



# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

June 2024  
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Harrison's landing level portal, 1952, with original 'Snailbeach Mine Co 1848' plate. Photo: F. W. Shuttleworth

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**Sadly we have to report the deaths of Ann Lewis of Tankerville and Melvyn Jones, brother of Neil.==  
A little more on these two sadly missed members of our community next month.**

## ***Snailbeach WI***

We meet at Snailbeach Village Hall on the second Thursday in the month at 7.30. (2.00 in January and February).

We are a friendly bunch of ladies and we welcome anyone who would like to visit us to see what we do. We have a speaker most months and always finish with tea/coffee, biscuit and a chat.

Our talks are:- June 13th South Shropshire Climate Action Plan, July 11th Maiden's Garlands, 8th August Annual dinner,

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

From the editor

Two years ago we published a substantive piece from Andy Cookson on the history and geology of the Snailbeach Lead Mines.

Over the next two months we will be featuring the remainder of this interesting and informative article.

For the past three years we have hosted members of the Curlew Project together with their own little hatchery.

This year the local group led by Amanda Perkins from her base at Rigmoroak are concentrating on field work and tracking the birds that have been tagged over the last few years.

There is lots to find out at the Curlew Country web site including live web cams monitoring the progress of the newly hatched chicks.

There is a link to the site from our own pages at [snailbeachdistrictnews.co.uk](http://snailbeachdistrictnews.co.uk).

## ***Remember that the Snailbeach District News is seeking a new editor from September.***

The 'News' has followed a similar format for sometime - maybe it should stay this way or maybe it is time for new thinking and a change of format. I think most of us think it would be a shame if it did not continue in one shape or form so everybody please give it some thought.

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June deadline 21st May

# Snailbeach Village Hall



## Snailbeach and District Village Hall Committee

The Committee is made up of the following people:-

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As the Village Hall is a charity, we are all Trustees and follow the guidelines laid out by the Charity Commission. We also have a Constitution which goes back to the original committee – it lays out clearly what we are there for.

We meet bi monthly and our AGM is in November. We are always looking for new members and if you are interested, please speak to any of the committee members



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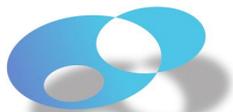
Afterwards, there will be the chance to chat with u3a friends over coffee/tea and biscuits.

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Last month, I was pleased to attend a number of events, including a debate in the House of Commons, as part of the build up towards the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings as the launchpad for the liberation of Europe.

This is part of my role as one of two parliamentary Commissioners of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, marking a tradition going back to the origins of the Commission over 100 years ago.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for some 23,000 war memorials and cemeteries across 153 countries and territories around the globe, helping us all to honour and commemorate the 1.7 million Commonwealth casualties who lost their life through war.

People from Shropshire have always answered the call of duty when our country has been threatened, and so it is no surprise we have a number of war graves in the south of the county, where more than 200 casualties from World War One and World War Two are buried at 74 locations across the Ludlow Constituency - with over 30 commemorations at Bridgnorth Cemetery, the largest site in South Shropshire.

Last month, to mark War Graves Week, I paid my respects at one of these sites in the deconsecrated churchyard of St Leonard's in Ludlow, where volunteers help keep the war graves in good order. I also was pleased to raise War Graves Week with the Prime Minister at PMQs, to make clear standing up to tyrants who bring about war in Europe is as much in our national interest today as it was 80 years ago.

Many people in Shropshire will have connections to those who served, including during the D-Day landings. Interestingly, one of my predecessors as MP for Ludlow from 1945-51, Lt Col Uvedale Corbett, won the Distinguished Service Order for his actions during the Normandy landings and breakout.

Last autumn I visited Salerno in Italy, where Commonwealth and American forces landed to form a beachhead in late 1943, where over 1,800 servicemen are commemorated. It was a particularly poignant trip for me, since my grandfather won his Military Cross there with the Commandos, and my father-in-law wrote an account of the landing for the liberation of Italy.

There are few experiences more moving or evocative than visiting any of our battlefield cemeteries and seeing the ranks of the iconic headstones which mark the graves of the fallen. But in reality, our work spans historic preservation of monuments, worldwide expertise in horticulture, and the research and record management that goes into sustaining our database of millions of casualties, as well as continuing recovery and forensic identification of remains.

The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings this month may well be the last significant milestone commemoration of the D-Day landings attended by veterans of the campaign. So it is a particularly poignant commemoration – but it also highlights just how important it is that younger generations take up the mantle of remembrance.

Normandy will of course be the centrepiece of commemorations, where the Commission has 116 cemeteries and memorials, which mark the graves of 25,000 fallen service personnel.

