



SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

June 2021
From the ballot boxes

Free

A brief note to express my sincere thanks for the overwhelming vote of confidence you gave me at the recent election. The experience is quite humbling.

We had the largest turnout in the County and with 84% I had the highest popular vote.

Heather Kidd returned as Councillor for Chirbury & Worthen

Rea Valley Party Votes
Nick Hignett Conservative 924
Nick Deane Lib Democrats 102
John Lewis Labour 147
Catherine Girvan Green 122
Total votes: 1295

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On paper, the role of a Parish Council – the role of your Parish Council – is to represent the interests of the community it serves. In a more practical sense, the Parish Council is here for you; it is here to help. We do the mundane that keeps things going; just as a few examples, we maintain the churchyards, run the Snailbeach Public Toilets, operate many of the streetlights, provide bus shelters, and offer grant funding to local groups and charities as needed. Our website provides information on road closures and other similar matters of local interest. We're working on measures to do our part to tackle climate change. Recently, we've organized the Smartwater program; if you have not yet received your kit, please get in touch with the Clerk at clerk@worthenwithshelvepc.org.uk

We already do a great deal, and we are anxious to do more, but we need your help.

If you have a problem that you think the Parish Council might be able to help you with, then get in touch. If you are involved in a local group in need of support, you might be able to apply for a grant. If you have a problem or concern about a local issue, contact your Parish Councillor or the Parish Council direct. If you have an idea that might benefit the community, get in touch.

Remember, we're your Parish Council. We're here for you.

Richard Tongue,
Chairman, Worthen With Shelve Parish Council
(@CllrRTongue)

Inside this month

We have had a surfeit of elections recently so this month's trivia has an electoral bent.

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More kind words and donations.

Marie and Colin Edwards sent me a nice letter with a donation. Michael Honeychurch and Elspeth Gorman have also been very generous.

Rosa's escapades with her "Two kitties" have captivated many readers and this month we see Rosa losing her travelling bug and settling down at her new home in Spain.

Colin Wallsgrove brought back memories from two decades ago with his letter and its great to see more and more events being advertised and promoted.



In my postbox this month

Hi there Geoff Colin Wallsgrove here.

I was just sitting here deep in thought and I realised that 20 years ago I was sitting in the Stiperstones pub with members of the Stiperstones brass band and the talk was all about how were they going to get any money in the year of foot and mouth as all the local shows were being cancelled. I said that I am due to retire in May so why don't I do a sponsored walk. Without thinking it through, I thought I could do the Pennine way but sadly the public rights of way were closed. So thinking cap on, where to go? I decided to walk the CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, 500 miles from France to Spain. Once I had decided to go off and do it the band were very pleased so the weekend of my retirement they came and sat in the garden and played to send me off on my journey. They also gave me a T shirt which they had all signed along with Stiperstones Brass written on it and with some brass band logos. Off I went by train to the start in St Jean and then on by foot towards Santiago. It took me 26 days and then I went and stayed with my nephew in Madrid to recover.

2 crazy things happened. In Santiago I was running down some steps and somebody called, "Wow Stiperstones Brass", and they pronounced Stiperstones and not Stipperstones but by the time I had stopped to go and find them they were lost in the crowd. The 2nd thing I was in Madrid sitting in the park waiting for my nephew and a girl was walking by with her boyfriend and she said "that old Spanish man looks just like my postman". Well guess what she was right.

Since that life changing trek, I am still in contact with some of the other pilgrims I met on route and since then I have been out to Spain on a number of occasions looking after refugios and hostals and of course pilgrims.

So here we are 20 years on and the band will not only be unable to get any funds again but they can't even play together. How crazy is that? Hope you are all well and I read the newsletter on-line so am up and running with what goes on over there on the other side of the hill.

