



SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

February 2024

400th Edition - Thank yous and floods **Free**

This is our 400th edition - The SDN was started in June 1987 by Jack Foley and has been in print ever since. I would like to thank previous editors, Jack, Joanne, Jude, David, and Patrick, all our contributors, advertisers and of course our readers for making our newsletter what it is today.

As a community we are great fund raisers and project initiators and I hope the SDN has helped to support these exploits through those 399 editions. Many more thank yous in this month's issue



Stiperstones Carol Singers

I would like to extend a massive thank-you to the residents of the Stiperstones for their generous donations during our carol singing evening. We raised approximately £220 on the night and additional donations raised the total to £285.00, for The Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal. Special thanks to Malcolm & Lorna, Helen & Tom, Mary & Barry and John & Elspeth for their kind hospitality which was very greatly received.

We all had a lovely night, the weather was kind to us for a change, hopefully we will see you all next year to do it all again. Wendy Whitelaw and carol singers.

Dawdle or Dash

Thanks to all who helped, supported or competed. Congratulations to winners Matt Holmes, Sarah Willholt, Amelia Williams and Rob Evason. Cheques totalling over £1200 have been sent to Lingen Davies, the Severn Hospice and Natural England - without the great efforts of Simon Cooters team and Phil Lewis with other residents of Perkins Beach Dingle the event could not have taken place following the damage from storm Ciaran.

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Ann Lilian Stopforth

**19th April 1943 to
December 16th
2023**

The village sadly lost an old friend over the Christmas period.

Ann Stopforth moved to the Stiperstones with her husband where they built a bungalow with the help of the local schoolchildren which Jim taught. Ann was instrumental in forming the Snailbeach brass band in which she played the Euphonium. The band is still going strong today.

Ann worked in John's shop to discover she and he had attended the same primary school. After Ann moved away she kept in touch with friends June, Joan, Mary, Liz and Kath most of whom had worked in the shop or pub next door. She had recently met up with many of them at her 80th birthday party.

Ann's life was celebrated by her grandchildren George, Tom and Molly along side a full church of friends at St Michael's, Smethcote on January 13th.

From the Editor

Happy New Year everyone.

I had little choice over a theme this month, the rain seemed to arrive unabated all over Christmas. Except fortunately for our Boxing Day Race which took place beneath blue skies which had been a dark grey the day before and the day after.

We escaped the worst of the storms, with just a gap in the car park fence to complain of.

Residents of Tankerville, Perkins Beach and Crows Nest all had storm Ciaran to thank for an unwanted heap of stones and gravel on their doorsteps.

As a community we are good doers as the many messages of thanks this month will attest to. What we do not do so well is attend meetings.

This month we have notice of several important meetings concerning our environment and our church.

Residents are being asked to share their views on plans for a so-called super nature reserve on the England-Wales border.

Proposals are being floated to extend the existing Stiperstones National Nature Reserve in Shropshire by up to 5,000 hectares (20 sq miles). The reserve is made up of a wild landscape of uplands, lowlands and woodland that attracts birds and rare wildlife.

Natural England wants to incorporate surrounding land and make the area bigger.

The body has asked people living nearby to share their thoughts on the idea.

A public drop-in session will take place between 18:00 and 21:00 GMT on Wednesday 7 February at the village hall in Snailbeach.

Please look at the many posters concerning meetings and events in this week's SDN.

Thank you



St Luke's Church extends grateful thanks to all who attended the Christmas Craft Fair. A total of £250 was raised thanks to helpers and friends who donated items so generously. Good wishes for 2024 and pencil Saturday 6th April into your diary for our spring coffee morning at the Village Hall.
Joan Evans

We would like to say a massive thank you for all your support and our team of helpers at our Bingo Evenings, Christmas Coffee Morning and Wednesday cake sales. We raised a total of £2189.34 in aid of Hospice at Home which is a charity very close to us as a family.

I would also like to thank a number of businesses/people who supported us by kindly donating raffle prizes.

Stiperstones Inn, Pontesbury Tractors Ltd, Little Efes Hair by Jen, Double Vision Bakes, The Flower Shop Lauren Binns, Julie Burgwin, We are really

overwhelmed with this amount and the Hospice at Home team were also really grateful. Janet, Debbie & Clare



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From Simon at Natural England
Thanks to everyone who has volunteered, been involved or taken an interest in the site in one form or another.

Some of the highlights this year have been:

Running the hay meadow festival for the 4th time, despite the awful weather.

Getting funding and sinking a borehole at Blakemoorgate to kick start future grazing plans.

