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May 2022

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*Read our trivia boxes to find the other longest serving Kings and Queens.*

*Lots of what's ons this month together with Tarrah Lewis's half marathon exploits, awaiting the cuckoo from Simon Cooter, Philip Dunne's perspective on ambulance waiting times and news of grants for landowners with diseased trees.*

*Margaret and Doug would like to thank everyone who has helped them lately*

*when they have both had hospital stays and during their recovery.*

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We continue to be surprised and delighted at the steady flow of generous donations we receive. I must apologise to Bronwen Evans who was missed off last month's list. This month we have received funds from Doug and Margaret Boulter, friends at the Nest and Lara.

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One lady who would have well remembered the accession of our Queen was Ruth Chesters. Sadly Ruth passed away recently unable to reach either the jubilee or her own 94th birthday . She will be sadly missed by David and Helen and all the friends and neighbours who loved her so much.

We were also very sad to hear of the death of Rose Roberts (Edwards). Rose lived in Snailbeach for many years but was now living in Pontesbury.



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Our boxes should not be locked and to maintain battery life, they should be maintained within a specific temperature range.

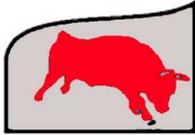
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The British Heart Foundation recommends that all defibrillators are registered with the Circuit. It is the national defibrillator network which connects defibrillators to NHS ambulance services across the UK and provides reminders about the upkeep of individual defibrillators.



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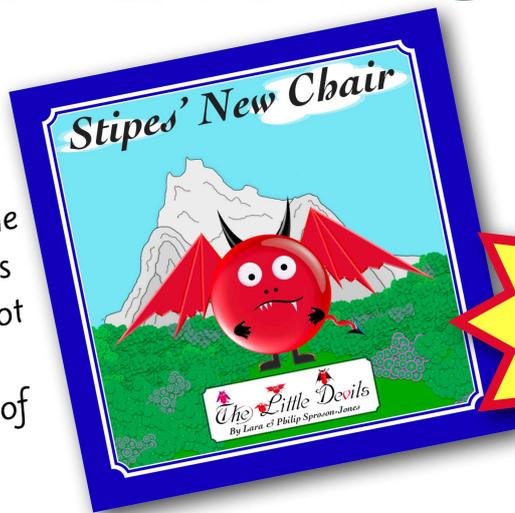
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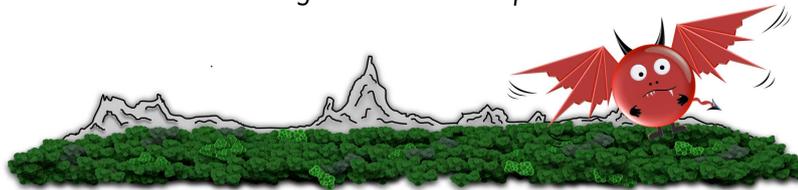
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*Stipes' New Chair is husband & wife team Lara & Phil's first collaboration as author and illustrator. After nearly 20 years of running the Stiperstones Inn, they used the unexpected downtime known as "lockdown" to bring to life this family of Little Devils whose adventures will take us across the British Isles.*

*The Little Devils*

Johann II ( 5 October 1840 – 11 February 1929), also known as Johann II the Good, was the Prince of Liechtenstein between 1858 and 1929. His reign of 70 years and 91 days is the second-longest of any monarch in European history, after that of Louis XIV of France, and third-longest overall after Louis XIV and Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) of Thailand.

**70**  
years

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Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary; born 21 April 1926) is Queen of the United Kingdom and 14 other Commonwealth realms.

Elizabeth was born in Mayfair, London, as the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth). Her father acceded to the throne in 1936 upon the abdication of his brother, King Edward VIII, making Elizabeth the heir presumptive.

Elizabeth II is the longest-reigning incumbent monarch and the longest-reigning female monarch in history.