20 YEARS A POSTMAN AND 20 YEARS RETIRED
All the best COLIN

GARDEN SALE TRAIL

Plans for the villages "garden sale trail" on Sunday 13th June are underway. We are expecting at least 18 households to participate. The Snailbeach trail will take you from the village hall around Lower works towards the smelt house and then a lovely woodland walk to Upper works where visitors can take a detour to the pool and mines site. The trail will then head up the main road towards Stiperstones, with another house near Snailbeach chapel before hitting Stiperstones itself. The Stiperstones stalls are up Perkins Beach dingle and the main road before the trail takes you up to Pennerley where we have another three houses along a quiet country track. There are lovely walks and picnic spots for those wanting to go off the beaten track and of course the pub and shop at Stiperstones. Some stalls are selling traditional "car boot" items (toys, clothes, household items, DVDs etc) whilst there are others selling local crafts and homemade cakes. Some of the stalls are selling for charities e.g. Hospice at Home, Air Ambulance or Severn. The event will run from 10am - 4pm. Updates will be posted on our facebook event page "Garden Sale Trail - Snailbeach, Stiperstones, Pennerley and immediate area". Maps will be available on the day from some of the stalls and from the village hall car park. Fingers crossed for good weather! Claire Corfield

STIPERSTONES BRASS

Do you play a brass instrument?

Stiperstones Brass is a community (non-competition) brass band that has been playing at local events since it was reformed in 1972. We practice at Snailbeach village hall on Monday evenings during school term time. The band has not rehearsed since March 2020 due to Covid restrictions, but we are looking to restart on 21 June.

We would welcome brass players and a percussionist to join our ranks. This would be a good time for new or lapsed players to come along as we will be starting afresh following lockdown. Our existing players come mainly from the Rea Valley/ Shropshire Hills area and some from Shrewsbury. We have a very experienced conductor and a wide variety of music to suit all tastes. We have a variety of instruments available on loan.

We are also looking to restart the training band from September. The training band is suitable for learners and inexperienced brass players, especially but not exclusively of primary and early secondary school age. We also encourage adult learners to take up brass playing. Over the years many young players have moved from the training band into the main band, but unfortunately a lot move away once they go onto further education. The training band also rehearse on a Monday evening, in advance of the main band.

If you are interested in coming along to a rehearsal then please contact StiperstonesBrassBand@gmail.com

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Band Secretary

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Even though America's voter turnout is among the lowest in mature democracies and more than a quarter of people who do not vote claim they are too busy, efforts to move elections to weekends have failed.

The Tuesday after the first Monday in November was set as presidential election day in 1845.

In the mid-19th Century, the US was an agrarian nation and it simply took a lot of time for farmers to drive the horse and buggy to the nearest polling place.

Saturday was a workday on the farm, travel on Sunday was out, and Wednesday was a market day. That left Tuesday.

SHROPSHIRE HILLS SHUTTLE BUSES 2021

Saturday 3rd July – Sunday 26th September
weekends & August Bank Holiday Monday

The Shropshire Hills Shuttle Buses will be back on the road this summer taking passengers onto the Long Mynd, and across to the Stiperstones, helping them to explore and enjoy this beautiful part of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Change to the route – now turning at Stiperstones village

Regular Shuttle Bus passengers please note a change to the route. The Buses start at Carding Mill Valley and call at the Beaumont Road bus stop in Church Stretton, before heading up the Burway onto the Long Mynd. From Bridges, they travel to the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve, and onto the Bog Visitor Centre and Stiperstones village. Here, the buses will turn and head back along the same route to Bridges. At Bridges, the buses head back to Church Stretton and Carding Mill Valley via Duckley Nap and Jinly, the northern end of the Long Mynd.

Support

We hope these changes will make the Shuttle service financially sustainable for future years. The simple thing you can do to support the service is to use it, share your experiences and encourage your friends and family on board. You can also donate through our Shuttle Bus Supporter Scheme and help with passenger research and promotion.

Tickets

You purchase your ticket from the driver as you board the bus. We also offer a season ticket to buy in advance which gives you free travel on the Shuttle Buses. Concessionary bus passes are also accepted, and well-behaved dogs can travel with their owner at the driver's discretion.

Further information

The Shuttles will run from Saturday 3rd July, every weekend & August Bank Holiday Monday to Sunday 26th September. The buses are managed by the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, supported by Shropshire Council and operated by local bus company Boulton's. For more Shuttle Bus information including timetable and route map, ticket prices, suggested walks and ways to support the Shuttle service please visit

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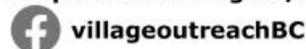


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The UK has no constitution, there is no single document setting out how the country should be governed. The UK is one of only a handful of nations without a written constitution (the others being Israel, New Zealand and San Marino), it instead relies on a huge number of separate laws and traditions which evolved over hundreds of years.

A surprising number of features central to the British political system are nothing more than convention. There is no constitutional requirement for there to be a Prime Minister for example, it is simply a role that has developed over time.