The first small pearl bordered fritillary and yellow mountain pansy found at Bog Marsh.

Starting planting oak trees from acorns collected at Downton Gorge.

The Stepping Stones project receiving Natural England funding for species recovery work.

Increasing the staff numbers at the reserve.

Initiating talks with neighbouring landowners about a 'Super' NNR.

The Stiperstones summit attended by many NE specialists.

The vegetation survey of 50 quadrats by the Long Term Monitoring team.

The reopening of the Blakemoorgate cottages to the public.

The Lingen Davies Cancer Fund collect old coins and notes of any currency to raise money to help support local patients. If you have any lurking in the back of your drawers/cupboards and no longer need them and would like to donate them, you can contact me and I will collect them and get them delivered. Otherwise they can be dropped off at the Lingen Davies office at RSH.

Thanking you Wendy Whitelaw

If you or a loved one has dementia it is essential to keep active in one form or another. This is good for general well-being and, overall, to stay healthy. With the difficulties of just getting through the day finding and organising time for physical and mental stimulation can be a problem. Age UK STW offer activities, conversation, refreshments and advice in sessions at Pontesbury, (every 2 weeks) and Bishop's Castle, (once a month). Contact Emma Wilde on 01743 233123 and/or see the website.

In addition you may be interested in an 'Art Therapy Workshop' with artist Gemma Moore, one of the interesting events during the Bishop's Castle Arts Festival week. "Join Gemma to take part in a fun art workshop for those living with dementia and their carers. The workshop will include drawing and painting". Cost is £5 per couple to include resources and refreshments. Booking is via Bishop's Castle Town Hall or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BCTH> and takes place on Saturday 17th February 2pm-4pm. No experience necessary!



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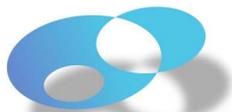
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Last month, in common with many parts of the country, rivers and waterways in South Shropshire including the Severn, Teme, Corve and Worfe broke their banks in places. For some poor households affected by the rising flood waters, this was the second time in 12 months they had flooded, including some of those I visited in the immediate aftermath of Storm Henk.



2023 was not only the warmest year on record globally, but here in the UK we also saw higher levels of rainfall, more persistently from September to December. This followed a year of unusual drought conditions in 2022. This goes to show climate change is impacting us here in South Shropshire, and highlights the importance of managing water resources and treatment, to ensure safe drinking supply, stewardship of our waterways, as well as ensuring we have good treatment to reduce risks from our sewage systems being overwhelmed, as they have been. Managing our water systems is a topic on which I have focussed during my time in Parliament since the last General Election and as Chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee. Last month I hosted an event in Parliament for the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management, which was launching its new independent review “A Fresh Water Future”, with recommendations for the next government, of whatever complexion, to maintain improvement of water infrastructure and regulation high up the agenda.

I have also been supporting my neighbouring MPs in our River Severn Caucus to seek government support for a holistic catchment wide response to manage flooding of the River Severn valley, to manage excessive rain levels from the Welsh hills through to the Severn Estuary. This is an ambitious £500m set of measures, which would help communities across Shropshire by reducing the flow of water, and the risk of localised flooding.

I am also pleased to be able to report by the end of December the government was able to announce that all Combined Sewer Overflows and treatment works were now fitted with event duration monitors (only 7% had them installed in 2010 - now 100%) so that comprehensive data will now be available to water companies, their regulators, and the public when sewage spills occur. This was something I was determined to push through in my Private Members Bill on sewage pollution, which the government then picked up in the Environment Act 2021. While I warmly welcome this progress, the key is to upgrade our water infrastructure to prevent sewage spills damaging aquatic life in our waterways in the first place.

To that end, the Government has a 25-year Plan for Water, under which water companies are together developing plans which amount to £96bn of investment over the next 5 years, once approved by Ofwat. Severn Trent is at the forefront, having pledged a record £12.9bn investment, with improvement of at least 562 storm overflows, as they try to meet the Government's target five years early.

Looking around at the impact of Storm Henk last month, it was clear the impact would not only be for households and business, but also for farmers whose fields had been submerged, with grants up to £25,000 to farmers whose land had flooded and damaged crops. There has also been recent progress in bringing water management more holistically into the wider DEFRA support mechanisms for agriculture, with the latest iteration of the Sustainable Farming Incentive published in January including 15 new measures to help farmers manage water flows and reduce the impact of farming practices on water courses and nature.

