

SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

December 2023

A Yuletide Blessing

Free



Festive Friends 2023

Three Kings have come and stand at the gate,
Mary peered through the window grate.

'You glorious Kings, I bid you stay,
Though the house is abounding with beasts and bay.'

They bowed their heads beneath the door,
And bend their knees down to the floor.

'Three Kings we are, we came from afar,
But you, sweet child, much greater you are.

'No crown you wear, no gown of gold,
Though you are the King of whom we are told.

Your heart glows bright, will be the crown
For man and woman in every town.'

The Kings departed. In awe and surprise
Mary sat down with tears in her eyes.

(after: Otto Julius Bierbaum (1865 - 1910) : Die
heiligen drei Könige)

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own this Christmas
Day?**

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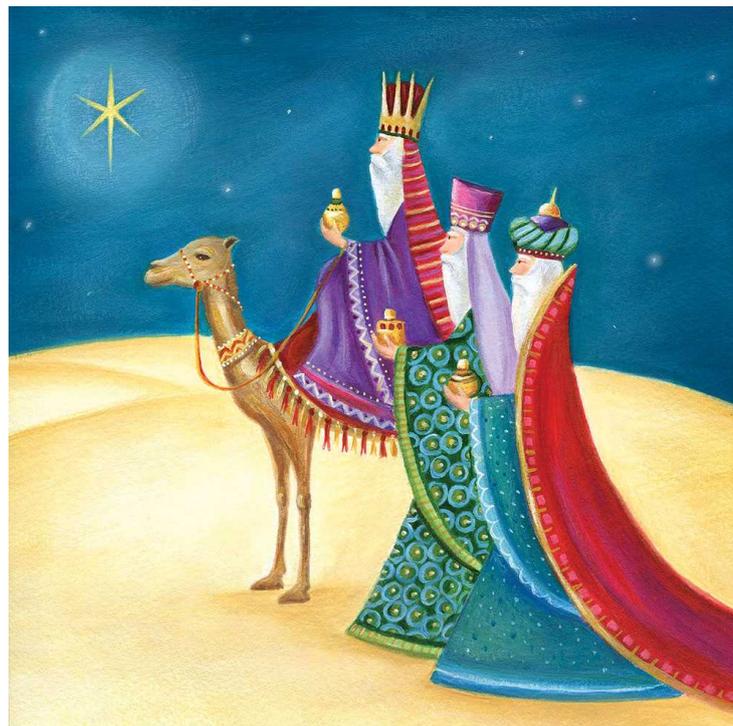
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*The Editor,
the committee,
all deliverers,
all contributors and
all advertisers
wish you the readers
much joy over this
Christmas holiday
and look forward to
sharing with you our
news for 2024.*



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Jean and Derek Rowson wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, flowers and gifts we received during

Jean's 2 week stay in hospital. Jean is back home now and getting on well.

A sad goodbye to Irene Purslow whose fun and country music entertained us for so long.

SDN AGM

As widely publicised on facebook our AGM is on **Monday December 4th at 7.30pm.** It will take place in Ercall Cottage to the rear of the Stiperstones Inn.

All are gladly welcome, but a special invite goes to those kind supporters who deliver the newsletter each month. I think it is time we looked at the rounds again particularly any that are now proving a little onerous.

If anyone reading this thinks they can help with deliveries, please, please get in touch - the more that help the less of a chore it is.

Merry Christmas
Geoff

SDN Editor's Annual report

This year we have published 10 newsletters. 320 paper copies have been delivered by a faithful but ageing group of volunteers. It will be a priority for me next year to try and lessen the burden on some of our team. Jean Rowson who has been delivering newsletters from Snailbeach to The Black Hole for many, many years feels she can no longer continue and I join with all her customers in offering our gratitude for a job well done.

The SDN continues to be offered in an online version, which features a lot more colour than the paper one. We receive over 200 views to our pages each month. As well as our newsletter in full colour format our site offers all the latest videos from Shropshire Wildlife, Shropshire Council News and traffic information. This year I have kept the newsletter to the format I devised during Covid. Regular features from The Church, Natural England, Our MP, Philip Dunne, Shaun Cullis, our community police officer and local councillor, Heather Kidd, appearing alongside local news, and articles from individuals and organised bodies. In between the adverts I usually include titbits of trivia often linked to a theme.

