury pancakes can kick off a night of batter-based feasting? Flippin' marvellous!

Ingredients:	100g/3½ oz Emmental,
For the pancakes:	grated
55g/2oz plain flour	Freshly ground black
Pinch of salt	pepper, to taste
1 free-range egg	To top:
140ml/5fl oz milk	3 spring onions, finely
Oil for frying	sliced
For the cheese sauce:	4 sun-dried tomatoes in
25g/1oz butter	oil, drained and chopped
25g/1oz plain flour	80g/3oz good quality
225ml/8fl oz milk	smoked ham

Method:

- Sift the flour and salt into a large bowl. Whisk together the egg and milk in another bowl then, slowly pouring the liquid into the dry ingredients, whisk together until the batter is smooth. Set aside.
- For the cheese sauce, melt the butter in a small pan, then whisk in the flour. Cook for one minute, then gradually add the milk whisking continuously. Bring to the boil and reduce the heat to a simmer for one minute until the sauce is thick and smooth. Stir in half of the cheese and season with black pepper.
- To make the pancakes, heat a 20cm/8in crêpe or omelette pan until very hot, drizzle in a small amount of oil and tip the pan to swirl the oil around. Ladle in about two tablespoons of batter mix and immediately tilt the pan from side to side to get a thin, even layer of batter to cover the base of the pan. Cook for around 30 seconds until the underside is golden then flip or turn with a pallet knife.
- As soon as the pancake is turned scatter over some ham, spring onions and sundried tomatoes. Spoon over some cheese sauce then top with a scattering of the remaining cheese.
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Burglary	Container on building site broken into, numerous power tools stolen	Worthen	Overnight 9 th – 10 th January

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From Bishops Castle to Shrewsbury - Monday To Saturday

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BISHOPS CASTLE			07:30					09:40			12:18	13:30				15:40		
Lydham, Church			07:35					09:45			12:24	13:35				15:45		
Bromleys Mill			07:37					09:47			12:26	13:37				15:47		
Llan, Turn			07:40					09:50			12:29	13:40				15:50		
White Grit, Turn			07:44					09:54			12:33	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		
Pennerley						08:19												
Stiperstones	06:48	07:20	07:48			08:23			11:15					14:35				16:53
Snailbeach	06:52	07:22	07:52			08:27			11:18					14:38				16:57
Plox Green	06:55	07:25	07:55	07:55	08:30			10:05	11:21	11:55	12:45	13:05	13:55	14:42		16:05	17:05	
MINSTERLEY	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:48	09:25	10:08	11:24	11:58	12:48	13:08	13:58	14:45	15:18	16:08	17:08	17:32
Pontesbury	07:03	07:33	08:03	08:03	08:37	08:53	09:30	10:13	11:29	12:03	12:53	13:13	14:03	14:50	15:23	16:13	17:13	17:37
Mary Webb					08:40										15:26			
Hanwood	07:11	07:41	08:11	08:11		09:01	09:38	10:21	11:37	12:11	13:01	13:21	14:11	14:58	15:31	16:21	17:21	17:45
Radbrook Rd	07:18	07:48	08:18			09:08	09:45		11:44	12:18		13:27		15:05	15:38		17:28	17:52
Hospital				08:17				10:27			13:07		14:17			16:27		
Copthorne Rd	07:23	07:53	08:23	08:23		09:13	09:50		11:49	12:23	13:13	13:33	14:23	15:10	15:43	16:33	17:33	17:57
BUS STATION	07:30	08:00	08:35	08:35		09:20	09:57	10:40	11:56	12:30	13:20	13:40	14:30	15:17	15:50	16:40	17:40	18:04
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Copthorne Rd	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:37	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:51		15:51	16:31	16:31	17:06	17:47	18:12
Hospital				10:18			12:13			14:13				16:37				17:53
Radbrook Rd	07:47	08:22	09:02		10:42	11:12		12:42	13:42		14:57		15:57		16:36	17:12		18:17
Hanwood	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:49	11:19	12:20	12:49	13:49	14:20	15:04		16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:24
Mary Webb		08:40											15:20					
Pontesbury	08:02	08:42	09:17	10:32	10:57	11:27	12:27	12:57	13:57	14:27	15:12		16:12	16:52	16:52	17:27	18:07	18:32
MINSTERLEY	08:07	08:47	09:22	10:37	11:02	11:32	12:32	13:02	14:02	14:32	15:17	15:27	16:17	16:57	16:57	17:32	18:12	18:37
Plox Green	08:09			10:39	11:04	11:34	12:34		14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:39
Snailbeach					11:07				14:07			15:32	16:22		17:02			18:42
Stiperstones					11:11				14:11			15:36	16:26		17:06			18:46
Pennerley												15:40						
Hope	08:14			10:44			12:39			14:39				17:04				18:19
Gravels	08:16			10:46			12:41			14:41				17:06				18:21
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Pontesbury - Newtown - Tuesdays (Market Day) Only				
Departing from:	Time		Departing from:	Time
Pontesbury	9.30		NEWTOWN	1.55
Minsterley	9.33		Kerry	2.00
Plox green	9.35		Sarn	2.10
Hope	9.41		Blue Bell	2.20
Gravels	9.44		Court House	2.25
White Gritt	9.47		Pentree	2.30
Llan Turn	9.51		Green chapel	2.35
Bromleys Mill	9.55		Bishops castle	2.45
Lydham	9.57		Lydham	2.48
Bishops Castle	10.00		Bromleys Mill	2.50
Green chapel	10.05		Llan turn	2.55
Pentree	10.15		White Gritt	2.58
Court House	10.20		Gravels	3.01
Blue Bell	10.25		Hope	3.05
Sarn	10.40		Plox Green	3.10
Kerry	10.53		Minsterley	3.12
Newtown	11.00		Pontesbury	3.15