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Philip Dunne MP's latest Letter from Westminster

Following the move to Step 3 of the recovery roadmap last month, we have all been able to enjoy some of the freedoms that mean so much to us all.



The ability once again to hug family and friends, and overnight stays possible across the country, have given the opportunity to reunite with loved ones in a way not possible for months. For those in care homes across South Shropshire, loosening the rules to allow five visitors, instead of just two previously, has meant a great deal.

For many people, the chance to get out and make the most of South Shropshire's great food and drink venues, without the need to run the gauntlet with the Great British weather, has been a great pleasure. Like many others, I took the opportunity to eat out and support a local pub once restrictions changed to allow indoor dining on 17th May, and encourage others to support their favourite local pubs and restaurants now we are able. It is especially important to help them bounce back after such a tough year.

In a welcome boost to South Shropshire's vital tourism trade, hostels, hotels, and B&Bs have been able to welcome back guests. Schools can once again organise trips with overnight stays - crucial to support many of the outdoor leisure businesses in South Shropshire, which rely on residential visits.

Later in the month, all being well, we will move to Step 4 - the final marker on the roadmap. I write before full clarity has been issued about what this mean in terms of any need for continued distancing or certification, but we do know that the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact. But this will depend on other factors, like the successful pilots of largescale events with crowds.

The fact that we are able to move encouragingly, and hopefully irreversibly, towards resumption of normal freedoms we enjoyed pre-pandemic is thanks to two factors: the continued respect for the rules by the public, and the remarkable success of the vaccine rollout. The UK has been consistently at the top of world league tables for our vaccine doses administered, helping to keep our population safe. But sadly, risks remain, as we have seen from the advance of new, more contagious or more deadly variants in other parts of the world. So we cannot throw caution to the wind just yet.

We must continue to consider the vulnerability of those we contact, and obviously watch how variants of the virus spread, and maintain social distance when not with friends and family. Remember hands, face, space and fresh air.

As we approach the longest day of the year - the marker for the change to Step 4 - I hope we are able to put this most difficult period behind us, and move towards the return to normal freedoms we all need, and deserve.

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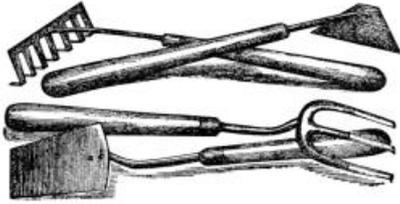
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As gardeners we're never happy with the weather: it's too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, and this year it's been everything - all at once on some days. Some plants have been slow to get going, but now that we are

heading to mid-summer we can take a more positive attitude: the seed potatoes that were planted in April will be showing good growth and a strawberry crop isn't far away. In the flower border many of the taller annuals and perennials will need support to stop them all flopping over onto one-another; it's best to do this before they are too big - let them grow into their supports, and hide them as they grow.

If you've been participating in no-mow-May you can now get the mower out and tidy up the grass; don't take too much off at once though as the lawn will then look scalped and suffer in any dry spell. It's best to leave the grass an inch or so to keep it healthy. Lawn clippings are very good to add to your compost bin, but if you have allowed weeds to grow among the grass, or the grass seed-heads to develop, then it's best not to add these seeds to the compost as domestic compost heaps rarely get hot enough to kill off weed seeds.

The increased interest in gardening during the lockdowns has increased the demand for potting compost. We have another bulk load on order but delivery may take a while. The reduction of peat use has meant that other materials have had to be sourced, and increased demand combined with a shortage of these raw materials has created the shortage. In the meantime we are taking delivery from an alternative supplier so we should have a good supply of everything needed in the garden..

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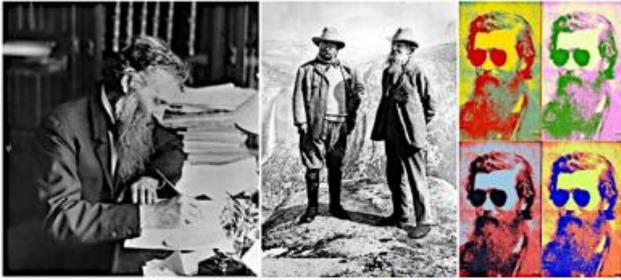
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John Muir: The man behind the beard. 1838-1914



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With a beard to compete with today's hipsters, John Muir was an adventurer and explorer, botanist and inventor. He was born in Scotland but aged 11 he emigrated with his family to north America. He is famed as a founding father of the conservation movement and was

instrumental in the creation of Yosemite National Park, one of the first National Parks. Muir devoted his life to safeguarding the world's natural landscapes, so his message is as relevant now as it was then - he'd surely be best buddies with David Attenborough if he were alive today!