I encourage parents and grandparents in South Shropshire who share a desire to want to keep alive the memory of those who served to engage children and young adults in remembering those who gave their lives for their country – whether by visiting a local war grave, or taking part in one of the services of remembrance either in June or November. You can find more information on local war graves on our website at [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

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## Notes from the hill

The species of the month for June is the yellow mountain pansy, *Viola lutea*. These delightful pale-yellow flowers should be fully in bloom in June, and they can still be found in large numbers on some of the upland grasslands on the edge of the Stiperstones and at Stapeley Hill. Elsewhere they are few and far between, but one of the tasks in the Species Action Plan for this species is to get a better understanding of its presence away from these core sites. To do this the Upper Onny Community Wildlife Group's plant group, has produced a records sheet for the recording of the three Species Action Plan plants: mountain pansy, devil's bit scabious and cowberry. To get your copy email me at [Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk).

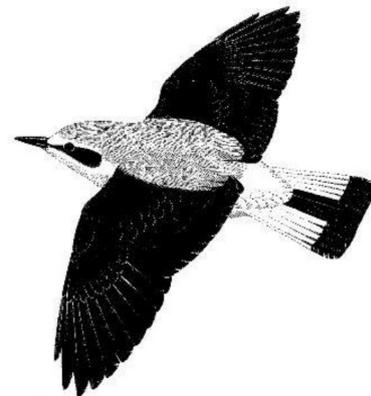


The yellow mountain pansy was picked as one of the 12 Stepping Stones species to first warrant a Species Action Plan because it is a good indicator of relatively natural upland grassland. It is very intolerant of increases in nutrients and so has been lost across the majority of the Shropshire landscape. Indeed in the 1940s, it was reported that, "it was still possible to walk from Ratlinghope via Squilver and Shelve to Bromlow Callow through field after field washed with mountain pansies". Although this is not the case today, on the bright side, it is capable of withstanding quite high levels of grazing and so may have hung on in some unimproved pockets across the stepping Stones project area.



Although the mountain pansy is a lovely plant in itself, it is the unimproved acid grassland that it represents which is really important. These upland grasslands are home to a range of other specialised plant and animal species. Plants include heath bedstraw, heath milkwort and heath spotted orchids and some scarce miniature ferns including adders tongue fern and moonwort. The former has a single leaf with a spike of spore cases which resembling a snake's tongue which was believed to be a cure for snake-bite. Moonwort is an even more mysterious fern, once believed to magically open locks and unshoe horses that travelled across the ground in which it grew.

These upland grasslands are also home to some specialist birds, most notably the wheatear, a migrant bird that winters in the Sahel part of Africa but comes to the UK uplands to nest in rock outcrops or stone walls. Some of the birds stop in the Shropshire Hills to nest while others journey on to distance parts of Alaska and Greenland. Their migrations can be up to 15,000 km with a sea crossing of 3,500 km across the Atlantic Ocean. Indeed, these incredible birds are believed to carry out the longest bird migration in the world relative to their size. They can easily be recognised by their striking black and grey plumage and the white inverted U on their rump when they fly off.



There are still a few places left on our scything courses on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July for anyone wanting to learn how to cut grass the traditional way. The Blakemoorgate cottages will also be open on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July when you can drop in anytime from 11am to 3pm. If you need a map to get there, they can be picked up from the Snailbeach mine visitor centre.

*Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoroak*



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| Sun 9th  | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| Sun 16th | 10.30am | “Minsterley Praise”<br>with Minsterley Methodist<br>chapel congregation joining us |
| Sun 23rd | 4.00pm  | Tea-Time service in Minsterley<br>Parish Hall                                      |
| Sun 30th | 10.30am | GROUP SERVICE in St Mary’s<br>church Habberley                                     |



When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the flower arrangements, she always kept the vicar's hay fever in mind

### Pentecost and Summer @ St Luke's church

Almost all the services in St Luke's church recently have been in darkness or semi-darkness. It was lovely to celebrate Pentecost at 9am on a warm sunny morning with the church door open. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July we have our first mid-summer service when we hope the weather will be as good and we can worship God together in the church building and then have tea together in the village hall.

### Minsterley Show

The Minsterley Show is back again on the 17th August, and we need people to start making delicious cakes! If you think you can bake some cakes and pop them in the freezer then please do start as your support is very much appreciated! This is a big fundraiser for the church and our stall is very much appreciated by the show attendees due to our reasonable prices - we can keep our prices down due to the fact that cakes and sandwiches are donated. Keep the date in your diary and on your marks, get, set, bake!

This year the show ground is situated on the B4386, Shrewsbury to Westbury Road. SatNav users should input SY5 8PW.

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## Minsterley Meadows Fundraising Appeal Update



**Fantastic news!** The sale has been agreed and the appeal launch is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Minsterley Public Hall from 10.30am to 2.30pm. We need to raise £240k, which includes land purchase, legal and professional fees and additional associated costs. Our job is to now find the money to make the payment and secure the future of Minsterley Meadows. We have six months to raise the funds so time is of the essence.

People have been extremely generous and the money is already coming in. Please make a pledge if you are able to afford this. To make a pledge email Middle Marches Community Land Trust: [info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk). Link to website appeal: <https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-appeal/>

Please support our appeal launch on 9<sup>th</sup> June. We have key speakers talking about the importance of the meadows. A complimentary buffet is also provided as a thank you for your support, followed by a walk around the meadows.

