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The Joy Of Giving

*Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you;
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.*

– John Greenleaf Whittier



Lots of useful information
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Well, here we are again,
Despite all the doom and gloom
I am sure there will be plenty of
Perries and Bickles,
Colly and Hookies,
Pince Mies,
Wisses and Kishes,
Trackers and Crifles,
Drifts and Ginks,
Rantas and Sobins and maybe
even some Frow and Snost.
so maybe not such a
Chrappy Histmas after all.



Yuletide greetings from the
editor and be sure to look for
more misprints in the New Year.

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Do you have any photographs
or press cuttings from any of
these events:-

Local men and women in the
forces.

Village buses

Village shops and pubs

The proposed BBC Mast

Squire Harrap and the hill

Covering the white hillocks

Preserving the mines

Closing of the school

Village of the year

Improving the village hall

Local people winning awards.

Weddings

Carnivals

Football Trophies

Sporting achievements

And many more I am sure you
can think of.

We are hoping to produce a
colour supplement of the New
Elizabethan Era from around
our villages.

Don't send them to me, just let
me know and we will arrange to
have them scanned at high
quality.



Christmas is the saddest time
to lose a loved one and
our thoughts go out to the families
of two village stalwarts:

Joe Lewis

of the Roundhill

and

Derek Richardson of

Stiperstones

They will be both be sadly missed.

NEWS FROM REA VALLEY METHODIST CHURCHES

November 18 2022

It began with prayers in Stiperstones, in the heart of rural Shropshire.

Prayers for a nation in turmoil, invaded and under merciless attack.

Prayers for its traumatised people, cowering in basements, separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings and fast witnessing a flood of refugees.

The agony of Ukraine continues but in Stiperstones there is already victory. A family of four has been rescued and now lives peacefully and safely in one of Shropshire's tranquil beauty spots, embraced by the community surrounding them.

They left behind their shelled home in Lyman, the area which Russian troops used as a key logistics hub in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region.

But on arrival in Stiperstones Iryna, Vitalii, their two-year-old son Oleksandr (Sasha) and his grandmother Yuliia were overwhelmed and emotional at the love and willingness to help them which was immediately apparent.

Iryna put it simply: "Here we are without our relatives and friends. That's why all people who come to us are as our family and friends. We are happy because we live in such a beautiful place and got to know lovely and friendly people."

The prayer meeting for Ukraine which started it all was held on March 1st as the war unleashed by the Russian invasion was dominating the world news and took place in the very building which has been transformed into the family's new home. The Stiperstones Methodist chapel is a well-equipped building dating only from 1993 and complete with bathroom facilities. Since the end of regular worship several years ago it had been used as a retreat centre for visitors staying in the area as well as for occasional services and meetings.



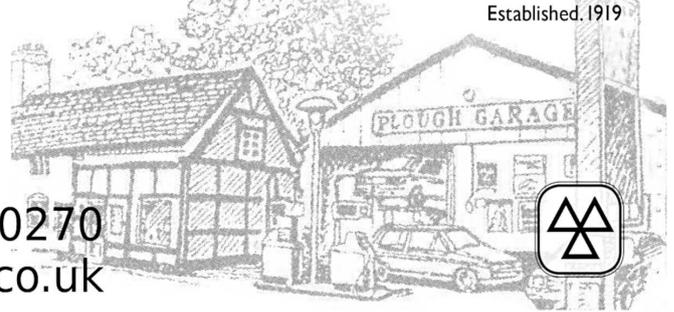
That first prayer meeting changed all that. The magnificent sum of £481.50 raised that night showed the potential and after another two prayer meetings an ambitious programme to convert the chapel into a home for up to six people was launched.

It was undertaken by the Rea Valley Methodist Churches, a group of eight chapels, including Stiperstones, in and around Minsterley and Pontesbury. And immediately offers of help flooded in – financial and physical. A carpenter erected partitions creating three bedrooms free of charge, brand new white goods were promised, furniture and bedding arrived and free broadband was installed. Volunteers painted inside and out and the building was fitted out with all the lighting and all sorts of equipment and gadgets.

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Behind it all a small core team led by the Rev Richard Hall was making sure it all happened and finding a family, chasing visas, negotiating all the rules and regulations, organising more fund-raising and establishing links through interpreters and Zoom meetings.

The project took on an ecumenical flavour with support and assistance coming from the Diocese of Hereford in the shape of the Rev Clare Sanders, a retired priest working voluntarily with the Hereford Diocesan project and Citizens UK to offer hospitality to Ukrainian guests. It began with identifying a family in need and making contact with them via Zoom, helping them through the visa application

process. It was agonisingly lengthy.

Rev Sanders explained: “ While everyone waited, the family moved from pillar to post across Europe, finding hostels and accommodation where they could, and we kept in touch via email and WhatsApp to keep their spirits up. It took its toll and was nearly three months!”

