

SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS OCTOBER 2018

FREE!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SNAIL?



Yes, somewhere in the pages of this newsletter **Sandy the Snail** is hiding once more. Your mission is to find him each month and let me know exactly where he is so that he may be returned to his rightful place in next door's cabbage patch...



NEWS IN BRIEF

From Wendy Whitelaw

Liz, Wendy, Stephen and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for the tremendous support we received during Martin's illness, also attendance at his funeral, messages of sympathy and donations which totalled over £1000, which was divided between Hospice at Home Team and The Lingen Davies Appeal.

Sarah McQuaid at Snailbeach Village Hall

7.30 pm, Friday 9th November

How difficult it is to put a label on Sarah. You might guess from her accent she's from the USA, but she was born in Madrid, she's lived in Ireland and her family home is in Cornwall. Maybe you could tag her as "singer/songwriter"? Yes, that's true too, except she also sings traditional songs from the Appalachians. Musician? Well yes - she's a lifetime achievement award for her guitar playing and gives music workshops...

Tell you what. Come to see her sing and play at Snailbeach Village Hall because she's a lovely singer and you'll really enjoy an evening in her company.

Pontesbury Gardeners Trading Post

The Trading Post will be closing for the winter at the end of October, the last open day being 27 October, so if you need anything to help your garden get through the winter, or to book your Christmas meal, then come along this month. The Trading Post is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

Sheep Worrying in Snailbeach

Dougie Boulter of Snailbeach has written to us complaining, with justification, about people who exercise their dogs in the Eastridge Woods and fail to keep them under control, or on a leash, as requested on several signs in and around the woods.

On Sunday 26th. August he discovered yet another dog running loose in his fields worrying his sheep. He says, "If I hadn't have been at home, animals would have been killed. Please keep your dogs under control!".

It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep, which includes attacking or chasing them.

Thanks from Margaret Boulter

Margaret would like to thank everybody in Snailbeach and Minsterley who recently helped her out and sent her flowers, gifts and cards whilst she recovered from her knee operation. She says, "It's lovely to think everybody is so caring".

Libraries Week

"Libraries Week takes place between the 8-13 October to celebrate the nation's much-loved libraries.

This year, with a focus on wellbeing, libraries across the country will showcase how they bring communities together, combat loneliness, provide a space for reading and creativity and support people with their mental health".

The Community Library at Pontesbury has a selection of books on prescription that cover various aspects of mental health as well as books to boost the mood. Shropshire libraries are encouraging singing as part of the wellbeing theme. Pontesbury only recently had a choir visit, so here in our library we will have a display and a selection of books (courtesy of Shrewsbury Library) that may be borrowed. Sing-a-long or learn to play the piano!

There will be some spooky crafting for children during half term and the next Rhyme Time for preschool children will be at 2.30pm on 4th October.

Road Closures:

B4499 Hogstow junction to B4386 junction.

Start Date: 29th October 2018

End Date: 7th December 2018

Purpose: Carriageway resurfacing.

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council.

Enforcement pattern for B4499 closure:

Monday - Sunday 09:30 - 16:00 and 24 hour closures on 05 - 06 Nov. 18, 12 -13 Nov. 18 and 15 -16 Nov 18 from 07:00-07:00

Phase 1 - 29/10/18-02/11/18 - Betton junction to B4386 junction for civils.

Phase 2 - 05/11/18-27/11/18 - Hogstow junction to Betton junction for civils and resurfacing

Phase 3 - 28/11/18-07/12/18 - Betton junction to B4386 junction for resurfacing.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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Quiz Night
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Snailbeach Village Hall
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10.00am

Iyengar Yoga
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**Snailbeach & Stiperstones Baby
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Aerobics Village Hall
6 pm Wednesdays

Kids Football Training
Snailbeach Football Club
Thursday 6pm -7pm
Easter – October excluding
school holidays



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

I have been bamboozled and badgered over the last few months to restore Sandy the Snail (not to be confused with Sammy Mail snail) to the SDN.

If you remember, Sandy was the mischievous little snail that used to slither into these pages and hide. The task was to find the pesky little shell dwelling creature. So Sandy has, this month, returned! From henceforth, each month he will be skulking somewhere in these pages. No prizes for finding him, but if you do, please let me know his whereabouts.

Yes, I know it's still only October, but in the hurley burley, cut throat world of international publishing we editors have to plan far, far into the future, and so, once again, we are offering you the opportunity to post your Christmas greetings to all your friends and loved ones in the pages of the SDN! Our centre pages, along with the front and back covers, will be in glorious Christmas colours and we invite you to send us your greetings to the world! Details can be found on the back cover of this month's edition - the deadline for inclusion will be Friday, 23rd November. Hurry! We anticipate a high demand for this limited space!