745 Service between Pontesbury and Ludlow Runs on Mondays and Fridays - only for Ludlow Market days				
On this service only Concession Passes are accepted before 9.30 am				
Departing from:	Time		Departing from:	Time
Pontesbury	8.45		Ludlow	13.20
Minsterley	8.50		Craven Arms	13.37
Hope	8.55		Broome	13.45
Lydham	9.05		Aston on Clun	13.48
Bishops Castle	9.10		Little Brampton	13.53
Colebatch	9.14		Lydbury North	13.59
Clun	9.20		Clunton	14.15
Clunton	9.25		Clun	14.20
Lydbury North	9.41		Colebatch	14.26
Little Brampton	9.47		Bishops castle	14.30
Aston on clun	9.52		Lydham	14.35
Broome	9.55		Hope	14.35
Craven Arms	10.03		Minsterley	14.50
Ludlow	10.20		Pontesbury	14.55

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Baptist Services



Sunday services: 10.30am & 3.00pm

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Wednesday 7.15pm

Held in the Mission Room, Snailbeach

Elder: Mr Joe Evans 01743 790 979

All are welcome!

Methodist Services



Snailbeach Methodist Services

February 2018

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, February

Services at 2.45 p.m.

Everyone welcome

Quaker Meetings

Shrewsbury Quaker Meeting House

Corporation Lane, Coton Hill,

Shrewsbury, SY1 2NU

10.30am every Sunday

Clun Valley Quaker Meeting

The Community Centre

Grange Road, Bishop's Castle

10.30am every Sunday.

Stiperstones Group – C of E Service Rota February 2018

Date	Haberley St Mary's	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St Luke's
1st Sunday 4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent <i>Green</i>			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	
2nd Sunday 11th February Sunday next before Lent <i>Green</i>	6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Christine	10.30am All Age Communion + Baptism of George Jones Revd Giles		
Ash Wednesday 14th February  <i>Purple</i>			7.30pm Holy Communion With Imposition of Ashes Revd Giles & Revd Pam		
3rd Sunday 18th February Lent 1 <i>Purple</i>			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 25th February Lent 2 <i>Purple</i>	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Pam	10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Pam		

Hand in your colouring into The Stiperstones Inn and I will give a prize for my favourite Dave!