I would like to thank all our advertisers without whom we could not continue with this free service. They have enabled to maintain a 32 page newsletter with usually colour front and back on high quality paper. I would also like to thank our printers SJF design and print for the prompt and quality service they provide.
Geoff Sproson Editor

Locals and Natural England restore flood damage.

If you tried to climb Perkin's Beach after the deluge from storm Ciaran you will have been amazed by the damage that was caused. Pete Lewis and many of the other residents of the lane worked hard to remove tons and tons of silt from the road, gardens and drains.



Simon Cooter and Natural England surveyed the damage to the stoney track above the gate and have brought in heavy plant to allow access again. New drains and run offs should protect the track in the future.



Snailbeach Village Hall
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Evergreen trees are a botanically recognized category of tree. They stand out, especially in the winter, since the plant's foliage remains green and functioning all year round. In other words, they have more than one growing season.

Most people imagine evergreen trees only include pine trees and other conifers. However, there is actually a wide range of evergreen trees that grow worldwide. We will pull out many of these typologies and focus on some species to give you examples of all the types of evergreen trees.

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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

Well we have certainly had our fair share of rain this autumn with storm Babet delivering an awful lot of water in a short time, which as many will be aware, has caused considerable damage to some of the tracks on the hill, particularly up Perkins Beach. We have put up closed signs on this bridleway for safety reasons, due to there being an eroded crevasse over a metre deep in places. Work should be starting on its repair soon and will certainly be completed before Christmas and the boxing day "Dash or Dawdle".

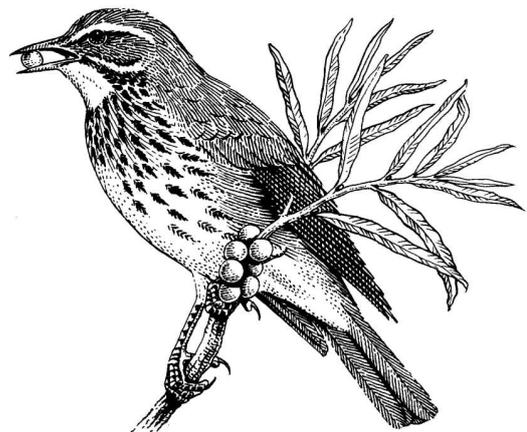
The increase in occurrence of storm events is one of the predicted consequences of climate change, however severe storms have been witnessed before, with one of the worst being on the 27th May 1811. The following is the report from the Shrewsbury Chronicle detailing the event:

On Monday afternoon a violent storm of hail, with thunder and lightning was widely felt, particularly S.W. of this town [Shrewsbury]. The air was sultry, the lightning very vivid, and the thunder is described by persons near Minsterley to have been similar to the report of many cannons immediately over their heads: near the Snailbeach, hailstones two inches in circumference lay almost a foot deep. About five o'clock in the afternoon, a cloud burst upon the ridge of hills called the Stiperstones, and a torrent of water, with irresistible force and thundering sound, rushing down the hill side, swept away several cottages belonging to the Snailbeach miners. Part of the vast body of water took a direction through Habberley, but the greatest quantity pursued its course along the valley through which runs the Minsterley Brook. From the vicinity of Mr Nailor's Hoxton Mill, buildings and everything in its way were overwhelmed: and our readers may form some idea of the bulk and impetuosity of the torrent, when they are told, that among many others which it tore up by the roots, one tree, containing about 80 feet of timber, was floated over meadows more than a mile.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock the deluge reached Minsterley, flooding almost every house in the village. Mr. Vaughan, a farmer, was swept away from his fold, and carried several hundred yards through the bridge, where the current threw him upon a pig sty, from whence he climbed to the roof of a house and was saved: his sister was carried a great distance and left in the branches of a tree; but so much bruised that she is not expected to survive: not a trace is left of his threshing machine or stabling, but five horses escaped. Thirteen persons were miraculously saved in the Angel [later the Bath Arms] public house: on the first alarm they ran upstairs, and when the water had reached the second story, they clung to the rafters, while the stabling, with all other contiguous buildings, and indeed the whole of the house, (except the room in which they were suspended) were swept away. In the stables were 17 horses and they swam out. The stables of the Reverend Mr. Williams, and part of the church-wall, are both carried away. The persons who perished in this village were Mr. Hoggins, a farmer, Holmes, a labourer, and another person: The body of the former was not found yesterday.