We strive to spread the SDN as far afield as we can and have a much valued and loved volunteer force of delivery people, without whom you would probably not be reading this now. However, we can only afford to produce the 'hard' copy of the SDN, the one pushed through your letterbox, or picked up from the pub, in black and white and in limited numbers, so we also offer the opportunity for people to have a digital version delivered as an email in glorious full colour. But we think we can do better! Myself and Geoff Sproson (he of the Sammy Mail column) have been talking about setting up an SDN website. This would mean that our little local publication would be able to spread its wings and fly to places only dreamed of in the past! It would also mean that you would have the facility to access all the historical editions of the SDN at the push of a keyboard button. So, WATCH THIS SPACE!

It was with deep sadness that I heard of the news of the passing of Mary Challinor. Mary was the treasurer of the SDN for many years and was, right up until her passing, one of our most valued distributors. The SDN would like to send our deepest condolences to all her surviving family and friends.

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In the 1960's the land to the south of Nipstone Rock was not designated a National Nature Reserve and so it, like many other locations, was considered viable land for the Forestry Commission. The Commission's remit was two-fold; to provide raw materials for the country's developing wood processing industries, to help provide jobs for people in rural areas and thus helping stem the flow of people moving from rural areas to the towns and cities in search of employment. This dual remit however appears to have led them to be forced to leave environmental concerns somewhat in the background as they planted straight lines of monoculture conifers in odd geometric shaped areas across the country.

At the time Britain was importing timber from Scandinavia and the government was subsidising the construction of paper mills, chipboard plants and sawmills to help build a domestic industrial base. Manufacturers preferred their wood to be from a single species as it made production cheaper and so plantations of trees were the logical option. 40 years later the domestic demand for wood and paper may not have been quite so great as forecasted, but far more significantly, the UK's industrial base had dwindled and importing goods from abroad had become by far the cheaper option (although again almost certainly not the best option environmentally speaking).

As a result the smaller plantations such as those between Nipstone Rock and The Rock became economically unviable. The difficulty of gaining access to the areas meant that the larger mechanical harvesters used for felling and delimiting trees could not be used and so it would now cost more to harvest the wood than the logs themselves were actually worth (when these trees were planted the chain saw had only just replaced the axe and the cross-cut saw). The un-natural nature of these plantations however meant that the majority of the trees were of the same age, and the quality of the soil in which they were planted meant that their root systems were fairly shallow, the result could plainly be heard on a windy day as hundreds of fully grown trees held each other up on the windy summit of the Stiperstones.

Thankfully by the turn of the millennia, the area surrounding Nipstone rock had become part of the Stiperstones Nature Reserve and as part of the 'Back to Purple' campaign the conifer trees were removed and a flock of hardy black sheep were released to graze the area and consume any sapling which tried to raise its head. In their place the heather, gorse and of course, ever present whinberries, have made a slow but steady recovery as they reclaimed this very rocky section of the Stiperstones.

In more recent times further conifer plantations have been deforested - some to create heath-land, some to try and bring back the bog marsh and some, such as Bergum Wood, will hopefully be returned to a more natural looking broadleaf woodland complete with birds and other wildlife which were so obviously missing from the plantations. These transformations will of course take a considerable amount of time and effort, but I for one am glad to see the back of at least some of these square patches of odd greenery.

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- The rooster on the Corn Flakes box is called Cornelius. They chose a rooster because the word ceiliog, Welsh for cockerel, sounds a bit like Kellogg.
- Argentinians speak Spanish with a strong Italian accent.
- In the Hundred Years War, dead soldiers had their faces burned off with hot irons to prevent identification.
- The first holiday organised by Thomas Cook was a temperance outing in the East Midlands.
- When Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba, he ordered all Monopoly sets to be destroyed.
- The Sami people of northern Finland use a measure called Poronkusema: the distance a reindeer can walk before needing to urinate.
- A peppier is a waiter whose sole job is to go round with a pepper grinder.
- 99% of all the species that have ever lived are now extinct.

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This month in the garden...



Week 1.

...feed acid loving-shrubs...

Feed acid-loving shrubs such as rhododendrons, camelias and azaleas if they are showing signs of yellowing leaves and not looking healthy and lush. Clear any weeds around them and fork a layer of leaf-mould and well-rotted manure or ericaceous compost into the top few inches of soil.

Week 2.

...use your imagination...

With less maintenance work to be done, now is an ideal time to look critically at the bare skeleton of your garden and plan the introduction of new plants or features to enjoy next year. Bring new life to an old tree by planting clematis at its base to grow undisturbed through the branches.

Week 3.

