

SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

June 2023
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Well we fared badly in the Eurovision Song Concert, but Man City and West Ham are still in with a chance of European trophies.

Europe never seems out of the news these days although someone told me we had left.

Elections in Turkey and Greece don't seem to be bringing stability. Italy has had their worst floods for years. Workers are demonstrating in France and Belgium and of course the war we never thought would happen again brings misery and destruction to a beautiful country.

Despite all this our trivia looks at where to go and what to see and do, now we can travel again.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, brought items for sale and made donations - and to the many people who turned up to support us on the 1st of April. It was a great turnout, we raised over £1400 (this included a very generous donation of £500 from a family connected to Saint Lukes).

The hamper containing various items and a large owl door. Was won by Kath Stokes with the name flash - she was delighted.

Thank you all for being so generous. Joan Evans (editor's fault for late entry)

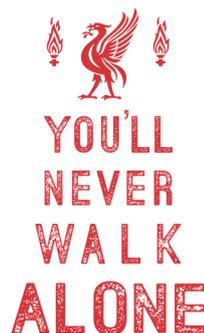
It is with great sadness and overwhelming loss that we have to announce the passing of another one of our loved ones. Having lost our youngest daughter Jennie in August 2022, aged 40 years. We are now having to bear the loss of our only son Ian, who passed away peacefully on Monday, May 8 this year, after a long fought battle, age, 47 years.

The funeral will take place at Shrewsbury crematorium on Saturday, June 24 at 10:45 am.

All family and friends are welcome to join us as we say our final goodbye and if you could wear a splash of red, it would be appreciated as Ian was an avid Liverpool supporter.

RIP Ian xx

Broken hearted, Mum, Dad & Sister, Dave and June Groves, Gail & family, Robbie, Kiera and Lewis, Jennie's children.



Please join us to celebrate the life of

Maxine Hall

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Max requested not to have a formal funeral, but a gathering in her memory, to which all are welcome.



There will be a slide show of pictures of and by Maxine projected throughout the afternoon and a collection to support Severn Hospice, who cared for her so beautifully in her final weeks.

Please RSVP to Reuben on *07891 136 078* if possible to give us an idea of catering numbers, but do not think you can't turn up if you haven't responded. We want everybody to come to all, or part of the event as they please, or come in and out through the afternoon and evening.

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Dear all

Well, wasn't the coronation rather marvellous? A feast for the eyes if you enjoy pomp and ceremony like I do; the Guards in perfect formation, the music, (especially Zadok the Priest during Charles' Anointing), the significance of the various regalia and what they meant and signified - I found it brought me out of myself and the humdrum of the present day and instead into a kind of mysterious enchantment where images of our medieval past walked and the wall between the physical and the spiritual felt thinner - there was even the rumoured appearance of a ghost!

It's important to be "re-enchanted", to remember that promises to liege lords and spurs and swords don't have to be dismissed as childish fantasies, but can speak to us today of how we are to stand up for justice and righteousness, for God and King these things still have meaning. Don't let the greyness which imbues so much of modern life get you down - step into the colour, embrace it and let the kings and queens, knights and maidens walk with you as you go about your day. If you let them, then they generally point to a deeper reality, a "deeper magic" of God and mystery made present in Jesus Christ.

Richard Lonsdale

Allen Marsden

Congratulations to Allen Marsden who has been elected as the new PCC Secretary for St George's; and thanks again to Val Butterworth for all her hard work over many years.

Spring Harvest

The group that attended Spring Harvest in Skegness just after Easter universally had a great time. Therefore, we are planning a further trip next year, 1-5 April 2024. If you would like to know more about what a trip to Spring Harvest entails, please speak to someone who attended. To reserve a place, please contact Greg and if you would like a place on a coach Susan Lockwood. We need people to make a decision by the end of May, since booking lines open in June and it is expected to sell out very quickly.

Cliffdale

Church services at Cliffdale have switched to the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m.