There is also further government support available for homes and businesses, provided certain thresholds are met. I raised Shropshire's case with the Flooding Minister in the House of Commons last month, to seek to ensure the Flood Recovery Framework scheme is activated in Shropshire. In order to do so, it is vital that for any floods in in South Shropshire every homeowner affected informs Shropshire Council if their home or business has been flooded.

Flooding is a terrible experience for anyone who has to live through it, and it is right that we do what we can to mitigate the impacts and adapt to reduce the risk for those communities where it is becoming increasingly likely as climate change becomes a reality.

Philip Dunne MP

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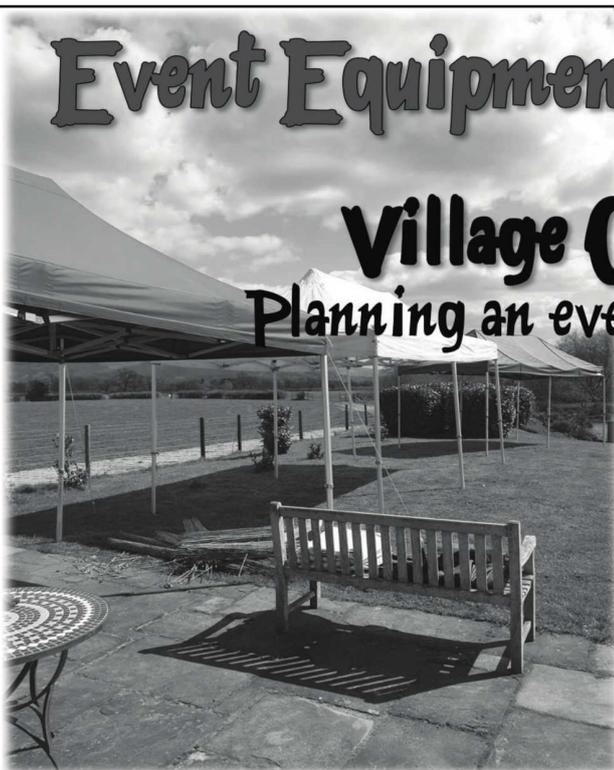


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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

The hill is still very wet after such a wet run up to Christmas, however the damage to the tracks in Perkins Beach caused by storm Babet have now been repaired and are open again. If visiting the reserve over the Christmas break listen out for red grouse, as they start to become more vocal as the days lengthen.

The Stepping Stones project have been working on restoring habitat connections across the area for nine years now. During that time, it has worked with farmers to create whole farm plans that look at the farm business whilst also looking at the potential for conservation improvements. It has helped community wildlife groups in the area develop and has led a host of volunteers in a range of conservation projects. For me, one of the best outcomes from the project has been seeing community volunteers and farmers coming together through tree and hedge planting days.

The project focuses on five key habitats: heath and acid grassland, where the Stiperstones and Long Mynd have the largest areas; native woodlands including upland oak woodlands; ffridd, which is the scrubby wooded hillsides which are generally an undervalued wildlife rich habitat; wildlife friendly wetlands such as marshy areas, wet woodland, streams and rivers; grasslands, after we have lost so many of these flower rich sites.

To promote the restoration and best management of these five habitats the project has listed a number of important species as flagships for each of them and to start with it has chosen 12 species and produced conservation action plans for each of them:

- Dipper
- Willow tit
- Snipe
- Tree pipit
- Small pearl-bordered fritillary
- Bilberry bumblebee
- Upland dragonflies
- Dormouse
- Otter
- Cowberry
- Devil's bit scabious
- Yellow mountain pansy



Each species has a species champion who will help push forward some of the actions identified in the plans.

On Friday the 23rd of February at Norbury Village Hall, there will be a conference where you can meet the species champions, hear about these exciting creatures, and find out what you could do to help, not only with the conservation of these species but the habitats that they represent.

Details on how to book will soon be available, so look out for posters or check out the National Trust Stepping Stones webpage

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmooak





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Stiperstones Churches Lent Lunches

The lunches for all the churches in the Stiperstones family are being held on Thursdays during Lent from 12noon - 1pm in Hope Village Hall. These dates are 22nd and 29th February and 7th, 14th and 21st March.

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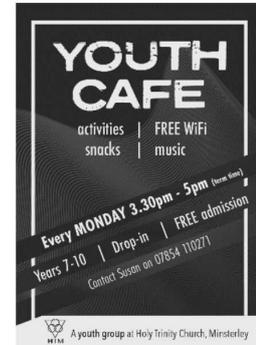
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For more information or if you'd like to talk it over please speak to Mary Worrall or me.