Fundraising schemes are afoot and events are already being organised. The first fundraiser is a fascinating talk on natural gardening by Nancy Lowe on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Nancy is an RHS

certified organic gardener, an ecological garden designer  and permaculturalist. You can also pledge a donation to the appeal on the day, if you wish. Please book your place through: [conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk](mailto:conference@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk).

Lots more fundraisers will follow in the next newsletters. If anyone would like to organise a fundraiser please let us know. That would be brilliant!

PS thanks to Ben Osborne for the orchid photos.

*Many thanks,*

*Sue King for Minsterley Meadows Working Group*



*Curlew Country*

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*Too much stuff for space in this issue but have a look at the website*  
There is a link to Curlew Country from our own site.

## Romeo & Juliet

13 - 23 June at Ludlow Castle

We are delighted to announce that tickets have now gone on sale for Romeo and Juliet at Ludlow Castle.

Shakespeare has been performed in the open air at Ludlow Castle since the 1960s and we are thrilled to say that tradition will continue with another exciting production from Flabbergast Theatre. If you missed their visceral adaptation of 'Macbeth' or their eccentric, bohemian 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' then for goodness sake don't miss 'Romeo and Juliet' this Summer. As always, you will have the chance to enjoy a picnic in the stunning surroundings of Ludlow Castle before the performance.

The production is a part of Ludlow Fringe Festival 2024, and as you might know, Ludlow Assembly Rooms are the temporary custodians of the festival. We will be releasing tickets for more Fringe events over the coming days and weeks, some of which will have PRIORITY ACCESS for our Friends and Patrons.

If you want the chance of the best seats in the house, or even the chance to get tickets at all then do consider joining our membership. By doing so, you will be supporting our ongoing growth and development as South Shropshire's leading Arts and Community venue.

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## Snailbeach mine: development & mechanisation c.1781-1856 – Part 3

By Andy Cuckson

### Section 4. (continued from SDN April 2022)

Referring to unsold ore and lead, Captain Francis estimated that the *‘property at the mine and at the smelting house appears to be worth from £15,000-£20,000.’* He then suggested that with higher lead prices and a reduction in stock, exploration could continue using some of the money raised, and more men might be employed. These seem to be indications of the market downturn’s effects on the mine, to be described later in section 7.

Francis’ report also suggests that stopes he saw needed water drawing from them. In 1856, in another report commissioned to look into inefficiencies at Snailbeach, the Duke of Devonshire’s Mineral Agent Stephen Eddy says more directly that the same thing was happening: *‘The ore ground is attacked almost immediately after a level has passed through it, and nearly the whole of it is taken away by the mode of working known as “underhand stoping” – which requires the whole of the material broken, as well as the water, to be lifted by manual labour to the level above.’* The mine was still using laborious and costly methods thirty years after Francis’ visit. If such methods were in use in 1827, it is curious that Francis did not criticise the underhand stoping rather than suggest boring a shaft.

### 5. Exploration and development works 1827-1856

Other than topics included here, little is known about the development of Snailbeach mine from 1827 to about 1840. In October 1842, Jonathan Harrison became Agent. He probably had total control of the mine, was sole underground manager until 1857, and was responsible for the New Engine Shaft development, apparently completed in 1848. His *Wellington Journal* obituary notes: *‘Mr. Harrison was especially identified with the sinking of the new engine-shaft, which was advocated by him to be of the greatest importance in carrying out the efficient working of that famous and profitable mine.’*

Stephen Eddy’s 1856 report is the only primary source describing the underground works in this period, stating that there was no development below 342 yards – the depth to which New Engine Shaft was first sunk. It describes works before 1848 and why the development was so badly needed. Eddy wrote: *‘Until recently, there was only one Shaft in this extensive Mine, and that only to the depth of the 192 Yards level. All the stuff [i.e. ore and rock] water &c. from the workings deeper than this level, had to be lifted by manual labour to the foot of the Shaft.’* The vertical ‘section’ diagram shows that with each new deeper level started, the vein and the work was further away from Old Shaft. The miners used winzes and cross cuts to raise the stuff from deeper stopes until they reached a powered winder.

Concerning important ore bodies, Eddy mentions the same fairly shallow reserves noted by Francis (the four rich ore bunches), although Francis is more specific about their locations in some cases.

The early workings were in the Eastern part of the Mine, on what is known as N<sup>o</sup>1 Pipe. This appears to have been exceedingly rich, from near the surface, to the depth to which it has been seen – the 312 yards level. In the course of time, three other distinct runs, or Pipes of ore were discovered West of N<sup>o</sup>1 ...

Eddy then comments about their productivity:

... until a comparatively recent period, the total produce was from these four runs of ground. Within the last few years however, other, and very valuable discoveries, have been made still more westerly than anything previously seen.

All the runs or Pipes of ore discovered east of the Engine Shaft, may now be said to be wrought out or exhausted, to some depth below the 282 yards level ...

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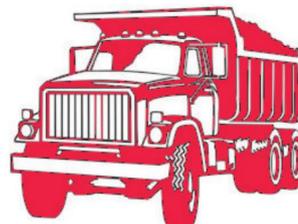


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The report then describes in detail the various stopes being worked, and the driving of levels, before criticising various aspects of the underground work.

Harrison's work took direct pumping, winding and exploration to 342 yards below datum, and resulted in the old engine shaft (Old Shaft, or George's Shaft) becoming a ladder shaft. (For brief details of the engines, see 6.6.) Works included a haulage level – known as Landing Level – joining New Engine Shaft to the surface close to the dressing floors by tramway. Kibbles were wound up to a landing chamber at this level. Here a section of tramway track was pushed out over the shaft and made secure, for placing a tramway tub under a raised kibble. A chain and hook, fixed to the chamber wall, was hooked to the bottom of the kibble. When signalled, the engine driver lowered the kibble slightly, which then tipped about the hook and emptied into the tub. The full tub was pushed to the dressing floor tip.

For mine drainage, water was lifted using a Cornish pumping engine (see section 6.6) to the 112 Yard Level. The development included driving the Wagbeach adit an extra 180 yards or so to connect with the New Engine Shaft. This allowed water to drain to the Hope brook as before.

During the sinking of New Engine Shaft, much spoil was raised. At first, this was dumped on the hillside flanking the new engine complex, until the shaft was connected to the Landing Level. These spoil banks can be seen on maps and photographs. After connecting to the Landing Level, the spoil was trammed north-westwards to start a new spoil heap known as the Black Hillock. Probably some was used to fill the area between the Landing Level portal and the dressing floors, at least to make a level formation for the tramway to the dressing floor tip. (For the mine tramways, see section 10.)

Various spoil and waste mineral was also used to raise the level of the east-west cart track between the buildings, partly to make a level crossing over the Landing Level tramway. During the 1990s mine conservation work, Shropshire County Council (SCC) archaeologists surveyed the mining remains and drew up several valuable reports. One says that the probable cart track formation consisted of brown silty sand and gravel, laying partly over crushed white spar and bordered by the stone rubble remains of a possible flanking wall. Clearly the spar and the brown sand and gravel are not natural deposits.

## **5.2 Expensive working methods**

As well as noting underhand stoping, which Francis also seemed to have witnessed, Eddy reported various other extremely expensive and wasteful works:

... a very hard and expensive perpendicular sump is now being sunk below the 312, at about 220 yards in advance of the 342, with the view of driving East and West on the vein at the depth of the 342 yards level, so as to expedite the exhaustion of the ground.

... in many cases, crosscuts have been driven out, large sump-heads cut, and perpendicular sumps sunk in the solid rock at an enormous cost, in order to facilitate the work of extraction. The sump previously referred to as now being sunk under the 312 yards level, will involve a cost of little short of £600, and this is incurred for the purpose of working the ground in the most expensive manner that can possibly be pursued.

Here Eddy has noted working in advance of the driving of levels; cutting various works in hard rock needing explosives; and sinking of water collection sumps; all of which had no use once the particular ore body was exhausted. The £600 cost estimate for the sump was ten times the annual salary of John Owen, an earlier Snailbeach mine agent.

### 5.3 Spoil platform and retaining walls; ore and spoil tipping

Part of the 1848 development scheme was to provide some gravity breakage of lump ore, because – as can be seen today – the Landing Level was driven well above dressing floor level. A wall – also to be seen – was needed to retain a high infill platform of spoil, carrying the Landing Level tramway to a raised point for tipping ore from tram tubs to the dressing floor. A second tip was also needed, for emptying tram tubs of excavation spoil into tubs on an intermediate level tramway, perhaps also laid on excavation spoil, for taking to the Black Hillock. Tipping the spoil allowed any valuable lumps of ore to be picked. The general use of such tips past 1856. Tips continued to be used, and in the 1880s they feature in the J. Thomas photo of the mine, held by the National Library of Wales and included in *The Snailbeach District Railways* (2017), pp.46-47.

A Lancaster University (LU) study report (1990) concludes that mine plans of 1872 and the Ordnance Survey County Series maps of 1881 and 1901 depict the existing retaining wall running west from the crusher house, and that *'a complex pattern of earlier retaining walls may survive behind this wall.'* The SCC archaeologists support this view, stating: *'As surmised by Lancaster survey, the existing retaining wall which runs between the Crusher House complex and the Manager's Office masks an earlier wall on the same alignment, whose eastern end is visible in the recess between the crusher house and the present retaining wall.'* If so, any earlier retaining walls, perhaps including those of Harrison's 1848 development, will be buried under spoil forming the Old Shaft area platform.

## 6. Pumping and winding machinery

### 6.1 The 1784 fire engine – direct pumping

After a year's mining, the partnership's Minutes of 1782 had recorded the concern over *'the exorbitant expenses attending the horse engine'* and following this that *'Consequently, upon the most mature deliberation, it was unanimously determined to erect a fire engine.'* By 1784, the first known steam engine at Snailbeach, an atmospheric or 'fire' engine, had been installed for draining the workings.

