



SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

April 2021
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All the fund raising and planting has reaped dividends with a fabulous display of flowers this spring.

However we need to keep up the good work. A bucket of snowdrops in the green have been donated and any more bulbs will find a new home. There is also a collection box outside John's shop, so if you your heart is uplifted open your wallet.

Check out some more information on bulbs (the flowering sort) through our pages.



George and Joan Evans are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd April.

We would like to send our love and best wishes

Val, Mark, Matt, Tom, Carol, Andy and Maisie

Ps Maisie is 18 in April (not sure where that time has gone)

George and Joan do not expect cards, but would be pleased with donations for Lingen Davies Unit and St.Lukes Church,Snailbeach when we get to celebrate later in the year, thank you, Joan.

April 3rd. 2021

George and Joan's. 60th Anniversary.

Under normal circumstances we would be celebrating George and Joan's Diamond Anniversary with a party, where no doubt I would be unable to resist doing a party piece. As this isn't possible this year I thought I would share this poem with you all. Happy Diamond Anniversary xx June and Frank

60 Diamond Years.

As George went in to work one day,
He was very pleased to find
A pretty young girl had started there.
And she looked just his kind.
After a while he asked her out,
And soon they were going steady.
Looking forward to the future,
To marry, they were ready.
They tied the knot at Longnor Church,
In April, Nineteen Sixty One.
Then honeymooned in sunny Rhyl.
In a caravan, (A luxury one)
They built themselves a home together,
And settled in to married life.
Working hard and having fun,
Life was good, as man and wife.
In Sixty Four the family grew,
And Valerie arrived.
Followed closely by Carol,
The little family thrived.
Then came a long awaited son.
Robert made the family complete.
George started his own business,
and life, for them was sweet.
The years passed by quite happily,
Balancing work, with holidays and fun.
Off in the little camper van,
Then working hard back home.
Things were good, but they had a dream,
Their business needed a new form.
So in 1973, they bought a coach.
And Longmynd Travel was born.
Working hard, and building it,
They went from strength to strength.
The little camper van gave way,
To foreign trips of length.
Life couldn't have been much better,
When suddenly sadness struck.
And Robert was cruelly taken from them.
Such a tragic shock.

It was enough to break a lesser couple,
To lose their only son,
But supported by Valerie and Carol,
Together they soldiered on.
They grew their business bigger,
And moved it to pastures new.
They also built Rose Cottage,
And moved from Callow View.
They've come through some stormy seas,
Through sunny times and cloud.
They now have three grandchildren,
Of whom they are very proud.
Joan and George must feel so proud,
Of their family and their business.
To watch them grow from humble
beginnings,
I have been proud to witness.

Now it's time for them celebrate
Sixty years of married life.
I know they've had their ups and downs,
And probably times of strife.
How have they reached this 60th year?
I'm sure its not been all plain sailing.
Give and take, and compromise,
And overcoming each others failing.
But one way or another,
They have made it day by day.
I know, cos I've been with them
As they've have fun along the way.
We've holidayed and socialised,
And played dominoes for fun.
We've caravan'ed in the pouring rain,
And relaxed in the Tenerife sun.

They can look back on 60years,
With great memories and pride.
Worked so hard, achieved so much,
And still enjoyed the ride.
But alas, no celebration now
With family and friends.
But things will get back to normal.
And then we'll make amends.
So until then, stay safe and well,
Keep the celebrations steady,
Enjoy your Diamond Wedding Day,
Joan, I'll have the medal ready.
So for now it just remains to say.
Congratulations George and Joan,
May good health and happiness be yours,
Where ever you may roam.

Special offer to celebrate new chapter in Plough Garage history

“Support your local businesses and we will support you” - that’s the message from one of Pontesbury’s longest-established firms which recently marked its 100th anniversary.

Plough Garage, which has been based at Plough Cottage in Chapel Street since 1919, is looking to the future with optimism following a management restructure - and is now celebrating with a special offer for customers during April and May.



Finn Walton, director at Plough Garage, said the support of the local community had been central to the garage’s success over the past 100 years.

“The people of Pontesbury and surrounding areas have always been our core customer base and we very much see ourselves as part of the community,” he said.

“The past 12 months have been incredibly hard for everyone, and we have done everything in our power to remain open and be here for people when they have needed us.

“Terry, Derek and Geoff Evans ran the business for many years following in the footsteps of their father Jack ‘Coog’ Evans. Terry retired in 2016, and following the sad passing of Derek Evans in November, Geoff now moves forward with the garage in partnership with Finn Walton.

Finn completed his apprenticeship with the Plough in 2010 and following a few years away from the garage he returned in 2018. As part of this move forward, Jack Evans & Sons will soon become Plough Garage Ltd.