Throughout this difficult time the Stiperstones Methodist team were totally committed to what they called the Ukraine Project and now, though a milestone has been reached and Vitalii has already found a job, they are maintaining close contact with the family to ensure that their lives continue smoothly and that their new horizons are expanded.

Rev Hall summed it up: “Whatever we may sometime think, prayer can be very powerful. We have shown what can happen when people commit themselves to pray and work together to make the world a little bit better than it was before. We’re delighted to have been able to provide a safe haven for a family in desperate need.”

Roy Anderson

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Warm Space

In these difficult times, the Village Hall will be open over the Christmas and half term holidays to provide a warm space.

There will be free tea and coffee and perhaps even cake! We are not able to provide a childcare service so adults need to accompany their children. Bring your own games if you want to and don't forget the Hall has Wifi.

It will be warm; there will be jigsaws and there will be the chance to have a chat - the winter months can be lonely as well as cold.

The Christmas dates are:- Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th , and Thursday 29th.

The hall will be open from 12 until 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.



The Rea Valley Foodbank – sharing and caring within the community (In partnership with Shrewsbury 'foodbank PLUS')

WHY ARE WE NEEDED? The huge increase in the cost of living and energy bills are adding more pressure to those of us already working on a tight budget. People from many walks of life can experience a financial crisis which could be due to illness, bereavement, redundancy, low paid work, debt, a delay in benefit payments, an unexpected bill, or a combination of issues, and can bring sudden and real hardship to individuals and families.

If you are going through a difficult time and need our support then we will provide a weekly parcel of nutritionally balanced food, toiletries, cleaning products, and other essentials to help you in the short term, based on your circumstances.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

These are not walk-in centres so you MUST have a referral, but this is easy and can be done by contacting any of the people or agencies listed below:

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Reverend Richard Lonsdale 07922 830488

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Council or Government Agencies (ie DWP)	GPs
Housing Associations	Mental Health Team
Schools	Support Agencies
Job Centres	

(07951 126958. This number is also available but only on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am -12.00)

Your referral will come as a text on your mobile phone. Don't forget to take your phone when you go to either Minsterley or Pontesbury to collect your parcel. When you arrive, a member of the team will take your details (including any dietary requirements, size of your family etc), and make sure that the food parcel meets your needs. The team is warm and welcoming and your details are totally confidential. Coffee and tea are part of the welcome! The collection centres are:

Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley Tuesday mornings 10am-12.00
St George's Church, Pontesbury Thursday mornings 10am-12.00

We looking forward to giving you our help and support.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - you need a referral by 9 December at the latest

If you are worried about managing at Christmas and would like a Christmas hamper then please get a referral as above. We need your name, address, mobile number and an email address. This is so that we can contact you with details of your collection number. We use numbers rather than names so that your hamper won't get muddled with someone having the same surname.

We will also need to know how your household is made up, so that we can prepare appropriate gifts for children.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION POINT: THIS WILL BE AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, PONTESBURY, ON FRIDAY MORNING 23RD DECEMBER , BETWEEN 10.00am-12.00

DONATIONS OF FOOD, TOILETRIES AND CLEANING PRODUCTS

We wouldn't be able to function without donations from the community and we are hugely grateful for your generous support. Donations need to be at least a month within date . Items regularly needed:

Tinned main meals, tinned veg/fruit	inned/packaged soup
Fruit squash/long-life fruit juice	Long-life milk
Cereals, biscuits	Jam sponge pudding,
rice pudding, custard (ready-made or instant (water-add) powder	
Dried pasta, long grain rice, noodles	
Baby food (NOT initial breast-milk substitute)	
Nappies	Sugar, jam
Cleaning products,	Washing-up liquid
Toilet paper	Feminine hygiene
Deodorant	Shampoo/conditioner
Shower gel/hand soap	

WE CURRENTLY NEED SEASONAL ITEMS SUITBLE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
WE CAN'T TAKE FRESH, FROZEN OR HOME-MADE GOODS AT THE MOMENT
- BUT WE WILL ADVISE WHEN THAT CHANGES.
HOWEVER, SEE BELOW FOR FRESH FRUIT OR VEG

Donations can be left at the following locations:

St George's Church, Pontesbury
Hignetts, Pontesbury
Pontesbury Co-op
Pontesbury Congregational Church
Minsterley Congregational Church
Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

Fresh fruit and veg is welcome between 9.30-10.00am on Tuesdays at Holy Trinity, Minsterley and Thursdays at St George's Pontesbury.

