

SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS JUNE 2018

FREE!

UFO's Over Snailbeach?



These strange lights were reportedly captured moving over Habberley recently.

The photographer said that they were not aircraft of any kind and, having served in the forces for over 30 years, he was certain that they are not known to the military. He went on to state that they moved slowly around the back of Pontesbury Hill and out towards Eastridge Woods and the Stiperstones. They made no sound but moved in a controlled manner. He also felt sure that they were not Chinese lanterns either as they were too big and they moved against the wind. Local social media suggested that they were the lights from mountain bikers, but they appear to be airborne!

Do mountain bikers fly?

Shrewsbury has earned a reputation as one of the UFO sighting capitals of the UK; research showing that Shropshire came in fourth place for the number of UFO sightings over the last five decades. The most frequent reports are of strange coloured lights in the sky or large black triangular shapes. Sometimes the triangles have lights as well, so maybe they are responsible for many of the light only sightings too. They are frequently seen over RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury but the RAF claim that they are nothing to do with them and are reticent about admitting to the sightings being

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*Did you see these lights too?
Have you ever seen UFO's over Shropshire?
Let us know about your "Close Encounter"!
Mail: editor.sdn@mail.com*



NEWS IN BRIEF

From Malcolm and Doreen Dunbar.

A Date for Your Diaries.

Many of you will remember the BBQ Doreen and I hosted at home a couple of years ago in aid of Cancer Research UK and later the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Both amounts raised were staggering and testament to the generosity of our wonderful community.

This year we will be hosting another BBQ with a raffle and fun auction, but this time in aid of our local Lingen Davies cancer treatment and support centre in RHS, as well as sharing the donations with the RHS League of Friends. Many of us have received, and continue to receive, an excellent service from both these facilities.

So, our chosen date/time is **Sunday 8th July** starting around **4pm** and stretching long into the evening. *Please make a note.*

For next month's SDN I will post a more detailed article. In addition I will be pushing flyers through as many letterboxes as possible before the event. In the meantime, if you wish to contact either myself or Doreen, either visit us at The Hollies, or call 01743 790966.

Malcolm Dunbar

The Hollies

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bigmaldu@hotmail.com

From Margaret and Glyn Price:

Thank you all who came to Glyn and I's diamond wedding celebration on March 25th. You all made it a happy and memorable occasion in spite of people getting muddled with the clock change, you all got there!

Thanks to Kim, Wendy and grandchildren who worked so hard preparing everything. Also thanks to our very good friends for giving a helping hand.

Thank you all for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts - they all mean a lot to us.

The new blue chairs and white table settings in the Village Hall made it look quite stunning.

Thank you all, Margaret and Glyn.

Photograph Competition

As part of the *Pontesbury & District Gardeners Association Annual Show*, to be held on **Saturday 25 August**, there is a Photographic Section. For those wanting to get out with their cameras this summer the categories in this year's Show are:

Through an Arch

Boats

Colour Yellow

Footwear

The subjects in the junior sections are:

5 years to 8 years

A Toy.

9 years to 13 years

A Farm vehicle

The photograph should have a maximum size of 7x5" / 18x13 cm and be unframed. Details of how to enter the Show, plus other categories, will be in the Show Schedule, which will be available shortly.

From Rev. Pam Bickley

Some of you may know that in the year 2000 a journal was started to record events in the villages. I've now become (by default) the holder of this record and I want to ensure that we include as much as possible. Unfortunately for the last couple of years it hasn't been maintained so I would be grateful for your help.

If you would like family events - births, baptisms, marriage, anniversaries, significant birthdays and deaths - recorded, please send the information to me. Also any village activities will be included.

I'm looking at updating the book from 2016 so think back if there is anything you would like included. You can email to revpambickley@gmail.com, put in my post box or leave at the Stiperstones Inn.

thank you for all your help

Pam Bickley

SINGING is good for you!

Saturday 2nd June 11 am The Mere Singers @Pontesbury Library.

There is a lot written these days about the benefits of singing for our mental as well as physical health. It seems it can have a positive impact on our lives, whatever our age, be it karaoke, choral singing, rock, pop or singing in the shower! Don't miss the opportunity to hear, and, if you wish, join in with The Mere Singers.

This a cappella community choir performs an eclectic mix of new and traditional music from a wide variety of countries and cultures in venues large and small around Shropshire and the Welsh Borders. Come along and enjoy hearing our Library filled with song, and, weather permitting, outside next to 'The Reader' too. There will of course be refreshments as is the custom for our visiting artist coffee mornings.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Stiperstones Brass
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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We deliver to 350 households and businesses locally and deliver a further 150 copies by email.

The Snailbeach District News is written, edited, produced and distributed solely by volunteers and unpaid contributors. Our only overhead is our printing cost.

Together with donations and advertising revenue we just about manage to break even and stay afloat. However, as with everything else in life, costs are rising. And so have our printing costs. It is with reluctance, therefore, that we will be raising the cost of our advertising by a small amount for the year 2018/19. A quarter page, for example, will cost an extra 50p. an edition. Our new rates are published on page 13.

We hope you will find this small rise acceptable and will continue to support us over the coming year.

Since assuming the role as 'Editor' of this wonderful little newsletter of ours, I have fiddled and faddled about with various bits and pieces of things to publish; jokes, funny stories, puzzles, gardening tips, etc, and other assorted stuff, to add to the regular features and articles submitted by yourselves, but I'm never quite sure what you, the readers, would like to see more (or less) of - so, let me know! The SDN belongs to you, so please write, or call, and let me know what you enjoy, and what you don't enjoy about the SDN. I'll try my best to include a little bit of everything that will please you all and make the SDN a 'must read'!

Our centre page spread this month is given over to the Snailbeach White Stars. They have enjoyed a stunning season that sees them being promoted to the Sunday League Premier Division. Well done lads and congratulations to each and every one of you!

I have been asked to remind you that if you haven't read the Stiperstones School consultation document, there are copies available via the School or The Stiperstones Inn. Any comments to reach the school no later than 9.30am on the 9th July

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Components of Fitness

The Fit Bit



Since launching my 'Fit after Forty' business at the end of 2017, I have been doing a lot of listening. Yes... I do shout instructions at people at Fit Club "Stay on your toes...! Squeeze...!! Just one

more move...!" But listening is where we learn.