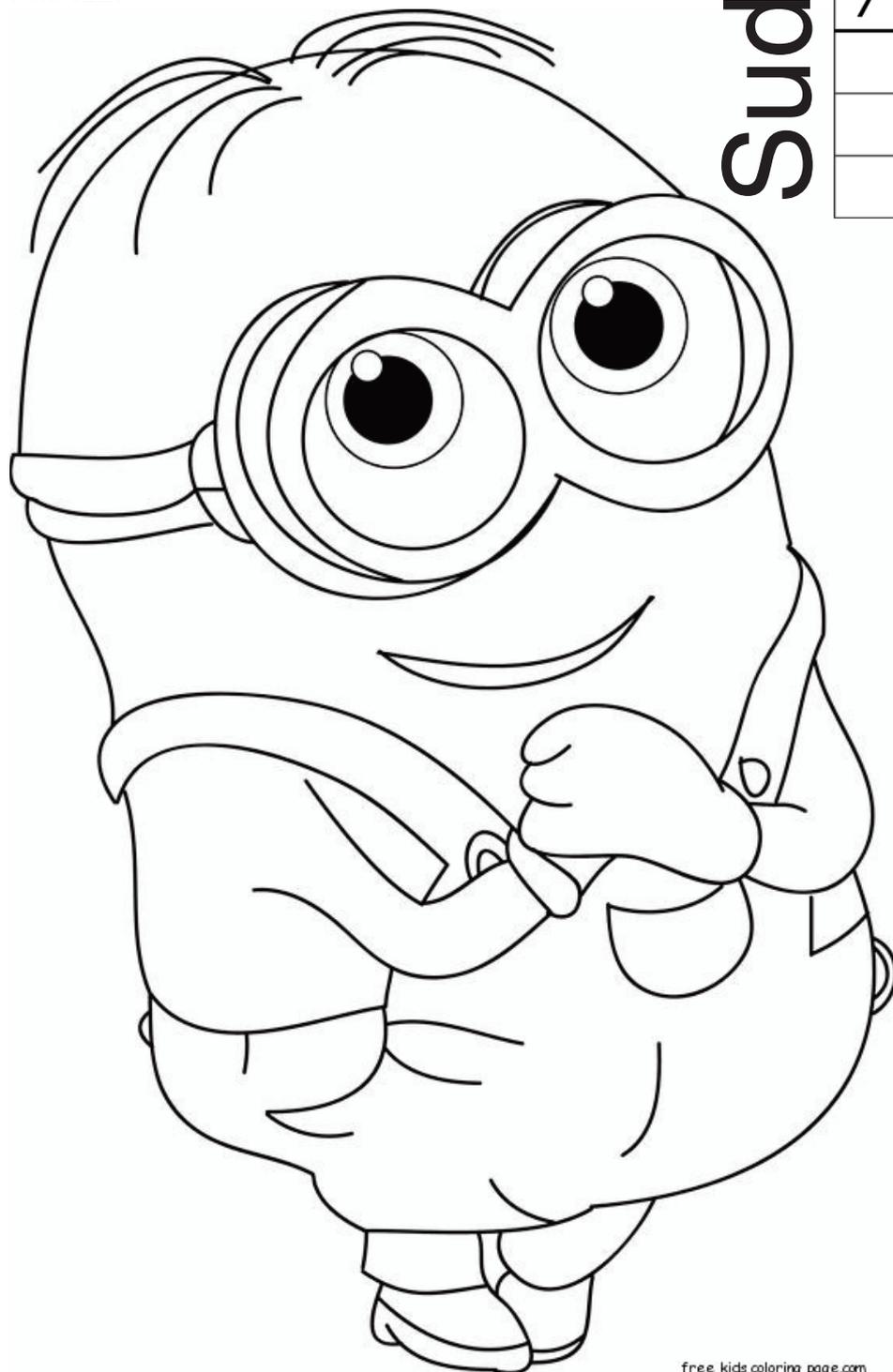
Dont forget to put your name & Age
Ages 1 - 111 accepted!