Greg Smith

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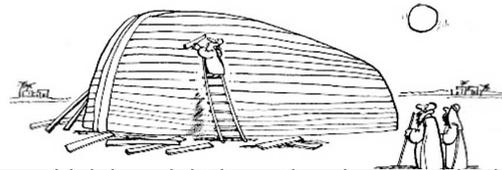


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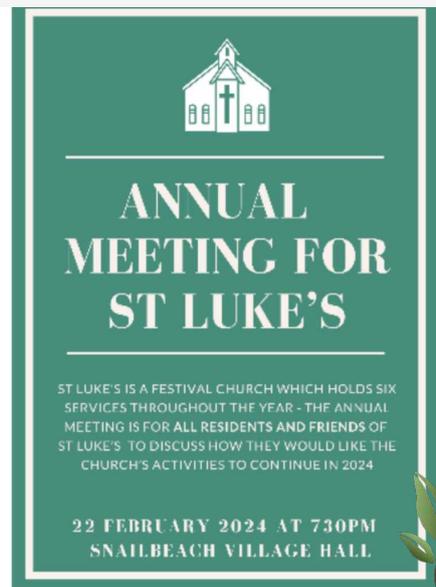
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CHRIS NAYLOR WRITES:-

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"Tyne, Dogger. Northeast 3 or 4. Occasional rain. Moderate or poor."

"Rockall, Malin, Hebrides. Southwest gale 8 to storm 10, veering west, severe gale 9 to violent storm 11. Rain, then squally showers. Poor, becoming moderate."

A few weeks ago, as we were coming to the end of another period of heavy rain and hideous flooding, which sometimes seems continuous and my heart goes out to all those affected by it, I reflectively (but whimsically) posted on Facebook the idea that things were getting so bad that we should really be included in the Shipping Forecast. It was an idea that quickly gained the attention of Facebook users across South Shropshire, as we collectively sought a suitably memorable name to rival the likes of "Fair Isle", "Faeroes" and "Trafalgar".

The Shipping Forecast is broadcast four times a day on Radio 4 and has an iconic place in British culture.

The Forecast was established by Vice-Admiral Robert FitzRoy, the first professional weather forecaster. Fitzroy had been the captain of HMS Beagle which famously surveyed the coasts and harbours of South America, as far South as Tierra Del Fuego and round into the Pacific up to the Galapagos Islands. Aboard the Beagle was local boy Charles Darwin and the visit to the Galapagos islands was the defining point for the shaping of Darwin's Theory of Evolution driven by his encounter with a series of Finches that evolved differently on each Island.

Fitzroy went on to create the Met Office after a disastrous storm in 1859, in which 133 ships sank off the coasts of England and Wales, with more than 800 people losing their lives.

In response to this loss, FitzRoy introduced a telegraph-based warning service for shipping in February 1861. By 1911, the white heat of technology caught up with the Shipping Forecast and the Met Office began issuing marine weather forecasts including gale and storm



ANNUAL MEETING FOR ST LUKE'S

ST LUKE'S IS A FESTIVAL CHURCH WHICH HOLDS SIX SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - THE ANNUAL MEETING IS FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S TO DISCUSS HOW THEY WOULD LIKE THE CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE IN 2024

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The 21st century's seafarers, even on the smallest fishing boats, can access a vast array of precise meteorological data, thanks to satellite navigation and the internet. The Shipping Forecast, by contrast, is only some 93% accurate but it remains a helpful tool as well as a cultural nostalgia piece.

The lyrical, almost poetic nature of the forecast is a reflection of the pared down format of the forecast, which is limited to 350 words. For thousands of listeners on sea and land, the forecast is a soothing presence, and an evocative reminder that Britain is still an island nation. The predictable and calm nature of the forecast's delivery means that many use it to lull them to sleep.

Forecast reader Zeb Soanes described the importance of the weather bulletin:

"To the non-nautical, it is a nightly litany of the sea. It reinforces a sense of being islanders with a proud seafaring past. Whilst the listener is safely tucked-up in their bed, they can imagine small fishing-boats bobbing about at Plymouth or 170ft waves crashing against Rockall".

So, as we sit in our homes, cars or even boats on the Severn, what name would we choose for the new South Shropshire shipping area. A name that reflects either the location or the history of the area.

Suggestions included: The Shire, Shroppie, Salopia, South Splosh, Showershire, Slopper, Soggy Bank, Lower Drown, Clunk, or my personal favourite given his relationship with Fitzroy, Darwin.

Hopefully though, as more storms blow through the county, drains and gutters will be cleaned, riverbanks repaired and if necessary, houses sandbagged, and we will never see a trawler or containership in the county in the near future.

