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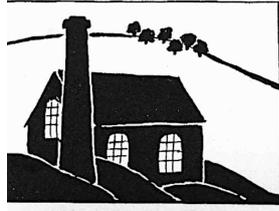
April 2023
Not all eggs and bunnies

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The Editor

Happy Easter everybody.
Not too difficult to come up with a theme this month.
It has always struck me as odd that while at Christmas we are urged to remember and respect the religious meanings behind the celebration, at Easter the state, the media, and the retail industry seem content to regale us with chocolate eggs and bunnies. Good Friday, probably the most sacred day in the Christian Calendar but of great importance to Muslims as well is no longer a holiday.
The other two important April festivals, Passover and Ramadan are still pillars of Judaism and Islam but I, like many others of the faithless will be off to the footie.



This month we have stretched the Easter theme to breaking point and have delved in the archives for some old news. I have collected nearly all issues 1-100 (annoyingly missing No1 and No7, and hope to delve some more in future months.

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Finally thanks to the Lords Hill Chapel
Margaret Davies and Bronwen Evans for kind donations.

Coronation looms large on the horizon.

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023.

On Sunday 7th Communities are invited to come together in street parties and the like.

On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.

We are still very short of pre 1970 images - Can you help?
We are looking for photos, colour or black and white, or newspaper clips of any of the events, fashions, and people that have shaped our villages over the last 70 years.

Some ideas that spring to mind are:

- The Coronation
- End of rationing
- National service
- Local factories and businesses
- Anniversaries and Galas
- Local sports teams
- The coming of television
- New houses
- Pontesbury School opening

- Landlords and Landladies at the pub
 - Shops and shop vans
 - Bog school closing
 - The White Hillocks and the mines
 - Back to Purple
 - Village Hall and the playground.
 - Village of the year
 - Millennium weekend
 - Garden weekend
 - Civil War day
 - New chapel
 - Clearing the pine woods
 - Christenings, weddings and funerals.
 - and more - contact Geoff if you can help.
- 01743 791999

MINSTERLEY and District 60th annual EISTEDDFOD

Saturday, 18 March 2023

RESULTS

<i>Morning & Afternoon Classes</i>	Winners	
Instrumental Solo - up to & including KS2	1st:	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Harry Lipson, Ellesmere
	3rd:	Annie Coales, Shrewsbury
Recitation - KS1 & Reception	1st:	Ottillie Barnes (St Winefrides School)
	2nd:	Jeremy Barnes (St Winefrides School)
Vocal Solo - KS1 & Reception	1st:	Medi Rowles-Lloyd, Llanfechain
	2nd:	Sian Rowles-Lloyd, Llanfechain
Recitation - Lower KS2 Years 3/4	1st:	Mark Green (St Winefrides School)
	2nd:	Benji Hughes (St Winefrides School)
	3rd:	Anon (St Winefrides School)
Vocal Solo - KS2	1st:	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Recitation - Upper KS2 Years 5/6	1st:	Annabel Hughes (Lucy Willis' Voice Confidence)
	2nd:	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
	3rd:	Jayden Joseph (St Winefrides School)
Original Children's Poem KS2	1st:	Annie Coales, Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Annabel Hughes (Lucy Willis' Voice Confidence)
	3rd:	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Vocal Solo - KS3	1st:	Rosalea Skipper, Penybont
Instrumental Solo - KS3	1st:	Natalia Sheldon Da Silver, Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Madeleine Livesey, Pontesbury
	Jnt. 3rd:	Henry Hughes, Market Drayton
		Olive Coales, Shrewsbury
Recitation - KS3	1st:	Olive Coales, Shrewsbury
Popular Singing - 18 years & under	1st:	The Small Furry Animals Band, Market Drayton
	2nd:	Olive, Annie and Martha, Shrewsbury
Solo from any Musical Show or Film - KS3 & under	1st:	Henry Hughes, Market Drayton
	2nd:	Florence Hughes, Market Drayton
Recitation - 18 years & under	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell
	2nd:	Caitlin Holyoake, Shrewsbury
Folk Solo - 18 years & under	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell
Open Individual Speaking	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell
	2nd:	Lucy Willis, Much Wenlock