If you are out and about on the hill over Christmas look out for the large flocks of thrushes that come to the reserve to feed on the berry bearing trees such as rowan, hawthorn and holly. The redwings and fieldfares come all the way from Scandinavia to join our resident thrushes, and mistle thrushes can often be heard defending their favourite bushes from these viking raiders.

Also take time to watch the ravens as they are likely to be showing off their aerial skills to each other as they pair up ready to nest as early as January. They are best watched at the top of the steep hillsides where they use the uplifting air to better perform their acrobatics.



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Conifers are the standard trees that come to most people's minds when thinking of an evergreen tree. They include many of the trees that populate evergreen and mixed forests worldwide. There are also culturally important trees that belong to this group, such as Christmas trees. There are more than 630 species of trees classed as conifers. However, only a handful of these trees are popular enough to be typically cultivated. They range in their size and growth pattern, with some of them having shrubby, ground-hugging forms and others growing as tall as 150 feet high. The species discussed are some of the more common species of conifers.

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The choir will sing a variety of seasonal pieces, including “Past Three O’Clock”, a lively traditional carol, and “Il est né, le divin Enfant”, a delightful French carol. Chris Lacey will delight with a flute accompaniment of the beautiful “Sans Day Carol”, and as usual there will also be a number of carols for audience participation. Children and families are especially welcome, and there will be some special carols in which the children in the audience will be the stars!

The concert will start at 7.00 pm, and tickets (£8, children and students free) are available by calling 07806 433394, online from TicketSource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-marches-choir/t-zzkdqmd>), or can be purchased from choir members or on the night."



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CELEBRATIONS AT ST. LUKE'S

On Sunday 15th October the 150th anniversary of St. Luke's church was celebrated at Snailbeach. The service was led by Rev. Pam and Bishop Richard attended and gave the address. It was good to see a full church and seeing St. Luke's being supported by members of St. George's, Hope and Shelve, Habberley and Minsterley congregations.

Following the service we all enjoyed refreshments in the village hall where it was lovely to be able to spend time together.

Christmas events in Snailbeach

Sunday 24th Dec 8.00pm Carols & Readings in The Stiperstones Inn
Christmas Day 9.00am Christmas Communion in St. Luke's church
Christmas morning Communion at 9am in St Luke's church will be the final service led by Pam before she retires (again). Do join us and celebrate all that she has done for the worshipping community here. . . As well as being a great start to the Day!

The Christmas Tree from the Craft Fair held in November will be placed in St. Luke's Church in December for anyone wishing to remember family and friends.

Advent "Prayer" Course

Over four weeks, starting at 1.30pm on Thurs 30th Nov, "The Prayer Course" is being held at The Deanery, Main Road, Pontesbury.

We will be exploring The Lord's Prayer, using video and other resources. We will look at prayer as adoration, meditation, petition and listening, as well as why some prayers seem to be unanswered.

A warm welcome and refreshments are provided. Contact me on rectorpontstip@gmail.com or 07902 794653



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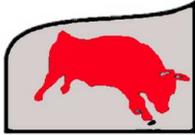
**Saturday 9th December
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"For the next part of our carol-service, Nigel, the verger's nephew will play his interpretation of Silent Night..."

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*Sunday 24th December
8.00pm
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*Tuesday 26th December
11.00am
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*Sunday 31st December
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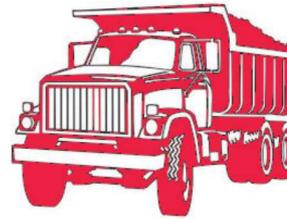
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Jamie H

Cup Result AFC Meole 5 - 1 White Stars



The White Fir is often called Red Fir or Noble Fir. These trees have distinct layers or tiers with open spaces. Because of this growth pattern, they make for excellent Christmas trees. They also have beautiful, silvery-gray bark with blue-gray leaves.

The cones often grow to about five or ten inches long. They grow natively on the northwest coast of the United States. They often grow to about 50 feet (15 meters) tall but can reach 300 feet (91 meters) tall.