In early 1784, William Lovett's diary recorded that the engine was working, but had teething troubles. He noted on **Sunday 29 February**: *'The engine at its full power and the Water gaining every minute; about 10 o'clock one of the rods broke which caused the engine to stand an Hour and half.'* Further entries state: **Sunday 21 March**: *'The Engine upon the blast since 10 o'clock Saturday night drawing the water out of Butler's Sump.'* The work of installing a new pumping system then continued. **23 March**: *'Mr. Sergt employed in putting the Pumps in the engine pit.'* **25 March**: *'Sergt. and his men placing the new and removing the old pumps'* **26 March**: *'Mr. Nailor and Mr. Sergt going down to the pumps: they hope that with what they fix to-day will make 23 yards.'*

By 16 April much had been done in commissioning the engine and pumps: *'Jn. Butler and John Dewin lacing the engine pit which they compleat tomorrow; the engine is much lighter, works extremely pleasant and draws a deal more water than it did before.'* All appears to have been settled by August, when on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Lovett reported the *'Masons taking the scaffolds down from the engine chimney.'*

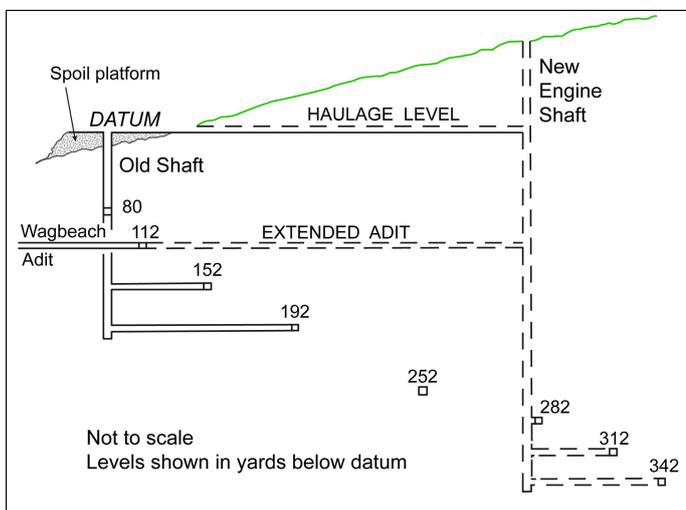
Trials only of pumping are described, suggesting that this was a direct acting engine for pumping only. Combined pumping and winding would have been unlikely, as in 1784 rotative engine building needed for winding was in its infancy.

## 6.2 The 1784 fire engine – possible location

There are compelling clues to this engine's possible site. After studying the old office complex close to Old Shaft, the SCC archaeologists reported that ground plan is about right for a Boulton & Watt-type direct acting engine, and the south-east facing wall is thick enough to be the bob-wall carrying the beam. They also noted that the Ordnance Survey County Series maps (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> editions – see March 2022 instalment for a 1<sup>st</sup> edition map extract) show a square structure outside and against the centre of this wall. Where pumping engines are known, this indicates pumping shaft brickwork. But the J. Thomas photo (to be included in the final instalment) shows that the area in question has been filled and paved, with square steps to the office door, which might be what the maps show. The other evidence is valid though, and the infill would account for a shaft not being found during the 1990s conservation work.

There is other significant archaeology underground. In 2011, SCMC members explored the 112 Yard Level as far as George's Shaft, and the club Trip Report noted a chamber north of the level at George's Shaft, with two drifts off it and a shaft coming down to each. Both might descend further than the 112 Yard Level, and George's Shaft certainly does, since Henry Dennis sank it to 252 yards for winding the miners' cages in 1872. LU and the SCC archaeologists confirm that there are only two shafts known at the surface in this small area, identified by LU as 'Old Shaft (or Ladder or George's Shaft)' and the 'Shaft near Old Shaft' – a ladder shaft down to 40 yards only, which now has a shaft marker over it.

This raises several questions. With only two shafts known at the surface there and the ladder shaft descending only to 40 yards, does the underground evidence indicate a third shaft, and down to at least 112 yards? Could one be a shaft next to the Blacksmith's Shop engine house? Might one also be a pumping shaft next to the old office, where the archaeologists suggest, for a direct acting pumping engine? Much work would be needed on the surface and underground to establish the facts.



Schematic cross-section of Snailbeach mine showing the importance of the New Engine Shaft development. Before 1848 ore and mine water was raised manually to 192 yards at Old Shaft.

### To be continued

**Part 4**, to appear next month, will include sections **6.3** to **11** and conclude the serialisation.



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II. Get a picture of the road and of the damage. You will also need a bill for the damage repair.

I may also be able to help with reporting dates if you are stuck. I have several references for the potholes and some emails to the technician. Do come back to me if you need to.

### Post Office Outreach

Despite pressure on the Post Office from local residents and myself The Outreach Services from Pontesbury Post Office at Marton Village Hall and Stiperstones Inn ended on Monday 20th May. We have had the Shropshire Star write an article in support and Radio Shropshire with us for the last session. The whole closure process has been shambolic with no meaningful consultation happening. We are asking for the post office to be given a better time slot on a day further into the week. Lunchtimes would be easier for many local people who use the service.