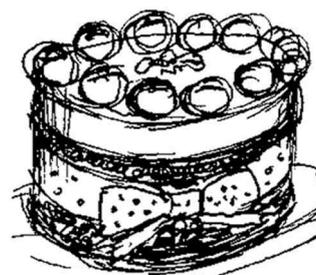


<i>Evening Classes</i>	Winners	
Original Short Story	1st:	Sarah Cowan-Strong, Worthen
	2nd:	'E J', N/K
Original Poem	1st:	'Little Goose', Habberley
	2nd:	'Amergin', Shrewsbury
Limerick	1st:	Sarah Cowen-Strong, Worthen
	2nd:	Sandra Lewis, Worthen
Original Hymn Words	1st:	Sarah Cowen-Strong, Worthen
	2nd:	Michael Honychurch, Shrewsbury
Original Hymn Tune	1st:	'Cedwyn Ifan', Shrewsbury
Original Music Composition	1st:	'Cedwyn Ifan', Shrewsbury
Open Instrumental Solo	1st:	Ben Richards, Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Richard Pinsent, Shrewsbury
Solo from any Musical Show or Film - KS4 & Adults	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell
	2nd:	Kieran Powell (The Arts Centre Telford)
Open Challenge Vocal Solo	1st:	Ben Richards, Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Brian Evans, Shrewsbury
Open Group Singing	1st:	The Arts Centre Telford (TACT)
	2nd:	The Richards Family, Shrewsbury
	3rd:	C+E, Minsterley
Open Choirs Competition	1st:	Of One Accord, Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir, Oswestry
	3rd:	Rockspring Community Choir, Ludlow



<u>Special Awards:</u>	
Outstanding Child Instrumentalist	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Instrumental Bursary (up to & including KS3)	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Outstanding Child in Elocution events	Mark Green, Condover
Outstanding Child Vocalist (KS1 & KS2)	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Outstanding Child Vocalist (KS3 & KS4 up to 18 years)	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell
Child gaining the most place marks over all final classes	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Child gaining the most place marks over all final classes who lives within a radius of fifteen miles of Minsterley	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury
Best Original Composition in the Childrens classes	Annie Coales, Shrewsbury
Best Original Composition in the Adults classes	Janet Walker, Habberley

Simnel cakes have been known since at least medieval times. Bread regulations of the time suggest they were boiled and then baked, a technique which led to an invention myth, in circulation from at least 1745 until the 1930s, whereby a mythical couple, Simon and Nelly, fall out over making a Simnel. One wishes to boil it, one to bake it and, after beating each other with various household implements, they compromise on one which uses both cooking techniques.



Simnel cakes are often associated with Mothering Sunday, also known as Simnel Sunday. According to historian Ronald Hutton, in 17th Century Gloucestershire and Worcestershire the custom of live-in apprentices and domestic servants going home to visit their mothers on Mothering Sunday started, checking that their families were well and taking food or money if needed. This was a time of year when food stocks were low, and the high-calorie simnel cake was useful nutrition. The cake later became simply an Easter cake.

The meaning of the word "simnel" is unclear: there is a 1226 reference to "bread made into a simnel", which is understood to mean the finest white bread, from the Latin simila, "fine flour" (from which 'semolina' also derives).

Find Mary Berry's recipe on page 11

An Easter tradition in America is the donning of the Easter bonnet. This fancy hat became a popular addition to Sunday church attire because of how it represents a commitment to renewal when paired with new Easter clothes.

These head coverings are loosely associated with the end of Lent, which is when they would be purchased presumably after a period of frugal financing where such luxuries were typically not purchased.



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Easter and the Church

Easter commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, although the word 'Easter' actually has nothing to do with Christianity. Jesus had been crucified on a Friday and rose from the dead on the following Sunday. For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus is a foundation of their faith. The Bible book, Acts, records the words of Peter, one of Jesus' closest followers and an eyewitnesses to his resurrection. He tells a crowd, *'You handed him over to be killed and you disowned him before Pilate.... You killed the author of life but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.'*

Churches use Easter Day to praise God for raising Jesus from the dead and to remember Christian martyrs – believers who had been put to death rather than give up their faith. In some traditions it was also the day on which new converts to Christianity were baptised, usually dressed in white.

Because the resurrection took place on a Sunday, the first Christians soon adopted Sunday as the day of the week when they gathered to pray together and worship God. But it took much longer for Easter Sunday to emerge as an annual day to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. And Christians in different countries marked it at different times and in different ways.

In most countries, the name for Easter is derived from the word Passover. In French it is *Paques*; in Spanish, *Pascua*, and in Italian, *Pasqua*. The word 'Easter' comes from the name for an Anglo-Saxon pagan goddess, Eostre, who was celebrated in Spring. In Germany, the festival is called *Ostern* because there the goddess is named Ostara. The association of eggs with Easter is very ancient and the origins are not clear. But eggs – and rabbits – are thought to be symbols of new life at springtime and Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the new life or fresh start that people receive when they become Christians.

The date of Jesus' death and resurrection were not recorded. As a result, Easter is not fixed. It can fall any time between 22 March and 25 April. This is because Easter is linked to the Jewish festival of Passover, which was taking place when Jesus died. The timing of Passover depends on the cycles of the moon. In the 4th century church leaders agreed that Easter would always be on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox. But to add to the complexity, they referred to the mathematically-calculated 'Paschal' full moon which is not always the same day as when the moon appears full in the sky! In recent decades, Church leaders and governments have tried to settle on a specific date for Easter in April but no agreement has been reached. From christianity.org.uk





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In Greece, those who celebrate Easter through the Orthodox church forego the typical mix of colors when it comes time to dye eggs, instead focusing on a singular shade: red. The crimson hued eggs are doubly symbolic since they use the eggs to represent rebirth and the color red for Jesus' blood, marking the triumphant return of the son of God. People can get very creative with their red eggs, creating different shades, intricate designs, and more.