“To mark the new chapter in our history, we wanted to thank our customers by offering a free MOT with every full service and a major discount of more than 50% on all MOTs during April and May, so they will only be £20 rather than the usual price of £45.

“Many vehicles had their MOTs extended when the MOT holiday was introduced at the start of the first lockdown back in March 2020, so we are encouraging people to book in their vehicles in advance if possible.

“We always recommend not to leave an MOT to the last minute, and we hope this offer will encourage people to book in for a test during April or May. In particular we have seen a rise in issues with braking systems due to cars being used less frequently and an MOT test is the best way of ensuring your vehicle is in a safe and roadworthy condition.”

“We really do appreciate the support of the local community. By supporting your local businesses, it means they will be there to support you when you need them.”



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A few years ago it entered my mind to look into the family tree of the Evanses from the Green Farm, Stiperstones. Once started I discovered that Fiona Highcock grand daughter of Rene Jones (née Swain) had already done an excellent job, having studied it for 22 years. She ended up concentrating on the mystery of Granny Green. Florence Evans (née Jones) was born in 1885 and was the mother of George Ernest Evans of the Blackhole. Fiona let me have the results of her research which is included here and for which I am extremely grateful I will now concentrate on the Sayce family tree and if anyone has old photographs of the Evanses or the Sayces please let me know.

Joan Evans, the Blackhole.



This is Florence's complete story as I have it by Fiona Highcock

Florence Jones was known to so many as Granny Green.

When my own Nan passed away, I realised how much history of the family had gone with her. I started my genealogy journey. I had been told so much about Granny Green, my great great grandmother that I wanted to resolve her story. I was always told she was sold as a child at Shrewsbury Market. Other members of our family thought she had been adopted. 22 years of research, chipping away at her life, constantly checking and double checking to place each piece of my findings in order has unearthed the following .

Florence Jones was born illegitimately on 8th September 1885, she was baptised in October 1885 at Grinshill, near Wem. To a single woman Emily Jones .

Emily Jones born,1864, was one of ten children to James Jones and Ann Collins. Emily had an older brother James born 1863.

By the 1891 census, Florence is not living with her mother but with her Uncle James Jones and his wife Harriet (née Davies) at Grinshill.

Ten years later in 1901 census Florence Jones is shown living with Catherine Evans as a visitor at the Black Hole. Catherine had a daughter called Ann who later married a George Preece. When Florence marries John Evans in 1908 George Preece gives her away.

I couldn't understand how Florence had become to reside in Snailbeach until recently and who and what was Catherine Evans to her.

The Evans family have resided at The Blackhole, since approximately 1841 beginning with my fifth great grandparents Richard and Catherine Evans (née Perkin) and their five children. One of the children Thomas and his wife Margaret (née Roberts) was living at the Green in 1851 - my fourth great grandparents. Thomas had two sisters, one was called Hannah who went on to marry a John Davies. They were the parents of Harriet Davies. born 1856 who married James Jones, Florences Uncle and they are shown on the 1891 census with Florence in Grinshill. Harriet passes away between 1891 and 1896.

Thomas's second sister Catherine lives at the Blackhole, where Florence is visiting in the 1901 census. Thomas and Margaret had 6 children at the Green including my third great grandfather Richard and a sister called Hannah. She married a Richard Perkin. Who sadly passes away leaving Hannah a widow. Hannah marries Florences Uncle James in 1896 . She is the niece of Catherine Evans who Florence is visiting in 1901 at the Blackhole. she is the cousin of Harriet Davies James 1st wife.

Richard Evans my 3rd great grandfather marries Sarah Howells. They have ten children, one being my great great grandfather John Evans, who marries Florence in 1907.

So this is how she came to Snailbeach. Her Uncle had ensured she stayed with her family rather than going to the workhouse as this often preceded fostering or adoption.

Florence's birth mother Emily went on to marry John Minton in 1890. They were living at Lydbury North, when Florence was 4. and went on to have 5 children. My understanding is that Florence was never later involved in her mothers life

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Not all "bulbs" are bulbs. True bulbs are underground vertical shoots with modified leaves that are used for food storage. Plants in the lily family (tulips, lilies, muscaris) and amaryllis family (narcissus, amaryllis, etc.) often produce true bulbs. But other plants evolved different underground storage organs: corms, tubers, rhizomes and many more. The actual term for all these plants is "geophyte" ... but no one is going to scold you if you call them all bulbs!
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Spring is here, heralded by the call of the curlew and the song of the skylark. Frogs are gathering and the clumps of spawn are swelling in the pools on the hill. The first flowers of the year are blooming, the bright yellow celandines and coltsfoot reflecting the increasing warmth of the sun.