We couldn't operate without the help of these venues, thank you so much. We owe huge thanks to Shrewsbury 'foodband plus' for providing the storage space we need for our donated food and the start-up help they have given us. They are currently donating food to our own collections to ensure a balanced diet in the food parcels.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS ENABLE US TO BUY ITEMS WE RUN SHORT OF. THESE CAN BE SENT TO:

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Financial donations are particularly welcome at the moment to help us provide Christmas Hampers
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Dawdle or Dash

2022

Boxing Day

Monday 26th December

Stiperstones Inn 11.00pm



Pre event entry for runners please with payment on the day.
If you want your time recorded please enter online at
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or over the bar at the Stiperstones Inn

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The Christmas tree tradition embraced around the world today is believed to have started in **Germany** back in the 16th Century, so it comes as no surprise that our continental cousins still have some unique customs relating to the festive conifers. One of these is to hide a pickle somewhere within the branches of the tree, and give a gift to whichever child in the household finds it.



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December in the Garden

At this time of year there is not too much happening in the garden; there are still some brave flowers showing their faces, and a few crops in the veg garden ready to be harvested, but most of us prefer to be indoors when it's not too welcoming outdoors.

There are still some jobs that can be done on a fine day. Most shrubs are best pruned straight after flowering during the growing season, but over winter the leaves have fallen and the structure of the shrub, or tree, can be seen more clearly: any branches that cross and are likely to rub on adjacent ones can be removed. Do be aware, however, that winter pruning promotes growth and cutting a branch along its length may result in growth of a number of vertical, whippy twigs, known as water shoots. Remove any branch close to its source on the main branch to prevent this.

The ground is wet at this time of year and walking on it can result in compaction, and thus poor growth next summer. This applies to lawns, but going over the lawn with a garden fork, sticking it in a few inches and wiggling it about, can relieve any of the compaction that built up over the summer. This also gives the roots access to air and helps their growth, giving stronger plants for next year.

Pontesbury Gardeners' Association's Trading Post is closed until 4 February so you need to look elsewhere for your Christmas shopping! Gardeners among you will always welcome some warm socks for inside their wellies at this time of year, and to go with them a warm pair of gardening gloves.

This time of year the gardener spends much of the time clearing up spent annuals and taking the tops off perennials, as well as trimming shrubs, hedges and trees. Rather than putting all this material in the green bin it will benefit the garden if it is composted and then added to the soil once broken down. A shredder to chop up the woody stuff is always useful, but as shredders are in a different price bracket to a pair of socks a bit of research is needed before buying. Similarly a compost bin is always useful, and two are better than one: one to hold the material that's rotting down and you are taking from, and one to be adding to. However, like shredders these bins are worth researching first: ones at least a metre across and a metre deep are more efficient than smaller ones. If your gardener grows most of your plants (flowers or veg) from seed, then seed trays with propagator tops, and maybe a heated base, will help enormously, if they haven't already got one. Windowsills in south-facing spare bedrooms often act as a useful place to germinate seeds and bring on seedlings early in the year, but may not be popular with guests! But, whatever presents you buy, be sure to enjoy yourself, particularly if you are eating your home-grown veg for Xmas lunch.

Pontesbury Gardeners' Christmas Meal



Summer is only just over and it's maybe a bit early to be thinking of Christmas, but we have booked The Horseshoes in Pontesbury for our annual Xmas meal in the evening of 7 December. The menu is available at the Trading Post and bookings are being taken there. If you are unable to get there then ring Rob on 791901, or e-mail robedixon@btopenworld.com. Space is limited so early booking is recommended! The meal will start at 7.30, meeting for drinks beforehand from 7 pm.



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The Snailbeach Village Hall committee have been fantastic supporting the club and I would like to thank them.



So to year two:

If you would like to come and give it a go, we have decided to keep the third table for people to practice and new players initially to have a knock about rather than playing competitive games, if they prefer. Hopefully that will mean that you can turn up and not feel too intimidated by the awesome prowess of the existing players(!!??)



When: Fridays 1:30 to 3:00ish

Where: Snailbeach Village Hall

How to contact: email

SnailbeachTT@gmail.com

What to wear: some trainers or fairly light shoes and whatever you want.

What to bring: £2 to help cover hall costs.

Bats and balls can be provided.

I don't know the rules: Neither do we.

What to expect: Everyone adapts their style of play to all standards, so if you are new

you will not expect a 100 mph smash to come at you. You can play almost all of the time and newbies will improve rapidly. Most importantly it is huge fun.

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December 14th, January 11th,

January 25th

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Norbury; phone box 10:10 AM to 10:20 AM

Bow House; Bow House Farm 10:30 AM to 10:50 AM

Lydham; Coronation Cottages 10:55 AM to 11:10 AM



Chirbury; Lower Lane

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Marton; Village Hall

Hope; Village Hall

Snailbeach; Village Hall

Stiperstones; Inn

Tankerville; Pottery

Shelve; Lower Farm

1:30 AM to 11:40 AM

11:45 AM to 12:00 noon

12:05 PM to 2:15 PM

12:20 PM1 to 12:30 PM

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Notes from the hill

The hordes of migrant thrushes mentioned in the last Notes from the Hill have now passed through, having stripped the hill of most of its hawthorn and rowan berries. From my observations they have a distinct preference for red berries and prefer hawthorn over rowan and then holly at the bottom of the list. In fact, a lot of the birds have moved on before they get to the holly berries.