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Letter from Westminster –
April 2023 - Water Quality Campaign



People go into politics because they want to make their communities better. I believe this is true of virtually everyone I have encountered while representing people in Shropshire in one form or another

MPs have more in common, in terms of their values and seeking to improve the lives of those they represent, than divides them.

There is widespread consensus that we all want to see our rivers and waterways in a healthy state, with clear water providing a healthy habitat and a safe environment for recreation.

This was especially so when I launched a Private Members Bill three years ago to highlight the parlous state of our rivers and the need to clean them up by cutting sewage and other pollutants. I was supported by politicians on all sides.

I have been campaigning on the issue of sewage discharges ever since. I have made it my mission to continue to do so.

There has been an attempt by some political parties to weaponise this issue. Unbelievably in our social media age this has led to death threats to MPs! Politicians need to work together rather than making reckless claims.

I have consistently acted, and voted in Parliament, including against my party whip, on measures to improve our rivers. Earlier this year I voted for new and tougher interim targets for water quality to reduce phosphates and nitrates in waterways, which the Opposition voted against.

I led the Environmental Audit Committee inquiry into water quality in our rivers which reported a year ago. It recommended a host of measures, several of which were included in the Environment Act going through Parliament at the same time, including the requirement to increase monitoring.

Last month Shrewsbury Town Council discussed what could be done to improve the condition of the River Severn. A start is being made in the catchment by Severn Trent Water's Get River Positive project. This aims to secure bathing water quality status for the River Teme upstream and downstream from South Shropshire, where £4.5m is being spent over the next two years to improve treatment and cut discharges. The first step has been to establish a baseline monitor at 19 points along the Teme to establish the condition of the river.

The BBC' last month also highlighted the horrors of sewage discharges to a wider audience. Most of those Paul Whitehouse interviewed had given evidence to our Committee. The greater awareness of the problem has been enabled by the introduction of Event Duration Monitors, which this Government required water companies to install in recent years. These monitors have brought this previously hidden practice into the open since the first data on discharges was published three years ago.

Water companies have now been required to invest £56b in improving treatment over the next 25 years. I am delighted that one of the first places to benefit will be the River Teme here in South Shropshire.

With low rain fall in February and not much rain fall this March at the time of writing. I remain concerned at the low water level of rivers and reservoirs this summer if we experience high temperatures. While drier conditions may mean less sewage discharges due to less run off, I remain concerned if we have flash floods as heavy downpours in hot weather with lower water levels, we may have worse impact from discharges.

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Notes from the hill

We have been seeing frog spawn on the hill since February, and with the warm weather it was probably earlier than usual. The frogs obviously didn't see the sudden dump of snow coming in March.

Common frogs hibernate through the winter, usually on land underneath rotting logs or in a pile of stones, although sometimes they can lie dormant at the bottom of ponds. Being in a pond would seem the ideal place, particularly as that is where they need to be to spawn. However, it is a risky strategy, as there needs to be enough oxygen in the water for them to absorb through their skin and sometimes toxic gases given off by decomposing vegetation are trapped by surface ice causing frogs in the pond to die.



Common frogs breed in ponds and ditches during the spring but spend much of the rest of the year feeding in damp habitats such as woodland, gardens, hedgerows and tussocky grassland. They can be found all over the hill, even though there aren't many ponds for them to spawn in. Once you do discover a pond it is usually rammed full of their eggs laid in big clumps. This is very different from the toad that lays ribbons of spawn.

There are only two native frogs and two native toads in the UK and only the common frog and common toad are likely to be found in Shropshire. They can be distinguished in a variety of ways, the most obvious one is that frogs generally jump, having longer legs designed for swimming, whereas toads with their shorter stockier legs tend to walk in a more leisurely way. Common frogs can vary in colour but have a smooth wet skin and do not generally stray from moist conditions. Toads on the other hand have a warty dry skin and lack the dark 'mask' behind the eye, seen on the frog.

At this time of year, they head to their spawning pools where they pair up so that the males can fertilise the eggs as they are produced by the female. Incredibly a female frog can lay as many as 4000 eggs in one spring. Once hatched the tadpoles take about 16 weeks to turn into little froglets that are ready to venture onto land.

Although frogs themselves are carnivorous, eating a variety of invertebrates they also make attractive meals for a vast range of wildlife, as they are vulnerable to predators on the ground, underwater and from above. Predators of frogs include newts, dragonfly larvae, small mammals, lizards and snakes, otters and birds such as herons.

The next two events on the hill are:

- The miners cottages at Blakemoorgate will be open on Easter Sunday from 11am to 3pm, so do drop in (no charge).
- We are also taking bookings for our Dawn Chorus guided walk by local naturalist Dave Pearce. Sunday 7th May 6am-8.30am with optional breakfast at the pub. To book email stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk (Cost £7.50, not including breakfast).