I have learned a lot about people's attitudes to having a fit club in the village and so I thought I'd write about them here, to encourage more people to come and join us.

Firstly, did you know there are 5 components of health-related fitness? They are cardiovascular, strength, endurance, body composition and flexibility. Our performance in each of these areas has an impact on how well we can live. In one of my sessions, you can work on all of these areas; we will get out of breath, helping heart, lungs and circulation. As your heart rate increases, blood flow and circulation will rise too, you will take more oxygen into your blood and oxygenated blood makes you feel happy. We will do some exercises to push your individual strength so that you are helping your muscles, joints and bones develop resilience to carry through your day, you will find yourself getting stronger week by week and this will help you in other aspects of life; gardening, playing with the grandkids, walking, being on holiday and sightseeing, etc. All sessions have stretches and reaches to improve flexibility, keep your joints mobile and thus making you more able for everyday life – yes, you may ache for a day or so after a session but we can build on our mobility to be more capable and live better. Exercise can clearly change how your body is made up – losing fat especially around the middle can help reduce the risk of developing diabetes, some cancers and heart disease; to mention just

a few illnesses of modern living.

So as you can see, Fit Club is not for fat people who want to be thin, or for slim people who appear to be fit... it's for anybody wishing to explore and improve all these components of fitness. It is true, losing fat and developing muscle can be a healthy by-product. Upping your exercise and doing something different is great for lifting spirits. It has been a by-product of my journey but, first and foremost, I feel stronger, more able, more energised and happier in myself.

It's like if you told someone you were a driver for a living, you may be asked, "Ah, what sort of driver? Lorries? Ambulances? School bus?" They are all different types of skill and competence. It is the same with getting fit; you may have good cardio fitness but little flexibility or strength, and these are areas you can develop at a training session.

One attendee to fit club wrote: 'There is something good about exercising alongside other folks, by watching their technique, knowing that I am not the only one struggling, maybe realising that I'm better at some things but not so good at others and above all sharing that high five moment when we've achieved something together.'

This totally sums up my sessions – we are all different, all trying our best to work with the component of fitness we find most challenging and encouraging each other. Come along and work at your own pace, there's room for all abilities, speeds and strengths.

Inspired to turn your intentions into actions? Join us at Sunday morning fit clubs and Wednesday evenings of good old-fashioned aerobics to music sessions just like you remember from the 80's!!! Jane Fonda?...The Green Goddess? Like me on Facebook- 'Fit After Forty with Sal' or *Stiperstones Fit Club* and you can stay in touch with dates and times.

Let me know what you want when you see me around and about.

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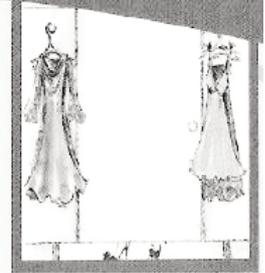


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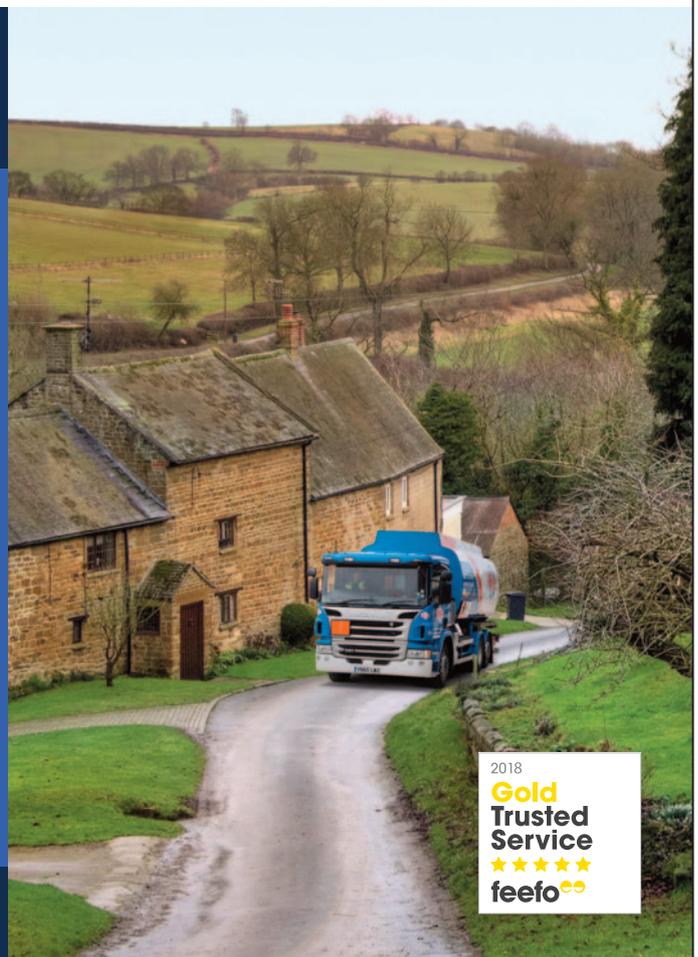
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FROM THE STIPERSTONES INN



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Alison Kay

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This month in the garden...



Week 1.

...fresh new foliage...

Now that they have finished flowering, early herbaceous plants such as hardy geraniums should be cut back to 7.5 cm (3 in) above ground level. This may seem brutal but the plants are tired and this will encourage the growth of fresh new foliage for the rest of the summer.

Week 2.

...water containers daily...

Shade-loving plants need protecting with a leaf-mould to help retain moisture during dry spells. Water all containers once every day, preferably in the cool of the early evening. Try to make this a routine task: you will find it soon becomes a precious time, far removed from the chore it once seemed.

Week 3.

...mow lawns regularly...

Sow fast-growing annuals to fill any unexpected gaps in the borders. Lift and divide polyanthus and primulas after they have finished flowering and replant in a shady corner of the garden. Plant out arum lilies and clip back any plants that are becoming straggly or invasive. Mow lawns regularly.

Week 4.