Songs of Praise

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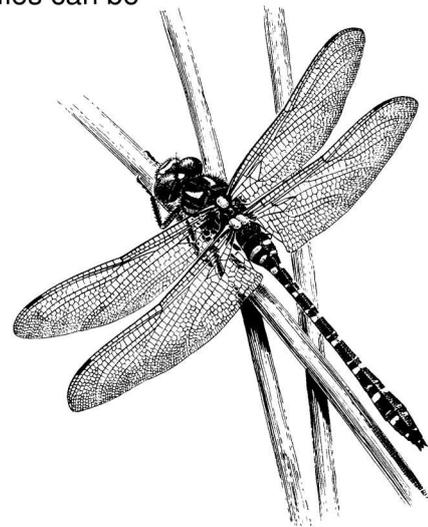
NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

It has been a wet spring this year which has benefitted some of the wetland habitats on the hill. The Stiperstones is not known for its wetlands, however the springs that emerge from the hill feed some of the sites richest wildlife areas with clean water of varying acidity. These areas of spring fed mire and bog are known as flushes and they are home to a wealth of plantlife, insects and birds. Unfortunately they are not as large as they might be, for when they meet the adjoining farmland they are often channelled into drainage gulleys to hasten the water downhill. In recent years, with hotter summers, many of the springs have been drying up, which puts these wet flushes at risk of disappearing altogether.

It is in these wet flushes and pools that our upland dragonflies can be found. The two key upland species in our area are the black darter and the golden-ringed dragonfly.

The golden-ringed dragonfly is our longest dragonfly and is associated with small acidic streams on heaths and moors. As a flying adult it is an impressive and fast predator, large enough to take other dragonflies, wasps and bumblebees. It is also an ambush predator in its larval form, when it lives buried at the bottom of small streams. Acidic streams have few nutrients and so have limited productivity, for this reason the larvae are very slow growing and can spend as long as seven years in the water before emerging as an adult dragonfly. This long period of time as a larvae makes them particularly sensitive to periods of drought or pollution incidents.



The black darter is at the other extreme, it is the smallest dragonfly in the UK. It is a delightful dragonfly with stunning black and yellow markings. Unlike the golden-ringed it prefers still water and breeds in shallow acidic pools. It is a late flying species best seen between July and September and again is an efficient predator of other insects.

Generally dragonflies are coping well with climate change, they benefit from higher temperatures and are a mobile adaptable group. The 2021 state of dragonflies report, reported that 41% of our dragon and damselfly species have significantly increased in their ranges since 1970. Only 5 species have declined and these included the black darter and the golden-ringed dragonflies.

For more information on Shropshire dragonflies see the Shropshire Dragonflies website, or join your local community wildlife group.

Our forthcoming events include:

Blakemoorgate cottages open day – Sunday 11th June 11am-3pm.
Introduction to scything courses – Sunday 9th July and Monday 24th July.

We will also be helping to run the Shropshire Hills Hay Meadow Festival at the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms on the 15th July, see you there.

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Parish Magazine Article Reflecting on the Coronation

I am writing this article, with memories of last month's coronation of King Charles III and the subsequent bank holiday still fresh in my mind. The ceremony, steeped in the history of our nation, unfolded in Westminster Abbey, capturing the attention of tens of millions of people both in the United Kingdom and abroad. The constitutional monarchy, with the King at its helm, stands as a testament to the enduring traditions and values of our country.



King Charles III's ascension to the throne marked the culmination of the longest-ever apprenticeship for becoming our Head of State. At the age of 74 when most individuals are well into their retirement, he embarks on his reign, building an example of his mother the late Queen and his own experience as her heir for over 50 years.

One of his most effective contributions was his founding of the Prince's Trust in 1976. This charity helped over a million young people in their education, training, and securing employment. His commitment to this cause reflects his genuine concern for the wellbeing and future of younger generations.

The King has travelled extensively since 1966, representing our nation and fostering relationships with other countries and their people. His wealth of experience in international relations and diplomacy has made him one of the most seasoned practitioners in the world. While his approach may not always be the most tactful, his undeniable convening power and sense of humour have helped him win over sceptics and initiate positive change.