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In some parts of Europe, people will celebrate Easter by striking a match. In Northwestern European communities it's common to kick off a two-day celebration that begins on Sunday by starting a bonfire. These fires are aptly named Easter Fires, and they were originally set to help chase the darkness of winter away. Over the years they've become a fun way for community members to come together and celebrate the coming spring.



We have to imagine that they've kept their popularity over the years thanks to being the first big gathering following weeks of winter solitude.



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A Pagan Easter

Despite its significance as a Christian holy day, many of the traditions and symbols that play a key role in Easter observances actually have roots in pagan celebrations.

Easter first started out as a celebration of the Spring Equinox, a time when all nature is awakened from the slumber of Winter and the cycle of renewal begins. Anglo-Saxon pagans celebrated this time of rebirth by invoking Eostre or Ostara, the goddess of Spring, the dawn and fertility.

Pagans lived their lives in strong accordance with nature's rhythms and patterns, and solstices and equinoxes were considered to be sacred times.

Hot cross buns were another pagan tradition. The Saxons would bake fresh bread in honour of the goddess Eostre. They would be marked with a cross which represented the four quarters of the moon, the four seasons and wheel of life.

Rosa McCombe

From the archives

35 years ago Jack Foley was editing the SDN. In the April edition he reported that the magazine had just won an award from the Community Council of Shropshire. The magazine advertised an Egg-stravaganza to be held at Chris and Liz Wait's house at Windsor Cottages with an egg hunt, a decorated egg competition, raffles, games and white elephant. Proceeds were to go to the Snailbeach unders 5s club. The Village hall was also to host a Spring fayre on April 23rd, entrance 20p.

Heather Groves (then 10 years old) wrote

A peaceful delightful woodland glade.
The branches swaying in the breeze
that is so soothing.
Fairies dancing in diamond dew dresses
to the magical music of harebells.
Galloping on a white horse making no sound,
Passing all the woodland animals
Or sailing in a balloon that sails across the sea
And watching the rainbow sunset
Melt down over the horizon



Mary Berry's Simnel Cake

For the cake:

175 g soft butter or margarine, plus extra for greasing

175 g light muscovado sugar

3 eggs

175 g self-raising flour

175 g sultanas

90 g currants

90 g glacé cherries, quartered, rinsed, and dried

30 g candied peel, roughly chopped

Grated zest of 1 large lemon

1 tsp. ground mixed spice

For the decorating:

500 g almond paste

1/2 tsp. apricot jam

1 egg white

Deep 18 cm (7 in) round loose-bottomed cake tin

Directions

Roll out one-third of the almond paste.

Using the base of the cake tin as a guide, cut out an 18 centimetre round.

Grease the cake tin and line the bottom and side with greaseproof paper.

Combine all the cake ingredients in a bowl. Beat well until thoroughly blended. Spoon half of the cake mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the surface. Top with the round of almond paste.

Spoon the remaining cake mixture on top and level the surface.

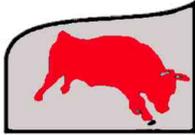
Bake in a preheated oven at 150°C/gas mark 2 for two and a quarter hours or until golden brown and firm to the touch.

Cover the top of the cake with greaseproof paper if it is browning too quickly. Leave to cool for 10 minutes, then remove from the tin, and leave to cool completely.

Warm the jam and use to brush the top of the cake.

To decorate the cake, roll out half of the remaining almond paste and use the tin to cut out an 18 centimetre round. Put on top of the jam and crimp the edges. Roll the remaining almond paste into 11 even-sized balls. Place around the edge of the cake, attaching them with egg white.

Brush the tops of the balls and the almond paste with egg white. Place under a hot grill for one to two minutes, until the balls are golden.



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While many places around the world celebrate Easter by loading up the dinner table with all the tastes of the season, they do something a little different in Ethiopia and practice a period of fasting similar to Lent in the Western church. Christians in the region celebrate "Fasika," which is the Amharic word for Easter, and refers to the 55-day period of time leading up to Easter Sunday. During this time, all meat and animal products are off the menu until after Sunday service when Faskia ends with a rousing celebration full of food, dancing, and family. Eating supper on Easter is actually a bigger deal than Christmas dinner for these Christians, which is why they spend so much time gearing up for the big day.

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	Greg S			Pam						Greg S	
Monday 3 April									6.30pm Compline Stuart		
Tuesday 4 April	6.30pm Passover Supper Greg S						6.30pm Compline Pam				
6 April Maundy Thursday	6.30pm Footwashing & Vigil Greg S			6.30pm Footwashing Pam							
Readings		1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17.31b-35									
7 April Good Friday	6.30pm Tenebrae Mary/Val			Meditation Richard/Carolyn						12noon Meditation Greg S	
9 April Easter Day	10.30am Communion			10.30am Communion			9am Communion		5pm Evenson Greg		
	Carolyn			Greg S			Pam				
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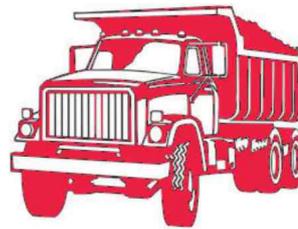
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Celebrating Easter is a weekend affair for those who live on the British island of Bermuda. Festivities begin with the Good Friday KiteFest, according to the island's travel site Go to Bermuda. You can watch people fly their homemade kites at Horseshoe Bay Beach, which often feature bold, brightly-colored, geometric designs. The kites are mostly hexagonal or octagonal and use a cross in part of the structure. According to legend, a local Sunday school teacher inspired this fun tradition after they launched a kite that looked like Jesus to help the students understand the story of Christ.