He was passionate that everybody should be able to experience, enjoy and care for wild places, and become active conservationists, campaigners, practical project workers, scientists, writers and artists.

Muir's legacy lives on in and is celebrated through the John Muir Award. Each year thousands of young people achieve the Award by discovering and exploring wild places, by taking part in active conservation, and by sharing their experience with others. The John Muir Award forms the centrepiece of a new Young Rangers project right here in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, offering young people aged 12-16 opportunities for hands-on conservation, teamwork and personal development.

To register your interest and to find out more visit:

<https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/projects/working-with-young-people>
or email: joe.penfold@shropshire.gov.uk

Be inspired! For More about Muir - the man, the legend - watch this excellent short film:
<https://vimeo.com/95260067>

Thursday 3rd June - Building a pond-dipping platform

'BUILD AND SKILLS' PROJECT

10:30am-14:30pm at Poles Coppice, Pontesbury

This will be Young Rangers' first build task and hopefully one of many!

This project activity will be supported by the Shropshire Council Rights of Way team. A dipping platform is essentially a boardwalk leading to a wildlife pond - our plan is to make it wheelchair accessible.

Other activities for the day include...testing it out...by pond-dipping! As well as sketching out design ideas for a small interpretation panel. This task is a good insight into countryside access and Rights of Way work for any aspiring Young Rangers out there!

For booking and further information please get in touch (places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment). Parents/carers are welcome to come along, especially for those who might be attending for the first-time.

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Nearly 2 years without a government -

In September 2020 Belgium's warring political parties finally agreed to form a government nearly two years after the previous one had collapsed.

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Flemish Liberal Alexander De Croo was sworn in as prime minister.



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Notes from the hill

Last month I, all too hastily, mentioned that winter might be ending, and since then we have seen one of the coldest and bleakest starts to a year with snow showers well into May. Hopefully I can now be safe in saying that the hill should be emerging, at long last, from winters grasp. The cold weather has held back a lot of normal wildlife activity and has particularly affected the common gorse bushes, which have seen a lot of die back across the country. The bushes are now flowering but a lot of the foliage has turned brown.



Nesting birds are certainly later this year and some of the blue tits in nest boxes that we monitor had a full clutch of eggs for a couple of weeks before the adults finally started to incubate them. Migrant birds such as wheatear, redstarts and pied flycatchers were late returning and then all seem to arrive at once over one weekend, with a handful of ring ouzels passing through. Ring ouzels used to breed in the Shropshire Hills, but unfortunately the last pair nested on the Long Mynd in 2006 and they are now extinct in Shropshire as a breeding bird. A particular shame, as their song varies from area to area, so the Shropshire ring ouzel dialect has now gone forever.

On a brighter note I was surveying for breeding snipe along the east side of the hill this spring and the first visit had five displaying males “drumming” over the wetter areas of the slope, some on and some just off the nature reserve. Hearing snipe display on a still evening is one of the most magical sounds to be heard in the countryside. The strange pulsating, whirring noise is produced as the male birds fly sharply downwards. It is at this point that their outer tail feathers vibrate and create this odd otherworldly sound. The female birds below could be heard responding from the rushes, with little “chit-chit” calls. Considering that the Shropshire survey in 2014 only recorded 5 pairs across the county and in 2019 10 pairs this is a great result and hopefully evidence of the benefits of some of our re-wetting work on this side of the hill.

As summer warms the ground, common lizards emerge from their winter torpor and start basking in the sun. Like all reptiles they are cold-blooded and so are quite sluggish until they warm up. One of the best places to see these creatures is along the access-for-all trail from the Knolls car park, where they can often be seen on the rail next to the path. However, there is a good chance they can be seen on any south facing bank on the heath. They are known as the viviparous lizard, which means that they bear live young, the eggs being incubated within the body, an adaptation that allows them to live in cool places.



We are planning to run the usual bird walk on the 6th June, with bookings only, for more details contact 01588680048 or stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.