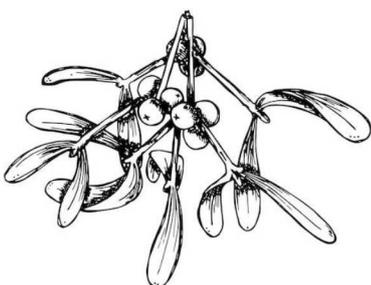
Although small flocks of redwing and fieldfares will remain with us throughout the winter, before returning to their breeding grounds in Scandinavia, most will move on, further south or to lower altitudes. Britain is also home to a darker race of redwing which come from Iceland, but these hardier birds tend to remain in Scotland for the winter. Less noticeable but probably just as numerous are the migratory blackbirds that join us from Scandinavia and the Baltics. No wonder the blackbirds in the garden don't always get on with each other, as they probably don't even speak the same language.

This all brings me to this year's Christmas theme and our resident mistle thrush. The mistle thrush shows very little migratory movement in Britain, unlike its continental cousins. As birds go, it is generally rather overlooked, having neither showy colours nor being a particularly common garden bird. However, it has the proud title of being the largest true songbird in Europe (always a good question for a Christmas quiz). Its tendency to sing from high trees in bad weather has given it the country name of "Storm Cock", as it is said to predict the coming of rain.



On the hill, it's warning rattle is heard more often than the bird being seen. In early winter the mistle thrushes form small flocks which can be distinguished from other thrushes by their white underwings as they fly. Later, presumably as food becomes scarcer, they seem to become solitary and can often be heard defending a particularly good holly tree from other berry thieving thrushes.

So where is the Christmas theme I hear you ask? Well, the mistle thrush used to be known as the mistletoe thrush and its latin name, *Turdus viscivorus* translates as the thrush that loves to eat mistletoe. Although the bird is not dependant on mistletoe (there's not much on the Stiperstones for instance), mistletoe may well be dependent on the mistle thrush. To grow, mistletoe seeds have to be deposited on the bow of a suitable host tree, and that is done by either the bird wiping its sticky beak on a branch or by depositing it in its droppings. Indeed, even the passage through the birds gut helps the seed to germinate.



So, if you are caught under the mistletoe this Christmas you can thank our largest songbird, the mistle thrush.

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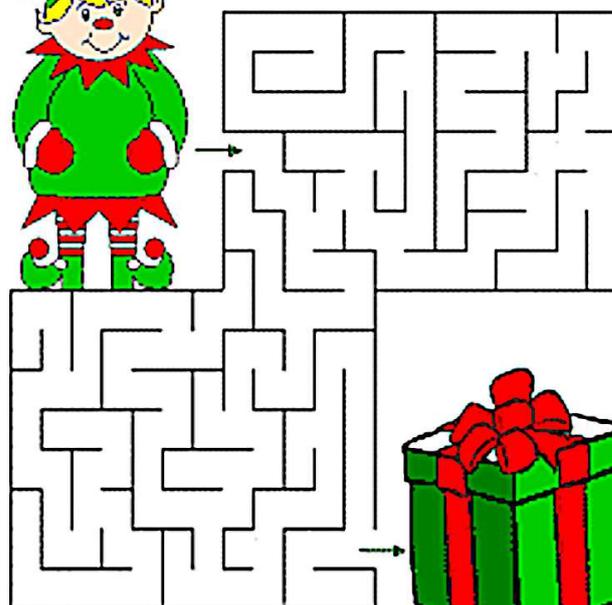


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Christmas Maze



Pontesbury Church Group

Dear friends

Rarely does a day go by if you watch the news avidly when there isn't a story that relates to climate change. Uppermost in my mind as I write this are the unbelievable torrents pouring down the hillside in New South Wales, which has experienced heavier rain than for 100 years. I can't be the only one who wryly noted that Australia is one of the countries that has refused to accept that an international response to climate change is necessary, which is not to have the utmost sympathy for the victims of the horrendous flood.



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Now, you may think it a bit rich for the man who lives next door to the church to commend walking to church as opposed to driving to other people; and I recognize that for some of you, it may not be realistic. However, the one thing we must never say to ourselves is that it can't make a difference. If the decision by humble fishermen to follow an itinerant preacher two thousand years ago and a couple of thousand miles away can change the world, so may we. Micah 6:8 prompts us: "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"

Webmaster for Pontesbury

We are looking for a webmaster to take on the responsibility from Richard Elliot. A draft job description has been produced; the chief tasks being keeping the site updated by posting the weekly bulletin and advertising events and disseminating emails to the appropriate person. Please speak to Greg or directly to Richard if you would like to know more.

Mary Jones

We are sorry to announce the death of Mary Jones, who was Pontesbury's post mistress for thirty years. Her funeral will take place at noon on Tuesday 13th December.