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Easter and Ireland

The Easter period has been the setting for two defining events in the history of Ireland, Northern Ireland and their relationship with the rest of the United Kingdom. The events bookending the 20th century are often known as the Easter Rising and the Good Friday Agreement

The Easter Rising took place in Dublin, and a few outposts across the country, between Monday 24 April and Sunday 29 April, 1916. It was a rebellion against British rule in Ireland and was defeated after a swift British military response. As a military campaign the Rising was ultimately a failure but it had an important legacy in that the British response to the event turned the majority of the Irish public away from the idea of Home Rule and towards the concept of a fully independent Irish Republic.

The dominant force in Irish politics through to 1916 was the Irish Parliamentary Party led by John Redmond. The Party fully endorsed the idea of Irish Home Rule, and had successfully managed to get a Home Rule Bill passed by the House of Commons and made law in 1914. Its enactment was postponed because of the outbreak of the First World War. Redmond backed Irish participation in the War, and the vast majority supported that decision. A small group of nationalists opposed the idea of Home Rule, as well as Irish participation in the War. The planning of the Rising was done by a small, radical group in the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and they looked to the Irish Volunteers (a movement that opposed Irish entry into the War and instead dedicated itself to the defence of Ireland) to undertake the military action.

The Good Friday Agreement referendums were held on May 22, 1998, in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. The following day, it emerged that the Agreement had overwhelming support across the island of Ireland. The Agreement has been the main source of peace in Northern Ireland over the past two decades, but it comes under increasing threat with rising political tensions and violent conflict in the wake of the Brexit referendum.

This Agreement - also known as the Belfast Agreement - was signed on April 10, 1998, and represented the most important and enduring development of the Northern Irish peace process. It halted most of the violent conflict in the region after it was approved by voters across the island of Ireland in two separate referendums held on May 22, 1998.

The following day, May 23, it emerged that the Good Friday Agreement found a majority of support in both referendums - 71% supported it in Northern Ireland while 94% supported it in Ireland. It subsequently came into law in December 1999 and is now part of the Irish Constitution.

The Good Friday Agreement created power-sharing in Northern Ireland with the creation of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Northern Ireland Executive, ending decades of direct rule from London. The historic agreement, which was signed by most political parties in Northern Ireland, additionally recognized that the majority of Northern Irish people wanted to remain in the United Kingdom, although it also recognized that a substantial section of the region wished for a United Ireland.

It also recognized the legitimacy of any choice made by the people of Northern Ireland to either continue as part of the United Kingdom or become part of a United Ireland. In essence, the Agreement included the provision for a referendum on a United Ireland on both sides of the border if the Northern Ireland Secretary believes that a majority of voters would vote in favor of a United Ireland.



Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites both members and non-members to our next Open Meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2pm at Minsterley Parish Hall where Alison Utting will give a performance on the early life and personal experiences of the amazing Dames Agnus Hunt, or "Aggie" (31 Dec 1866 – 24 Jul 1948). Entrance is free and refreshments will be available. Dame Agnes Hunt was a phenomenal woman. She established the practice of orthopaedic nursing and co-founded the world-renowned orthopaedic hospital at Oswestry. She also set up an award-winning specialist college to provide further education for students with special educational needs and disabilities.



Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt

Severely disabled herself, Agnes overcame huge obstacles in her mission to help others. Her indomitable personality and self-deprecating humour are woven through her remarkable autobiography, 'This Is My Life', which forms the basis of this 40-minute dramatic monologue written and presented by Alison Utting. The focus is Aggie's youth, training and personal life, rather than the history of the hospital and college.

This book, along with two other books about the history of the hospital - 'A Breath of Fresh Air' and 'Healing and Hope' - will be available for cash purchase at £10 if you wish. It is sold by the RJAH League of Friends and all proceeds will go to them.

The u3a promotes lifelong learning across a wide range of activities and subjects and which fosters friendship and fun, open to anyone who is older or retired or not in full-time employment. Website: u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley.