...make the most of the long fine days...

July is often the hottest month of the year. Take advantage of long fine days to carry out construction jobs such as making new beds, laying paving or building walls. Water copiously in dry weather and make sure to arrange for friends or neighbours to water the garden if you are going to be away.

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To Blow Your Mind



- More Falklands veterans have committed suicide since the war than were killed during it.
- In his first year at Harrow, Winston Churchill was bottom of the whole school.
- In the film industry, a 'mickey' is a gentle camera move forwards. It's short for 'Mickey Rooney' (a 'little creep').
- After the battle of Waterloo, the Marquis of Anglesey had his leg amputated. It was buried with full military honours in a nearby garden.
- Every year, Iceland gets wider by two centimetres.
- Half the Saxon aristocracy were killed at the battle of Hastings in 1066.
- On average, every square mile of sea on the planet contains 46,000 pieces of rubbish.
- Liechtenstein, the world's 6th-smallest country, is the world's largest exporter of false teeth.
- Skoda is Czech for 'shame', 'damage' or 'pity'
- Male fruit flies given alcohol develop homosexual tendencies.
- Charles Darwin's last book was called "The Formation of Vegetable Mould through the Action of Worms."
- Cricket was allowed under the Taliban, but applause by the crowd was banned.
- Oliver Cromwell was dug up and beheaded two years after his death.
- Only three members of the United Nations have failed to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: South Sudan, Somalia and the USA.
- Eight million years ago, guinea pigs were the size of cows.



Calling all bakers and takers to join my Cupcake Day cupcakeday.org.uk

Please come along and support our Cupcake Day, to be held on
Saturday 9 June 2018, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
 at Nant-Isa, Pennerley, SY5 0ND
 in memory of Barbara Jones (nee Yapp).
 Any donations would be greatly appreciated.
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During May 2018

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Ruth & David Chesters

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Here is a quote from 'Which Magazine':
'On 25 May 2018 a massive change in the way companies must handle data, and the rights that consumers have, comes into force.'

This new regulation is called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and it will be applicable across the EU.

In the UK, these regulations will be incorporated into the Data Protection Act 2018 – the Bill is currently going through Parliament.

This Bill will make it less likely that you will receive junk emails, letters or cold 'phone calls, and everyone who holds data about you should inform you either in written or electronic format what information they hold, why they hold it, and ask for permission to keep it.

So I suppose we will initially be flooded by such communications, but eventually you should not find yourself signed up to emails you don't want because you missed to tick a box.

The Bill also allows you to ask for the data a company holds about you in a 'machine readable format'. This means you could easily transfer all your data held by one electricity company to another without having to refill all the boxes.

If you apply for a job, a loan, or an insurance quote and you don't want the outcome to be

made automatically based on data already held about you, then you can request that there is human intervention in the decision process.

The 'Which' report is comprehensive and easy to read, you can find it online at

www.which.co.uk and search under '**consumer rights**'

If you send group emails to members of a club or society or even to a circle of friends, then you should consider sending the email to yourself as the address in the 'TO' box and put everyone else's address in a 'BCC' box.

BCC stands for '*blank carbon copy*' and by using this you are not letting members of the group know each other's address if they don't want their addresses to be known.

You should also consider destroying old records containing the personal information of others that is no longer serving any purpose, be it on paper, computer or back-up disc. By not doing so you could be in breach of the act.

We all need to be more careful as to who knows our email address and why. If you feel your private data has been misused or compromised then there should be a robust effective legal structure to protect you and punish the misuser. The ICO, Information Commissioner's Office, are the ones to contact, but a mention of their name will probably get you removed from a cold call data list.... Sleep well.

Geoff Sproson, Stiperstones

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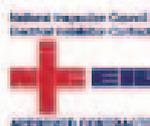
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Thank you for the generous donations received, totalling £1050, which have been shared between Snailbeach Methodist Church, St Luke's Church and the Alzheimer's Society.

Syd had lived at 23 Snailbeach since 1962, when following his marriage to Ruth they set up home in the cottage that had been Ruth's family home. Always happy to share a conversation and lend a helping hand, Syd was a valued resident of Snailbeach and it's surrounding community. Though deteriorating health had left Syd housebound for the past 3 ½ years, he had greatly appreciated the regular contact friends, neighbours and family continued to have with him; a testimony to the care that persists within this community.

Syd will be sadly missed.

Helen Jones

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Mr. Quips Corner

➤ When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

- My dad died and we couldn't remember his blood type. As he died, he kept insisting for us to "be positive," but it's hard without him.
- My mind's made up, don't confuse me with facts.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- My job is secure. No one else wants it.
- With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.
- My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life. He was right—I feel ten years older already.
- A wise man once said... Nothing, he only listened.
- It must be difficult to post inspirational Tweets when your blood type is B Negative.
- I can easily keep secrets. It's the people I tell them to that can't.
- Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.



• The big difference between sex for money and sex for free is that sex for money usually costs a lot less - *Brendan Behan*.

- The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public - *George Jessel*.
- Why does a woman work ten years to change a man's habits and then complain that he's not the man she married? - *Barbra Streisand*.
- You do live longer with bran, but you spend the last fifteen years on the toilet - *Alan King*.
- Humor is the instinct for taking pain playfully - *Max Eastman*.
- Everything has been figured out, except how to live - *Jean-Paul Sartre*.
- Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler - *Albert Einstein*.
- Necessity is the mother of invention. - *Plato*
- Your life is what your thoughts make it - *Marcus Aurelius*.
- A husband is what is left of a lover after the nerve has been extracted - *Helen Rowland*.
- When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained - *Mark Twain*.
- We can't plan life. All we can do is be available for it - *Lauryn Hill*.
- Literature is mostly about having sex and not much about having children. Life is the other way round - *David Lodge*.
- There is no wealth but life - *John Ruskin*.



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- Grease a microwave proof dish and place in the mixture, ensure that the dish is big enough to allow a couple of inches of expansion.
- Microwave on full power for 15 minutes.
- Allow to cool completely, then remove from dish and cut into 1cm cubes
- The treat will keep for several days in the fridge in an airtight container or you can divide it into smaller bags and freeze until required.