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READ EASY NEWSLETTER

Hello All

In 'normal' times, we would have held a number of fundraising activities over the the last year. As it's been far from normal one of our management team has decided to embark on an epic fundraising walk to help our cause and two other charities which have struggled to raise funds.



Walking John o'Groats to Land's End

Steve and Juliet who live near Knighton will be setting out on the 10th May to walk in relay accompanied by Poppy their dog, a total distance of 1,360 miles.

Steve is the Secretary for Read Easy Shropshire Hills and is also involved in publicity. He helped to form the group in 2019. Juliet volunteers for RABI, a charity which supports farming families in crisis.

Which charities will benefit?

Children in Need - This charity needs no introduction but it provided much needed support to Steve and Juliet at a time when their son Nick was going through life changing surgery and learning to live with a prosthetic leg.

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) - Juliet's connection with farming began when she was a member of Young Farmers and has always had an affinity with the farming way of life. Many farms exist on a knife edge and farm incomes are often precarious. In the past year pressures on farmers have increased because of Brexit and the pandemic and farmers have increasingly been turning to RABI for help.

Read Easy Shropshire Hills - Our organisation has carried on coaching over the last year and several coaches and their readers quickly adapted to remote working. However coaching on Zoom requires each coach and reader to have their own resources, so our coaching costs have increased.

Walking to Land's End the long way

Steve and Juliet's walk starts at John o'Groats on the 12th May and will they will follow national trails and minor roads on their journey.

They will pass through Inverness, Aviemore, Fort William, Glasgow, Carlisle, Lancaster, Liverpool, Shrewsbury, Worcester, Bristol, Wells, Salcombe, and Plymouth before reaching Land's End in mid-August.

You can follow their journey on the Shropshire Hills Facebook page and keep up with all Read Easy news.

Would you like to support their walk by making a donation?

If so go to Steve and Juliet Gibbon's Just Giving page: Crowdfunding to help three charities close to our hearts. Please support our walk! on JustGiving

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We are always looking to attract new Readers. If you know anyone who struggles with reading and is interested in finding out more about our free and confidential service they can get in touch by calling Amana on 07707 762653, or email her at shcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk.

Unfortunately, some of our coaching venues have sadly closed or may not be able to offer suitable accommodation in the future. If you know of venues such as cafes, offices, pubs and shops, who may be able to provide a quiet area where readers and coaches can meet, please let us know.

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8.00pm Monday 6th September

Pub Quiz

8.00pm Monday 20th September

A TALE OF TWO KITTIES

CHAPTER 7: GATOS EN ESPANA – CATS IN SPAIN

Myself and my three kitties arrived at Madrid airport and an hour later, after vet checks, we were on our way in a hire car to Andalucia and home. The Madrid spaghetti junction is always a nightmare to me but I managed to get onto the southbound carriageway. As I was unfamiliar with the names of the districts surrounding



Madrid it took an hour and a half before I realised I was heading west instead of south. Somewhere I had missed the turn off to the south as the road had curved west. It was a shock to see Cordoba and Seville on the overhead signs. It took a while to find a place to turn off the motorway and return to the southbound road. A journey which normally takes 5 hours took 8 hours and this after a 9 hour flight and 3 hours hanging around airports. To say I was tired is being polite.

We arrived at my home which had been beautifully renovated over the previous few months before my return. I now had a balcony and French windows in my bedroom, looking towards the mountains, reservoir and fabulous sunsets. This had been the hay loft with a small hatch when I last saw it. I settled down with a snack and well earned glass of something strong to drink. The kitties explored their new home.

After a wonderful night's sleep and leisurely breakfast I started unpacking and thinking about my new life. It was strange realising that I didn't have to do everything urgently before my next flight out to some far flung destination. I was 'retired', I had no job to go to, I was a lady of leisure, yippee. While I was enjoying these reveries I had a phone call. It was my eldest son who lived further North in Spain but frequently stayed with me on business trips further south. He asked me if I had a black and white cat, I now had two. There was a moment's silence. He then told me a friend of his had passed my house early that morning and there was a dead cat on the road. It was Shaggy. Poor kittie had obviously got confused in the dark and ended up on the road. I had assumed he was curled up asleep in the house somewhere. So sad, after such a tragic life I had hoped he would enjoy his life of freedom in Spain.

Tom Bombadil and Goldberry seemed to remember that they had been here before and settled down quickly. Tom Bombadil would sit in the long grass of the rambla opposite my house, waiting to pounce on small furry creatures. I would see his head sticking out above the grass and when he saw my car coming up the road he would saunter across to the house. I was always amazed at his luck because the Spanish drivers would never stop for a cat on the road and Tom Bombadil would never hurry.