Coming soon

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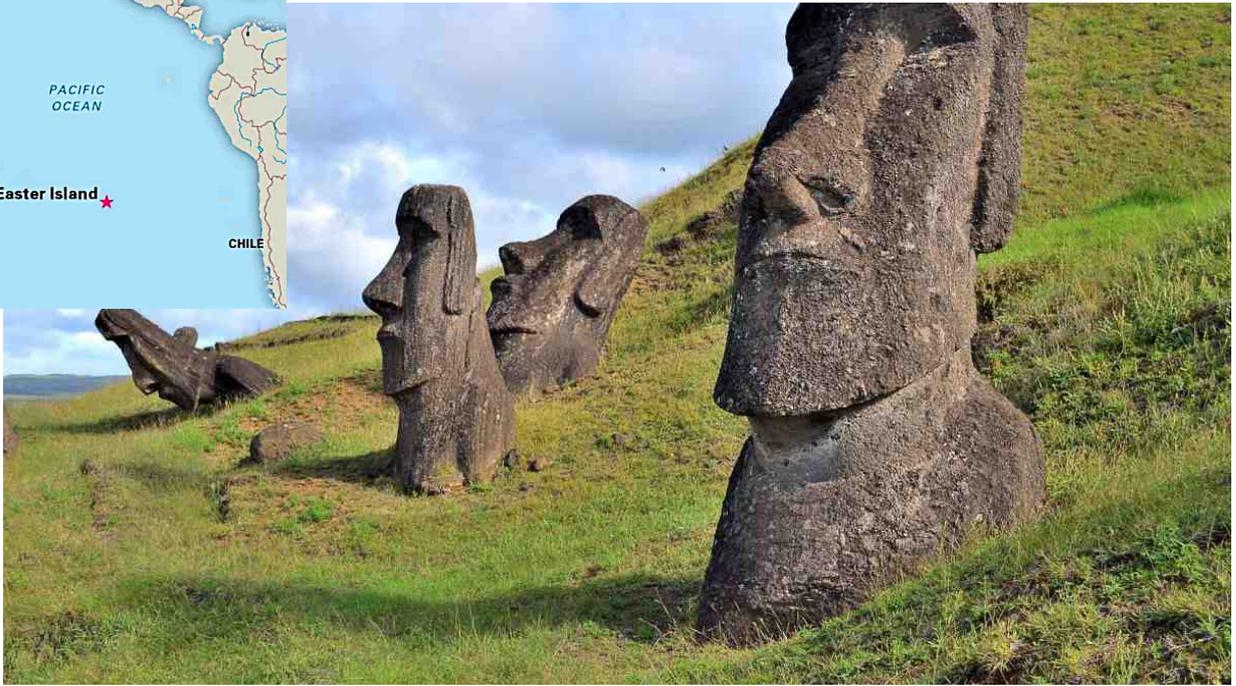
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Easter Island – Rapa Nui

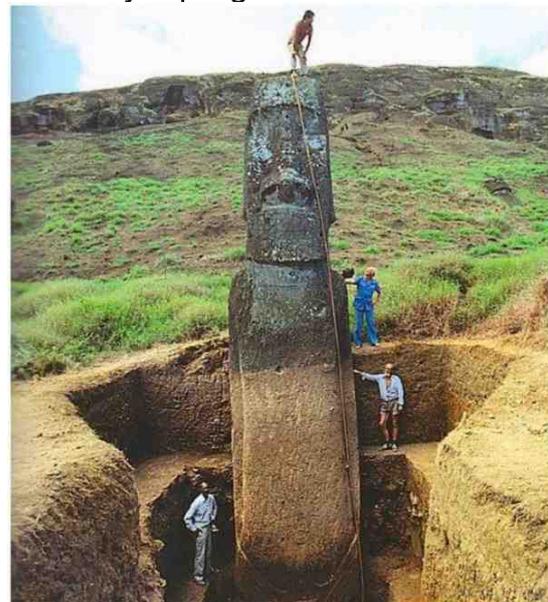
The Rapa Nui are believed to have arrived on Easter Island in about 800 AD as part of a gradual expansion of settlement throughout the Pacific. For 700 years these people carved huge statues of their gods from local stone, moved them to a hill side site 10 miles away and then buried them up to their necks; all staring in the same direction. From about 1500 AD these statues were discarded, many were toppled over and many more left unmoved and unfinished in the quarries of their birth. When the Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeven discovered the island on Easter Sunday 1722 he found the islanders in decline; a shrinking population caused by drought, deforestation and famine. Archaeological evidence indicates that the worship of these great stone effigies had been replaced by a cult of the Birdman (half bird half man) where prospective leaders vied to search for the first egg to be layed each year on an islet offshore.

In 1860 the island population was further decimated by a programme of indentured slavery which saw over 1500 men and women sent to Peru. Few returned and the population fell to under 2000.

Many of the toppled statues have been restored though missing their coral and shell eyes. Tourism from cruise ships has boosted the economy with the population now about 5000.

The island is protected as a national park by the Chilean government and has been designated a UNESCO world heritage site.

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Ahead of Holy Week in southern Guatemala's Antigua, the town covers the streets in colorful carpets in preparation for its Good Friday procession, according to Condé Nast Traveler. The long carpets are made from flowers, colored sawdust, fruits, vegetables, and sand. Each carpet is often covered in scenes that are important to the artists who make them, ranging from religion to Mayan traditions to Guatemalan history. Some of these pieces can stretch as long as half a mile, and artists use stencils to assemble them quickly since they have just 24 hours to create their works of art the day before the Good Friday procession.