**70  
years**



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### Notes from the hill



Every year we note the date of the first cuckoo that we hear on the Stiperstones, and it has ranged between the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, but invariably is around the end of April. This year I heard a cuckoo calling outside of my office on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March which is on average a whole month early. I imagine that this was a bird moving through on migration as the cold snap at the beginning of May seemed to put a halt to most arrivals and indeed most bird song on the hill. The heathland is not only a good spot for breeding cuckoo but also seems to be a staging post on migration as we have had some very late records too. Cuckoos like to feed on caterpillars, particularly big caterpillars and the heathland supports a good number of large moths like the fox moth that in larval form are the big dark hairy caterpillars that can often be seen crossing the tracks up on the hill.

A key part of managing the Stiperstones is the grazing of animals. Too much grazing and heathland tends to move towards grassland and too little and it succeeds to woodland. In order to get sufficient grazing over the hill Natural England encourage the farms with common rights on the hill to graze a mix of cattle and sheep. Away from the common we use graziers with cattle and of course we have our own flock of Hebridean sheep and Exmoor ponies. On top of this we have a few natural grazers like roe deer and hares.



Getting the right grazing animals and the right amount of grazing across the hill is a difficulty that we wrestle with regularly, however this year we have the help of a shepherd, funded by the Common Cause project, who will be assisting with moving animals to less grazed areas of the hill.

One particularly relevant issue regarding grazing is uncontrolled dogs. In the last 'Notes from the Hill' I talked about their effect on the ground nesting birds on the Stiperstones, however since then there has been a dog attack on livestock next to the nature reserve. Another reason why we ask that dogs are kept on a lead on the site is the danger they represent in respect to grazing animals. The worse cases of dog attacks on the nature reserve have been where local dogs have run loose on the hill, so if anyone sees loose dogs, they should report them to the police.

Don't miss our events this month, Dave Pearce is a superbly knowledgeable wildlife guide and he is leading the dawn chorus and evening walks:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Dawn chorus walk at 5.30am followed by optional breakfast at the Stiperstones Inn. £7.50 plus breakfast.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Birds of the Stiperstones walk with the Upper Onny Wildlife Group. Free.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Evening wildlife walk at 7pm with Dave Pearce. £7.50.

Booking is essential, for more details email: [Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk) or follow our Facebook page.

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years

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**67**  
years

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## Letter from Westminster – May 2022 Ambulance Response Times



I know there has been considerable concern locally about delays to ambulance responses to emergency calls from South Shropshire. I assure you I am also very anxious about ambulance response times.

West Midlands Ambulance Service do acknowledge ambulance response times are not at all near to where they need to be for Shropshire. From their own statistics which I have requested and seen, the reason behind this is clear - the issue has been exacerbated by long delays to handovers at hospital, which prevents crews from getting back out on the road.

This has been building since last July when many covid restrictions were lifted. I have been engaging with WMAS and NHS leaders in Shropshire more frequently than usual since then, and have met WMAS senior leaders, most recently in January, March and April, to discuss response times across South Shropshire. I have also raised specific cases where constituents have suffered very lengthy delays for ambulances (mostly in non life-threatening emergencies, it must be stressed).

Following my conversations with the WMAS Chief Executive, I am calling on Shropshire CCG for more support to recruit and train more ambulance crews, so we can put more ambulances on the road in Shropshire, while patients wait to be handed over at hospitals. I am also engaging with our acute hospitals, to ensure they do all they can to speed up handovers, to return as soon as possible to the efficiency they have managed previously.

Having been out on shifts with WMAS ambulances, I know they move directly from call to call, with around half of their attendances in Shropshire currently leading to conveyance of a patient to hospital. Crews start and end their day in an ambulance hub to collect and return their vehicle, but are otherwise on the road attending calls. So a return to localised hubs won't fix this issue. But I am also working with WMAS to encourage more community first responders.