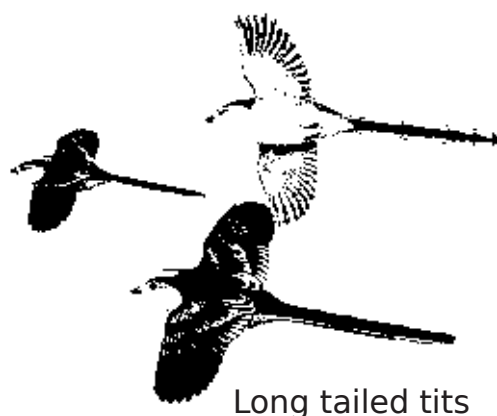
At this time of year the birds are busy building this year's nests, an important task for most birds, sometimes carried out by the male in order to win a mate and sometimes jointly by the already bonded pair of birds. The tiny male wren is one of the busiest birds, as he builds a whole range of neat little domed nests of moss, leaves and grass in order to please his mate who will pick one which she will cosily line with feathers. This nest will not only be used for a number of broods but also to huddle together in, in order to keep warm in the winter.

All nests are distinctive to the species of bird that builds it, for example the song thrush makes the only cupped shape nest that has a smooth lining of mud, rotten wood and saliva creating a hard cork-like base. Swallows and house martins also use mud and clay, the swallow making a cup shaped nest on a beam in a building while house martins make their dome shaped nests under roof edges, sticking the mud to the house walls. This is an amazingly labour intensive job taking as many as 1200 journeys for one nest. On my house about half of the house martin nests are taken over by house sparrows just before the martins have finished. You can tell which ones they have decided to squat in, because they are messily stuffed with dead grass, as the house sparrow probably gets the prize for the messiest nest.

I would give the neatest nest building prize to one of my favourite birds, the long-tailed tit. These delightful woodland birds often nest in thorn bushes, gorse or bramble thickets, where their nests are rarely more than a few feet off the ground. The oval shaped nest is constructed of moss and hair all bound together with cobwebs, lined with up to 2000 feathers it is the feather bed of nests, but best of all it is then decorated with pieces of lichen. All of this work, three weeks of labour, only to be used once. A small hole in the top is the access through which the female has to squeeze, you can always tell if a female is brooding eggs as it will have a kinked tail from squeezing into its nest.

Spiders are of great importance to many birds in nest building and later as food for their young. Many birds use their webs to help stick their nests together. Chaffinches tend to nest in the fork of trees and they start by making sticky anchors of cobwebs as the foundations. Other natural fibres are also used and dunnocks and robins will often use sheep's wool to line their nests. At home I often watch as the house sparrows tirelessly sit on the bean poles slowly untying the string that I have carefully tied them up with.

Of course not all birds nest in trees and bushes, and heathlands in particular are home to a number of ground nesting specialists. Skylark and meadow pipit build shallow scrapes on the ground lined with grass and the nightjar doesn't even bother with that, laying its eggs onto bare ground and relying upon the female's incredible camouflage to hide them. The eggs are on the ground for 17-21 days and it's a further 32 days before the young have fledged, so they are very vulnerable to predators or disturbance by uncontrolled dogs. So come April it's even more important to keep dogs on a lead while on the hill.



Long tailed tits

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get bendy!

Weds 7th April, 10:30am - 2:30pm
Willow Craft—basketry and garden structures
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Sat 10th April, 12:30pm - 3pm
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Things to do



“Ellesmere woman co-founded the Save the Children Fund” – this was a talk given by a Shropshire researcher to Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a members, who were entranced with this story at their open meeting – via Zoom – in February 2021. Monthly speakers interest, engage, enlighten and entertain our members. This contributes to our aim of offering the opportunity to meet a wider range of people and make new friends. We also spend some leisure time discovering and acquiring new skills, as well as helping others to do the same. During this lockdown period, our coffee and

chat meets fortnightly online, and 16 interest groups are still meeting in many different ways. Members keep in touch by phone and occasionally meet, with social distancing of course, when walking outdoors. Nothing stops our u3a from meeting, greeting and learning. To find out more contact Susan Lockwood at susanlockwood345@btinternet.com or phone 01743 791082/07854 110271.



Some of our favourite flower bulbs are edible. Tulips, cannas, alliums, lilies, muscaris, dahlias and camassias are examples of bulbs you can eat if you want, although you'll find many of them, including tulips, need careful preparation to be of much interest. Don't just try any bulb, though, as some bulbs, including narcissus, hyacinths, amaryllis and so-called death camas (*Zigadenus venenosus*), are poisonous.
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The tulip bubble - myth or fact

The real story of the tulip bubble starts the same place as the myth: In the court of the Ottoman emperor in Constantinople. Here, Western traders are believed to have encountered the flowers and brought them back to Europe. Tulips arrived at the fashion-forward French court, and then, during the 1500s, made their way to the Dutch elite.