Goldberry would hunt and bring in live mice, voles and other small beasts. She would drop them proudly at my feet. They would swiftly scurry off trying to hide while I frantically attempted to rescue them and put them outside. Tom Bombadil was usually snoozing but would suddenly wake up and deftly pounce, catching the unfortunate creature. He would then growl at us daring us to try and take it off him, stupid animal, as if we wanted it. I would then reluctantly have to open the door to let him out where he would dispose of his catch.



Fortunately they resisted catching the occasional scorpion or snake who ventured into the house.

During the heat of the summer we stayed indoors, temperatures reached over 40 C degrees. This was the desert region of Spain after all. Each year everybody hoped the summer wouldn't start too soon. The end of April was always a risky time. One day it would be a very pleasant warm temperature and overnight the heat would hit and last until the end of October. My house had thick stone walls and was cool inside. The kitties appreciated the tiled floors throughout. It was such a relief to get home after a morning in the weekly market. Normally we wouldn't venture out before six in the evening when it was relatively cool. However the beaches gave some relief a couple of times a week with cool breezes and sea bathing.

I had land around my house and a courtyard between the kitchen and studio. This offered privacy for sunbathing in the morning, I painted it in Mediterranean colours and had a wall of hanging painted plant pots. The pots overflowed with magnificent geraniums which reminded me of my trips to the patios and courtyards of Cordoba.



There were angry scenes at the 2010 election when some people were still queuing outside when the polls closed at 10pm. It would be difficult to imagine that happening in the 18th century, when polling might typically go on for a week or more, to allow voters from outlying areas to travel in to cast their vote.

In the pre-telecommunications age, there was no need for elections to take place at the same time, and there was often a staggered start to the voting process across the country. In fact, elections were not all held on the same day until 1918.

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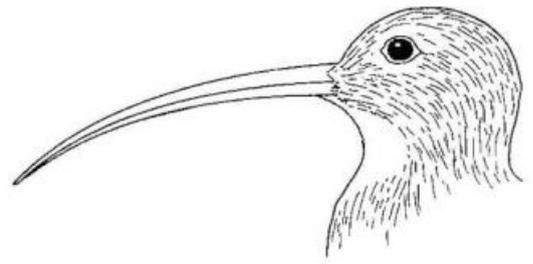
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Curlew Cam 2021

Coming soon to a screen near you

Wednesday the 12th of May 2021 sees the return of the much loved Curlew Cam for its fifth year. The live nest camera will be streaming from 10am, offering a wonderful glimpse into the nesting habits of these secretive birds. The camera is brought to us by Curlew Country, an organisation that works closely with farmers and land managers in the Shropshire Hills and Welsh borders.



Curlew Cam first hit the ground in 2017. Set up by Curlew Country, a conservation organisation fighting to help severely threatened Curlew in the dramatic backdrop of the Shropshire Hills and Welsh borders. The hidden camera gives incredible glimpses into Curlew nesting; showing the innermost moments that could not be seen in such detail any other way. Curlews are incredibly secretive birds, especially when nesting, and watching them on Curlew Cam is a unique chance for enthusiasts and professionals alike to view something impossible to see otherwise.

Curlew Cam has been watched enthusiastically by a wide audience from the UK and overseas, really capturing their hearts and drawing them into the secret start-to-life of young Curlew. From the dedicated incubation of those beautiful, speckled eggs, through the intimate moments of hatching to the adorable, fluffy chicks wobbling around on their too long legs and plus size feet, clambering over their patient parents. Now, for the fifth year it is being set up and will be screening the much-anticipated moments, both wonderful and tense via the Curlew Country website, www.curlewcountry.org.

This year Curlew Country's Curlew Cam is sponsored by the newly formed Curlew Recovery Partnership (CRP). The recently established CRP brings together different organisations working in Curlew conservation. It aims to share information across England to those who need help with Curlew Recovery work and inspire others to become involved. To find out more at www.curlewrecovery.org.