Community First Responders act as a rapid first point of contact in emergencies, before an ambulance can arrive. They are trained by WMAS to provide basic lifesaving care, and work as volunteers in the community around their schedules. In incidences of cardiac arrest, CFRs and members of the public trained in CPR and the use of the defibrillators in the community can be the difference between life and death, particularly in rural locations, as after a cardiac arrest, for every minute that no-one is doing CPR, the chance of survival drops by 10%.

When I spoke to the Chief Executive of WMAS in March, I raised my concern that there were no live adverts to recruit Community First Responders in the West Midlands. He put this right rapidly, and applications for the next course went live the next day. If you or anyone you know are interested, please visit [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk) and search for "WMAS".

I also suggested a programme of engagement by WMAS with the public in South Shropshire. So at my request WMAS arranged for staff to be on hand at Ludlow Market Square on Saturday 23rd April, to exhibit their vehicles and answer questions from the public about the process of joining as a Community First Responder. I was really pleased with the response from WMAS and the public, so will be looking to repeat this pilot in other towns in South Shropshire.

I shall continue to work with WMAS and SaTH to do all I can to see ambulance response times improve in South Shropshire.



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**67**  
years

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Georgina collected the words, Charlotte the customs and traditions and Mary the landscape and the things that inhabit it



As part of FOLK Community Group's 'Library to Lane' NLC funded project - Introducing Shropshire Folklorists Georgina Jackson, Charlotte Burne and Mary Webb.



*Charlotte Burne*

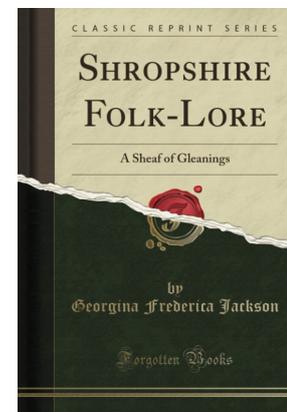
Charlotte Burne (performed by Suzanne Tumnus) will be 'chatting' with you about being a Shropshire folklorist in the 1880's and how she took on the mantle from her friend

Shropshire word collector Georgina Jackson. The Mary Webb Society will share through a short illustrated talk the Shropshire locations and flora and fauna used in her novels, Laurence Coey will perform music inspired by Shropshire Folklore and Mary Webb and Sal Tonge will share games and riddles taken from The Shropshire Folklore book.

Tea and Cake will be on sale and time to chat with Mary Napper about FOLK's Library to Lane project.

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Victoria (Alexandrina Victoria; 24 May 1819 – 22 January 1901) was Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 20 June 1837 until her death in 1901. Known as the Victorian era, her reign of 63 years and seven months was longer than any previous British monarch. It was a period of industrial, political, scientific, and military change within the United Kingdom, and was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire. In 1876, the British Parliament voted to grant her the additional title of Empress of India.

**63**  
years

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A former prince of Denmark and Greece, Prince Philip was born in 1921 and served in the British Royal Navy in World War Two. He was the longest-serving consort of any British monarch, and retired from royal duties in 2017 having completed more than 22,000 solo engagements.

He died on 9 April 2021.

## SNAILBEACH W.I.

Our speaker for our April meeting was Tony Sharp who is a trustee for

The Ark, a charity set up to help homeless people. It originated in 1969, and had moved to various locations. However, in the past year, The Ark have been able to purchase the Old Rock and Fountain in Castle Foregate, a centre much more suitable to help the homeless. It is funded by the generosity of grants and donations from the public.

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During the meeting, we were enlightened to a new sport called "Pickle Ball" which is new to almost everyone. It is similar to Badminton but uses a much smaller space. As with most things, Pickle Ball started in America, but has now reached our shores.

The May meeting will feature our annual debate on the W.I. Resolution, the result will be put forward by our delegate at the Annual NFWI Meeting in June. Following this discussion we shall have a fun time with a Beetle Drive.