...collect falling leaves...

As well as making ideal compost, fallen leaves can also be used to protect tender plants such as kniphonia and agapanthus, which need a little extra protection during severe winters. Place a 15 cm (6 in) layer around the base of the plants, leaving the tops uncovered if they are still green.

Week 4.

...make leaf mould...

Collect fallen leaves and if there are too many for your compost bin, put them into plastic garden sacks. Fork holes into the sides and put them somewhere out of sight. In a years time, the action of the weather will have turned the leaves into rich leaf-mould to top-dress the beds.

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Winners of the trophies were:

Best Exhibit, Flower Section: Betton Lakelin Cup - **Bev Chislett**

Most Points, Flower Section: Baker Yates Cup - **Dave Perry**

English Rose: Bromley Powell Cup - **Des Evans**

Best Exhibit, one Fuschia: The Holyoak Cup - **Imogen Mortimer**

Best Exhibit: Joan Jones Cup - **Marjorie Stanyer**

Most Points, Floral Art Section: David & Ann Cup - **Marjorie Stanyer**

Best Exhibit, Vegetable Section: Bill Stephens Cup - **Dave Perry**

Best Vegetable Exhibit: N.V.S. Medal - **Dave Perry**

Most Points, Vegetable Section: Bennett Cup - **Dave Perry**

Most Points, Flower and Veg Sections: Barnett Cup - **Dave Perry**

Best Exhibit, Fruit Section: Jack Newnes Cup - **Alan Owen**

Most Points, Cookery Section: The Committee Award - **Margaret Marsh**

Best Exhibit, Handicraft Section: The Hignett Award - **Myfanwy Stelfox-Manley**

Most Points, Needlework: The Jean Swann Cup - **Leigh Howard**

Best Exhibit: The Shropshire Woodcarvers' Club Perpetual Trophy - **Steve Worrall**

Best Exhibit, Painting or Sketch: E & J Simpson Perpetual Trophy - **Karen Worrall**

Most Points (under 9): J Simpson Cup - **Madeleine Livsey**

Chairman's Award: Challinor Cup - **Neville Lewis**

Xmas Meal

This year's meal will be held on the evening of 5 December, at 7.30 at The Horseshoes. The menu is on display at the Trading Post, where booking, with payment, should be made on Saturday mornings. We look forward to meeting up with everyone there again this year.

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The Sammy Mail Column

by Geoff Sproson

Go Google Go - but what will you find?

Legend has it that Google should have been called Googol (the name of a very large number, 1 with a hundred zeros after it) but someone got the spelling wrong. Its originators, two Stamford University students had wanted to call it 'Backrub' because of the way it massaged its searches in a different way from earlier search engines.

Search engines you say, what are those? Well they are simply web pages that do a special job. Some people get tied up between browsers and search engines. Browsers are computer programmes which make it easy to access the internet or more specifically the World Wide Web; that huge collection of pages of information, pictures, videos, and portals into shopping channels and banks, or ways of accessing other computer programs that sit in the Web and not on your computer. Microsoft Explorer, Firefox, Safari and Chrome are common browsers but there are many more.

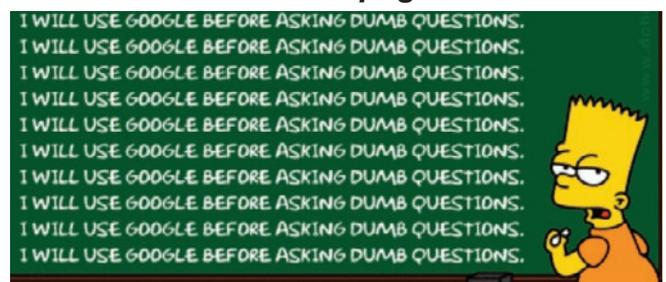
Search engines are your indexes or contents which help you find the one web page out of many millions that contains just the information you want. Early search engines just scanned all the web pages (there weren't so many back in the 1990s) and showed the ones that contained your search word or phrase the most often. Most browsers have their own search engine, although more and more of these rely on Google or Microsoft's Bing for their results. Our two nerdy students Larry Page and Sergey Brin who couldn't spell Googol came up with the idea of giving every web site a score from the search word you entered (say 'Snailbeach') and then showing you those websites with the highest score for that word. How this score is calculated is still a closely guarded secret but it depends upon such things as relevancy (is the site really about Snailbeach), interdependency (does the site have links to other information such as mining, whinberries or

Minsterley Motors and are there other websites which have links to this one such as Natural England, Tourist Information or Hill Walking UK), readability (is the site well organised with menus, clear headings and appropriate images). Google doesn't like cheats such as those sites which repeat words over and over again to move them up the search list and penalises them accordingly, sometimes blocking them altogether.