"Tulips are fashionable because there's a fashion for science and natural history, especially among people who are humanistically educated and relatively well off. One of the things that I found is that people who are collectors of tulip bulbs often are collectors of paintings as well," Anne Goldgar says. During the early 1600's tulips gain popularity and prices start soaring. This is further complicated by the arrival of the plague in the 1630s. However, not the way many people think.

"The argument which is usually put forward is that people thought they were about to die, and therefore they might as well throw their money away on something as stupid as a tulip. That doesn't represent what I'm seeing in the archives. It seems to me that people are relatively willing for life to go on despite the epidemic."

The plague did, however, play a role in creating the tulip bubble in a different way, Goldgar says.

"There were people who had a bit more cash because they had acquired some extra money from relatives who had died."

To put it simply: certain people had some disposable income to spend—on tulips.

Prices Soar—Until They Don't

The price continued to go up until they reached a peak in February 1636. But it was starting to dawn on people that the tulips might be overpriced. That tulips, which once seemed rare and exotic, were actually easy to grow and propagate.

The tulips that were being sold that winter were still locked in the frozen ground. So the sales were all just contracts—promises written down on paper.

Then, on February 3, 1636, a bulb didn't sell at an auction in the Dutch city of Haarlem—and that failure to sell caused prices to drop. The bubble was over.

But where the myth of tulipmania claims that long chains of people were affected by the crash, Anne Goldgar says that it was actually only a small number of people who were involved in the trade. And even those people hadn't lost fortunes.

"I only found 37 people who paid more than 300 guilders for a bulb. Some of the legends of bulbs that people talk about were 1,200 guilders. The highest price I ever saw was 5,500 guilders."

To put those prices in perspective: In 1637, one guilder was worth about \$10 in today's money. 300 guilders would be about \$3,000. That amounts to quite good yearly wage at the time. So those 37 people who paid more than 300 guilders—or a year of wages—did lose money. But no one went bankrupt because of tulips, Goldgar says.





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You will need quite a few bulbs to produce even a teaspoon of the spice; expect to plant about 50 bulbs to fill one. That may seem like a lot, but on the flip side saffron crocuses are ready multipliers, taking just a couple of years to bulk out and reward you with enough saffron for a weekly paella!

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With the continued rapid pace of the vaccine rollout in Shropshire, the long Easter weekend to look forward to, and clocks changing at the end of March, April really does feel like we have moved into a new phase of life returning to some sense of normality.



For so many in retail, personal care, community assets, self-contained accommodation, outdoor attractions and of course, much of the hospitality sector, this month represents the end of the long wait to return to trading.

This month we move into Step 2 – no earlier than 12th April – which sees the reopening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups), as well as most outdoor attractions.

Step 2 will also see a decision taken on whether to allow two named visitors to care homes. The past 12 months have been so tough for care home residents, so I sincerely hope we are in a position to do this. In addition, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

I know the past year has hit the pub and hospitality trade incredibly hard, so I am pleased that Step 2 also sees the reopening of hospitality venues to serve people outside, without the need for a substantial meal – so ending the scotch egg debate - and without a curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated (table service).

We are lucky to have so many brilliant pubs and restaurants across South Shropshire, so I hope residents will support their favourite local, once we are allowed to do so – though it will be important to adhere to the rules to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Given the vital importance of tourism to the South Shropshire economy, and the thousands of local jobs it supports, it will come as a great relief to local accommodation providers and the many people who own touring caravans that this month self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

The Global Travel Taskforce will also report to the Prime Minister on 12th April with recommendations about how to resume international travel as soon as possible, while managing the risk from imported cases and potential new variants – though this will be no earlier than 17th May, as we move to Step 3.

South Shropshire would, in normal times, be looking forward to hosting larger events throughout the year – including the Ludlow Food Festival, and Burwarton Show, both of whose committees are keen to hold their event if possible. No one wants another year gone without these stellar events, so I am pleased that from Step 2 the government will begin a scientific Events Research Programme, to run throughout the Spring. This will allow a series of larger pilot events, using an enhanced testing approach and other measures to evaluate the impact of larger crowds and reduced social distancing

I wish readers a very pleasant Easter, and hope that the coming month will bring some relief and optimism as restrictions are loosened.

Josh Boughton Office of Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP (Ludlow)

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How to get tested in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin



Twice-weekly testing using Rapid Lateral Flow Tests is now recommended, and they are available for free to all adults in households with primary school, secondary school and college-aged children, for those without symptoms.

This includes adults in childcare and support bubbles, and twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers, taxi drivers and after school club leaders. These tests are also available for employers or employees who cannot work from home.