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Chris Naylor

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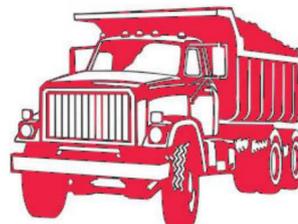


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Many of you will have enjoyed his presentations before (2022 and 2021) and to experience more beauty of Shropshire from the skies then make sure you 'save the date'.

Refreshments will be served afterwards for the chance to catch up.

u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley

PONTESBURY & DISTRICT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

The Trading Post re-opens on Saturday 3 February. We are situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and are open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon, from now until the end of October.

We have a good stock of seed potatoes as well as pea, bean and beetroot seeds, onion and shallot sets, plus plenty of all the other materials that you will need to get sowing and growing. The bulk delivery of multi-purpose potting compost has arrived and the usual offer of a reduced price for a multiple purchase is in place; we also have peat-free multi-purpose compost but this isn't on special offer due to the ongoing difficulty in obtaining sufficient supplies. The government ban on the sale of peat takes place at the end of 2024 so this year could be your opportunity to compare composts with and without peat.

As usual there will be people on hand to help carry the heavy stuff to your car.

Some dates for your diary:

5 March:
Annual General Meeting,
7.30 pm in the Public Hall

16 May:
Spring into the Garden,
7.30 pm in the Public Hall

19 May:
Pontesbury Garden Trail

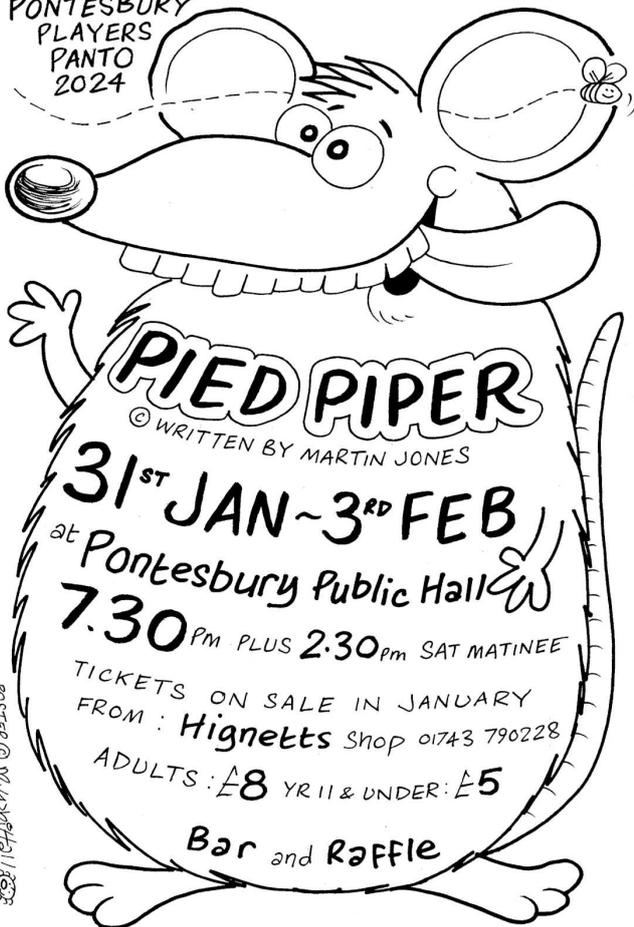
24 August:
Annual Show, 2.30 pm in the Public Hall

26 October

:Last Trading Post open day for 2024.

A reminder: subscriptions for 2024 are now due: they are still £2 for the year, or £1 if you are retired.

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Hope Village Hall 1.00pm

Snailbeach Hall 2.00pm

Stiperstones Inn 2.30pm



Hokkaido 2023

The raw white fish glared at me so balefully from the plate that I wondered which of us would manage to eat the other. Eventually I accepted a draw, ate his companions and left him on the plate. This was my only attempt to eat sushi, and it took place at a posh Japanese restaurant in Sapporo, the main city of



Hokkaido, which is the northernmost island of Japan, where I have spent three delightful weeks following an itinerary impeccably organised by Far Frontiers. Other ventures into Japanese cuisine were more enjoyable. At a stall by Lake Toya, I persuaded Masako my guide to try a soft ice cream. This was, unusually, black, being flavoured with squid ink.



She retaliated by presenting me with octopus dumplings, made with rice flour rather than suet, and rice balls, flavoured with salmon and wrapped in edible seaweed. The night after the sushi I did my bit for the Japanese ecology by eating venison. My guide had told me this was encouraged, as the deer population was getting out of control.