Transcending politics, King Charles III has been a vocal advocate for causes that reach beyond party lines, such as environmental preservation. Long before it became popular, he championed environmental issues, showcasing his foresight and commitment to addressing critical global challenges.

On the eve of the coronation, the King and Queen visited Parliament, spending a couple of hours engaging with MPs, Peers, and parliamentary staff. This gesture exemplified the vital importance of mutual respect between the Monarch and Parliament, a cornerstone of our constitutional settlement. The presence of politicians from all political persuasions, eager to congratulate their Majesties, underscored the respect and support that our new King aims to earn from the British people.

The coronation itself was a magnificent occasion, seamlessly blending centuries of tradition with the realities of the modern world. The event was witnessed by an average of 18 million viewers in the UK alone, highlighting the enduring fascination with royal ceremonies. It also demonstrated how technology has transformed our ability to experience and engage with such historic moments.

Amidst the grandeur and tradition, efforts were made to ensure that modern Britain was also represented and celebrated. The inclusion of the King and Queen's blended family in the service, as well as representatives of other faiths, showcased a message of diversity and inclusion. Historic firsts, such as the participation of women bishops, girl choristers and a female Lord President of the Council bearing a ceremonial sword for nearly an hour reflected the evolving nature of our society.

In total, 5,000 armed forces personnel and 19 military bands took part. Despite the very English weather - constant rain - there was a celebratory atmosphere on The Mall, with periodic Mexican waves and police officers being cheered. Around six protesters, who were unloading a van of placards, were arrested. In total, the Metropolitan Police said they arrested 64 people for affray, public order offenses, breach of the peace, and conspiracy to cause a public nuisance around the Coronation, some based on active intelligence.

While hundreds of thousands of the assembled crowd came out to cheer the King, there was also a very small protest from Republic, the group campaigning to abolish the monarchy and replace it with an elected head of state.

The street parties and gun salutes played their part, and members of the public including here in Shropshire, found idiosyncratic ways to celebrate. From plates piled high with cake to Coronation chicken and quiche, with miles of bunting decorating our shops and streets, across the bank holiday weekend more than 3,000 street parties took place in England alone. Twenty towns in Shropshire, including seven here in the South, put up commemorative plaques on public buildings. In so many ways, the Coronation showed just how important the monarchy remains to most of us.

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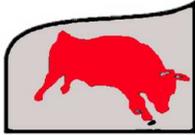
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The Vatican City is the smallest country not only in Europe, but also in the world. The city state, an enclave within Italy, is the smallest country both by population and size.

The biggest island on the European continent is Great Britain.

Hum in Croatia is the smallest town not only in Europe but in the world. The town has only 30 inhabitants.

Istanbul, the biggest city in Turkey is commonly referred to as Europe's largest city. However, Istanbul is located on two continents: the western part belongs to Europe while the eastern parts belongs to the Asian continent. Istanbul houses about 17 million people. However, the most populous city that is located entirely in Europe is Moscow. (cont on P23)



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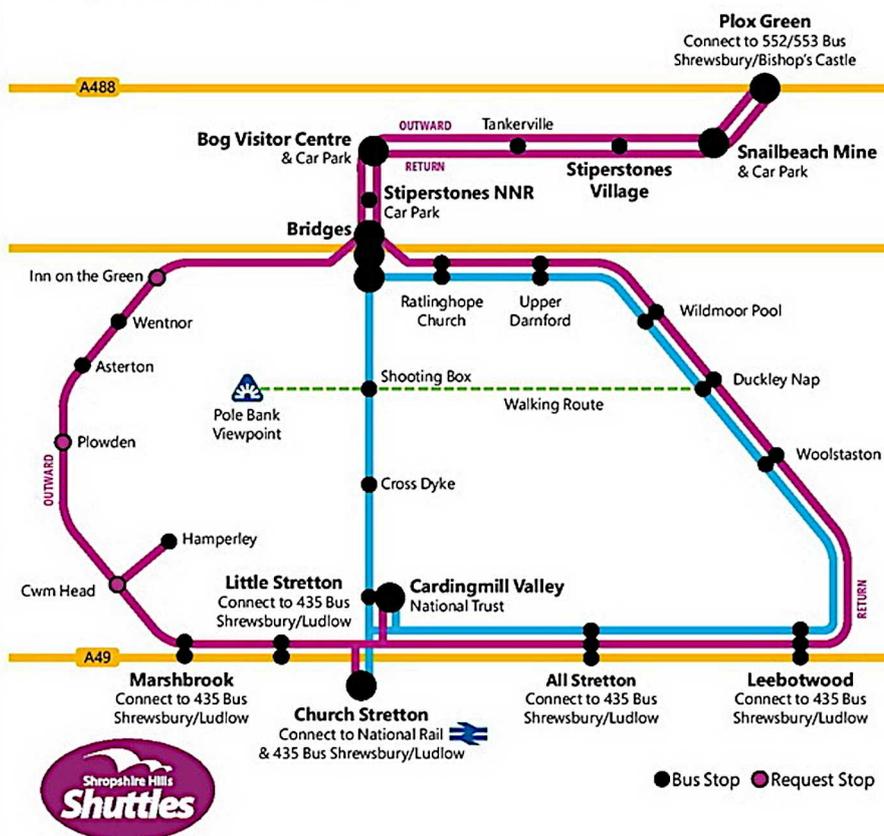
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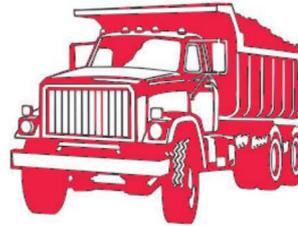
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Reflecting on the Coronation

by Leo Smith



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The King has travelled extensively since 1966, representing our nation and fostering relationships with other countries and their people. His wealth of experience in international relations and diplomacy has made him one of the most seasoned practitioners in the world. While his approach may not always be the most tactful, his undeniable convening power and sense of humour have helped him win over sceptics and initiate positive change.

Transcending politics, King Charles III has been a vocal advocate for causes that reach beyond party lines, such as environmental preservation. Long before it became popular, he championed environmental issues, showcasing his foresight and commitment to addressing critical global challenges.

On the eve of the coronation, the King and Queen visited Parliament, spending a couple of hours engaging with MPs, Peers, and parliamentary staff. This gesture exemplified the vital importance of mutual respect between the Monarch and Parliament, a cornerstone of our constitutional settlement. The presence of politicians from all political persuasions, eager to congratulate their Majesties, underscored the respect and support that our new King aims to earn from the British people.

The coronation itself was a magnificent occasion, seamlessly blending centuries of tradition with the realities of the modern world. The event was witnessed by an average of 18 million viewers in the UK alone, highlighting the enduring fascination with royal ceremonies. It also demonstrated how technology has transformed our ability to experience and engage with such historic moments.

Amidst the grandeur and tradition, efforts were made to ensure that modern Britain was also represented and celebrated. The inclusion of the King and Queen's blended family in the service, as well as representatives of other faiths, showcased a message of diversity and inclusion. Historic firsts, such as the participation of women bishops, girl choristers and a female Lord President of the Council bearing a ceremonial sword for nearly an hour reflected the evolving nature of our society.



In total, 5,000 armed forces personnel and 19 military bands took part. Despite the very English weather - constant rain - there was a celebratory atmosphere on The Mall, with periodic Mexican waves and police officers being cheered. Around six protesters, who were unloading a van of placards, were arrested. In total, the Metropolitan Police said they arrested 64 people for affray, public order offences, breach of the peace, and conspiracy to cause a public nuisance around the Coronation, some based on active intelligence.

While hundreds of thousands of the assembled crowd came out to cheer the King, there was also a very small protest from Republic, the group campaigning to abolish the monarchy and replace it with an elected head of state.

The street parties and gun salutes played their part, and members of the public including here in Shropshire, found idiosyncratic ways to celebrate. From plates piled high with cake to Coronation chicken and quiche, with miles of bunting decorating our shops and streets, across the bank holiday weekend more than 3,000 street parties took place in England alone. Twenty towns in Shropshire, including seven here in the South, put up commemorative plaques on public buildings. In so many ways, the Coronation showed just how important the monarchy remains to most of us.

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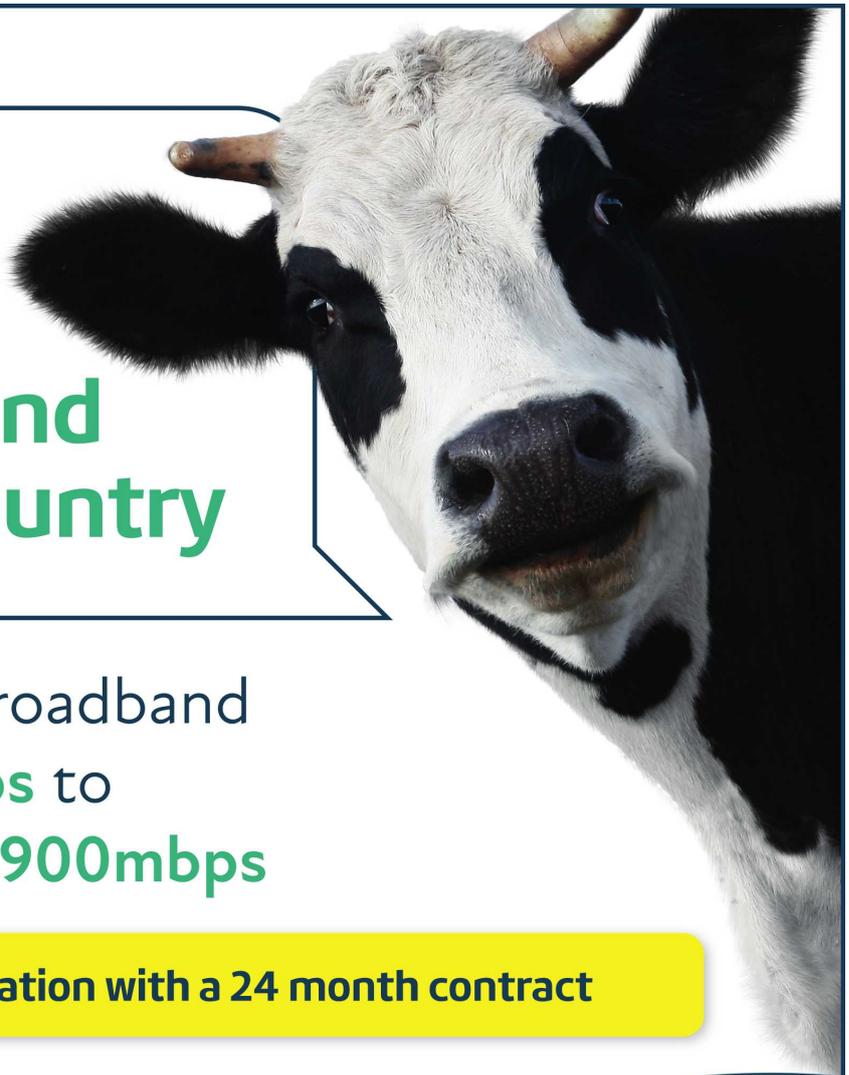
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Thefts

There has been a recent spike in thefts and attempted thefts of trailers, currently in the Church Stretton and Wenlock areas but it's likely other areas will be targeted. On 13th May an offending vehicle got stuck whilst attempting to take a trailer near Kenley (Wenlock), the offending vehicle has been seized but the offenders made off. If you own a trailer please take some of the following precautions

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- When not in use, park or place something in front of the trailer so it cannot be moved.
- Secure the trailer with a chain or steel cable to a strong anchor point.
- Use a wheel lock and/or hitch lock
- Make the trailer unique to you so it stands out, this can be done by putting the farm/stable name on the side or using a motif or logo. This will act as a deterrent and make it easily identifiable
- You could put your vehicle registration on the roof of your vehicle, this can be done by oil based paint or there are kits you can buy with vinyl lettering.
- Take photographs of the vehicle from all angles, include close ups of any unique markings such as scratches, dents, scuffs and any security markings and keep them in a safe place to give to the police to help them identify the vehicle if it is stolen.
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(from P13) Monaco., the principality bordering the Mediterranean is the most densely populated country in the world.

Kazakhstan is the largest landlocked country in Europe and in the world. 18 million people live in Kazakhstan which is among the ten biggest countries in the world.

Mount Elbrus in Russia (5,642 m/ 18,510 ft) is the highest mountain in Europe. The mountain is part of the Caucasus mountain range. The highest peak in the European Alps is Mont Blanc. The mountain which is 4,810 m/ 15,781 ft high sits on the border of Italy and France. The Alps are also the longest and highest mountain range that is located entirely in Europe!

The Volga River in Russia is Europe's longest river. It is 3,692 km/ 2,295 miles long. The Danube, flowing through ten countries, is the second longest river in Europe with 2,860 km/ 1,777 miles.



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Heather's Report for May 2023

Hedgerow Removal.

Anyone removing more than 25 meters of hedgerow MUST apply for a licence or a form of planning permission. There are grants available for farmers now to restore and replace hedges.

Anyone removing a hedgerow in the spring could have committed a criminal act by destroying the nests of birds protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Penalties that can be imposed for criminal offences in respect of a single bird, nest or egg contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is an unlimited fine, up to six months imprisonment or both. The season for not removing or cutting hedges now runs from March to 31st August.

Marton Housing.

Having had a drop-in session some time ago to gauge the local housing need Connexus Housing Association suddenly announced that they were to put in a planning application for 10 houses. They will have a further meeting for residents in the area on Monday 22nd May at 4pm and 7pm. Interestingly I now have 3 households from the village of Marton looking for homes. These homes are for local people from the villages around.

Welsh Air Ambulance consultation

There have been 2 packed consultation meetings in Welshpool Town Hall. I attended the first. Those in charge of these consultations to move the helicopter base to North Wales now seem to be using some more realistic data. We need to keep vigilant and keep the pressure up on this. My colleagues from Bishops Castle and Churchstoke also attended to make sure our voices are heard and this service continues to work with our air ambulance to cover our area.

Shopping centres.

A further £4 million has been borrowed by Shropshire Council to progress work on the shopping centres. The Council is now endeavouring - with the help of consultants costing around £4 million - to save £1 million per week.

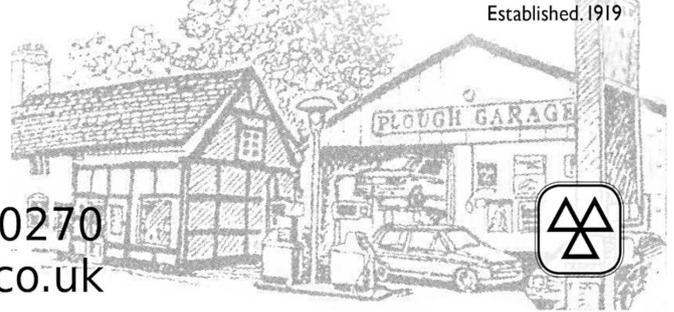
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An easy and a tricky puzzle today



Eurovision Song Contest is the world's biggest music show here are some weird facts.