In June, we will open our meeting to visitors on Thursday 9th June, to hear a talk on the Flax Mill in Shrewsbury. This building, recently restored, is the forerunner of skyscrapers, being the first building in the world with an iron framework. Due to start at 8pm, the cost will be £2 payable on the door, refreshments included.

Joyce Graves

## 1952 That was the year that was

5 January – Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrives in the United States for an official visit and talks with President Harry S. Truman.

10 January – An Aer Lingus Douglas DC-3 aircraft on a London–Dublin flight crashes in Wales due to vertical draft in the mountains of Snowdonia, killing twenty passengers and the three crew.

16 January – Sooty, Harry Corbett's glove puppet bear, first appears on BBC Television.

30 January – British troops remain in Korea, where they have spent the last eighteen months, after a breakdown of talks that were aimed at ending the Korean War.

1 February – The first TV detector van is commissioned in the UK, as the beginning of a clampdown on the estimated 150,000 British households that watch television illegally without a licence.



6 February – King George VI dies at Sandringham House aged 56 early this morning. It is revealed that he had been suffering from lung cancer. He is succeeded by his 25-year-old daughter, Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, who ascends to the throne as Queen Elizabeth II. The new Queen is on a visit to Kenya at the time of her father's death and returns to London the

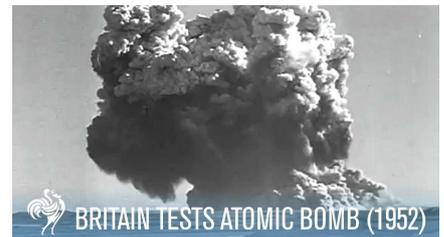
following day. She will be the longest-lived and longest-reigning British monarch, with a reign exceeding 70 years.

14 February–25 February – Great Britain and Northern Ireland compete at the Winter Olympics in Oslo and win one gold medal.

15 February – The funeral of King George VI takes place at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. His body has been lying in state in Westminster Hall since 11 February.

21 February – Compulsory identity cards, issued during World War II, are abolished.

26 February – Prime Minister Winston Churchill announces that the United Kingdom has an atomic bomb.



2 May – The De Havilland Comet becomes the world's first jet airliner, with a maiden flight from London to Johannesburg.

21 May – Eastcastle Street robbery: a post office van is held up in the West End of London and £287,000 (worth £8,189,519.66 in 2019) stolen, Britain's largest post-war robbery up to this date; the robbers are never caught.

1 June – One shilling charge is introduced for prescription drugs dispensed under the National Health Service.

5 July – The last of the original trams runs in London; the citizens of London turn out in force to say farewell.

19 July–3 August – Great Britain and Northern Ireland compete at the Olympics in Helsinki and win 1 gold, 2 silver and 8 bronze medals.

16 August – Lynmouth Flood: 34 people killed in a flood at Lynmouth in Devon. Many other people are injured and numerous buildings are damaged.

19 September – English film star Charlie Chaplin, sailing to the United Kingdom with his family for the premiere of his film *Limelight* (London, 16 October), is told that he will be refused re-entry to the United States until he has been investigated by the U.S. Immigration Service. He chooses to remain in Europe.

3 October – Operation Hurricane: The UK explodes its first atomic bomb in the Monte Bello Islands, Australia.

5 October – Tea rationing ends, after thirteen years, as announced by the Government two days earlier.

8 October – Harrow and Wealdstone rail crash in North London claims the lives of 108 people.

19 October – A small Welsh republican group, Y Gweriniaethwyr, make an unsuccessful attempt to blow up a water pipeline leading from the Claerwen dam in mid Wales to Birmingham. The Claerwen reservoir is officially opened on 23

October.

November – Royal College of General Practitioners established.

14 November – The magazine *New Musical Express* publishes the first UK Singles Chart.

25 November – Agatha Christie's play *The Mousetrap* starts its run at the New Ambassadors Theatre in London. It will still be running in London as of 2022, having transferred next door to St Martin's Theatre in 1974.