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a peaceful New Year
with every blessing.*

***Aunty Sylvia would
like to send love and
good wishes to
everyone for
Christmas and a
happy and healthy
New Year.
Sylvia Swain***

**Kath and Mike Hampson
would like to wish all
relatives, friends and
neighbours a very Happy
Christmas and New Year.
We are not sending cards
this year; we are giving a
donation to Birmingham
Teenage Cancer Unit.**

***Lorna and Malcolm
would like to wish
family, friends and
neighbours a very Happy
Christmas and a
peaceful and healthy
New Year. Instead of
cards our donation has
been given to Severn
Hospice.***

*Carol and Graham McMillan
wish friends and neighbours a
very Happy Christmas and all
good wishes are sent for 2024.
A donation has been sent to
Severn Hospice in lieu of cards.*

***To relatives, friends
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wishes for a healthy
New Year.
George and Joan
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*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.
Carol, Andy and
Maisie*



Merry Christmas

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From Liz Humphreys

I would like to wish all our friends and neighbours, old and new, a Very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Healthy 2024.
Malcolm Dunbar.

Don and Gloria would like to wish friends and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Once again I want to say a big thank you to my family, friends and neighbours for being so good to me.
Also best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
With all my love
Joan Purslow.

" We wish all our friends neighbours and customers a happy and peaceful Christmas this year from all of us at Tankerville Pottery and Gallery. "

Sue and Geoff would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and support and wish you all the bestest Christmas and good health for all next year.

Rosa wishes friends and neighbours a season of Yuletide cheer.

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The Douglas Fir is an evergreen conifer species from the pine family. It grows native to the western coast of North America. There are three primary varieties of this fir tree. These include the coast Douglas Fir, Rocky Mountain Douglas Fir, and the Mexican Douglas Fir.

Even though its common name is 'fir,' it is not a true fir species. Instead, it is known as a 'false hemlock.' They often grow as medium-sized trees but can be extremely large in the right growing conditions.



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Heather's Report for November 2023

Flooding: The last few weeks have brought a succession of storms across the country bringing flooding to many parts. It was particularly bad in our area on 18th/19th October. Traveling around our Division I came across flooding on all our many roads as well as many minor ones. Pontesbury, Minsterley, Welshpool and Churchstoke were also hit.

Three action points from this:

- i. Worthen with Shelve Parish Council are going to order additional sandbags and flood sacks for Worthen and store them away from Millstream. They are setting a central storage point and an action group from residents.
- ii. I am going to renew my efforts for work to be done on the streams in Worthen and Brockton. I have been pushing for action here for months but getting Shropshire Council to act is extremely difficult (we only have 2 flood officers left for the whole County). We need agreement between the Council, Environment Agency and Natural Resources England before the EA will issue a licence to clear sections of stream and it has to be done at specific times of the year.
- iii. Most importantly can you please tell me of ANY flooding problems you may have had especially if they threatened your home? I need evidence to badger to Shropshire Council on gullies that have not been emptied and a host of other causes of flooding

Sewage: The flooding has also caused the sewage system to overflow in some places. Please let me know about these too.

Shropshire Council Finances: Many of you will have seen the BBC report on Shropshire's finances the other night. The savings for this year are £51 million and the gap in the budget for next year stands at £24 million A combination of local mismanagement and poor funding from Central has led to the Council having to cut back on services which in turn leads to lousy roads, blocked drains and floods.

Hope School site: Cornovii, Shropshire Council's Housing Developer, pulled out from building of this site because of drainage issues a while ago. As we go to press the Council has put the site on the market for possible development.

The North West Relief Road – many of you have contacted to give your views on this road which will link the bypass around the north of Shrewsbury. The news is that it passed through the first stages of planning but needs to return for the conditions to be put in place. The business case is yet to be brought forward and there are a number of other hurdles. We are a long way from it being a done deal at present.

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16th October 2023 – 14th November 2023

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Suspect has failed to return trailer which had been loaned	Worthen	Enquiries ongoing
Criminal damage			
Malicious communications		Chirbury	Historical report

Romance Fraud

Locally we have seen an increase in victims of romance frauds, a scam which can last over several years. Romance scams involve people being manipulated into sending money to criminals who go to great lengths to gain their trust and convince them that they are in a genuine relationship. They use language to manipulate, persuade and exploit so that requests for money do not raise alarm bells. These requests might be highly emotive, such as criminals claiming they need money for emergency medical care, or to pay for transport costs to visit the victim if they are overseas. Scammers will often build a relationship with their victims over time.