Deb Gallimore APDT 01189



Manstone Rock

(The one with the Trig point on the top)

Moving on from the Devil's Chair and its many legends, the next rock on the Ridge is the highest point on the Stiperstones and is known as Manstone Rock. This name may be attributed to the small outcropping of rock on its Northern side which can from certain angles look a little like an Easter Island carved Head. However the name could also have originally been "Main Stone" Rock (as it stands just a little proud of its closest rivals), and like many local words the names could have changed over generations, I know how quickly names can change, New Venture mine (Perkins Beach) which closed in the 1920's was known to us 50 years later as simply "The Ventner".

Manstone rock is a great climbing rock, with many different routes up to its summit it's not unusual to see people scrambling up its sides to reach the top and touch the triangulation (trig) point which sits atop. I've known some people who simply can't walk past a trig point without getting close enough to touch it, and I've known many people who have no idea why they are there, so I've decided to look into their history a little in order to get a better understanding of Manstone Rock.

These trig points which are located at high points all across the country were used to provide accurate mapping data in the 1930s. In theory on a clear day you should be able to see at least 2 other trig points from each one and thus (assuming of course that you know the precise locations of the other 2 points and have a basic understanding of trigonometry) calculate the exact location of where you are standing. The Ordnance Survey boys (now known as the makers of big flappy maps) erected over 6500 of these points across the country and about 6000 of them still survive, though vegetation growth means that some of them have disappeared from view somewhat.

This system of creating very detailed maps wasn't new in the 1930s. It had been used extensively by the French in the 1600s and by the 1700s they had the nerve to suggest that the British might find it a better way of measuring distances than that currently being used by the clever people in the Royal Society and Greenwich Observatory (i.e. looking at the stars and doing some very complex maths). This of course was considered a preposterous idea, until a British man invented a new theodolite, which was obviously much better than the French one and so Britain began to start breaking up the country into little triangles in order to measure it, using just 300 points (mostly church steeples and other landmarks) they were able to get a fairly accurate map of the whole of Great Britain.

Just before you reach Manstone Rock to the right of the path there lies the remains of a bronze age burial cairn approximately 5m in diameter, now partially covered with heather, this cairn is one of a number of bronze age burial monuments which are scattered across the Stiperstones. Whilst these cairns are a common archeological feature of the British countryside, their existence here on the top of the Stiperstones is evidence that the area has been inhabited for thousands of years. I have to wonder what kind of people were buried below these mounds, who was deemed important enough for their remains to be carried up to the very summit of the hill to be interred here? Or do the cairns contain the cremated remains of many people? Is there a link between these cairns and the stone circles of Stapely which are of a similar age? Unfortunately evidence is limited and we may never know more about these people than the fact that they once lived and died in the very spaces in which we now reside.

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Heather Kidd's Report

Our Accident and Emergency.

At long last 'Future Fit' will be launching its consultation on where our A+E services will be in future on 30th May – unless things change again. Can I urge everyone to take part in this consultation as it is crucial for us that it is based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. They need to know how this will aid your care and that of your family. There will be 'Pop Up' meetings on the options in Pontesbury and Bishops Castle. They will also tell you how to make your views known. I will circulate the dates/times of these as well as the website link where you can make your views known by email and on Facebook/my website as soon as I know.

Road Closure.

The Leigh Road (the B4499) between Brockton and Hogstow Bank will see some major road works commencing in late June/ July for about four weeks. As well as resurfacing large sections of the road the work will also repair significant structural damage to the roads foundations and also to drains and gullies. Some of the work will be done with traffic lights but for much of the road works closures will be necessary. The road will hopefully be done in sections. I will keep residents updated with my Facebook page and my email alerts. If you want to be added to the latter, drop me a line on the email address below.

Best wishes

Heather Kidd

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Lordshill Chapel 1818-2018

A Brief History

Lordshill Baptist Church, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year, was the sixth local offshoot planted by Shrewsbury's Claremont Baptist Church. Their minister, John Palmer, took the message of Christ far and wide, preaching throughout Shropshire and the Welsh Borders. There were Baptists in this area as early as 1790, but in 1818 they became a separate church, adopting the same beliefs as Claremont. They met at the blacksmith's shop at Snailbeach until they outgrew the space. A request for a plot to build a chapel was refused by the Marquis of Bath, who was bitterly opposed to non-conformity. So the Earl of Tankerville was approached and offered the site at Lordshill. For the first 70 years the church flourished, but about 1890 seemed to lose its grip on Christ's gospel message, turning instead to social events to attract people. In 1961 a new minister, Peter Garner, led the church back to its Biblical roots, and this remained its focus through the long 41 year ministry of Peter Hallihan, up to the present day.

Stephen Ford.

(Stephen is currently writing a more in-depth history of the Lordshill chapel that we will be publishing in the July edition of the SDN - Editor)

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THE SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS



SUMMARY OF THE SEASON

Firstly, I think the lads deserve a huge congratulations for completing an entire league campaign without dropping a point. We've had some tough games this season in difficult circumstances so to have won every single league game is a great achievement. Credit where credit is due, every player has had to contribute during a long season and the boys attitude has been first class ever since the first game in pre-season, we haven't struggled for a team at any stage which is basically unheard of at Sunday league level.

The season's low points have come in the cup competitions. To lose in the semi-final of the County Cup to White Lion being the worst of the lot. Having beaten them 21-3 over two league games to then lose 3-2 in the semi-final was a massive disappointment.

As for next season. We are now in the Premier Division and will have to maintain our current squad at very least to compete at the top of the league with the quality sides in that division. However, I'm optimistic we can challenge at the summit and be competitive in every game.

Finally, thanks to everybody who has come and supported the boys throughout the season. The lads really appreciate your continued support and dedication, it really doesn't go unnoticed. The amount of times opposition managers have told me "You've brought the whole bloody village with you haven't you?" is hilarious.

MATCH REPORTS

SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS 13-4 RED BARN ROVERS

SUMMARY: Convincing win with plenty of quality goals that keeps up the 100% league record and on top of the league. A good bounce back from last week's disappointment. Highlight, an overhead kick from Marcus Ashley which was right out of the top draw!