Pontesbury Youth Hub

We are looking for an additional representative to join the small working group that has been tasked with planning a youth group for Pontesbury, supported by St George's, Pontesbury Baptist Church, and Pontesbury Congregational Church. Anyone interested in representing us should speak to Greg.

PCC Secretary for Pontesbury

After ten years of wonderful service, Val Butterworth will be stepping down as PCC Secretary at St George's at the next APCM. Although this is a little way off, she is offering a full briefing/induction to her successor, providing an opportunity to shadow her in the coming months. Anyone interested in this role should speak to Val or Greg. A role description is available.

Participation in a survey

Sarah Edwards' daughter, Erin, is undertaking research for a university project. The research considers whether there is any bias when judging people's innocence or guilt based on their appearance. The survey is entirely anonymous and takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The survey may be accessed via this link: https://lancasteruni.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GgB9f8tifj7KXs
Please do help if you are able.

A Warm Welcome on Monday mornings

The churches of Pontesbury are looking to provide a warm place for people to go over the winter. We are very grateful for the pool of volunteers who have come forward to staff the Monday morning session at the Pavilion.

The full programme is as follows:

Mondays	10-12	The Pavilion
Tuesdays	11-2	Pontesbury Baptist Church
Wednesdays	10-12	Pontesbury Congregational Church
Thursdays	10-12	St George's
Fridays	10-12	St George's

We are hoping to launch something similar in Minsterley and will be looking for volunteers



Thank you all for the generous donations and your wasrm Christmas greetings.



Happy Christmas and all the best for 2023 from Carol, Andy and Maisie.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everybody from Doug and Mary Boulter.

We wish all our friends and neighbours a happy and peaceful Christmas this year, from all at Tankerville Pottery and Gallery.

Wishing everybody peace and love this Christmas. - Geoff and Sue.

Kath and Mike Hampson would like to wish all family, friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Pat and Matt send loving messages and thanks to all family and friends for Christmas and the New Year.

I send my love and every good wish to everyone for Christmas and the New Year. - Aunty Sylvia.

Happy Christmas to all in the village and a bucket full of love for 2023, from Rosa.

Doreen and I would like to wish our friends and neighbours, old and new, a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy 2023. Regretfully we will not be sending cards again this year. Malcolm and Doreen Dunbar.

Don and Gloria would like to wish family and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We will be back in your letterbox in February after our winter break.



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Forget Santa and December 25th when in **Italy**, as all the action takes place on the eve of 5th January. According to folklore, an old woman named Belfana visits all the children of Italy to fill their stockings with candy and leave them presents if they've been good. Just like Father Christmas, Belfana enters through the chimney and is left treats by the children who live there - typically wine and local delicacies.



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It seemed right to invite this popular ceilidh band to our village hall, not far from their namesake stones and we hope you'll come out for an evening of Festive community togetherness and a bit of a sing song too!

The band have toured this show year on year and we are pleased they have found a slot for us this year as village halls start promoting events in earnest after lockdown times.

Tickets are on sale at the pub and profits will go to Severn Hospice - a charity with a place in so many folks' hearts. Show starts at 7.30 on Thursday 15 December and there will be a bar.

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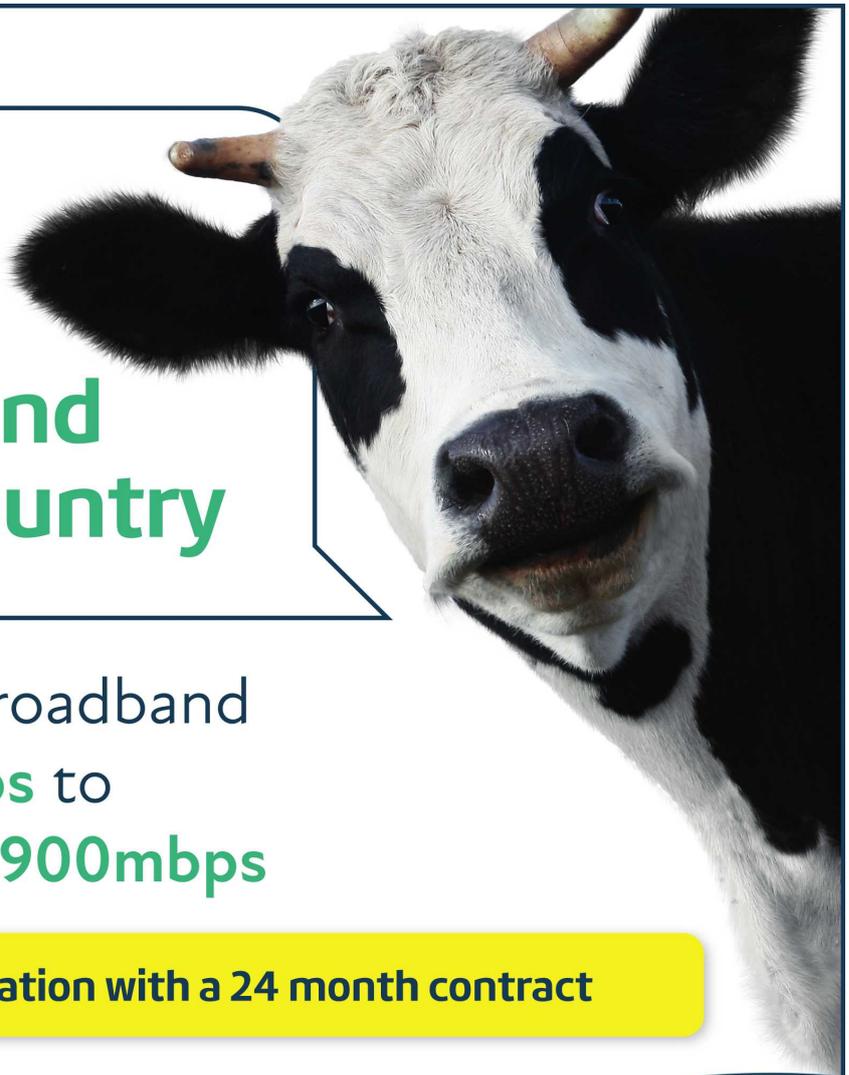
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TRAINING IN THE USE OF CPR & A DEFIBRILLATOR - 2023