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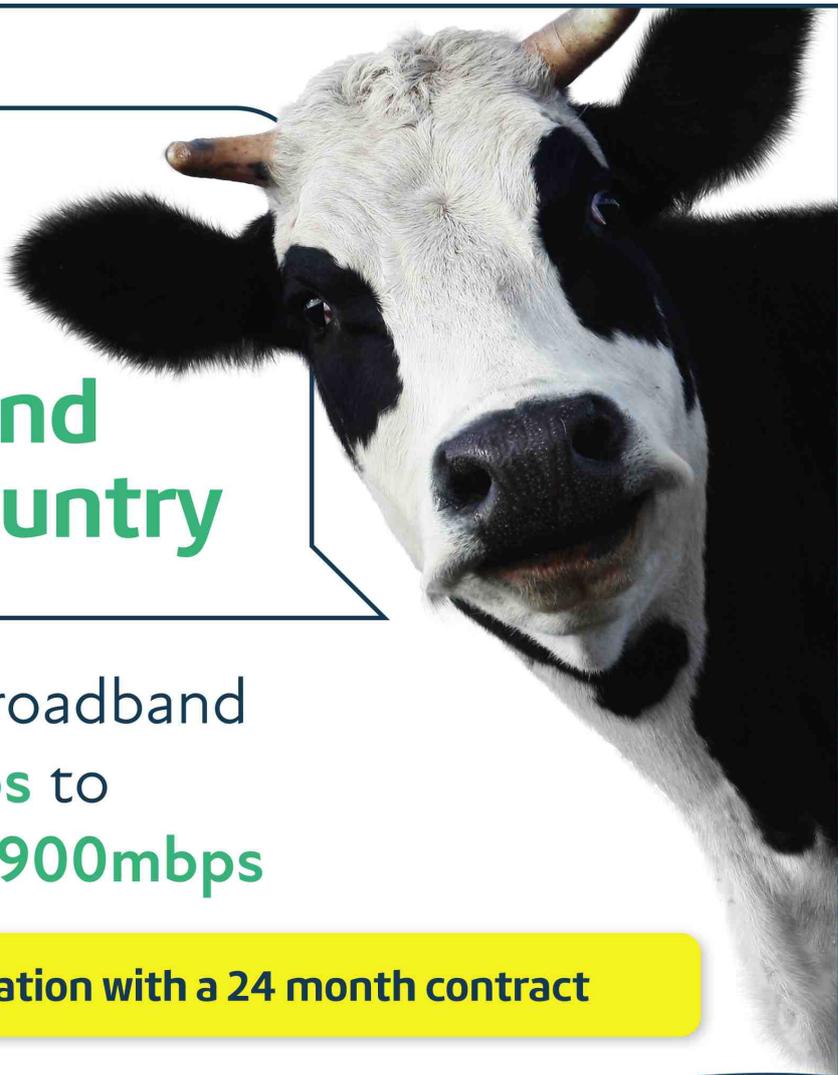
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CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

16th February 2023 - 15th March 2023

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Livestock worrying	Sheep chased and attacked resulting in it having to be destroyed	Snailbeach	
Theft from motor vehicle	2x windows smashed on car and items removed from within	Vehicle parked in layby near Tankerville, Stiperstones due to heavy snow in the area	Overnight 11 th - 12 th March
Assault		Worthen	
Theft of fuel	Red diesel stolen from a tractor and an excavator parked on farm yard	Snailbeach	Overnight 11 th - 12 th March
Malicious communications		Churchstoke	
Harassment		Snailbeach	
Theft of fuel	Diesel and battery stolen from mini digger parked on side of road for local roadworks	Rea Bridge, Worthen	Between 4 th - 6 th March
Assault		Stiperstones	
Theft	Church gate stolen	Holy Trinity Church, Priest Weston	Occurred between 11:30 - 13:30 22 nd February. Suspect vehicle identified
Fraud		Chirbury	
Harassment x2		Meadowtown	Neighbour dispute
Harassment		Worthen	
Assault		Hope	

Fuel Thefts

The last month has seen a spike in reports of fuel thefts from farm tractors and plant machinery. A tractor and an excavator at a farm in Snailbeach had diesel siphoned from the tanks and a mini digger being used for roadworks near Worthen was also targeted along with its battery. All the thefts occurred over weekends during the hours of darkness. Social media posts also indicate that machinery over the Powys border in Forden have also been attacked.

Farm fuel tanks, machinery and tractors can be vulnerable to fuel theft. Where possible we advise to -

- Keep tractors and powered machinery locked and out of sight from roads and footpaths when not in use to prevent thieves draining fuel tanks
 - Use locking fuel tank caps
- Keep field and farmyard gates closed and locked, and block exit points that aren't used
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Dressing up as Easter witches is a fun Easter tradition that young children of Finland take part in. The kids wear colorful clothing with painted freckles on their cheeks, usually on Palm Sunday in eastern Finland and Holy Saturday in western Finland. The little witches go door-to-door with willow twigs decorated with colorful feathers and crepe paper. Then they recite a rhyming blessing meant to drive away evil spirits in exchange for a chocolate egg



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A man was driving along the highway when he saw the Easter rabbit hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the rabbit, but unfortunately the Easter bunny jumped in front of the car and was struck by his car.