Testing can either be done at home by applying for a home testing kit or by registering for an appointment at a drive-through testing centre. Testing is provided at drive-through testing centres, currently by appointment only, and the correct booking procedures must be followed in order to avoid being turned away.

In Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin this may be at our Regional Testing Site in Ironbridge or a Mobile Testing Unit which operates from sites in Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Ludlow on a rotational basis, or further afield, at a regionally based drive-through testing centre.

The test itself involves taking a swab of the inside of the nose and the back of the throat, using a long cotton bud. This can be done by the person themselves or by someone else. Results of the test and subsequent advice will be provided.

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Stiperstones Inn - Re-opening!

At the time of writing it looks like the Inn will be able to reopen on Monday 12th April.

All outdoor gatherings at this point will be subject to social distancing rules which currently limits us to a maximum of 6 people or 2 households per table.

We will be able to serve both food and drink in the beer garden, but orders will be limited to table service only, this means you must order, eat & drink whilst seated. Until lockdown rules are relaxed further all customers including children must remain at their table for the duration of your visit. (Apart from bathroom breaks of course)

Sharp eyed shop visitors will have seen that there has been some rather drastic remodelling of the beer garden over the last few weeks. The old grass beer garden really struggled last year with the amount of traffic on it in wet weather and so this year we have taken the opportunity to transform it into an all weather surface (although at the time of writing it does look a little more like a huge fishpond than a beer garden!). Opening hours will be:

Sunday -Thursday 11:30 - 10:00

Friday - Saturday 11:30 - 11:00

The government have not set a curfew for beer garden sales, but due to the English climate in Spring we may close earlier than this on some days if we are empty after 8:30pm.

We are endeavouring to create an outdoor space with some protection from both the wind and the rain, however a 2 hour beer garden visit should probably be treated as a mini camping adventure, the sun might be shining when you leave the house, but you will need to come prepared for inclemency - layering is definitely your friend here. We will be happy to refill hot water bottles or microwave heat pads for you, but we won't be able to hand out blankets so we recommend that those who are climatically challenged bring their own.

We are currently taking bookings for the beer garden from April 12th. We usually allow up to 2 hours for each booking, but obviously you are welcome to extend your visit as long as there is availability.

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Hopefully we will have an update for the next newsletter about opening for indoor dining from the 17th May.

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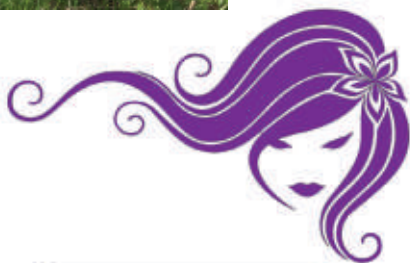
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From
Malcolm Dunbar

English is FULL of contradictions.

Here are some funny ones:

- 1) Found Missing
- 2) Open Secret
- 3) Small Crowd
- 4) Act Naturally
- 5) Clearly Misunderstood
- 6) Fully Empty
- 7) Pretty Ugly
- 8) Seriously Funny
- 9) Only Choice
- 10) Original Copies
- 11) Exact Estimate
- 12) Tragic Comedy
- 13) Foolish Wisdom
- 14) Liquid Gas
- 15) Working Holiday

No wonder English is difficult to learn but is so expressive.

Pontesbury & District Gardeners Association

With restrictions being lifted gradually we are hoping that our Show will go ahead at the end of August this year, having missed out last year. It is too early to be confident that we could hold our social evening, Spring into the Garden, on its usual date in May so we may have to wait another year for that. Our AGM is normally held in March, but will be re-arranged for a date when we can all meet up without contravening any rules!

It's been good to see so many people on Saturday mornings since we re-opened for 2021. We are still only able to let two people, or couples, into the building at any one time but are able to get items from inside to your cars as quickly as we can; fortunately the fine weather (most weeks) has meant that queuing outside hasn't been a problem – and has been quite sociable.

We have now regained a little space inside so for anyone needing a few bags of multi-purpose compost we will be supplying from our 'branch office' in the garage; all that we ask is that you take care in parking when it is busy and try not to block the entrance.

Some items are getting low and we are likely to experience delays in re-stocking as manufacturers are still suffering from low staff levels so please bear with us until things get back to normal.

Good Friday was always the traditional time to plant seed potatoes – it was the first 'day off' that the workers had had since Xmas so was used to get the spuds in the ground. You can be a bit flexible on this but it's always a good guide

The Trading Post is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

Generation Zero Carbon Shropshire Group is looking for new members

We are a small group of enthusiastic, friendly young people who are aiming to get Shropshire completely 0 carbon emissions in the next 10 years.

Our group is made up of 5 young people. So far, we have been having online meetings each week to discuss and develop our ideas to help achieve our goal. At the moment we are creating a website and getting it up and running. We have decided to create this young team so that we can have a bright future to look forward to.