Coronary heart disease is one of the UK's leading causes of death and sudden cardiac arrest, which can happen to anyone, even those who are seemingly healthy. Statistics reveal that outside a hospital environment:

- there are more than 30,000 cardiac arrests in the UK each year;
- the overall survival rate of these is just 1 in 10;
- every minute without Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillator use reduces a victim's survival rate by 7% - 10%;
- if an Automated External Defibrillator (AED, or defibrillator) is used within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest survival rates will jump from 6% to 74%;
- half of all incidents are witnessed by a bystander but then only 7 out of 10 attempt CPR;
- 98% of all cardiac arrests occur in adults

But perhaps the statistic which we should all remember is that 75% of those cardiac arrests take place in a home environment.

The message is clear, training in CPR/defibrillation procedures provides the confidence to initiate emergency assistance that could save the life of a loved one.

In October, Hope Village Hall (HVH) hosted a 2-hour course in the application of CPR and the use of defibrillators, procedures which go hand-in-hand at the time of a cardiac arrest. The course was well presented and extremely well received by 25 local people, including some previously trained, who all are now the proud holders of the knowledge gained. The training was conducted by Russell Brookes, a Paramedic who is also an active member and Chair of Newport Community First Responders (NCFR).

Those 25 people are just a small proportion of the several hundred residing in the Worthen with Shelve Parish Council area. HVH intends to host another course in early 2023 (probably March) and invites anyone wanting to attend to make contact.

This message is being published in Hope News and other local newsletters in the hope of generating wider involvement in this important training opportunity.

To prepare for the course, it is important that I have an idea of the numbers who would like to attend so please speak to me personally at the HVH Community Café on Wednesdays or email me on , with any days/dates/times to avoid.

This could be the best training you ever take, whether for your own benefit or for that of your family or friends.

Those who have previously received such training might expect to apply practice of the procedures on Resusci Anne, the CPR/defibrillator manikin, but ongoing Covid restrictions mean that that this hands-on practice cannot now form part of the training, so those with 'dickie knees' should have no worries about taking part.

The course is free because Russell works on the basis that the more people trained the better but, as with the last course, Worthen with Shelve Parish Council has agreed to make a donation to NCFR, Russell's charity because of the enormous benefit it brings to our wider community.

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One of the more unique festive traditions we've heard of comes from **Iceland**, where a giant cat is said to roam the snowy countryside at Christmas time. Traditionally, farmers would use the Yule Cat as an incentive for their workers - those who worked hard would receive a new set of clothes, but those who didn't would be devoured by the gigantic cat-like beast.



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Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas
 Cos' turkeys just wanna hav fun
 Turkeys are cool, turkeys are wicked
 An every turkey has a Mum.
 Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas,
 Don't eat it, keep it alive,
 It could be yu mate, an not on yu plate
 Say, Yo! Turkey I'm on your side.

I got lots of friends who are turkeys
 An all of dem fear christmas time,
 Dey wanna enjoy it, dey say humans
 destroyed it
 An humans are out of dere mind,
 Yeah, I got lots of friends who are turkeys
 Dey all hav a right to a life,
 Not to be caged up an genetically made up
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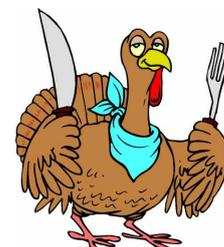
Turkeys just wanna play reggae
 Turkeys just wanna hip-hop
 Can yu imagine a nice young turkey saying,
 'I cannot wait for de chop',
 Turkeys like getting presents, dey wanna
 watch christmas TV,
 Turkeys hav brains an turkeys feel pain
 In many ways like yu an me.

I once knew a turkey called Turkey
 He said 'Benji explain to me please,
 Who put de turkey in christmas
 An what happens to christmas trees?',
 I said 'I am not too sure turkey
 But it's nothing to do wid Christ Mass
 Humans get greedy an waste more dan need be
 An business men mek loadsa cash'.

Be nice to yu turkey dis christmas
 Invite dem indoors fe sum greens
 Let dem eat cake an let dem partake
 In a plate of organic grown beans,
 Be nice to yu turkey dis christmas
 An spare dem de cut of de knife,
 Join Turkeys United an dey'll be delighted
 An yu will mek new friends 'FOR LIFE'.



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Heather's Report for November/December 2022

A488 AND B4386

I have been contacted by an Officer working for WSP (who do the technical work on road improvement schemes) to talk through the safety issues on both the B4386 from Montgomery border to Dumbleholes and also the A488 from the Bishops castle Division to just short of the Hope Village Hall junction. I have highlighted a number of issues on both roads but please get in touch if you have any particular concerns. I have also requested that this work is extended to the Plox Green junction. The Parish Council is doing the same.

Air Ambulance

Alongside my colleague, Danny Bebb from Churchstoke I have been campaigning to keep the Wales Air Ambulance base from being moved from Welshpool to Caernarfon. Danny has spoken to the

manager of Welshpool Airport who was confirmed that, contrary to statements from the Air Ambulance, night flights are possible from the site and in fact do happen at times.

If you would like to sign the petition to keep the Welshpool base then go to: <https://www.change.org/p/hands-off-our-air-ambulance-base-in-welshpool>

SpArC UPDATES

The Save the SpArC charity in Bishop's Castle, of which Ruth Houghton and I are Trustees, continues to support the leisure centre in Bishop's Castle. The charity has recently refurbished the gym with state-of-the-art gym equipment to the value of £90k using funds raised by the local community over the last five years. Other upgrades funded by the charity include, amongst others, the installation of baby change units, the purchase of new folding tables for use across the centre and theatre and a new DVD player for the theatre. We will need to continue to raise money as the cost of energy may make the Centre very expensive to run. We also know that the 50 year old swimming pool lining will need to be replaced. Watch out on Facebook for future fundraising and on my round Robin emails. To join the latter just drop me an email at heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk and I will add you.

Wishing you all and very Happy Christmas despite the difficult times we may be facing.

Heather

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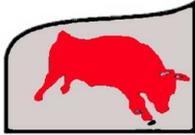
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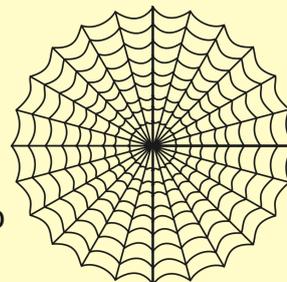
Big Money Bingo
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Pub Quiz
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One of **Ukraine's** favourite festive traditions is not one for those with a fear of creepy crawlies! Where we would have baubles, tinsel and stars, Ukrainians use decorations that mimic the natural formation of spiders' webs shimmering with dew.

The tradition goes back to a folktale about a poor widow who could not afford to decorate a tree for her children. Legend has it that spiders in the house took pity on the family, and spun beautiful webs all over the tree, which the children awoke to find on Christmas morning. Spiders' webs are also considered to be lucky in Ukrainian culture.



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*At Greenwich, the magnetic North Pole has been
positioned slightly to the west of true north for
hundreds of years. However, its position is
constantly changing, and recently magnetic north
and true north were inline.
This alignment won't last for
long: the British Geological
Survey predicts that magnetic
north will begin to shift
slightly eastwards here in the
UK over the coming years.*



British kids are well acquainted with Father Christmas, Santa Claus or Saint Nick, but they can consider themselves lucky they don't live in **Austria**. That's because it's here that a ghoulish creature called 'Kampus', the evil accomplice of St Nicholas, is said to wander the streets in search of badly behaved children. During the month of December, you can expect to see terrifying masked figures out and about scaring kids and adults alike with ghastly pranks.



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| Angel | Baby | Believe | Bethlehem | Bows | Candle |
| Candy Cane | Carols | Chimney | Christmas Tree | Cookies | December |
| Decorations | Elves | Family | Gingerbread Man | Greetings | Grinch |
| Holly | Jesus | Jingle Bells | Joseph | Joy | Lights |
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| North Pole | Nutcracker | Ornament | Peace | Presents | Reindeer |
| Rudolph | Santa | Shepard | Silent Night | Sleigh | Snowman |
| Star | Stockings | Tis The Season | Toys | Wismen | Wrapping Paper |
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Milk and Cookies for Santa

By Kelly Roper

There's milk and cookies for Santa,
 And they look delicious to me.
 There are four on a plate on the mantel,
 And if I eat one, there will still be three.