How Google does this is not important to you, Google is searching the web all the time with automated programs called 'spiders' constantly checking on how often sites are visited, is their content up to date and where are visitors coming from and going to. You just enter the phrase and hopefully find what you want. The decisions Google makes are very important however to those like me who create websites and want visitors to come and read them. Search engine optimisation (SEO) is big business. SEO experts will look at your website and for a fee, advise you on how you can increase your Google score and so move you closer to the top of the list of sites that appear after a particular search word.

Before I forget, you might be wondering how our two geeky boys are doing. As always in the USA they started in a friend's garage. They sought and found some friendly investors including Jeff Bezos, who later founded Amazon – a pretty clued in guy! By 1999 the company was offered to another US online giant Excite for 1 million dollars. Excite turned it down, Google's estimated value today is \$400 billion. If you are old enough you might remember 'Ask Jeeves' that was Excite's competitor to Google –not many of us use 'Ask Jeeves' (now called Ask) anymore...

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- Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the organ of the species.
- Benjamin Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backwards.
- The theory of evolution was greatly objected to because it made man think.
- Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.
- The dodo is a bird that is almost decent by now.
- To remove air from a flask, fill it with water, tip the water out, and put the cork in quick before the air can get back in.
- The Earth makes one resolution every 24 hours.
- To collect fumes of sulfur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.
- Parallel lines never meet, unless you bend one or both of them.
- Algebraical symbols are used when you do not know what you are talking about.
- A circle is a line which meets its other end without ending.
- The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.
- The moon is a planet just like the Earth, only it is even deader.
- Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.

Some words to drop casually into conversation, perhaps?

NOBLER (18th century) – someone employed to strike inattentive members of a church congregation on the head with a stick.

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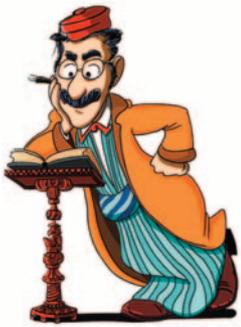
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- Bureaucrats cut red tape, lengthwise.
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- I think sex is better than logic, but I can't prove it.
- I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
- My conscience is clean — I have never used it.
- Help stamp out, eliminate and abolish redundancy!
- I got lost in thoughts. It was unfamiliar territory.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- Very funny, Scotty. Now beam down my clothes...
- Am I ambivalent? Well, yes and no.
- The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.

I wish I'd said that...

- Alimony is like buying hay for a dead horse. - *Groucho Marx*.
- Teflon brain (nothing sticks) - *Lily Tomlin*.
- Useless as a pulled tooth - *Mary Roberts Rinehart*.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment. - *Rita Mae Brown*.
- When you go to the mind reader, do you get half price? - *David Letterman*.
- What's on your mind? If you'll forgive the overstatement. - *Fred Allen*.
- You look into his eyes, and you get the feeling someone else is driving. - *David Letterman*.
- Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't. - *Erica Jong*.
- Analyzing humor is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested and the frog dies of it. - *E. B. White*.
- If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance. - *George Bernard Shaw*.
- She tells enough white lies to ice a wedding cake. - *Margot Asquith*.
- You can pretend to be serious; you can't pretend to be witty. - *Sacha Guitry*.



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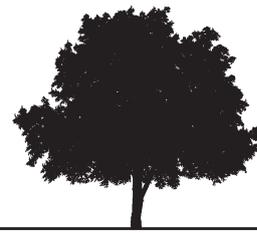
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NATURAL ENGLAND

Notes from the hill

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us and I have even lit the fire at home a few times already. However having had a hot summer, I am less inclined to complain about it cooling down as we come to its end. The rain that we have seen of late has freshened up the pastures and there is a good flowering of autumn hawkbit on the meadows.

The berries in the countryside are very prolific this year, and although I am regularly told that this foretells a hard winter, I think it is more likely to be a response to the dry weather that we have seen this summer. Plants will often bear more seeds and fruit when they are stressed as it is a way of passing their genes on in the eventuality that they may be about to die. Seeds can often survive for very long periods in unsuitable conditions and germinate when conditions are right. We are seeing this at Bog Marsh where we are getting a good recovery of heather, after felling the conifer plantation that has stood here for the last 40 years.



On the hill the rowans are bearing a lot of fruit which bodes well for the visiting winter thrushes although the mistle thrushes, which seem to have had a good breeding year are busy tucking into them already. The sloes, crab apples and blackberries have all produced a good crop. One of my favourites is the elderberry, which is an excellent tonic against colds and flu and has been said to be better than Tamiflu as a flu remedy. Personally I like to use it to make homemade wine. