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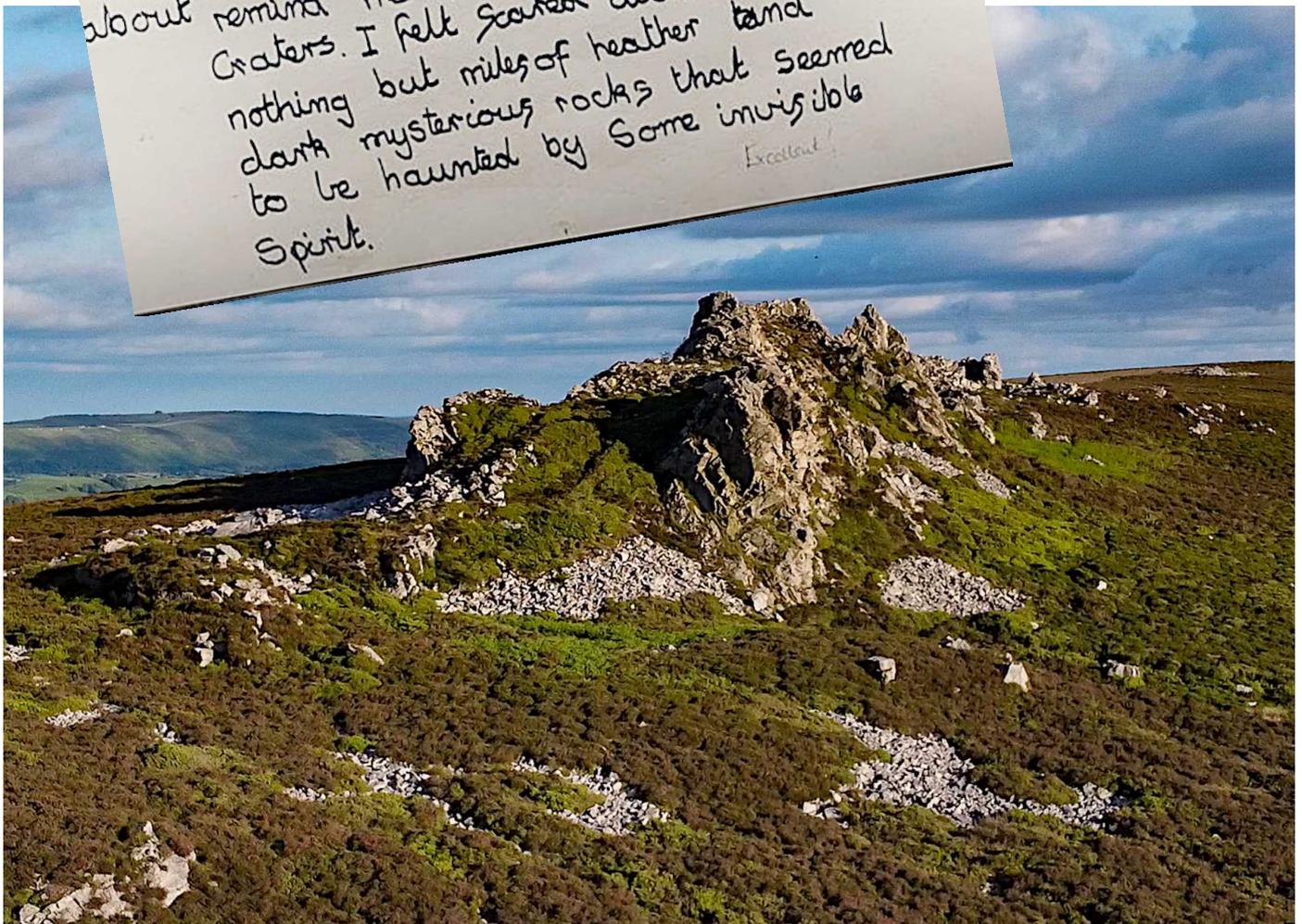
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The Devils chair

The dark cragged rocks stick out
of the earth's face, spreading dark
shadows over the rocky hillside.
The cold white stones that are
scattered over the hillside look like
old sheep's skulls grown over with
the moss-like lichens. The rocky
landscape lies motionless except
for the purple heather ruffled by
the sharp winds. The white rocks spread
about remind me of the moon, full of rocky
craters. I felt scared alone with
nothing but miles of heather and
dark mysterious rocks that seemed
to be haunted by some invisible
spirit.

*This poem was written
by Caroline Bradley while
living in Snailbeach and
attending Stiperstones
School in the 1970s.*



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*The Jubilee Party was a great success
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the Village Hall Committee for organising the
picnic, also Phil and Lara for the lovely fruit
cake, and Sal for entertaining us - and
everyone else who came and made it such a
special day.*

*Aunty Sylvia also thanked everyone who
helped to make it such a memorable day,
with a special thank you to the weather.*

and from Sal's Mom

*As a visitor to Stiperstones, I need to put on
record what a wonderful day I had at
Snaibeach Village Hall. So well organised,
lots of fun for all ages, a good old fashioned
sing song to close the the joyful afternoon,
smashing! Congratulations to all involved in
the organisation. Nuala Tonge*

The end of an era at the Stiperstones Inn

I would like to thank everyone who sent me
cards, gifts messages, visits and meals out to
help me celebrate my Big Birthday.
Special thanks to the Sproson Family John,
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Time to put my feet up now.
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Liz Humphries

*Happy Retirement
and Thank You Liz
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and so will we*

A very local
newsletter this
month before
we take our
annual summer
break.



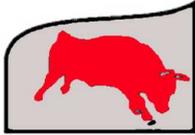
Two of our poems were written
long ago whilst the writers were
children.

I was at a concert last night at
the Village Hall where in
conversation it came up that
our villages are a source of
more than the usual creativity.
I am sure this person was right
and I hope we have celebrated
a little of this here.

*" David Chesters, Helen Jones
and family would like to thank
neighbours, friends and family
for all the kindness and
sympathy shown them during
their bereavement and for
attendance at Ruth's funeral on
30th April. Thank you for all
donations received which
totalled £931.20. This has been
shared between the Alzheimer's
Society and the Rea Valley
Methodist Churches (for the
upkeep of Snailbeach Methodist
Church Graveyard).
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Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

Our 79th Annual Show will be on Saturday 27 August and Schedules are now available at the Trading Post and various shops in the village; a copy can be e-mailed if requested from robedixon@btopenworld.com. The flower arranging section (Floral Art) has been revamped with the help of the West Shropshire Flower Club so we are hoping that we will see more entries this year. There is a photographic competition as part of the Art Section. To give everyone a time to seek out suitable subjects the four topics for this year are:

- Something related to Royalty
- A Red Rose
- Anything Silver / Platinum
- My Bicycle

The prints should have a maximum size of 7x5" / 18x13 cm, and be unframed. Entries can be made any time at the Trading Post and entry forms, and schedules for the rest of the Show will be available during the summer. At the Trading Post we have re-stocked with multi-purpose potting compost so are able to keep our special price for three bags. In addition we have a good stock of bird and butterfly netting to help protect your fruit and veg crops, plus the canes to help support them. The Trading Post, in Station Road, is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.



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Kerry Ridgeway 483m, SO198869. Hilltops in the Clun Forest are less well defined, and often not accessible. The Cantlin Stone near Upper Shortditch is a very satisfying viewpoint and lies very close to the highest point in the Clun Forest. The Kerry Ridgeway offers a great high level walk or off-road cycle.



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Just Born in Time

At the end of the war mother's family returned to Perkins Beach Dingle, Stiperstones and my grandfather went to work in the barytes mines at Huglith. Men who mworked in these mines knew that life expectancy was not very long but they had to have a job and put food on the table for their families. He died at the age of 48 from silicosis. This was 2 months before I was born in 1941. He with other men from the area had to walk over the top of the Stiperstones and into the valley on the other side where the mines were. It would have been about 3 miles. Bad enough in nice weather in the summer but to come out of the pit after an 8 hour shift, probably working in water and have to face that walk home in the snow would not have been much fun. Yars later during my hunting career, I would pass by these horrible holes which had caused the premature deaths of so many men and count my blessings.

I was born on October 28th, 1941. Mother and father married in 1939 and rented an old farmworker's cottage called Brogbeach. Mother went up to her mother's house at no. 5 perkins Beach to give birth to me. Most babies were born at home in those days. They say I nearly didn't make it. The district nurse was there and doing her best but there were complications and I was staying put. She struggled on for longer than she should and Father could stand it no longer. He went on his old motorbike down to Pontesbury to fetch Doctor Ballenden. It must have been very scary as he said the german bombers were droning overhead on the way to bomb Liverpool. The good doctor came and managed to deliver me and all was well. Nurse Hand, the district nurse asked Mum if she could be my godmother and so she was.



Stipes Gets His Chair

"Well," exclaimed Lucy quickly, before Stan could come up with any objections. "I suppose the thing to do now would be to decide which of these fine stone towers would be the most suitable for your chair." So saying she hopped off the top of the rocks for a little fly past. Her voice came back to them through the gathering mist, "Too high... too flat... too loose... too pointy..."

"Do you know what?" she said, as she landed back near the boys, with a big smile. "I think this one is practically perfect. It's got a nice grassy slope over there. It's set a little back from the main path, so you won't get everybody scrambling all over the place. You get to see the sunrise on this side and the sunset on that side and from the top you can see everything for miles around. Yes. I'm quite certain that this is the one!"

Extracts from "Just born in time", the autobiography of Michael Rowson former whipper in of the South Shropshire Hunt; and Stipe's New Chair, a first children's book from Phil and Lara at the pub. Both on sale at John's Shop

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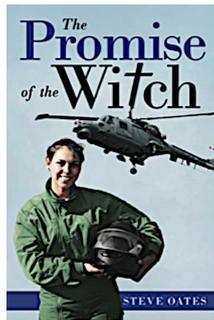
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On the shortest night of the year I decided to rekindle my often raught friendship with the Long Mynd Hike. For those who have not heard of this 50 year old Shropshire nstitution, it is a 50 mile

continuous walk over the Longmynd, Stiperstones and other neighbouring summits which takes place on the first weekend in October. First initiated for senior scouts, the challenge was to complete this walk travelling throughout the night in 24 hours. These days ultra fit ultra runners with ultra light equipment are back and hosed down in a little over eight hours.

Despite there being space for 500 competitors the event quickly fills; this year entries open at 09:00 BST on Sunday 17th July.

It is a great way to view the South Shropshire landscape from many angles and in many weather conditions; I have walked it finishing with icy rime on my jacket hood and also watched as under prepared runners collapsed with heat stroke.

On my excursion last week I climbed Corndon in warm sunshine and settled to watch a glorious sunset. A cold wind soon blew me down to Woodgate Farm from where I followed the narrow roads around Fishpools, The Nind, Black Rhadeley and to the Bog. Unfortunately no cakes were available at 1.00 in the morning so I made do with marmite on toast, a trusted walker's companion.

Not wishing to reach Pole Bank atop the Longmynd too soon before sunrise I stayed awhile and had a further feast outside the shuttered Bridges Inn. To my dismay as I climbed the Longmynd so the mist descended to meet me. the small flock of sheep grazing around the Toposcope looked at me suspiciuosly as I settled into my survival bag in the hope the mist would clear before the next sunrise announced that it was all downhill now to Christmas. No sun appeared but as the sky lightened huge pillows of white mist filled the valleys on all sides. I returned via the Hollies Farm in time for breakfast. Half a Longmynd in 10 hours, not bad but my aching legs suggested I leave this year's event to those younger if not fitter.

www.longmyndhike.org.uk
Good luck

The Longmynd Hike 2022

1st/2nd October 2022
Entries open on 17th July,



Checkpoint	Location	Miles
Start	Old Cardington Lane	0
1	Caer Caradoc	2
2	The Lawley	4
3[R]	High Park	7
4	Pole Bank	10
5[R]	Bridges	12
6	Stiperstones	15
7	Earls Hill	20
8[R]	Bank Farm	22
9[R]	Shelve	27
10	Corndon Hill	30
11[R]	Woodgate Farm	32
12	Black Rhadley Hill	35
13[R]	Stiperstones Car Park	38
14[R]	Pole Cottage	42
15	Minton	46
16	Ragleth Hill	48
17[R]	Church Stretton School	50



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Nipstone Rock 445m, SO355968. Stiperstones in miniature! Managed by the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, this lovely little crag forming a southern extension of the Stiperstones ridge is a very short walk from the road. Heathland is being restored after removal of conifer plantations.



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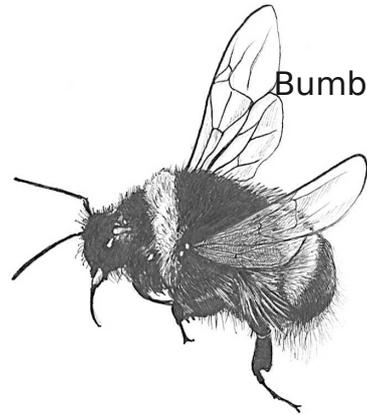
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Notes from the hill

I am surprised that I have seen so many bumblebees this year, as I don't feel like it has been a very warm year so far. Although the met office has stated that it was the fifth warmest May on record in the UK, I personally think it has been a cold spring on the hill this year.

Whatever the weather the bumblebees are very active. The Stiperstones is home to a number of bumble bee species, the heath bumblebee and the similar looking garden bumblebee, the larger buff-tailed bumblebee and the white-tailed bumblebee are also tricky to tell apart and the red-tailed bumblebee and the bilberry bumblebee both have orange red bottoms although the bilberry bumblebee has two lemon yellow stripes on its thorax, however even this can sometimes be confused with the early bumblebee.

Undoubtably our special bumblebee on the hill is the bilberry or mountain bumblebee. This declining species is associated with upland sites with lots of bilberry, however it relies on other nectar sources later in the year and will use hay meadows and gardens from late May until the heather starts blooming. With experience the bilberry bumblebee is easily identified and the Stepping Stones project has started a volunteer led project to monitor this important indicator species for the health of the Shropshire Hills. If you would like to help out you can contact bumblebeesonthemynd@gmail.com who are running training courses, surveys and collating records for the Stiperstones and Long Mynd area.



Bumble Bee

In addition to the true bumblebees there are also a number of cuckoo bumblebees on the hill. These are a fascinating group of bees that have evolved alongside the better-known social bumblebees. Female cuckoo bumblebees emerge from their winter hibernation about six weeks after their hosts and often resemble them in colouring. However, in true 'Game of Thrones' style these females work their way into established bumblebee nests where they wait to get the scent of the nest before killing off the resident queen and taking her place. The female cuckoo bumblebee will then lay its own eggs which will be tended by the nests active worker bees until they hatch and fly off to do it all over again.

Our events this year include "Scything with a View", a week of drop in scything at different places on and off the Stiperstones 18-22 July finishing with a scything competition on Friday the 22nd of July, and a bat and moth evening at the Knolls carpark on Saturday the 13th of August starting at 8.30pm. for more information see our Facebook page or email: stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk.

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Norbury Hill 411m, SO358943. The high points of either Norbury Hill or Linley Hill are not really the focus here, but rather the amazing avenue of Linley Beeches climbing the ridge. New trees were planted in the early 2000s, as the original ones are reaching the end of their life.



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Elsie's Walk

Elsie Rowson was the last post woman to deliver on foot to cottages on the Stiperstones. Her round of 11.5 miles took her over 4 hours every day except Sunday's and in all weathers. Elsie wore a regulation uniform and carried a bag which could hold as much as 35 pounds (16Kg).



"I had lovely walks over the hills, sometimes the valleys were filled with mist and the tops were clear, it looked like you could walk right across them. In late summer the view was a patchwork quilt with oil seed rape, golden corn, green fields and brown earth"

"A quote from Never on a Sunday"

On the 30th June 1958 after one day's training from the retiring postman, George Lewis, Elsie Rowson delivered her first letters. She remembered a baby boy being born on this day at the Red Ball. She walked the round for twelve and a half years and would say it was the best job of her life. She watched her round get shorter as one by one the cottagers on the Stiperstones who had no electric or piped water left the hill. She walked in all weathers in a standard uniform over rough ground and rocky paths. She carried lead acid batteries for radios. She delivered a hundredweight of bird seed spread over 5 days in 22lb bags. One lady was once sent nine Gratton's Catalogues in the post (and another 3 by delivery). She would return down the road from the Central Stores with shopping for her neighbours and she would often take a cake she had baked for Nurse Williams. She worked on Christmas day unless it fell on Sunday and would never have got home had she accepted all the drinks offered to her. She did try a glass of champagne once but was not impressed. On New Years Day one householder would always meet her down the path as it was unlucky for a lady to visit before noon. She was the last to walk this round, land rover deliveries taking over to isolated houses. We hope you enjoy retracing Elsie's steps.

maps for Elsie's walk can be found at the Stiperstones Inn or can be downloaded from www.sproson.com

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Despite the dry title, this is an incredibly important issue for all of us who care about the ecological health of our rivers and waterways – as the Strategic Policy Statement is the primary mechanism through which the Government influence the water regulator, Ofwat, to refocus priorities for capital expenditure by the water companies in England for the next five-year pricing period, from 2025 to 2029.

Since privatisation, Ofwat's remit has focussed mostly on ensuring supply of quality drinking water while keeping down household bills, with much less regard to investment in water quality. But given Ofwat's unique position as the economic regulator, its approval is required for all capital investment. So I have been pushing for Ofwat's focus to be not only on household bills and water supply, but also on the environmental impact that water companies have.

With the rising cost of living, none of us wishes to see bills rising sharply, but equally, if water rates are set so low as to preclude necessary capital investment in water treatment, we will simply kick the can down the road for another five years and the problem of sewage discharges into our rivers will be harder to solve and more expensive to fix. It is clear from both public campaigning and surveys undertaken by water companies themselves that consumers rightly really care about protecting the health of our rivers.

There is also a great deal of political consensus behind this issue. Since launching my Private Members Bill to clean up our rivers over two years ago, I have worked with politicians from all sides of the House of Commons to garner support for change. That being said, I had to call out recently some attempts to use this issue for party political posturing ahead of local elections – this issue is too important to disrupt the overwhelming consensus we have created by campaigning on a cross party basis.

In fairness to water companies, there is no quick fix for six decades of underinvestment in water infrastructure – despite the posturing some party political campaigners continue to make. Water companies are also not solely responsible. For example, when new houses are built, developers do not have to pay towards the cost of water and waste water infrastructure. Agricultural runoff is also a significant issue.

Even when water companies do come up with plans to improve sewerage, it takes years to build significant new infrastructure, even after completing lengthy planning processes.

Last month I visited the largest water treatment infrastructure project in the UK – the Tideway Tunnel project – 25km of new sewers under London, which will remove almost 40 million tonnes of sewage currently discharged legally each year into the Thames. This transformative project is being delivered at a cost of only around £20 per annum per household. But it illustrates well both the high cost, £4.9billion, and the length of time involved in delivering a transformational project to improve water quality – 11 years from securing planning to becoming operational.

So a long term solution for whole river catchments requires long term campaigning, and I shall be keeping up the pressure. Later this month I am hosting a public meeting in Ludlow with Severn Trent Water about efforts to clean up the River Teme from Knighton to Ludlow, where real local progress is underway.

Office of Rt Hon Philip Dunne
MP for Ludlow

My Village by Joanne Swain

I grew up in a village, a small community
What a lovely childhood, so happy and carefree
With a view of the hill and also the wood
This is where our little piece of heaven stood
Surrounded by fields and a long bumpy lane
On the edge of the village, was our homely domain



Friendships from school that were made to last
I often take time to think of memories past
Like summers that were spent on the whimberry hill
And sledging in winter was always a thrill
Or out on our bikes, come rain or shine
No computers in those days, and we did just fine



On a Sunday morning, up the dingle we would plod
To our little chapel, to read and sing about God
Then once a year we would have a trip to the sea
And Anniversary Sunday in May with family round for tea.

How lucky we were, to have those devoted peers
Who gave their time freely for many, many years
With the shop and the pub, both run by John
And a rickety old bus we would go to town on
Oh yes, without doubt our village had charm
Everyone looking out to see you came to no harm

*Joanne was born and brought
up in Stiperstones
and once edited the Snailbeach
District News.*

No need to worry, us kids could just freely roam
Then happy and content we would head for our home
A place where you knew everyone, and they knew you
A sense of belonging, like a comfy old shoe
Many were family, but this didn't matter
You could stop anywhere and just have a natter
A simpler time, in our little village on the hill
Stiperstones I love you, and I always will



My Home by Alan Purslow

Beneath the shadow of the hill,
My lonely home stands by the sill,
I'll wander there where ere I can,
Now as a boy, then as a man.

Throughout the seasons of the years
There's shelter there, and joy and cheer.
With Nature's garden by the door
With Summer's smile and Winter's roar.

In Spring the mountains lose their brown.
The brooklet hurries, tumbling down,
Beside the gorse with shining gold
With lambkins playing as of old.

And Summer comes with hay and ling,
When all the birds in chorus sing
The frightened curlew and the grouse
The fox disturbed just by the house.

And Autumn with its heather red,
Leaves all the hills a scarlet bed,
Then later 'round the Devil's Chair
A blanket of grey fog lies there.

Then Winter storms of wind and snow,
The world is white above, below
We do not now get out to roam
We hang the shelter that is home.

*Alan who passed away recently
spent most of his life in Perkins
Beach Dingle as a child at number 9
and with his wife Irene at number 2.
He wrote this poem while still at
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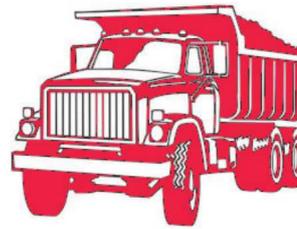
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Volunteers turning a chapel into a home for a Ukrainian family said support from the community had been overwhelming. Stiperstones' Methodist chapel in Shropshire is being transformed into a home for six. An open day took place earlier this month so that more people could find out how they could help. Church treasurer Eddie Mytton said the transformation was already going "very well". He said local tradespeople had been "very generous with pricing" and people had been walking in and giving donations of hundreds of pounds.

A warm gesture to some Ukrainian families from Stiperstones Stores. John Sproson has kindly donated a hundred and fifty pairs of high quality thermal underclothing in support of the Ukraine relief fund.

Moths and Meadows Morning
Saturday 2nd July, 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
 Celebrate National Meadows Day with a visit to David and Janet Poynton's meadows with the chance to see the overnight catch of moths in a light trap. Bring your own breakfast!
Pennerley House, Pennerley, SY5 0NF

Visit to gardens and orchid rich meadows at Erddig Hall
Wednesday 13th July, 10.30 a.m.
 The head gardener will show us around the gardens and meadows at Erddig Hall, which is near Wrexham. Normal National Trust parking and entry fees will apply, but car share with NT members to reduce cost!
Erddig Hall, Wrexham LL13 0YT

Introduction to Scything Course
Sunday 17th July, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
 Learn the joy of scything at this one day course run by Natural England site manager Simon Cooter. The course will include how to set up, sharpen and use the scythe in different conditions. £50.00 MMG members, £60.00 for non-members. Contact Simon to book your place (01743 792294 or simon.cooter@naturalengland.org.uk)
Natural England Office, Pennerley, SY5 0NE

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Saturday 30th July, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
 An alternative date for Simon's scything course. For details see above.

Seed Collection Workshop
6th August 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
 Drop in at a time to suit yourself. This event may include a demonstration of MMG's seed harvester. Park at The Bog car park and walk up the hill to Hill Cottage, which is almost directly above the Bog Visitor Centre.
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I keep randomly shouting out "Broccoli" and "Cauliflower" - I think I might have Florets.'

To be or not to be a horse rider, that is Equestrian.

A farmer asked me if I could help him round up 18 cows. I said, "Yes, of course. That's 20 cows

Nothing makes sense to me. We live in a world where we cut down trees to make birdhouses out of wood.'

I like to watch Love Your Garden when I have my tea and then True Crime before bed. I feel really confident being able to bury a body and know what to plant on top of it.



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Poor old fool," thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink.

As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he'd humour the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?"

The old man replied, "You're the eighth.

Why do owls never go courting in the rain???

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Road Repair Shambles Reaches New Heights

The shambolic efforts of the County Council and their contractors KIER to repair roads have reached new heights in the last few days. Any thought of coordinating closures or warning communities has gone out the window. Roads are being closed at the drop of a hat and frequently roads are closed and then left for days without any working going on. At one point recently Chirbury was almost totally cut off.

The designated contact officer for KIER isn't responding to calls or emails and Shropshire Council seems powerless to end this mayhem. I have never seen such angry comments on Facebook and on emails and it's clear from talking to my colleagues that this is going on right across Shropshire.

I will continue to press vigorously to get some semblance of order to this process. As it stands it is wasting taxpayers' money on inefficient contractors and residents' money on hideously expensive fuel to make unnecessary journeys. Taking down boards when the road is open would be a start. Better notice and a board saying where the road is closed would make a huge difference in very rural areas such as Chirbury and Worthen.

£150 Energy Bill Rebate from the Government.

Most residents who pay their Council Tax by direct debit should have received this payment through by now. If you haven't or don't pay by direct debit then go online to <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/council-tax/energy-bills-rebate/> or call 0345 678 9000
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Heather

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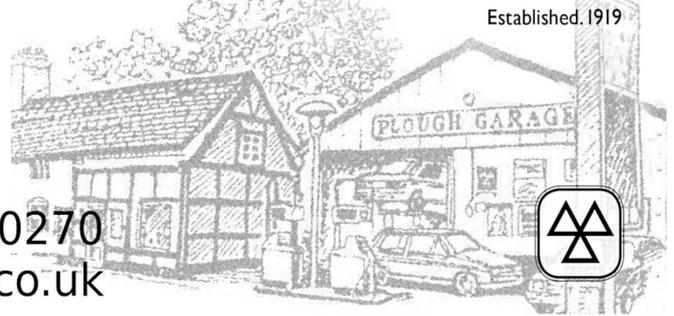
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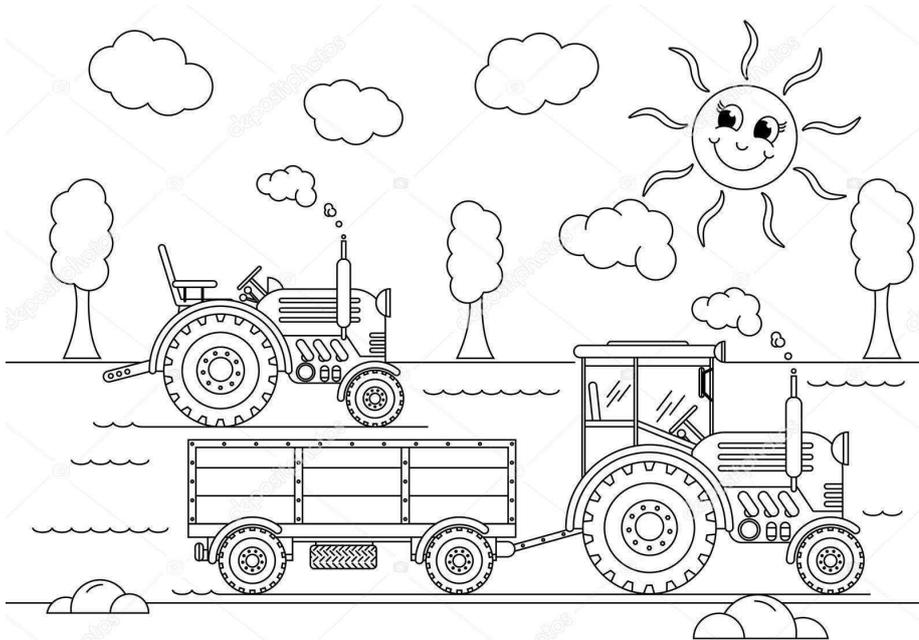


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 He, he, he, on my pants,
 So tickly.

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Burglary (house)	Property broken into by forcing the back door. Untidy search made of premises. Jewellery and other items stolen from the address.	Lower Lane, Chirbury	Occurred 11:00 - 12:30 10 th June. 4 person's arrested and one of the stolen items retrieved. Enquires ongoing with CID.
Harassment and public order offence		Leigh	
Theft	700 litres of heating oil reported stolen	Gravels Bank	Occurred between 18th and 27th May
Harassment		Worthen	
Criminal damage	Relates to a neighbour dispute	Hope	
Assault		Worthen	
Interference with a motor vehicle	Nissan Navara broken into, nothing stolen from within	Marton	Occurred evening of 21 st May
Breach of non-molestation order		Worthen	

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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										14:35			16:50	
Snailbeach, Village Hall	06:54	07:24	07:54		08:27										14:39			16:54	
Plox Green, Crossroads	06:56	07:26	07:56	07:56	08:30				10:06	11:21	11:55	12:46	13:05	13:56	14:41		16:06	16:53	
Minsterley, opp crown & sceptre	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:50	09:25	10:08	11:23	11:57	12:48	13:07	13:58	14:43	15:10	16:08	16:58	17:35	
Pontesbury, Hall Bank	07:03	07:33	08:03	08:03	08:37	08:55	09:30	10:13	11:28	12:02	12:53	13:12	14:03	14:48	15:15	16:13	17:03	17:40	
Mary Webb					08:40													15:26 SCH	
Lea Cross, Opp Jct	07:08	07:38	08:08	08:08		09:00	09:35	10:18	11:33	12:07	12:58	13:17	14:08	14:53	15:30	16:18	17:08	17:45	
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:11	07:41	08:11	08:11		09:03	09:38	10:21	11:36	12:10	13:01	13:20	14:11	14:56	15:33	16:21	17:11	17:48	
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:13	07:43	08:13	08:13		09:05	09:40	10:23	11:38	12:12	13:03	13:22	14:13	14:58	15:35	16:23	17:13	17:50	
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:18		08:18								12:17							15:40	
Shrewsbury Hospital		07:48		08:18		09:10	09:45	10:28	11:43		13:08	13:27	14:18	15:03			16:28	17:18	17:55
Copthorne Rd, adj Barracks	07:23	07:53	08:23	08:23		09:15	09:50	10:33	11:48	12:22	13:13	13:32	14:23	15:08	15:45	16:33	17:23	18:00	
Bus Station Stand N	07:30	08:00	08:30	08:30		09:22	09:57	10:40	11:55	12:29	13:20	13:39	14:30	15:15	15:52	16:40	17:30	18:07	

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Copthorne 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
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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		08:36 SCH											15:20					
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Minsterley, adj crown & sceptre	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
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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

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745 Mondays and Fridays only

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

Clun to Ludlow 745 B		Clun to Pontesbury 745 A	
Clun	09:35	Clun	14:10
Clunton	09:38	Colebatch	14:20
Little Brampton	09:40	Bishops Castle	14:25
Lydbury North	09:50	Lydham	14:30
Aston on Clun	10:03	White Grit	14:35
Long Meadowend	10:05	Gravels	14:37
Craven Arms	10:10	Hope	14:40
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:25	Minsterley	14:45
		Pontesbury	14:50

Does not run on Bank Holiday except Good Friday



775 Tuesdays only

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

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