The basket of eggs and candy the rabbit was carrying, went flying all over the place. The driver, being a sensitive man, as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the rabbit carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful rabbit was dead. The driver felt so awful, he began to cry.

A woman driving down the highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong. 'I feel terrible', he explained, 'I accidentally hit the Easter rabbit and killed it. Children will be so disappointed. What should I do?'



The woman told the man not to worry. She knew what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the dead, limp rabbit, and sprayed the contents of the can onto the furry animal. Miraculously the Easter rabbit came to life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped down the road. 50 yards away the Easter rabbit stopped turned around, waved and hopped down the road. 50 yards further on, he turned again, waved and hopped another 50 yards, again he waved.

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The man was astonished. He couldn't figure out what substance could be in the woman's spray can. He ran over to the woman and asked, 'What is in your spray can? What did you spray on the Easter rabbit?'

The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'



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Heather Kidd Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen

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This will make reporting anything or asking for advice even more difficult then please take part in the Consultation:

<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2023/03/have-your-say-on-proposed-changes-to-councils-customer-service-centres-opening-times>

THREAT TO SHROPSHIRE RADIO STATION

I was very annoyed to hear that Radio Shropshire is to be effectively merged with BBC Stoke and Hereford and its local content drastically cut back.

Radio Shropshire will have no local programmes at weekends, in the afternoon after 2pm or in the evening. Much of the valuable local information such as road closures, school closures in poor weather etc. as well as local events and fundraisers will disappear from those times." We are also likely to see programmes like 'Introducing Shropshire' which launches new young groups in Shropshire etc is also likely to be axed.

This reduction in the community information will be sorely missed. People want to hear what is happening in Shropshire not Stoke or Ross on Wye. I urge everyone who care about this service to take part in the BBC's consultation."

Before Christmas, on hearing that the BBC were considering reorganising local radio, Shropshire Council passed a Lib Dem motion supporting the retention of a distinct local radio station in the County.

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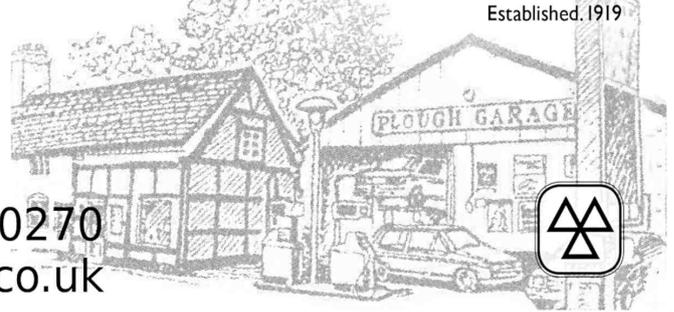
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Alive	April	Baseball	Basket	Beehive	Birds	Blooming	Boots
Born	Break	Breezy	Bunny	Butterfly	Caterpillar	Chicks	Clean
Clouds	Clover	Crisp	Daffodil	Daisy	Duckling	Easter	Egg
Farmer	Flowers	Fluffy	Grass	Hatching	Iris	Kite	Lamb
Lilac	May	Mothers	Nest	Newborn	Outdoor	Pastel	Plant
Rain	Rainbow	Raincoat	Refreshing	Robin	Season	Showers	Sing
Sprout	Stem	Sunshine	Sweet	Tulip	Umbrella	Weather	Windy
Worm							

From WordMint

How did the omelet find out she was ill?
 She had a medical eggs-am!

How do chickens stay fit?
 They eggs-ercise!

Where can you go to learn more about eggs?
 The hen-cyclopedia!

How do you make an egg roll?
 Just give it a little push!

Why should you be careful about what you say around egg whites?
 Everyone knows they can't take a yolk.

Why do so many people love a boiled egg for breakfast?
 It's so hard to beat.

What do you call an egg who likes to go on safari?
 An eggs-plorer!

What did the egg say after someone bumped into her?
 Egg-scuse me!

What's the worst crime as far as an egg is concerned?
 Poaching!

What do you call a mischievous egg?
 A practical yolker!

How does the Easter Bunny feel after she's made all her deliveries?
 Eggs-hausted!

Why did the egg regret being in an omelet?
 It wasn't all it was cracked up to be!

552/553 Bishops Castle Stiperstones Shrewsbury Monday - Friday

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

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

Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B		Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A	
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
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HOPE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 10th June

12:00 Hope Village Hall

Registration 1130

The Callow Chase 4 mile run

(on and off road - lots of uphill!)

The Callow Crawl 3 mile walk

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

(uphill but mainly on road)

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19th September 2023 @ 10am - 12.30



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Saturday 22nd April

10am - 1pm



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Monday in Holy Week

(6.30pm Monday 3rd April 2023)

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