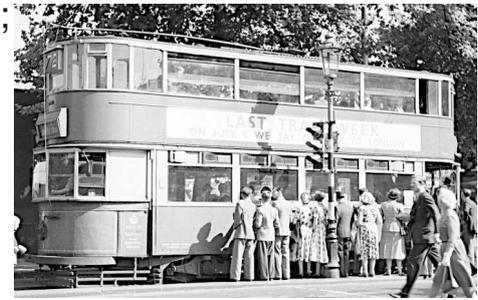
4–9 December – Great Smog blankets London, causing transport chaos and, it is believed, around 4,000 deaths.

29 November – First GPO pillar box of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II to be erected in Scotland, on the Inch housing estate in Edinburgh, is attacked in protest at its bearing the Royal Cipher of Elizabeth II, considered historically incorrect in Scotland.

12 December – BBC children's television series *Flower Pot Men* debuts.

25 December – The Queen makes her first Christmas speech to the Commonwealth.

December – End of Utility Furniture Scheme.





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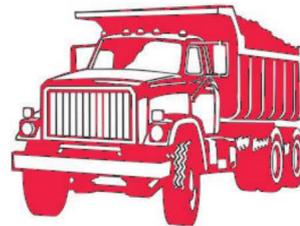
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## Additional support for landowners with diseased trees and woodlands in the Shropshire Hills



With new and emerging tree diseases, the health of our local woodlands continues to be of some concern. Ash dieback, a disease caused by the fungal pathogen *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, is spreading across the UK and its impact is accelerating in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The loss of ash, along with the wildlife it supports, both at a woodland scale and as an individual tree will have a significant impact on the Shropshire Hills landscape. We hope to limit this by promoting sensitive management to safeguard remaining ash trees and woodlands.

A recently launched Forestry Commission tree health pilot grant scheme is providing additional support for landowners with disease affected trees and woodlands. The Shropshire Hills is one of four protected landscapes where this pilot is being run.

It is targeted within the AONB and where there may be risk to the public from diseased trees. Grants are specific to each species and rates vary dependent on whether trees are within or outside of a woodland setting. The following tree species are eligible:

- Ash with dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*)
- Larch with *Phytophthora ramorum*
- Sweet chestnut with blight (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) or *Phytophthora ramorum*

Dependent on species and woodland setting there is support for road closures, protected species surveys, restocking and maintenance, felling, chemical killing, Infrastructure/access and biosecurity. There is also funding for infrastructure to isolated and hard to reach woodlands.

These grants are in addition to the Countryside Stewardship Tree Health Scheme. For more information about the scheme, along with information about managing ash dieback, see: <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/news/tree-health-pilot-grant-scheme>

The Kangxi Emperor ( 4 May 1654 - 20 December 1722) was the third Emperor of the Qing dynasty, and the second Qing emperor to rule over China proper, reigning from 1661 to 1722.

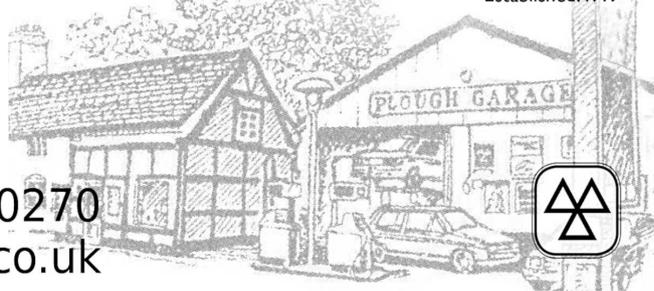
The Kangxi Emperor's reign of 61 years makes him the longest-reigning emperor in Chinese history The Kangxi Emperor is considered one of China's greatest emperors. He suppressed the Revolt of the Three Feudatories, forced the Kingdom of Tungning in Taiwan and assorted Mongol rebels in the North and Northwest to submit to Qing rule, and blocked Tsarist Russia on the Amur River, retaining Outer Manchuria and Outer Northwest China.