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Heather

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

16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

| CRIME REPORTED | DETAILS | LOCATION    | NOTES            |
|----------------|---------|-------------|------------------|
| Stalking       |         | Hope Common | Suspect arrested |
| Assault        | X3      | Worthen     |                  |
| Harassment     |         | Brockton    |                  |

### Update on rural burglaries and thefts

At the end of March, seven men were arrested as part of an operation targeting serious and organised crime across Shropshire.

The seven warrants were carried out at the same time by officers from West Mercia Police and Dyfed Powys Police following an eight month investigation into rural crime in the area.

The warrants targeted four addresses in Broseley, one in Cross Houses, one in Donnington and one in Shrewsbury. These were thanks to intelligence that was passed over to detectives in Shropshire following a massive spike in burglaries and thefts from farms and rural businesses over the last 18 months.

Six of the men have been charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal in Shropshire and Powys.

- Freddie Conway, aged 24, of Barratts Hill, Broseley
- Thomas Nutt, aged 26, of Bridgnorth Road, Broseley
- Ryan Taylor, aged 31, of Furnace Road, Telford
- Wayne Price, aged 31, of Lower House, Cross Houses
- Christopher Downes, aged 34, of Harper Avenue, Wolverhampton
- Andrew Baker, aged 35, of Wilkinson Avenue, Broseley

Three members of this gang have now been remanded in custody for the foreseeable due to continuous court bail breaches.

These arrests have seen a dramatic fall in reported burglaries and thefts in the area.



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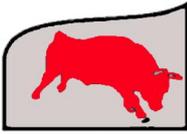
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| 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024     | Hope Village Hall    |
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| 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | Hope Village Hall    |
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## Events in June

Wednesday June 5th: Visit to the privately-owned flower-rich Hope Valley SSSI meadows with the CWG's Plant Group. Meet at Holt Farm, Hope, Minsterley, Shrewsbury SY5 0JB. Drive through the gate after you turn off the main road, and somebody will be there to wave you into the parking area. Grid ref: SJ 340 012 What3Words: ///redeeming.zebra.imparting Email [cassy.clayton@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:cassy.clayton@naturalengland.org.uk)

Saturday June 8th: Visit to the meadows at Hurdley Hall, Hurdley, Churchstoke SY15 6DY. 2.30 – 5.00 p.m. Led by the owner, Simon Cain. Tea/coffee and cakes provided. Hurdley Hall (SY15 6DY) can be found off a small turning off the A489 (Craven Arms to Newtown road) about 1 mile east of Churchstoke. The turning is signed to Hurdley and will be marked by a big yellow 'Garden Opening for Charity' sign on the side of the road. Any problems, call Simon on 07958 915115. Parking limited, so please car share.

Sunday June 9th: Formal launch of the Minsterley Meadows appeal. For details see <https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/minsterley-meadows-events/>

Saturday June 15th: Oswestry Green Day. For details see [https://www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk/council\\_events/green-day/](https://www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk/council_events/green-day/)

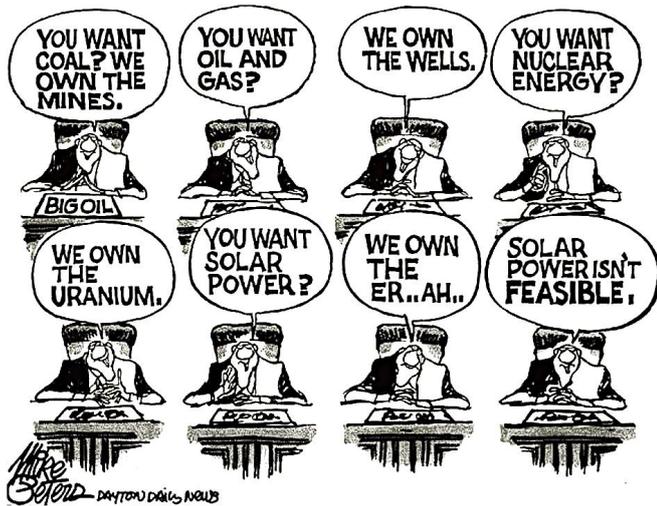
Saturday June 22nd: 12 noon to 11 p.m. The Real Hay Festival, Hanging Gardens, Newchapel, Nr. Llanidloes SY18 6LH. Organised by Handpowered and Mid Wales Meadow Makers. For details see <https://www.llanidloes.com/gifs/Hay2024.pdf>

Sunday June 30th: 10.30 – 3.00 Visit to Weo Farm, Rowton, Aston on Clun, Craven Arms, SY7 0NZ – farm tour and discussion of the next steps for developing meadows managed by cattle grazing. (GR SO 413 802, What3Words: ///rainfall.pilots.sunblock)

An easy and a fiendish puzzle today.

*Sudoku*  
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Lead was the principal product from the Snailbeach mines, processed by roasting the ore Galena.

Lead has been known to, and used by, humans for many centuries. This long history is reflected in the image by the use of an early alchemical symbol for lead and carved Ancient Roman characters.

**Appearance**

A dull, silvery-grey metal. It is soft and easily worked into sheets.