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There have been five barefoot winners in Eurovision history: Sandie Shaw (1967), Sertab Erener (2003), Dima Bilan (2008), Loreen (2012) and Emmelie De Forest (2013)

Three of the songs sent to Eurovision have been in made up languages. Two of these entries have come from Belgium: Sanomi (2003) and O Julissi (2008); and one from the Netherlands: Amambanda (2006)

The most covered Eurovision Song Contest song is Domenico Modugno's "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu" from 1958, also known as Volare. The song has been covered by famous stars such as Dean Martin, Cliff Richard, David Bowie and many more

The Portuguese song from 1974 "E Depois Do Adeus" started a revolution in Portugal. The song was played on an independent radio station in Lisbon on 24 April, and was one of two secret signals which alerted the rebel captains and soldiers to begin the Carnation Revolution against the Estado Novo regime

The first Eurovision that was broadcast in color, was the 1968 contest at the Royal Albert Hall Riverdance was first performed during the interval act of Eurovision Song Contest 1994. One of the most popular interval acts in the history of the contest

In 1978 Jordan showed some flowers instead of the Israeli entry on their screening of the show.

When Israel went on to win they pretended it was Belgium

Ireland and Sweden holds the record of most victories in Eurovision Song Contest: Seven victories each!

Russia's entry "A Million Voices" from 2015 became the first non-winning Eurovision song to score over 300 points

The youngest ever winner was 13-year-old Sandra Kim from Belgium who won Eurovision in 1986

Belarus was expelled from Eurovision 2021. The submitted song had lyrics with political undertones mocking the Belarusian pro-democracy movement

Portugal had to go through 49 contests to achieve their first victory in 2017



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

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745 Mondays and Fridays only

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

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

Does not run on Bank Holiday except Good Friday



775 Tuesdays only

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

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

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Shropshire Hills AONB Summer Forum & Field Visits

connecting to and caring for our national landscape

Friday 2nd June 2023
Snailbeach (SY5 0NZ), near Minsterley
9.30am - 2.30pm

presentations, informal networking, field visits

restoring nature, tackling climate change, supporting farmers, engaging young people, enabling community action, championing sustainable tourism and people's enjoyment and wellbeing

The event is free and open to invitees and interested members of the public.

9.30am - 12.00pm, Snailbeach Village Hall, presentations, informal networking & refreshments.

12.30 - 2.30pm, choice of Field Visits;

- Young Rangers Activity on Resting Hill, Snailbeach
- Ancient Woodland Restoration at The Sallies, Pollardine Farm
- Snailbeach Lead Mines Tour

To book your place and for more information, please contact us by email shropshirehillsaonb@shropshire.gov.uk, or call 01743 254740.

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11AM TILL 7PM
 INCLUDING:

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- WILDLIFE DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES
- RURAL ARTS & CRAFTS
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- MUSIC, MERRIMENT & REFRESHMENT

Tickets available in advance from the Discovery Centre, please call: 01588 676060

In advance : £7.00 adults; £3.00 Children; £17.00 family
 On the day: £8.00 adults; £4.00 children; £20.00 family.
 Under 5's free

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Screen Recovery Challenge Fund

Meadow Monoprinting

Printing by hand with plants

Tuesday 1st August, 10am to 1pm
 New Invention

Come for a summer morning printmaking session in the Redlake Valley using plants.

Use meadow grasses, flowers and beautiful so-called "weeds", to make unique monoprints on paper or card using gelli plates and water based inks (no press).

Aimed at beginners, you do not need any previous art experience just some patience, curiosity and a willingness to experiment. There is no right or wrong way and happy accidents often occur!

The workshop will take place outside or in our newly-restored (small) field barn if the weather is not reliable.

£20 per person (includes a contribution to materials - ink and paper - and tea/coffee & cake. Bring your own lunch). 4 people max per workshop. If people wish to carry on in to the afternoon that is possible.

This event is open only to members of the Marches Meadow Group.

To book: contact Sarah Jameson
 (01547 528546 / images@sarahjameson.co.uk)



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HOPE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 10th June

12:00 Hope Village Hall

Registration 1130

The Callow Chase 4 mile run

(on and off road - lots of uphill!)

The Callow Crawl 3 mile walk

Pootle with Pooch - a 3 mile walk run

with your dog

(uphill but mainly on road)

Entries are limited and are available from 4th April 2023.
 Prizes in a number of categories

For more information please visit : www.callowrun.uk