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Ben MILLINGTON, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS, Sam PRICE

MID: Jamie HYNE, Sam RIMMER, Craig GRIFFITHS, Sam JONES

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

SUBS: Jack BREEZE, Kieran JONES

GOAL SCORERS: Adam DAVIES (4), Marcus ASHLEY (3), Sam JONES (3), Danny JONES, Jamie HYNE

MAN OF THE MATCH: Sam JONES: Hat-trick and assists for Sam in a good display. Caused his usual problems and worked his socks off for the team.

HARLESCOTT RANGERS 2-6 SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS

SUMMARY: Convincing win against a young, well drilled side that had the potential to cause us

problems. A change in formation did not disrupt the lads flow and they tore the hosts apart in the first half in particular with some scintillating football despite some notable absentees.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Jack BREEZE, Owen MORRIS, Kieran JONES, Sam JONES

MID: Dan CAMBURN, Sam RIMMER, Craig GRIFFITHS

ATT: Jamie HYNE, Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

GOAL SCORERS: Adam DAVIES (2), Marcus ASHLEY, Jamie HYNE, Sam RIMMER, Sam JONES

SUBS: Sam PRICE, Kev ROSS, Ben MILLINGTON

MAN OF THE MATCH: Dan CAMBURN – A neat and tidy display in the heart of midfield from the club's main utility man. Filled in with assurance and proved how valuable he is to the team.

SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS 6-0 NORBURY

SUMMARY: A chance for the boys to secure the league title at home against local rivals and continue the 100% league record. The lads duly delivered and put the visitors to the sword with a decent display. Not so much free flowing football in this one but the lads dug deep and persistence paid off.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Kieran JONES, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS, Sam JONES

MID: Craig GRIFFITHS, Ben MILLINGTON, Sam RIMMER

ATT: Jamie HYNE, Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

SUBS: Jack BREEZE, Sam PRICE, Dan CAMBURN

GOAL SCORERS: Adam DAVIES (3), Marcus ASHLEY (2), Craig GRIFFITHS

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adam DAVIES – Got kicked on numerous occasions, but responded in the best way possible with a hat-trick. A captain's

display that secured us the league title!

UNISON 1-3 SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS

SUMMARY: Probably saved our toughest test in the league until the last. With the chance to complete a league campaign with a 100% record (16/16 wins) the boys had to battle and scrap for the points here. A collector's item, courtesy of a Ben Millington goal at long last, got us up and running before Danny Jones sealed the victory for us with a brilliant volley.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Sam PRICE, Danny JONES, Owen MORRIS, Sam JONES

MID: Sam RIMMER, Ben MILLINGTON, Craig GRIFFITHS

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES ©, Jamie HYNE

SUBS: Jordan KNILL, Kieran JONES, Jack BREEZE

GOAL SCORERS: Ben MILLINGTON, Danny JONES, Adam DAVIES

MAN OF THE MATCH: Danny JONES – Fitting that Danny was the match winner in the final game of the season. Dealt with pressure well and scored a great volley.

THURSDAY NIGHT

KIDS FOOTBALL TRAINING

The kids training sessions will resume on Thursday 7th June. Sessions will begin at 6:30pm and last approximately an hour. Refreshments are provided and sessions cost £2 per child. Our four coaches are all licensed by the Football Association.

Jordan Knill. May 2018



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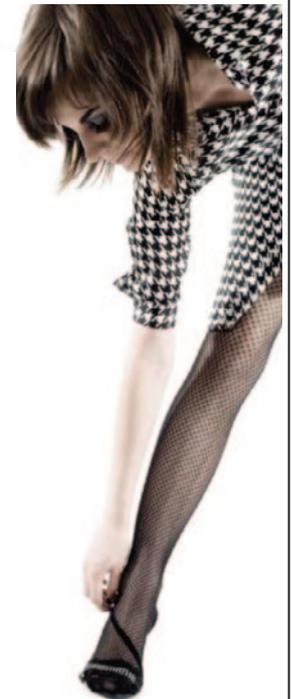
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Natural England

Notes From The Hill

It's been really nice of late to feel the warmth in the sun and hear the skylarks singing on the hill. I have just come off the hill after carrying out a butterfly survey, something we do as part of our long term monitoring of climate change. It was a little early to see lots of butterflies but there was certainly a good number of green hairstreaks on the ridge path near Shepherds Rock. These tiny iridescent butterflies are difficult to see and can easily be overlooked amongst the bright green bilberry bushes on which they often perch and on which the larvae feed. Once you get your eye in, however, they become more obvious and the males particularly are territorial and will return to the same perching places. At the end of the summer the larva will form a chrysalis in which they will overwinter. These chrysalis are supposed to emit clucking and churring noises audible to humans, which are thought to encourage ants to pick them up and carry them into their nests where they overwinter in a safe dry environment before emerging in the spring or summer.



Another insect which can be seen flying around amongst the whinberry bushes by the careful observer is a tiny green moth with huge antennae. This is the green longhorn moth and again it is the male that is the most obvious with its antennae reaching three times the length of its wing. The larvae of this moth lives in the leaf litter at the base of plants where it weaves a protective case from leaf fragments and silk.

After the timber was felled from Bergum Wood and much of the brash chipped last winter it has been lovely to see the first signs of life appearing with lots of broad buckler ferns and even a handful of bluebells emerging from the carpet of fir needles. These will have lain dormant for many years under the dark canopy of the conifer trees and have suddenly sprung up with light reaching the woodland floor for the first time in decades.

The **Hay Meadow Festival** at the Bog will be running again this year as part of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There will be the same programme of events including scything and hay related events but with new stall holders, a scythe shop and a 'bee in your bonnet' short talk's tent. Come along and join in the fun and help celebrate wildflower meadows and their wealth of wildlife. The festival will be on Saturday the 7th July from 10am to 4pm. Entry £5 for adults and £1 for children.

In preparation for the festival I will be running a day's alpine scything course on the 5th July where you can learn the joys of setting up, sharpening and using an Austrian scythe. Cost £50 includes all equipment and refreshments, bring your own lunch.