Good Luck & Good colouring!

Phil xxx

Sudoku

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9



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Dave Colouring



If you want to conquer fear, don't sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.

Dale Carnegie

What's On...

How to make a wildlife pond

Talk by Jenny Steel
Tuesday 6th February
Snailbeach Village Hall
The talk is free
Doors open at 7pm.

Bingo Night

Stiperstones School
Friday 2nd Feb
Doors 6.45 – eyes down 7.30
40p. per book

Bishop's Castle Arts Festival

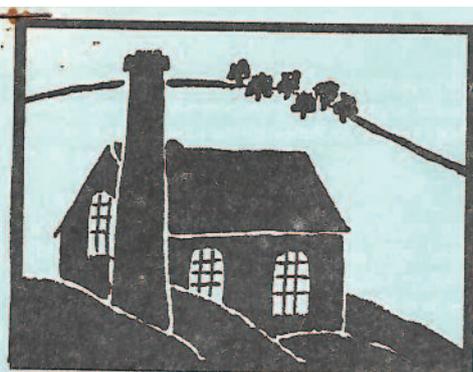
Wednesday – Sunday
February 21-25

The Pontesbury Players Panto Dick Whittington

Pontesbury Public Hall
31st Jan – 3rd. Feb
Tickets from £3

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

Aldous Huxley



Snailbeach District News

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THANKS

I would like to thank all those kind relatives and friends who gave or offered help and sympathy, cards and donations at the sad loss of my dear wife. Donations of £126 have been handed to ward 28 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

JACK FOLEY

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, presents and best wishes received on my 90th birthday and which helped to make my day so enjoyable.

LYDIA HARRISON

DASH & DAWDLE REPORT

Many thanks to all who helped make Boxing Day smashing once again 450 starters - £450 for the hospice. There was a new course record set for both the men and the ladies.

A great local turnout, and great local performances from Stuart Trow - 8th, Rob Evason - 9th, Graham Chidley - 23th and Tim Wallsgrove - 79th.

Special thanks to Pat and Stuart Evans on results, Alan Stokes on the car park, Terry Lewis and friends, freezing on the Devil's Chair, Roy and Pat Evans for the trophies, Heather, Liz, Elsie, Pat and all the other sandwich ladies, and everyone else who helped, walked, ran or contributed in any way.

Please come back next Boxing Day!

JOHN SPROSON

DONATIONS

We have received donations this month from the following :

Mr and Mrs M Edwards, Minsterley Rangers, Olwyn Garner, Joe and June Hotchkiss, Brenda Jones, Derek and Jean Rowson, Bronwyn Evans and Lydia Harrison.

Thank you very much to all those kind people, we are very grateful. Don't forget - it's you that keeps the newsletter alive!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our New Years Eve Dance is usually the best money raising event of the year. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make it a success, and enjoyable (especially under the freezing conditions). We are very grateful to the ones who made it possible to take place, the ones who sold tickets, gave donations or draw prizes. The winners of the draw were:

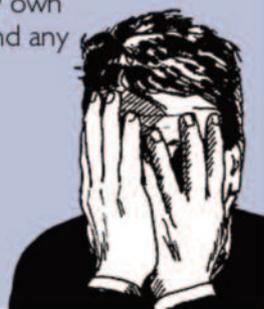
1. Mary Jones
2. Sue Greenwood
3. Carla Jones
4. Rose Holz
5. Tim Bebb

The profit after expenses was £342, and we have now been able to pay off the debt of the loss on the Country and Western dance last month.

Thanks again to all who came in such dreadful weather and made it worthwhile.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

I want to grow my own food, but I can't find any bacon seeds.



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*Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.
Stephen Hawking*

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or drop things into the Stiperstones Inn by the 20th of each month.