To us, being involved isn't so much a choice, it is a must as we need to act now!

In this group we have roles for every type of person. We have opportunities for people to really get involved within the group and be assigned specific jobs, but we also have the opportunity for someone to just watch and observe the group and chip in with occasional suggestions. This group is a collection of positive people who are all striving for the same goal.

We are really keen to have new ideas and energy into the team.

To join us, visit the zero carbon Shropshire website, sign the pledge, then scroll to the bottom of the page and comment to be part of the generation zero carbon group.

We would all be so pleased to meet you!

www.zerocarbonsshropshire.org



Sometimes the stories you tell yourself can really put you off.

The other morning I lay in bed at dawn. It was a day I was 'scheduled' to run. (I run every other day: run/ rest/ run/ rest etc) I sipped my coffee and listened to the wind n rain beat at the window panes. The storytelling began:

'You ll not finish your coffee in time... It'll be cold... you ll be rushing before work .. you ll get wet.... you ll be miserable... you ll get muddy... don't bother today.... you can do it later... how about tomorrow?' before I knew it, the coffee cup was empty and my excuses had run out.

I stood up. Put on the kit. Opened the back door and went.

The rain was not heavy (just sounded hard against the windows) , the wind was not biting cold, the light was coming in the sky I actually enjoyed the run - it was not fast, beautiful or spectacular in any way. It did set me up for a day at work though.

As I trotted along, I thought how the hardest part of any activity - running, walking, biking, working out etc - is just getting the shoes on and getting started.

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CHAPTER 5: THE LIBYAN EXPERIENCE

I was driven from the airport to Benghazi centre in the early hours of the morning. I could see the dereliction all around. The bombed out remains and abandoned half built buildings were testament to Gaddafi's coup.

The kitties arrived the following afternoon. We were housed in an apartment in an old building. As we were on the second floor there was no outside space and the kitties would race up and down the long hall. I was worried that the family below would be annoyed but nobody ever mentioned it.

Cat litter was a problem, there wasn't any. I had to discreetly collect small amounts of sand from building projects. It was a constant worry which took up an inordinate amount of my time. After a few months we were moved to a more modern apartment on an estate. Again into a first floor flat, no outdoor space. A truck would regularly drive around the estate pumping out a gas to kill mosquitoes. The local children used to climb on the back to hitch a ride. I hate to think what damage they suffered, breathing in the toxic fumes.

The people of Benghazi were kind, generous and welcoming. The city itself was a bomb site. The residents had rebelled against Gaddafi when he took over from the king and moved the capital from Benghazi to Tripoli. The city was abandoned and neglected as a consequence. Where oil money was lavished on Tripoli and surrounding areas, no regeneration programme had been put in place here. Emotions were still high due to most families experiencing persecution to a greater or lesser degree from Gaddafi's regime, for over forty years. Many fathers and sons had 'disappeared' and families still lived in fear. It was dangerous to speak of such things. Four years after I left, Benghazi was under vicious attack again and many of my friends suffered. I feel very sad for them.

Driving was like entering the Death Race 2000. Round-a-bouts were a nerve wracking free for all, no concept of lane discipline, just a matter of gritting teeth, gripping steering wheel and going for it. Even traffic lights were a touch of 'fortune favours the brave'.

I became the designated driver of a multi-cultural darts team, I was the only one with a car. I have to admit I was terrified driving through the city every darts night. We would practice in the flat of a poor Polish doctor. She had come to the end of her contract and needed to return to Poland to her sick mother. She was owed a good deal of end of term money by the authorities. She had spent almost two years at that point trying to get her money, to no avail. She was living on no money at all and had no heating, a broken car, broken washing machine and fridge. She knew that if she left the country, she would never get her money. The block of flats that the medical staff lived in was in a shocking state.

There were six of us in our team and we would have matches against teams from Malta, Italy and other Mediterranean regions. Although alcohol was forbidden in Libya, somehow a bottle of something alcoholic was always available at these

meetings. It was not necessarily recognisable nor from a commercial source. We all took a dish of something to share so the food was wonderful being typical of each country's specialities.

Buying fish at the harbour market was amazing, I'd never seen such a variety of weird creatures. There was always a lot of shouting and confusion and I usually came away unsure of what I'd bought and at what price.

Tripoli was a beautiful city with the fascinating Magnus Leptis not far from the city boundaries. The ancient ruins were much more appealing than the modern buildings. It was a magical insight into this important past civilisation. The town planning, decorative architecture and innovative underground water system could shame some of today's town councils.

It was soon apparent that we needed to move on. Living in an apartment wasn't good for the kitties and Benghazi was a difficult city for us all to live in. Our next home would be back in the Middle East, Qatar. Here we would be given a lovely bungalow with gardens front and back. The kitties were going to enjoy the great outdoors again. We would be secure on an estate owned by the Qatar Oil Company. It was close to the beach and desert and the bright lights of Dohar.