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Just before Kate Middleton gave birth to her great-grandson, Queen Elizabeth had joked, "I hope it arrives soon because I am going on holiday!"

"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife."  
Prince Philip

Prince Charles once had to congratulate a beauty queen of England, and here's how he started his speech:  
"Father told me that if I ever met a lady in a dress like yours, I must look her straight in the eyes."

"When the question arose whether I, as a member of the royal family, should take part in active combat in the Falklands, there was no question in her mind, and it only took her two days to sort the issue."  
Prince Andrew

At the 2012 London Marathon, Prince Harry promised that William and Kate would run the next one. When in 2013 he was asked where his brother and his wife were, he said, "He's old and she's pregnant".



When asked what he learned from growing up, Prince William said, "I've learnt you never mess with your grandmother".

When I appear in public, people expect me to neigh, grind my teeth, paw the ground and swish my tail - none of which is easy.  
Anne, Princess Royal

Visiting an Australian university, Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, were introduced to Mr. and Dr. Robinson. He noticed the wife was a PhD, and her title was much more important than his, to which Prince Philip replied, "Ah, yes, we have that trouble in our family too."

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Apply for a visa under the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

There is also a Public meeting organised by the Hereford Diocese on Saturday 23rd April at St John the Baptist Church in Bishop's Castle. This meeting is to begin a discussion about preparing a local co-ordinated response to the needs of refugees and support for those who have offered or plan to act as hosts. All welcome.

Best wishes Heather Kidd

Heather's Report for April  
Public Transport. I was very disappointed to hear that the Government has turned down Shropshire Council's bid for £98M from its 'leveling up' fund. Public transport is almost on its knees in Shropshire and extra funding is desperately needed to improve the rural bus network and also introduce electric buses to reduce carbon emissions.

The Cost of Living. This is now affecting all of us. If you are of pension age then check if you are eligible for pension credit as I mentioned last month (You can seek help and support from Age UK in Shrewsbury. Phone : 01743 233123 Email: enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk or ring me.) I have also tried to lobby the Government about rural energy costs. Bad as rises in gas and electricity are, most of us in rural areas are reliant on either oil or LPG gas for heating. There are no energy caps whatsoever on these and prices are going up rapidly.

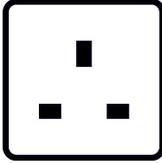
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## British Royal Family

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 L Y X I P P I L I H P K A I C R Q  
 B A V N U Y N P C A T H E R I N E  
 Z P E A R G W A L B E R T M A U Z

princess	edinburgh	cornwall	cambridge	edward
albert	victoria	catherine	duchess	duke
prince	william	george	charles	camilla
diana	meghan	harry	philip	queen
elizabeth				

Which famous historical characters or events are hidden in these nursery rhymes?

- 1 Mary, Mary quite contrary.
- 2 Three Blind Mice
- 3 Jack and Jill
- 4 Ring a ring of rosies
- 5 Baa Baa Black Sheep
- 6 Old Mother Hubbard

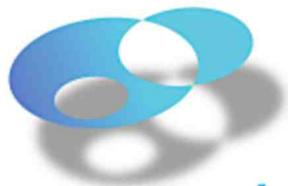
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1. Queen Mary who reigned after Edward and returned England to Catholicism
  2. Three protestant bishops, Cranmer, Radley and Latimer (all burned at the stake by Queen Mary. 3 Louis XVI and his wife Marie Antoinette both executed during the French Revolution.
  4. Great plague of 1665 (the spots you got were in a ring) and Posies were carried to help combat the ever present smell of sickness.
  5. King Edward 1 (the master) took a third of the wool produced as tax, the church or the dame took a third leaving only a third for the farmer.
  6. Cardinal Wolsey who couldn't give his doggie (Henry VIII) a bone (divorce)

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A member of the House of Oldenburg, Christian began his personal rule of Denmark in 1596 at the age of 19. He is remembered as one of the most popular, ambitious, and proactive Danish kings, having initiated many reforms and projects.