I spent the first morning in Tokyo, watching a sumo training session. One giant practised pushing another giant out of a ring. The bouts, which I watched on TV that evening, are ferocious, the grips being best left to the imagination. The afternoon's tour of Tokyo featured Meishi Park, a tranquil woodland in the heat and bustle of Tokyo, dedicated to the Emperor Meishi (1868-1912) and his Empress Masako. Hiromi the guide told me they had transformed Japan from a feudal society to an industrial democracy. A later guide pointed out that the transformation included the development of modern arms, and suggested a direct line from it to Japan's disastrous role in World War 2. By coincidence I was reading a biography of Lord Palmerston, who in 1863 bombarded Kagoshima and forced an apology and reparations from Japan following an incident. I wondered whether the rearmament might have been in part a reaction to this humiliation.

Hokkaido is about the size of Wales, sparsely populated and lovely; pretty in places, awesomely grand in others. One day I spent peacefully cruising Lake Toya; another walking around a lake in Unema Park, looking at verdant islands and spotting the occasional heron. By contrast, we walked up to the crater of the volcano Mount Ouso and saw the steam rising. Masako told me that it erupted on average every 25 years. I incautiously asked her when it had last erupted. "25 years ago" she replied.

The highlight, for me, was the cruise along the side of the Shiretoku Peninsula. The planned cruise was cancelled because of high winds. Sachiko the guide arranged with another company to cruise the more sheltered water on the west side. The bears on the shore were too distant to be worth photographing, but the grandeur of the cliffs, tortured into fantastic shapes by wind and sea, would alone have made the trip worth while. The following day we walked on the Noshuy Peninsula, a flat, desolate spit pointing into the Okhotsk Sea. From there I could see Kanashir, an island controlled by Russia though claimed by Japan. Tommy, the driver, whose hobby is mountaineering, wanted the Russians gone so that he could climb two mountains on Kanashir.



I spent the last three nights at a Ryokan Inn, a traditional Japanese inn where I slept on mattresses on the floor, and ate meals prepared in my room by the maid. The first evening featured a tea ceremony, an elaborate but friendly ritual that included much bowing and smiling. Its original purpose, I believe, was to emphasise equality between host and guests, and among the guests, at a time when Japanese society was oppressively hierarchical. The tour of Kyoto included colourful, ornate Buddhist temples and more modest, naturalistic Shinto shrines. I understand from Meiko the guide that the contrast in appearance reflects the different values of the two philosophies.

Hokkaido is a wonderful place, a land of contrasts, not only between city and country, but also between rural prettiness and the bleak austerity of volcanoes and coastline. What made it a glorious holiday destination was the guides, whose expertise and helpfulness made me feel I was with friends, and the people on whom I practised my comically inept Japanese. “Yubin kitte wo kaitain desu ga” (I should like to buy a postage stamp) secured enough stamps to post a card to England and have it safely and promptly delivered.

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Flooding. Over the last few weeks we have seen a succession of storms hit our area usually accompanied by heavy rain.

For many years I (and a great many of you) have been continually pressing Shropshire Council to take action on the dreadful state of the drains and gullies along our roads. Unfortunately, these complaints have largely fallen on deaf ears and we are seeing the results of that neglect in the floods and overflowing drains we have seen recently. We have not seen the full and systematic clearing of these (including the connecting pipes and collapse drains) that is required. We have quite a number of collapsed connecting pipes and these just fail to carry the water away.

If your home or business has been affected by flooding you may be eligible for some support providing certain conditions are met.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/drainage-and-flooding/>

Similarly attempts to get Shropshire Council and the Environment Agency to work towards a solution to the flooding in Brockton and Worthen are proving very difficult.

ACTION: If you have a problem with a blocked drain etc then email me at Heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk AND report it on 'Fix My Street' at <https://improvingyourroads.shropshire.gov.uk/> The more of us that report a problem, the higher the priority it will get.

Grit Bins. Despite my best efforts, there are still a number of bins that remain empty and we are entering the coldest months of the year. Please let me know of any empty bins and I'll do my best to get them filled.

Please don't park on pavements as parents with buggies and those with mobility scooters are forced to walk in the road. That can be very dangerous, especially on dark evenings.

Key Phone Numbers



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

15th November 2023 – 15th December 2023

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Aston Pigott	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Jogger bitten	Worthen	Owner identified, investigation ongoing
Harassment		Worthen	
Assault	X2	Snailbeach	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Delivery driver bitten	Snailbeach	

Rogue Traders

Locally we have had an increase in suspect rogue traders offering 'services'. Rogue traders are people who call at your door pretending to be qualified tradespeople and offering to do work on your home. They may suggest urgent repairs need carrying out at your home. They may pressurise you to make quick decisions to have work done, pay in advance for materials or do poor work at highly inflated prices.