Curlew chicks are incredibly vulnerable, nesting on the ground they are threatened by predators, accidental agricultural activity too close to the nest, and disturbance. But in order to bolster the sharply declining UK population (by 50% in the UK in 25 years and 70% in Shropshire) it is imperative that more chicks fledge to keep the captivating calls of these birds floating over our farm and moorland in years to come. Curlew Country works in a regional stronghold for breeding Curlew, with roughly 40 pairs returning to attempt to breed here year after year. But with the pressures threatening them, they fail to fledge chicks in the wild. We are working hard with farming partners to turn this around and providing evidence to feed back to policy makers. Our wide community of Curlew supporters want to work toward a sustainable future for Curlew through achieving natural nest success.

The Curlew Cam nest is protected with an electric fence, but it is still 'touch and go' whether the eggs and chicks will make it or not. Keep an eye on them and watch their progress on Curlew Cam to see if this year will be a heart lifting success or a reminder of just why we are fighting so hard to protect these charismatic and vulnerable emblems of our springtime, vibrant meadows and wild uplands.

Amber Bicheno



We are often told that Greece and particularly the state of Athens was the birth place of democracy, but there were few 'elections' where people voted for candidates in the Greek political system.

Instead the Ancient Greeks employed a system called '*Sortition*'

Sortition, or election by lot, was a method of choosing public officials in some ancient Greek city-states. It was used especially in the Athenian democracy, from which most information about the practice is derived. Those wishing to take office submitted their names, which went into a 'hat' and the successful candidates were drawn at random. With few exceptions, all magistrates were chosen by lot, beginning with the archons in 487–486 bc; likewise the Boule (council) of 500 and the juries of the law courts were chosen by lot. The practice of sortition meant no candidates could gain favour by promoting themselves, spreading false rumours about other candidates, putting friends and colleagues under pressure to vote for them or even using bribery but still provided for a regular turnover of officeholders. The operations of government were thus not in the hands of self assertive 'experts', but, through the system of sortition, the Athenian democracy was not just the voice of the people but the actions of the people.

The rationale of sortition was the equality of all citizens. Only those who had presented themselves as candidates were chosen by lot to fill public offices. Military officers (including the 10 stratēgoi) and some financial officials were selected by voting rather than by sortition. But for the most part executive functions were broken down into small tasks, of which each was entrusted to an annual board of 10 members chosen by lot.

It is exactly 10 years since we had a referendum about the way we vote - do you remember?

on 5th May 2011 we were asked

"At present, the UK uses the "first past the post" system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the "alternative vote" system be used instead?"

The "Alternative Vote" system on offer was this.

In elections held under the Alternative Vote, each voter may rank candidates on the ballot paper in order of preference (1, 2, 3 etc.). For this reason, the Alternative Vote is known as a "preferential" voting system. After marking their first preference, voters may then choose to express further preferences for as many, or as few, candidates as they wish. The count begins by allocating votes in line with first preferences. If a candidate has an "absolute majority" - more than 50% - of the votes after this allocation they are elected. If no candidate has an absolute majority, then the candidate in last place is eliminated and their votes are reallocated according to the next highest preference expressed on each ballot paper; if a voter has not marked a preference for any candidate that remains in the contest, then the ballot paper is set aside from the count. This process continues until a candidate has an absolute majority of the votes left in the count, and is elected.

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A man is on his deathbed, and he asks his wife...

"Martha, soon I will be gone forever, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 50 years of marriage, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Martha replied, "Well Henry, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you three times during these 50 years, but always for a good reason."

Henry was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said, "I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Martha said, "The first time was shortly after we were married, and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage. Do you remember that one evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Henry recalled the visit to the banker and said, "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Martha asked, "And do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well, I went to see your doctor one night and, if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge."

"I recall that," said Henry. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that. Now tell me about the third time."

"Alright," Martha said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club, and you needed 73 more votes?"

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Who sang these eurovision entries and which ones won?	1969	"Boom Bang-a-Bang"	
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1959	"Sing, Little Birdie"	Me"	
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Our modern political leaders are noticeably younger than their predecessors, but the record for electing young MPs belongs to the 18th century. William Pitt the Younger was elected MP for the pocket borough of Appleby at the age of 21, and went on, only two years later, to become the country's youngest prime minister.

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Carers surgeries

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Carers Week is an annual awareness campaign that celebrates and recognises the vital contribution of the UK's unpaid carers – supporting family members and friends who are older, have a disability, mental or physical illness or need extra help as they grow older. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

Carers UK report that since the COVID-19 pandemic over half (58%) of carers are feeling more stressed and, half saying it had an impact on their health and wellbeing, as well as their ability to take a break.