**Uses**

This easily worked and corrosion-resistant metal has been used for pipes, pewter and paint since Roman times. It has also been used in lead glazes for pottery and, in this century, insecticides, hair dyes and as an anti-knocking additive for petrol. All these uses have now been banned, replaced or discouraged as lead is known to be detrimental to health, particularly that of children. Lead is still widely used for car batteries, pigments, ammunition, cable sheathing, weights for lifting, weight belts for diving, lead crystal glass, radiation protection and in some solders.

It is often used to store corrosive liquids. It is also sometimes used in architecture, for roofing and in stained glass windows.

**Biological role**

Lead has no known biological role. It can accumulate in the body and cause serious health problems. It is toxic, teratogenic (disturbs the development of an embryo or foetus) and carcinogenic.

Daily intake of lead from all sources is about 0.1 milligrams. The average human body stores about 120 milligrams of lead in the bones.

**Natural abundance** At least 40% of lead in the UK is recycled from secondary sources such as scrap batteries and pipes.

Article for local newsletters, June 2024

## Skip about on our weekend Shuttle Bus

The much-loved Long Mynd and Stiperstones Shuttle is back on the road. It's taking a more tradition route than last year, crossing the Long Mynd from Church Stretton and reaching out across the Stiperstones as far as Snailbeach. A considerable amount of thought and time has gone into to getting the timetable to fit in with the 435 bus and Shrewsbury-Ludlow train services, as well as give passengers enough time to visit the places they love. We are making as much as we can of our single bus service, which will also now run out to Wentnor with its two pubs, community shop and caravan site.

As we are unable to offer concessionary fares, we've kept the ticket costs low with a single fare at £2 and an All Day Rover at £6. The route works as well for passengers who want to hop on and off as it does for those who just want to enjoy a scenic tour. Passengers can also bring their pooches, as the bus, walks and many of the pubs along the route are dog friendly.

You'll find the timetable on our website and at the bus stops. Printed copies are available from Church Stretton Visitor Information Centre, The Bog Visitor Centre, Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Carding Mill Valley and pubs along the route as well as online. Hough and Son's will also have a stock for those wanting to pick one up with their Sunday roast. Buy your ticket for cash only on the bus or contact us to splash out on a season ticket.

The service is planned to run weekends only from May 25<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>. If the service meets its passenger target for this period, we will be in a position to extend the season later into September or possibly have a couple of weekend specials in the autumn to coincide with local events, like the Bog Centre Christmas fayre.

Keep in touch with all our Shuttle news contact us to join our shuttle bus newsletter mailing list, email [shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shropshirehills-nl@shropshire.gov.uk), or telephone 01743 244740.



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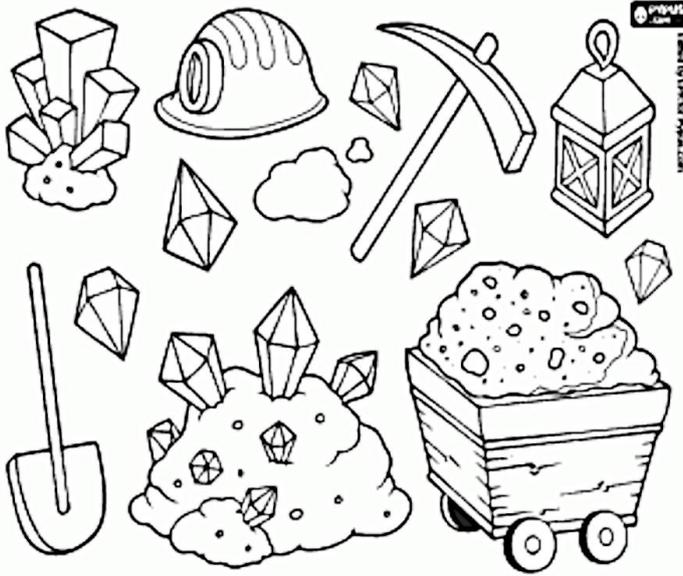


***Congratulations to Matty Pinches for completing  
the 2024 Edinburgh Marathon for NEC UK  
Fundraising for NEC UK  
(Necrotising Enterocolitis)***

***Go to the White Stars Facebook page for a link to  
the Just Giving page.***

***We have 14 spaces remaining in our Euro 2024  
sweepstake which need to be filled ahead of the  
draw. Due to strong uptake, this would leave us  
with 3 entrants per country, and so the prize pot  
per winner is the same but the amount going to  
the club is trebled which would be a fantastic  
help.***

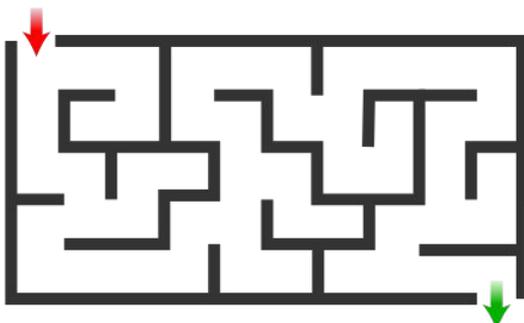
***Please let me know if you'd like to take part and  
I'll send you the details. We will look to do the  
draw in early June***