Doorstep cold-calling is not illegal, however our advice is to never employ traders who call at your door unannounced.

- Be cautious; if a trader knocks at your door, do not agree to on the spot house repairs without taking advice. Say 'no thank you' and close the door.
- Be wary of special offers. They will use tactics such as 'I am only in your area today and would need to do the work now'.
- Do not believe when told that guttering, roofing, gardening or paving work is in need of urgent repair – this may cause you to panic and allow the work to take place.
- Don't allow anyone to pressure you into agreeing to have work carried out. If you ask them to leave and they don't, they are committing a criminal offence - contact the police on 999.
- Do not make snap decisions. If you feel that any work needs carrying out on your property, take time to talk to family or neighbours before you make a decision.
- Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this!
- Remember.....it's OK to say no!

If you feel you have been a victim of rogue traders, you can report suspicious callers to Trading Standards, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline number at 0808 223 1133, or West Mercia Police on 101 or 999 in the event of an emergency.

WORTHEN WITH SHELVE PARISH COUNCIL.

DATES AND VENUES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2024

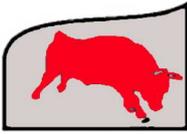
All meetings are on a Monday evening.
The Parish Council meeting will commence at 7 pm
unless otherwise stated

Meeting dates can change please look at our website for latest information

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DATE	VENUE
15 th January 2024	Hope Village Hall
26 th February 2024	Worthen Village Hall
25 th March 2024	Hope Village Hall
29 th April 2024	Worthen Village Hall
13 th May 2024	Hope Village Hall
24 th June 2024	Worthen Village Hall
29 th July 2024	Hope Village Hall
23 rd September 2024	Worthen Village Hall
28 th October 2024	Hope Village Hall
25 th November 2024	Worthen Village Hall

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The Drowning Man

A fellow was stuck on his rooftop in a flood. He was praying to God for help.

Soon a man in a rowboat came by and the fellow shouted to the man on the roof, "Jump in, I can save you."

The stranded fellow shouted back, "No, it's OK, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me."

So the rowboat went on.

Then a motorboat came by. "The fellow in the motorboat shouted, "Jump in, I can save you."

To this the stranded man said, "No thanks, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith."

So the motorboat went on.

Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, "Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety."

To this the stranded man again replied, "No thanks, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith."

So the helicopter reluctantly flew away.

Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, "I had faith in you but you didn't save me, you let me drown. I don't understand why!"

To this God replied, "I sent you a rowboat and a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"



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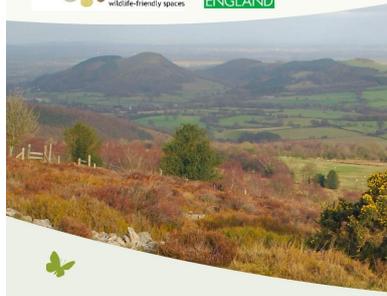
WHEN? Tuesday 27th February 2024, 9am-4pm.

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A Stepping Stones conference

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Planting dates:

- Friday 12th January
- Wednesday 17th January
- Thursday 18th January
- Friday 19th January
- Wednesday 31st January
- Thursday 1st February
- Friday 2nd February
- Wednesday 7th February
- Thursday 8th February
- Thursday 29th February

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Norbury Village Hall, SY9 5DX

Programme

9.15 am Arrival Tea/Coffee

10.00 am Charlie Bell, Stepping Stones Project Officer, National Trust:

Welcome, introductions and outline of the day

10.10 am Leo Smith, Shropshire Ornithological Society (SOS) Species

Champion for Snipe: SNIPE

10.15 am Caroline Uff, Ecological Consultant: SMALL PEARL-BORDERED

FRITILLARY BUTTERFLY

10.45 am Jonathan Groom, British Trust for Ornithology: WILLOW TIT

11.15 am Tea/Coffee & stalls

11.45 am Dan Gordon Lee, Principal Ecological and Arboricultural Consultant,

DGL Environment Ltd: EUROPEAN OTTER

12.15 pm Speaker TBC: Shropshire Dormouse Group: DORMOUSE

12.20 pm Richard Small, Marches Meadow Group: DEVIL'S BIT SCABIOUS

12.25 pm Pete Carty, Marches Meadow Group: COWBERRY

12.30 pm Lunch & Networking

1.30 pm Sue Rees Evans, British Dragonfly Society's Shropshire County

Recorder: UPLAND DRAGONFLIES

2.00 pm Simon Cooter, Natural England Senior Reserves Manager,

Stiperstones: YELLOW MOUNTAIN PANSY

2.30 pm Tea/Coffee

3.00 pm Debbie Vivers, Bumblebee Conservation Trust: BILBERRY BUMBLEBEE

3.05 pm (Speaker TBC) Shropshire Ornithological Society (SOS): TREE PIPIT

3.10 pm Tony Cross, Dippers in the Teme Catchment project: DIPPER

3.15 pm Charlie Bell & Simon Cooter: Next Steps Discussion

4.00 pm Thank you & Close



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The Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund is open for applications

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It supports projects to deliver practical conservation work and/or educational and awareness-raising activities relating to the Shropshire Hills and its conservation, especially involving young people.

We are inviting applications for projects to start in April 2024. If you, or your community group, have a project idea please get in touch. Grants range from £500 to £2,000 and are generally awarded for activity within a particular Financial Year (April to the end of March).

The deadline to get project ideas in is 12th February 2024. We can then recommend whether your project should progress to a full application.

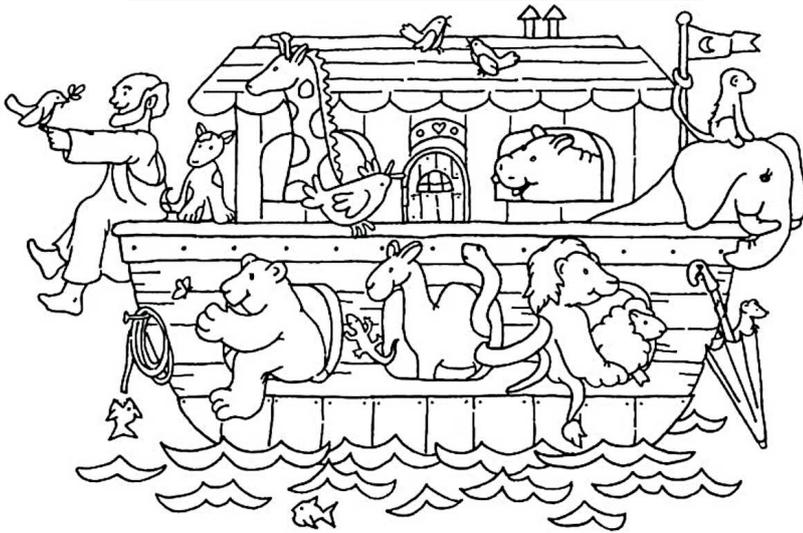
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Or contact Stephanie Hayes, email stephanie.hayes@shropshire.gov.uk or telephone 01743 254746.

Environmentally Correct Great Flood Story

And the Lord said to Noah, "In six months I'm going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people and two of every living thing on the planet. I am ordering you to build Me an Ark." And in a flash of lightning, he delivered the specifications for an Ark.

"OK," said Noah, trembling in fear and fumbling with the blueprints. "Six months and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "You'd better have my Ark completed, or learn how to swim for a very long time."



The Great Flood

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Six months passed, the skies began to cloud up and the rain began to fall. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his yard and weeping and there was no Ark. "Noah," shouted the Lord, "Where is my ark?" A lightning bolt crashed into the ground next to Noah. "Lord, please forgive me!" begged Noah. "I did my best but there were big problems.

First, I had to get an inspector for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet building regulations. I had to hire an engineer to redraw the plans. Second, I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system. Third, my neighbors objected, claiming I had no planning permission building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to go to court.

Fourth, I had a big problem getting enough wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the great spotted woodpecker. I had to convince the RSPB that I needed the wood to save the woodpeckers, but they wouldn't let me catch any woodpeckers. So no woodpeckers.

Fifth, the Disability Rights said I had no disabled people on the build Now we have 16 wheelchair users and a ramp going on the boat and still no woodpeckers.

Eighth, the Environmental Agency wanted a map of the proposed flood plain. I sent them a globe.

"I really don't think I can finish your Ark for at least another five years," wailed Noah.

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and a rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up and smiled.

"You mean you are not going to destroy the earth?" Noah asked hopefully. "No," said the Lord sadly, "The Fossil Fuel Companies already 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
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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

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775 Tuesdays only

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

Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B		Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A	
Bishops Castle	10:05	Bishops Castle	14:40
Church Stoke	10:20	Lydham	14:43
Blue Bell	10:25	Bromleys Mill	14:45
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