We are also running an **introduction to fleece felting** on Thursday July 19th 10am to 4pm. Spend a day with us on the nature reserve, meet the sheep and make a cushion cover using Hebridean fleece from our own Stiperstones flock. This method of felting the back of a shorn fleece allows us to create a 'sheep skin' effect without harming the animal. Cost £40 per person plus £25 material costs. Light refreshments provided, bring your own lunch. Early bird booking offer: Book before 30 June for a £10 discount. Limited number of places, book now to avoid disappointment.

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Letter from Westminster June 2018

As you might expect, I hold regular meetings with each of the public bodies in Shropshire to keep up to date on local issues, and to offer feedback and comments provided to me by local constituents. So in this capacity I met recently Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for West Mercia, John Campion, to discuss his efforts to improve the effectiveness of policing across South Shropshire, and I am encouraged by some of the steps he has taken so far.

Investment in mobile working technology has been a strong step forward in allowing the police to spend more time out patrolling and less time travelling back to stations to undertake admin. Similarly, the delivery of body worn cameras – a key manifesto commitment – has both allowed greater evidence collecting powers for the police, but also more accountability to the public, which is welcome.

The decision to raise the police aspect of the local precept (equivalent to £7.58 to the annual bill in 2018/19 for a band D home) has allowed the protection of police officer numbers while recruitment continues into our local Safer Neighbourhood Teams. This rise is less than the maximum allowed increase in precept, as the PCC believes efficiencies can still be made, to avoid higher taxes at a time when family budgets are tight.

I am very pleased the response team for South Shropshire has returned to Ludlow, having previously been based in Leominster. Bridgnorth Police Station is co-locating with Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service at Bridgnorth Fire Station, as the existing building is not fit for purpose and not fully utilised. So this will allow its redevelopment, and return to use back in the community, with any saving going back into frontline policing.

Despite a recent upswing in crime (though the increase in West Mercia is less than the national picture), crime levels in West Mercia are broadly similar to those recorded in 2010. I am particularly encouraged latest figures reveal a 19% reduction in robbery in our area.

For context on latest crime figures, it is important to highlight the fact that we have become better at recording crime, and some crime is now more widely reported – such as incidences of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), which received much greater public prominence after the revelations of Operation Yewtree, and of course, more recent historical cases in Telford.

This national prominence has led to more victims feeling able quite properly to come forward and talk about their experiences, which is welcome. I am pleased that there will now be an inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Telford, and I commend the pressure brought to bear by my colleague Lucy Allan MP, which has helped shine a spotlight on the appalling prevalence in some areas of CSE both locally and nationally. Telford's story shows this is not an issue confined to more urban parts of the country, but instead can be found on our own doorstep. So I welcome the inquiry.

Finally, effective community policing also takes account of local views. If you would like to make some suggestions to help improve policing in our area, please get in touch with the local Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion via opcc@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or in writing at OPCC, West Mercia Police, Hindlip Hall, Worcester, WR3 8SP.

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Status: Awaiting decision
Appeal Status: Unknown
Appeal Decision: Not Available
Applicant: Mr James Keates (Yewtree Barn, Norbury, Bishops Castle, SY9 5DX)



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Pledge forms were included in the last SDN edition.



ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! **Atlantic Ladies**

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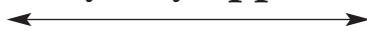
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Helping Alleviate Homelessness.

Between 25th and 28th May I walked 75 miles along Chaucer's Pilgrims Way to raise funds for St Martin In the Field's Connection Project that works to help the homeless. This route stretches from Trafalgar Square to Canterbury Cathedral. This is the 28th time that Connection has encouraged groups of people to undertake this walk to raise funds.

Walking through the cities I visit – Cardiff, Brighton, London, Oxford, Shrewsbury – I find it harder and harder seeing people resorting to sleeping in doorways knowing they are the tip of the homeless iceberg. So many young people couch surf and single families live in inadequate bed-sits.

The house I am so lucky to live in was built in 1871, this is the exact same year that my grandfather arrived as a 7 year old at Toxteth Workhouse.

Within a week his mother, father and one of his 3 sisters were dead! He lost all contact with his other 2 sisters but luckily he lived a long and fruitful life through a teaching apprenticeship.

The echo of his homelessness continued as my mother often said that she felt blessed

that none of her children went to bed without a full stomach and always had shoes on their feet. She saw the flip side often, growing up in Liverpool in the 1930s.

I grew up in the 60s and 70s in The Cotswolds and I had no concept of homelessness, but now it seems to be on the increase from the early 80s.

If you feel at all motivated, help me help St. Martins-in-the Field by donating anything you can spare.

You can do this anonymously using a card through this link:-

<https://pilgrimage2018.everydayhero.com/uk/help-alleviate-hmelessness>

You can Gift Aid through this link too. Every penny donated will go to the Connection Project.

I will be covering all my expenses of this walk/pilgrimage.

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Jon Kean - Tankerville

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The Bog Trestle Returns!



The trestle in position complete with bucket.
Photo - Kelvin Lake

You may have noticed the large steel tower that has appeared behind the Bog Visitor's Centre and wondered what it was. Well, it's a reminder of a similar tower that stood there just over a century ago that was a part of an aerial ropeway system that carried barytes from The Bog mine to a processing plant some 6 miles away in Malehurst and then carried coal back to The Bog.

This new tower or 'trestle' is intended to serve as a memorial to all those who lived, worked and died at The Bog during its most productive years during the mid- 19th century and early 20th century. Donated by Forterra P.L.C. of Claughton Manor Brick Works near Lancaster, it was erected, complete with its bucket, at the Bog Visitor's Centre on March 27th 2018. The Stiperstones and Corndon Hill Partnership found this example of one of the original ropeway trestles at an abandoned brickworks near Lancaster, and persuaded the owners to donate it. They then organised the move, obtained planning permission and funded the whole process.

Though much of

the detail of the history of this aerial ropeway system is lost in the mists of time, remains of the piers can still be found in places, especially near Perkins Beach, and research by the Shropshire Caving and Mining Club has discovered the existence of branch lines that served both Perkins Beach and Buxton Quarry.