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Calling all big knitters

Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin is upping its knitting game with a new selection of exciting miniature hat designs for the Big Knit campaign.

The Big Knit is a joint campaign between Age UK and Innocent drinks to help vulnerable older people keep warm during the winter. The little hats are then placed on the top of smoothie bottles and for every smoothie sold the local charity receives 25p.

The new patterns will be available on the charities website for download at <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/shropshireandtelford>

Long-time supporter of the Big Knit, Gemmipop designs is taking part again this year and despite the lockdown Gemma and her community of knitters have knitted over 1000 hats so far! It's an incredible achievement and the charity hopes you join in with her knitting efforts.

Heather Osborne, Chief Executive of Age UK STW said: "We can't wait to see the creative hats by the knitters of Shropshire. Every year we love seeing all the different designs come in from stripy bobble hats to grizzly bears. We need everyone to join us and knit as many miniature hats as possible by 31st July 2021 to help us hit our target. It's such a fun campaign to get behind and it does so much to help older people in our county."

The pandemic has had a huge impact on how the local charity delivers vital services and the way it has supported older people during lockdown. The money raised from The Big Knit will make a difference to the lives of local older people, as the staff and volunteers continue to provide support and look to restart those services that have been put on hold the past year.

If you would like to get involved in the Big Knit, leave a message for Angela Goodman at Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin on 01743 233123 or email enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk.



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To find out some interesting facts about bluebells, such as that bees can 'steal' nectar from bluebells by biting a hole in the bottom of the bell, reaching the nectar without pollinating the flower, and to find other sites in Shropshire visit the Woodland Trust website



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What is this?
Daffodil "I'll meet you at 7:30 then?"
Tulip "Yes, great see you there then"

Answer
A flower arrangement!

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WORTHEN WITH SHELVE PARISH COUNCIL

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council must notify the residents of Worthen-With-Shelve Parish that our Chairman of the last six years, Mr. Kim Golden, passed away on Saturday, 13th March, 2021. Councillor Golden joined the parish council in July 2012, wanting to serve the community in which he lived, and was elected as Chairman in May 2015, proving so popular with residents and councillors alike that he was re-elected year-on-year, serving with dedication, skill and care until his untimely death.

Kim was a very well-liked councillor, ensuring that the Parish Council truly served the residents of the parish, highlighting issues of importance to our area. He was instrumental in pushing forward projects that would benefit the community, and worked tirelessly with the Clerk, his fellow councillors, our local member and Shropshire Council to serve the needs of those he represented.

For many local children, Kim was an 'honorary Grandad', attending and supporting Worthen Mums and Tots, was a keen historian, working with the Worthen History Group for many years, and also enjoyed a few frames of short mat bowling at the village hall. His wife, Lin, has been supportive of his role as both Chairman and Councillor, and our thoughts are with her, his children and his grandchildren at this tragic time.

Dear All,

Hospitals releasing Covid positive cases home

Ringling residents during lockdown has been really rewarding and useful. But at times it has been shocking. Recently I found an 80-year-old lady had her Covid positive husband released to come home from the hospital (and her daughter – a teacher – had then been forced to isolate). I was appalled. Talking to my fellow Councillors it became clear this was happening across South Shropshire. Positive cases are being released to homes with vulnerable people living there – diabetics, the elderly, and also NHS workers and other essential workers. Why?

When I asked questions behind the scenes – I was fobbed off. This really is not good enough. That's when I went to Radio Shropshire and Midlands Today TV recently. Since the clip on TV many other people have contacted me with similar and often sad cases. As I write this the BBC are now investigating and I hope that we can stop this practice and protect our key workers and communities.

The Hospital Trust is now investigating too.

The answer will be interesting.

Please let me know if you have had any similar experiences. Heather

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Some flower power in these classic hits, but by whom

- 1970 (I Never Promised You A) Rose Garden -
- 1971 A Good Year For The Roses
- 2005 Blue Orchid
- 1967 Build Me Up Buttercup
- 1959 Edelweiss
- 1981 Lilac Wine
- 1995 Morning Glory
- 1955 The Yellow Rose Of Texas
- 1968 Tiptoe Through The Tulips
- 1958 Tulips From Amsterdam

A medium and a fiendish sudoku from Sudoku of the day

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"What flower says you're sorry without admitting wrongdoing?"

- Lynn Anderson
- George Jones
- The White Stripes
- The Foundations
- Cast of The Sound of Music
- Julie Andrews
- Elkie Brooks
- Oasis
- Mitch Miller
- Tiny Tim
- Max Bygraves

A Simnel cake is a type of fruit cake that contains plenty of marzipan and is eaten at Easter, although it used to be specifically associated with Mothering Sunday. When folk were fasting during Lent, Mothering Sunday, appearing in the middle of the fast, offered a respite from 40 days of religious austerity.