**59  
years**



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#### Team details

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 2382 Damien Kelly  
Safer Neighbourhood Officer: PC 3331 Stuart Coote  
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Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111  
Website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)  
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### CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Breach of non-molestation order		Worthen	
Malicious communication		Worthen	
Dog dangerously out of control		Shelve Wood	Words of advice given to dog owner at request of victim
Assault		Marton	
Theft	Domestic related	Aston Pigott	Enquires on-going

George III (George William Frederick; 4 June 1738 – 29 January 1820) was King of Great Britain and of Ireland from 25 October 1760 until the union of the two kingdoms on 1 January 1801, after which he was King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland until his death in 1820. He was concurrently Duke and Prince-elector of Brunswick-Lüneburg ("Hanover") in the Holy Roman Empire before becoming King of Hanover on 12 October 1814. He was a monarch of the House of Hanover but, unlike his two predecessors, he was born in Great Britain, spoke English as his first language and never visited Hanover.

**59**  
years

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

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)			SCH		SCH														
Bishops Castle, opp Boars Head				07:30						09:40			12:20		13:30			15:40	
Bishops Castle Salop Street Jct				07:32						09:42			12:22		13:32			15:42	
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct				07:36						09:46			12:26		13:36			15:46	
Llan Turn Jct				07:40						09:50			12:30		13:40			15:50	
White Grit, Jct				07:44						09:54			12:34		13:44			15:54	
Gravels				07:47						09:57			12:37		13:47			15:57	
Hope				07:50						10:00			12:40		13:50			16:00	
Stiperstones, opp Pub	06:50	07:20	07:50		08:23										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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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
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Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	10:59	11:34	12:34	13:04	14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:44
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:01				14:06			15:32	16:21		17:01			18:46
Stiperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:50
Hope	08:15			10:45			12:40			14:40				17:05				18:20
Gravels	08:19			10:49			12:44			14:44				17:09				18:24
White Grit, Jct	08:23			10:53			12:48			14:48				17:13				18:28
Llan Turn Jct	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52				17:17				18:32
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56				17:21				18:36
Bishops Castle Salop Street jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58				17:23				18:38
Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00				17:25				18:40

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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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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As some of you may know I am the Volunteer Coordinator at Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. Before I joined the team in November 2021 I decided that I would raise money for the charity doing a Half Marathon a month for a whole year! I am now over halfway there which is a good feeling! However I also decided a couple of months ago that I would also run the London Marathon for Lingen Davies too....clearly I thought my legs weren't suffering enough?! So, when I have completed my 12th Half Marathon in September at Great North Run, I will then be doing the London Marathon a month later on Sunday 2nd October.



It is a massive privilege to be running the London Marathon for such a great local charity and unfortunately cancer has affected so many people in our local area, but with that comes a minimum sponsorship. Rather than pestering people for sponsorship money I have decided to hold some fundraising events in the local area which will be open to everyone and all proceeds will be going straight to Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. I hope you can come and support these events, also if anyone has any raffle prizes that they can donate too then that would be very much appreciated. Any questions then please get in touch with me!

**Friday 20th May  
Charity Bingo Night  
Snailbeach Village Hall  
Eyes down at 7.30pm**

**Friday 3rd June  
Jubilee Coffee Morning5  
Perkins Beach  
Dingle 11am-1pm  
Raffle, Refreshments  
and Cake Stall**

You can also visit my Just Giving page to donate -  
[www.justgiving.com/team/tarrahshalfmarathons](http://www.justgiving.com/team/tarrahshalfmarathons)

On a separate note, I am always on the lookout for people to volunteer at our events. If this is something that may interest you and you have a few hours spare from time to time, then please get in touch with me!  
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