What little local anecdotal and documentary evidence that exists suggests that work started on the ropeway in 1917 at The Bog and that a steel trestle once stood behind the old Bog School on the site where the new trestle stands. Sadly, the ropeway had a



The old Bog school looks on as the trestle and bucket are prepared to be positioned on the former site of the aerial ropeway.

Photo - Kelvin Lake

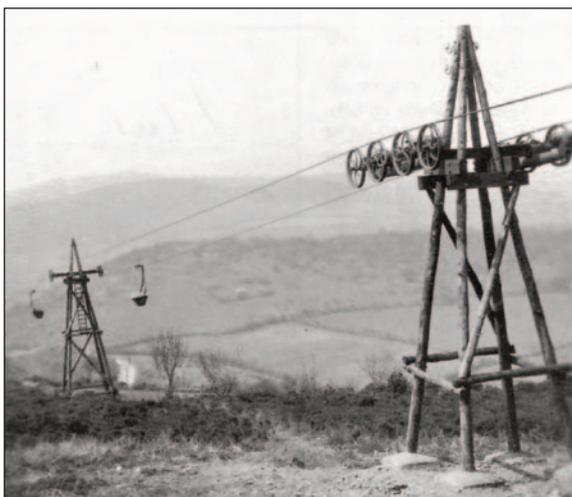
relatively short life and by 1925, when The Bog mine was finally closed, it was abandoned and eventually dismantled, it is believed, during 1927.

Early construction work on the ropeway was carried out in 1917 by German prisoners of war. Though initially billeted in the Midland Railway yard at Coleham, Shrewsbury, and marched to work daily from Minsterley station, they were eventually billeted in the Miners Institute at The Bog. Also known as 'The Clubroom', it was a corrugated iron faced building that later became the venue for many local social events, right up until the 1970's.

Henry Jones of Pennerley remembers his grandmother telling him that her shed was also used as a German billet and that she supplemented their rations; in return they would tip ropeway buckets of coal out as they passed her house.

Although the first documentary reference to mining for

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A view circa 1920 down the Buxton Quarry line. Notice that these trestles are of wooden construction not steel as the Bog trestle.

Emily Griffith's collection.

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lead ore around The Bog area dates back to 1684 (and it is believed that the Romans were mining lead far earlier), it is the second half of the 19th century and the first few years of the 20th century that saw The Bog at its most populated.

Commercial mining started at the Bog in the 1730s making this one of the oldest mines in the area. This was the start of almost 200 years of lead mining at The Bog, with several small mines operating between The Bog and Snailbeach. Although the veins were rich in lead ore, mining was not continuous; leases changed hands frequently and companies often went bankrupt. Lead mining

stopped at The Bog in the 1880s, but the mines were re-opened in the early 1900s to extract barytes, a mineral found with the lead ore, but by 1924 this mineral too became uneconomic to extract and the mine finally closed.

The Bog area (so called because it was in fact a very wet bog!) looks beautifully bleak today, but there was once a thriving community here with over 200 buildings, including houses and cottages, mixed in with the mine buildings and works. The census return for the Bog in 1861 showed a population of 248, though this had reduced to a mere 89 by 1911.

'**Once Upon A Hill**' describes The Bog at this time as a largely self-contained village that had its own shoemaker, carpenter, blacksmith, wheelwright, carter, tailor and police constable. The Bog became a lively hub providing a school, pub, entertainment, provisions and transport.

Between the wars, however, it was in decline and was described by John Francis in '**Never On A Sunday**' as "a ramshackle place, sheds and tin roofs and mine workings, the miners welfare and the school."

'**Once Upon A Hill**' tells us that "The workmen's hostel near the mine remained in use until the 1940's and the clubroom into the 1970's, its

contents being auctioned off in 1975. In 1973 voting records show seven families still living at The Bog but only a few years later the village buildings were almost all demolished"

The school finally closed in 1968, "with many regrets but without much fuss. The school had been the last stronghold of a vibrant bustling community."

(Doreen Bowen, '**Once Upon A Hill**)

Apart from a few remains that serve as a reminder that once a flourishing community lived here, the only buildings to survive are the old Bog School, now the Visitor's Centre, and the Miner's Arms that is now a holiday home.

It seems fitting then that the trestle should now stand tall alongside the old Bog School, proudly overlooking what was once a vibrant and close knit community.

Patrick Marks - Snailbeach, May 2018



'The Miner's Institute', known fondly as 'The Clubroom', was finally demolished in the 1980's. Used to billet German prisoners of war during the construction of the ropeway and then as the centre of local entertainment well into the 1970's.

Acknowledgments to:

"Once Upon A Hill" - Natural England, 2011.

"Never On A Sunday" - The Shropshire Mines Trust, 2000.

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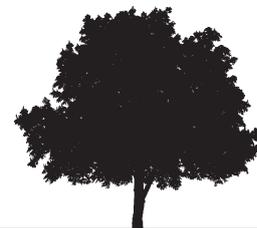
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Copthorne Rd, opp Barracks	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:37	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:52		15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:12
Copthorne, opp Hospital				10:18			12:13			14:13				16:38			17:53	
Radbrook Rd, adj College	07:47	08:22	09:02		10:42	11:12		12:42	13:42		14:57		15:57		16:37	17:12		18:17
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:47	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	15:02		16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:22
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Mary Webb		08:40											15:20					
Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:40	09:18	10:33	10:59	11:29	12:28	12:58	13:59	14:28	15:13	15:21	16:14	16:53	16:54	17:28	18:08	18:34
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Stiperstones, adj Inn					11:10				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:45
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
White Grit, Turn	08:20			10:50			12:45			14:45				17:10				18:25
Llan, Turn	08:24			10:54			12:49			14:49				17:14				18:29
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Lydham, Church	08:29			10:59			12:54			14:54				17:19				18:34
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White Grit	09:05	Lydbury North	13:50
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Sarn	10:30	Plox Green	15:02
Kerry	10:40	Minsterley	15:05
Newtown	10:50	Pontesbury	15:10

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Day Trips**Enquiries Call: 01743 791208****June**

Tuesday 5th National Trust Biddulph Grange **£12/£21**
Monday 18th Stratford upon Avon **£15**