Signs your friend or family member may be involved in a romance scam:

- They may be very secretive about their relationship or provide excuses for why their online partner has not video called or met them in person. They might become hostile or angry, and withdraw from conversation when you ask any questions about their partner
- They may express very strong emotions and commitment to someone they have only just met
- They have sent, or are planning to send, money to someone they have not met face-to-face. They may take out loans or withdraw from their pension to send money.

How users can stay safe from romance scams:

- Be suspicious of any requests for money from someone you have never met in person, particularly if you have only recently met online (usually social media)
- Speak to your family or friends to get advice.
- Profile photos may not be genuine, do your research first, scammers often use pictures of celebrities

It is important that no matter how long you've been speaking to someone online and how much you think you trust them, if you have not met them in person it's important that you do not:

- Send them any money
- Allow them access to your bank account
- Transfer money on their behalf
- Take a loan out for them
- Provide copies of your personal documents such as passports or driving licenses
- Invest your own money on their behalf or on their advice
- Purchase and send the codes on gift cards from Amazon or iTunes
- Agree to receive and/or send parcels on their behalf (laptops, mobile phones etc.)

How to report it

If you think you have been a victim of a romance scam, do not feel ashamed or embarrassed - you are not alone. Contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

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Could you spot
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(Just a nice thought for Christmas)

The Worry Tree

The Carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied. 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again.'

'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'

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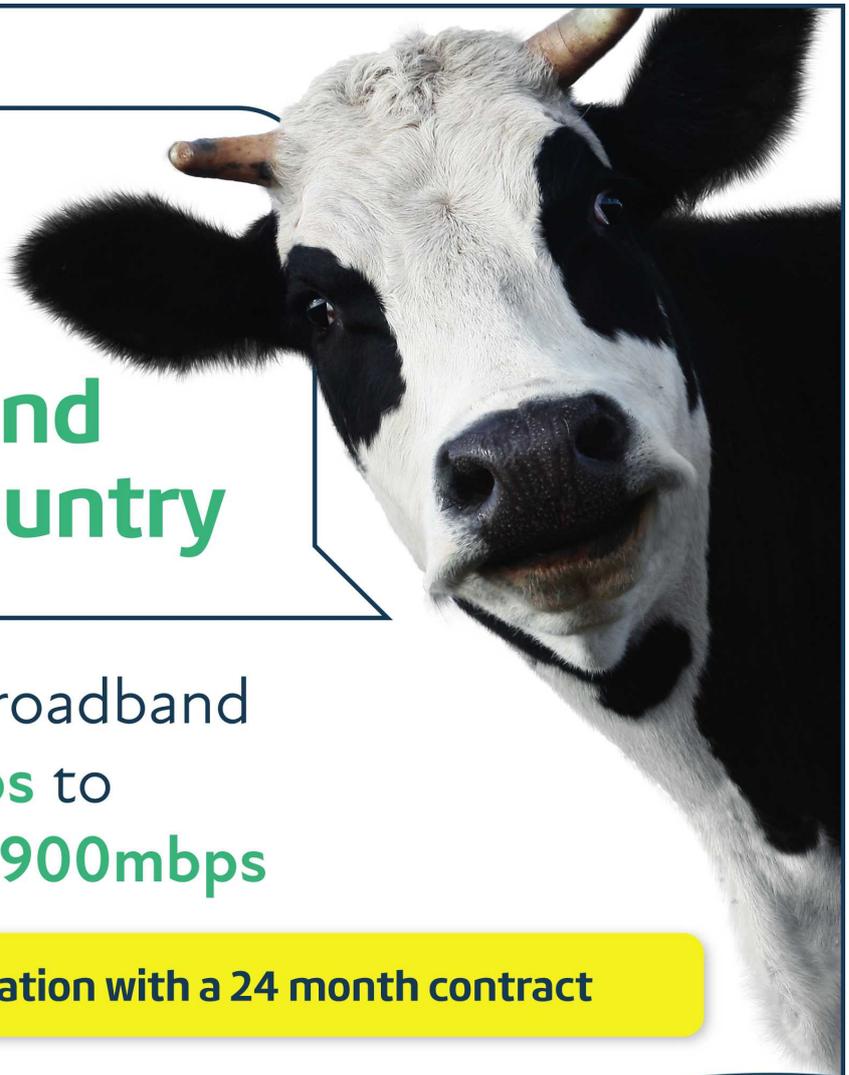