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Winston Churchill is one of the few non-peer prime ministers not to be able to vote in his own general election. In the face of huge movements of population during the Second World War, it became impossible to keep the electoral roll up-to-date. Therefore, when Churchill called the 1945 election, ration cards were used as the basis for electoral registration.

By some administrative oversight, Churchill himself was actually missed off the ration-card electoral roll, and so he could not vote in the famous election that saw him turned out of office.

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Elections Crossword

Down

- The leader of the Government. (5, 8)
- On Polling Day people _____ (4)
- The people who run the country are called the _____. (10)
- If one Party does not have enough votes to form a Government on their own, they must form a _____. (9)
- Voters mark their vote on a _____ paper. (6)
- Parties advertise their _____ to show what they would do if they won. (8)
- Candidates are in competition for this.

Across

- Candidates belong to a Political _____. (5)
- People vote in an _____. (8)
- Candidates do this before an election. (8)
- The Government debates in the House of _____. (7)

A frightened man goes to the secret police and says, "My talking parrot disappeared."

"Why did you come here? Go to the regular police."

"I will. I'm just here to tell you that I disagree with whatever that parrot is going to say."

What time did the Monster eat the prime minister?

8PM

- Answers
1. Pearl Carr & Teddy Johnson
 2. Ronnie Carroll
 3. Kathy Kirby
 4. Sandie Shaw -winner
 5. Cliff Richard
 6. Lulu - winner
 7. Clodagh Rogers
 8. Brotherhood of Man - winner
 9. Bucks Fizz - winner
 10. Katrina and the Waves - winner

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15th April 2021 - 15th May 2021

Arson The Bog
Fire started deliberately on farm which spread to an outbuilding
Enquiries ongoing

Criminal damage Snailbeach

Assault Hemford

Theft from store Worthen
Suspect identified

Public Order Offence Worthen

Key Phone Numbers

NHS Help

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Worthen Medical

01743 891 401

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552/553 Shrewsbury to Bishops Castle

Monday to Friday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)												SCH			SCH			
BUS STATION, Stand N	07:35	08:10	08:50	10:05	10:25	11:00	12:00	12:30	13:30	14:00	14:35		15:45	16:25	16:25	17:00	17:40	18:10
Cophome Rd, opp Barracks	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:32	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:42		15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:17
Shrewsbury Hospital			09:02	10:17	10:37		12:12	12:42	13:42	14:12		15:57	16:37		17:12	17:52		
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:47	08:22				11:12					14:47				16:37		18:22	
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:42	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	14:52	16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:27	
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:44	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:19	14:54	16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:29	
Lea Cross, adj Jct	07:57	08:32	09:12	10:27	10:47	11:22	12:22	12:52	13:52	14:22	14:57	16:07	16:47	16:47	17:22	18:02	18:32	
Mary Webb		08:38 SCH										15:20						
Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:38	09:18	10:33	10:53	11:28	12:28	12:58	13:58	14:28	15:03	15:21	16:13	16:53	16:53	17:28	18:08	18:38
Minsterley, adj crown & soe ptre	08:07	08:42	09:22	10:37	10:57	11:32	12:32	13:02	14:02	14:32	15:07	15:27	16:17	16:57	16:57	17:32	18:12	18:42
Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	10:59	11:34	12:34	13:04	14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:44
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:01				14:06			15:32	16:21		17:01			18:46
Stiperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:50
Hope	08:15			10:45			12:40			14:40					17:05			18:20
Gravels	08:19			10:49			12:44			14:44					17:09			18:24
White Grit, Jct	08:23			10:53			12:48			14:48					17:13			18:28
Llan Turn Jct	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52					17:17			18:32
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56					17:21			18:36
Bishops Castle Salop Street jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58					17:23			18:38
Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00					17:25			18:40

From 6th January 2020

552/553 Bishops Castle to Shrewsbury

Monday to Friday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)				SCH		SCH												
Bishops Castle, opp Boars Head				07:30			09:40			12:20		13:30			15:40			
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 & soe ptre	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:50	09:25	10:06	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										15:28 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
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Cophome 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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From 6th January 2020





Saturday

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07:18	08:03	09:33	10:03	11:47	12:48	14:07	14:58	16:23	17:02
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07:45	08:30	10:00	10:30	12:14	13:15	14:34	15:25	16:50	17:29

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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