Santa's quite a plump fellow,
 Looks like he eats well all year through.
 If I eat one more of those cookies,
 Santa will still have two.

Those cookies have made my mouth dry,
 And now I need something to drink.
 That milk is still quite chilly,
 A few gulps will do it, I think.

Those cookies were oh so tasty.
 I don't think my tummy's quite done.
 If I only eat one more cookie,
 Santa surely can get by with just one.

That last cookie looks so lonely,
 He must miss his friends in my tummy.
 I'm not sure that I can resist him...
 No, I can't, and he's certainly yummy!

Uh-oh, Santa's treat is all gone now.
 If I'm caught, I will be in big trouble.
 I need to beat feet from the scene of my crime,
 And get back into bed on the double!

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In the **Venezuelan** capital of Caracas, swathes of city-dwellers make their way to mass on roller skates every year on Christmas morning. The tradition is now so well established that many of the city's streets are closed to traffic from 8am, so that the skating congregation can get to church safely. It's even said that children will sleep with one lace from their skates tied around their toe, the other skate dangling from the window so that their friends can wake them up with a friendly tug on the lace.



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CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE**

17th October 2022 - 15th November 2022

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Stiperstones	
Malicious communications		Worthen	
Harassment		Worthen	
Public order offence (Fear or provocation of violence) & harassment		Shelve wood	
Assault		Meadowtown	
Theft	2x pedigree Texel rams stolen from field	Rowley	Overnight 23 rd - 24 th Oct

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact West Mercia Police on **101** or Crimestoppers **0800 555111**

Dylan Price

The investigation continues into the tragic death of Dylan Price who was fatally struck by a vehicle in the early hours of Sunday 19th September 2021. Dylan was walking home from a party along Brampton Rd on the outskirts of Bishop's Castle when he was hit.

Police are still seeking for information about the incident. Anyone with any information are asked to call 101 quoting incident 140 i 19092021. You can also visit <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/>.

Anyone is welcome to come and talk face to face with a local officer at Bishop's Castle Police Station.

Alternatively, you can speak 100% anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They will never ask for your details and they cannot trace your IP address: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

Scams

Reports of frauds and scams are on the increase in the region. If you have been a victim of a scam or someone has attempted to scam you please don't be afraid to report them to Action Fraud. Many of the latest scams and frauds are around the cost of living crisis, awareness must be raised to the many and various authentic looking e-mails and texts scammers are using. For example, scammers are impersonating energy providers in very authentic looking emails to trick people into sharing their personal details.

A typical example of a current scam, now circulating, comes from British Gas offering an energy bill rebate of £315.

The email looks genuine as it uses the British Gas logo and brand and may even contain the account number

However it is not addressed to the account holder, only the email address of the customer

British Gas will always address you by your full name or surname, and will never ask you confirm or provide personal details via an email.

Always check such emails for spelling and grammar errors, and check out the sender's email address to make sure it is, as listed, on the company website or on any invoices you have.



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
Bus Station Stand N	07:30	08:00	08:30	08:30		09:22	09:57	10:40	11:55	12:29	13:20	13:39	14:30	15:15	15:52	16:40	17:30	18:07

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Stiperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:50
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745 Mondays and Fridays only

Pontesbury to Clun 745 A		Ludlow to Clun 745 B	
Pontesbury Shop	08:50	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	13:15
Minsterley	08:55	Craven Arms	13:30
Hope	09:00	Long Meadowend	13:35
Gravels	09:03	Aston on Clun	13:37
White Grit	09:05	Lydbury North	13:50
Lydham	09:10	Little Brampton	14:00
Bishops Castle	09:15	Clunton	14:02
Colebatch	09:20	Clun	14:05
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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
Aston on Clun	10:03	White Grit	14:35
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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
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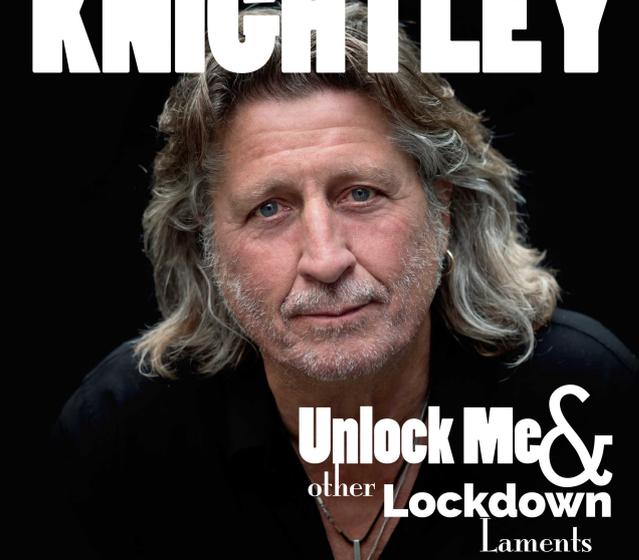





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