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745 Mondays and Fridays only

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
Clun	09:30		

Clun to Ludlow 745 B		Clun to Pontesbury 745 A	
Clun	09:35	Clun	14:10
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
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		

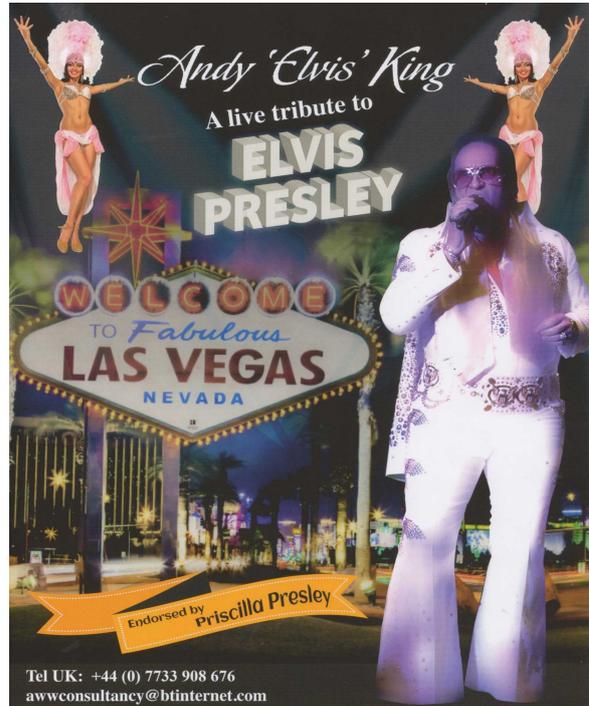
Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B		Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A	
Bishops Castle	10:05	Bishops Castle	14:40
Church Stoke	10:20	Lydham	14:43
Blue Bell	10:25	Bromleys Mill	14:45
Sarn	10:30	Llan Turn	14:49
Kerry	10:40	White Grit	14:52
Newtown	10:50	Gravels	14:55
		Hope	15:00
		Plox Green	15:02
		Minsterley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

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Christmas Service Times

Stiperstones Group of Churches!

Sunday	Dec 10th	3:00pm	Candlelit Carols
	Holy Trinity, Hope		
Friday	Dec 15th	7:30pm	Carols + General Knees Up
	Crown and Sceptre Pub		
Sunday	Dec 17th	4:00pm	Christingle
	All Saints, Shelve		
Thursday	Dec 21st	3:30pm	Messy Church
	Holy Trinity, Minsterley		
Friday	Dec 22nd	6:00pm	Christingle + Carols
	Holy Trinity, Minsterley		
Saturday	Dec 23rd	3:30pm	Crib Service
	Holy Trinity, Minsterley		
Sunday	Dec 24th	9:00am	Christmas Communion
	Holy Trinity, Hope		
Sunday	Dec 24th	10:30am	Christmas Communion
	Holy Trinity, Minsterley		
Sunday	Dec 24th	5:00pm	Carol Service
	St Mary's, Habberley		
Monday	Dec 25th	9:00am	Christmas Communion
	St Luke's, Snailbeach		
Monday	Dec 25th	9:30am	Christmas Communion
	All Saints, Shelve		
Monday	Dec 25th	10:30am	Christmas Communion
	St Mary's, Habberley		
Sunday	Dec 31st	10:30am	Holy Communion
	Holy Trinity, Minsterley		



Pontesbury Public Hall
Friday 15 th December 7.30pm
Tickets £12 from Hignetts, Connections,
Library eventbrite.co.uk
Bar, Raffle
Proceeds in aid of Friends of Pontesbury Library

BIG CHRISTMAS SING!

COME AND SING
 CAROLS WITH THE
MARCHES CHOIR

Conductor - Alistair Auld

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 13th 2023

7.00 pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
 Bishop's Castle

Children and families especially welcome!

Tickets £8 on 07806 433394
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BINGO

Family Fun Night

In aid of
 Hospice at Home

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2023

Doors Open from 7.00pm

(Eyes Down 7.30pm)

Hope Village Hall

Bingo Books

£10 for 6 or £5 for 3

To include a strip of raffle tickets

Donations of Raffle Prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Clare (790419) or Deborah (891414)

Refreshments will be available on the night