To trace the origin of Simnel cake, you need to go right back to mediaeval times where it began life as a yeast-leavened bread, which may or may not have been enriched. This doesn't sound that much like a special bread, you may think, but what made it special is that it made out of the highest quality flour possible; simnel derives from the Latin simila – the whitest and finest of flours.

It is only when you get to the tail end of the 19th century that it starts to look like something we would recognise as a cake, though surprisingly it is not until the 20th century that the familiar marzipan layers and decorative disciples appear.



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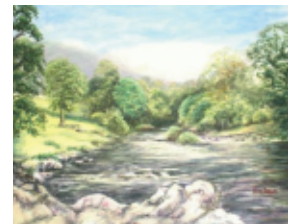
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CRIME/INCIDENTS REPORTED
 CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &
 STIPERSTONES

16th February 2021 – 15th March 2021

Assault in Pentreheyling

Dog dangerously out of control in Snailbeach

Malicious Communications in Worthen

Theft of Roughly 30 wooden building panels, 9ft in length
 stolen from building site at Snailbeach Farm
 Occurred 26th February 10:00 to 17:00

Criminal damage in Snailbeach - Red paint sprayed over
 farm vehicles registration plates and lights. Offender had
 come across fields Occurred overnight 24th – 25th
 February

Interference with a motor vehicle in Pentreheyling
 Offenders disturbed whilst removing tools from van. No tools
 stolen.

Occurred 22:28 16th February. Dark coloured VW
 Transporter described as the offending vehicle

Key Phone Numbers

NHS Help

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Worthen Medical

01743 891 401

Pontesbury Medical

01743 790 325

Shropshire Council

0345 678 900

Care in the Community

0121 318 5138

Citizen's Advice

0344 499 1100

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552/553 Shrewsbury to Bishops Castle

Monday to Friday

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Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:38	09:18	10:33	10:53	11:28	12:28	12:58	13:58	14:28	15:03	15:21	16:13	16:53	16:53	17:28	18:08	18:38	
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Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:01				14:06				15:32	16:21		17:01		18:46	
Sliperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10				15:35	16:25		17:05		18:50	
Hope	08:15			10:45			12:40			14:40					17:05		18:20		
Gravels	08:19			10:49			12:44			14:44					17:09		18:24		
White Grit, Jct	08:23			10:53			12:48			14:48					17:13		18:28		
Llan Turn Jct	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52					17:17		18:32		
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Bishops Castle Salop Street Jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58					17:23		18:38		
Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00					17:25		18:40		

From 6th January 2020

552/553 Bishops Castle to Shrewsbury

Monday to Friday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)			SCH		SCH													
Bishops Castle, opp Boars Head				07:30			09:40			12:20		13:30			15:40			
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White Grit, Jct				07:44			09:54			12:34		13:44			15:54			
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745 Mondays and Fridays only

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Pontesbury Shop	08:50	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	13:15
Minsterley	08:55	Craven Arms	13:30
Hope	09:00	Long Meadowend	13:35
Gravels	09:03	Aston on Clun	13:37
White Grit	09:05	Lydbury North	13:50
Lydham	09:10	Little Brampton	14:00
Bishops Castle	09:15	Clunton	14:02
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Little Brampton	09:40	Bishops Castle	14:25
Lydbury North	09:50	Lydham	14:30
Aston on Clun	10:03	White Grit	14:35
Long Meadowend	10:05	Gravels	14:37
Craven Arms	10:10	Hope	14:40
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:25	Minsterley	14:45
		Pontesbury	14:50

Does not run on Bank Holiday except Good Friday

775 Tuesdays only

Pontesbury to Bishops Castle 775 A		Newtown to Bishops Castle 775 B	
Pontesbury Shop	09:30	Newtown	13:50
Minsterley	09:35	Kerry	14:00
Plox Green	09:38	Sarn	14:10
Hope	09:40	Blue Bell	14:15
Gravels	09:45	Church Stoke	14:20
White Grit	09:48	Bishops Castle	14:35
Llan Turn	09:51		
Bromleys Mill	09:55		
Lydham	09:57		
Bishops Castle	10:00		
Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B		Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A	
Bishops Castle	10:05	Bishops Castle	14:40
Church Stoke	10:20	Lydham	14:43
Blue Bell	10:25	Bromleys Mill	14:45
Sarn	10:30	Llan Turn	14:49
Kerry	10:40	White Grit	14:52
Newtown	10:50	Gravels	14:55
		Hope	15:00
		Plox Green	15:02
		Minsterley	15:05
		Pontesbury	15:10

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