### Geology Word Search



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| Aggregate    | Geology     | Outer Core  |
| Alluvium     | Igneous     | Petrology   |
| Conglomerate | Inner Core  | Plate       |
| Crust        | Lithosphere | Rock        |
| Crystal      | Loupe       | Rock Hammer |
| Earthquake   | Magma       | Sedimentary |
| Erosion      | Mantle      | Seismology  |
| Fault        | Metamorphic | Tectonics   |
| Fossil       | Mineral     | Volcano     |
| Gemstone     | Mining      | Vulcanology |



Lead may be poisonous to our bodies but there are several metals that are vital to our health

- Calcium builds bones and teeth; activates enzymes throughout the body; helps regulate blood pressure; and helps muscles to contract, nerves to send messages, and blood to clot.
- Chromium helps maintain normal blood sugar levels and helps cells draw energy from blood sugar.
- Copper assists with metabolizing fuel, making red blood cells, regulating neurotransmitters, and mopping up free radicals.
- Iron helps make hemoglobin (the oxygen-carrying chemical in the body's red blood cells) and myoglobin (a protein in muscle cells). Iron is essential for activating certain enzymes and for making amino acids, collagen, neurotransmitters, and hormones.
- Magnesium, like calcium, builds bones and teeth. It also helps to regulate blood pressure and blood sugar and enables muscles to contract, nerves to send messages, blood to clot, and enzymes to work.
- Manganese helps form bones and helps metabolize amino acids, cholesterol, and carbohydrates.
- Molybdenum activates several enzymes that break down toxins and prevents the buildup of harmful sulfites in the body.
- Potassium balances fluids in the body, helps to maintain a steady heartbeat and to make muscles contract, and may benefit bones and blood pressure.
- Sodium balances fluids in the body, helps send nerve impulses, and helps make muscles contract.
- Zinc helps blood clot, helps make proteins and DNA, bolsters the immune system, and helps with wound healing and cell division.

## 552/553 Bishops Castle Stiperstones Shrewsbury Monday - Friday

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| 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 |
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| 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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| <b>Pontesbury to Clun 745 A</b> |       | <b>Ludlow to Clun 745 B</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 |                                 |       |
| <b>Clun to Ludlow 745 B</b>     |       | <b>Clun to Pontesbury 745 A</b> |       |
| 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 |

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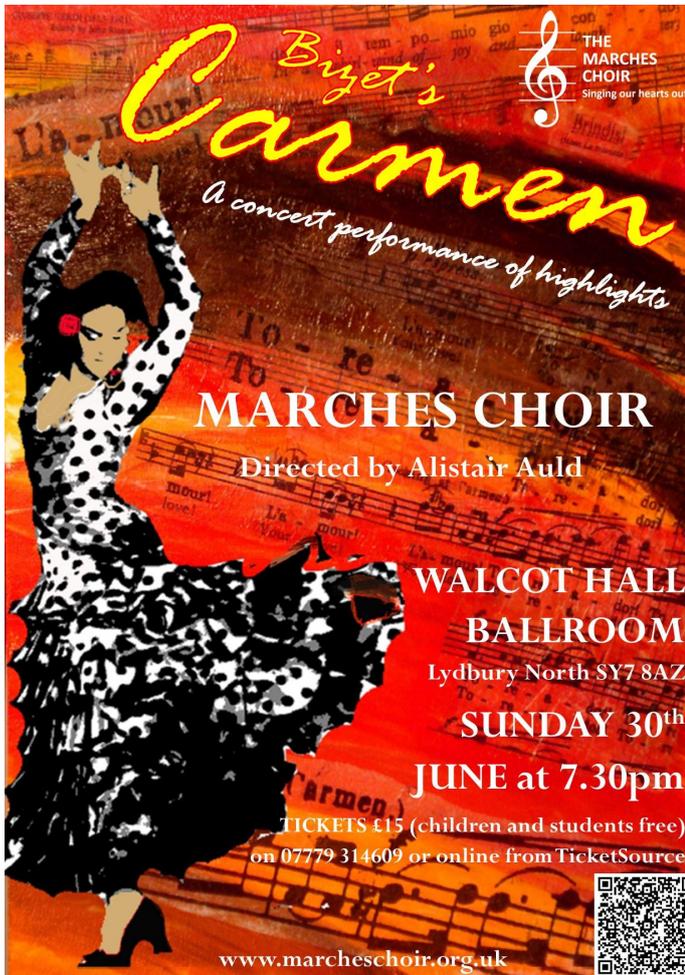
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| <b>Pontesbury to Bishops Castle 775 A</b> |       | <b>Newtown to Bishops Castle 775 B</b>    |       |
| Pontesbury Shop                           | 09:30 | Newtown                                   | 13:50 |
| Minsterley                                | 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 |   |       |
| <b>Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B</b>    |       | <b>Bishops Castle to Pontesbury 775 A</b> |       |
| 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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**1pm - 2.30pm: Guided walk around Minsterley Meadows**



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