July

Monday 9th Northern Cotswold **£20**
Thursday 26th Trentham Gardens **£22**

August

Thursday 2nd Warwick & Warwick Castle (Coach only) **£18**
Friday 10th Upton upon Severn River Cruise with Fish & Chips **£32**
Wednesday 15th Portmeirion & Porthmadog **£28**
Monday 20th Chester Zoo or Cheshire Oaks (Coach only) **£16**
Thursday 30th Hampton Court Castle & Gardens with entry **£25**

September

Wednesday 5th Llangollen & British Ironworks **£14**
Tuesday 11th Betws-y-Coed & Caernarfon **£19**
Friday 21st Black Country Living Museum with entry **£27**
Tuesday 25th Brecon Mountain Railway & Monmouth **£34**



Spring Colour

Caroline Chidley was yet again the only entry last month and she already has a large collection of pens! Please hand your entries to Phil at The Stiperstones Inn, if only to stop her getting another one!

The purest and most thoughtful minds are those which love colour the most.

John Ruskin

Sudoku

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

June Trivia

Birthstone:

Moonstone or Pearl

Flower:

Rose or Honeysuckle

Star Signs:

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

More June lore here

Languages:

Spanish: En junio

Italian: Giugno

French: Juin

German: Juni

Polish: Czerwiec

Latin: Junius

When I am working on a problem I never think about beauty. I only think about how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong - Buckminster Fuller.

Baptist Services



Sunday services: 10.30 am & 3.00 pm
 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Wednesdays 7.15 pm
 Held in the School Room, Snailbeach
 Elder: Mr. Joe Evans 01743 790 979
 All are welcome!

Quaker Meetings

Shrewsbury Quaker Meeting House

Corporation Lane, Coton Hill,
 Shrewsbury, SY1 2NU
 10.30 am every Sunday

Clun Valley Quaker Meeting

The Community Centre

Grange Road, Bishop's Castle

10.30 am every Sunday, **except 1st Sunday of month** Hazelhurst Community Centre, Hazelhurst Close, Clun SY7 8LQ



The Methodist Church

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3rd, 10th, 17th June - Services at 2.45pm
24th June - Service at 10.30am
1st July - Service at 2.45pm

19th June

SANKEY EVENING - 7pm

Everyone welcome.
 Hope you will join us
 for a
"Good Sing"

Stiperstones Group – C of E Service Rota June 2018

Date	Habberley St. Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St. Luke
1st Sunday 3 rd June Trinity 1 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	
2nd Sunday 10 th June Trinity 2 Green	6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Christine	10.30am All Age Communion + Baptism of Orlaith Mason Revd Giles		
3rd Sunday 17 th June Trinity 3 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 24 th June Birth of John the Baptist White	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	10.30 am All Age Communion + Baptism Revd Pam		

WHAT'S ON**Cupcake Day**

Saturday 9 June

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Nant-Isa, Pennerley

In memory of Barbara Jones

Tel: Tracy 01743 791817

Crafty Mondays

Minsterley Methodist Church

The Lounge Area

Every 2nd Monday

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Uninterrupted crafting and chatting. Bring along your project!

£2 per person includes refreshments

Malcolm & Doreen Dunbar's Big Summer BBQ!

In aid of local **Lingen Davies** cancer treatment centre.

Sunday, 8th July

4pm 'til very late.

The Hollies, Stiperstones.

All are welcome!

Call: 01743 790966 for details

Gin Tasting

Montgomery Town Hall

Saturday, 9th June @ 7pm

£10 advance or £12 on the door.

Call Emma: 01686669 971

Car Boot Sale

Minsterley Parish Hall SY5 0HR

Saturday, 23rd June,

8.30am to 12.00 noon

Bacon rolls & hot drinks.

Call: 01743 891985

to book a table or pitch.

News from the Library

The Plant Sale was a great success. As well as the FoPL raising funds to keep the library open, it brought lots of visitors, I managed to count 189 visitors on my little clicker. The sun shone and it was a lovely morning.

We also held the Tea and Memories event for those suffering from memory loss. If you missed the afternoon event but are interested in the resources the library has to offer, please pop in and ask about our collection of books and memory bags.

On June 12th we will be holding an informal afternoon introducing our online resources. Bring along your handheld device and learn how to download our e-Reader app. Ronni will be giving guidance on how to browse and borrow e-Books, e-Magazines and e-Newspapers. The session will start at 2 pm and is free to library members, just bring along your own laptop, tablet or smartphone. Booking is not essential, but let Beverley or Kay know if you would like to join the session.

Rhyme and Story Time will be at 2.30 on 7th June.

Advance notice for July. The Summer Reading Challenge will launch on Saturday 14th July and this year will be 'Mischief Makers,' *The Library Owl*

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Pontesbury and Rea Valley District Branch

Our AGM is on Wednesday 6th June, 2pm, Congregational Church, Pontesbury. A short business meeting, with election of Committee Members, will be followed by an art display and presentations by Interest Groups.

Non-members are welcome to our AGM and our bi-monthly general meetings. If you like us, take the opportunity to join us and make it your U3A also. You have nothing to lose and much to gain.

This local Branch now has 140 members in Pontesbury and the Rea Valley. It meets a wide range of interests for those no longer in full time employment. If you have a particular interest you want to pursue we are always open to forming a new group.

Current Interest Groups:

Family History	Walking (< 3 miles)	History	Art History & Appreciation
Geology	Walking (> 6 miles)	Italian	Gardening & Garden Visits
Play Reading	Folk Music	Local History	Tai Chi Cycling
English Literature	Painting & Drawing	Astronomy	Writing Table Tennis

Any questions, to join us, or to receive our e-Newsletter - Tel: 01743 790430.

E-mail: prvdmem@gmail.com

John Balmond

In the 1930s, the Rev. Frederick Densham of Warleggan in Cornwall alienated his flock by painting the church blue and red, surrounding his rectory with barbed wire and replacing the congregation with cardboard cut-outs.

To perfect Hercule Poirot's walk, actor David Suchet clasped a coin between his buttocks.

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You can also leave items for inclusion at the Stiperstones Inn if you wish.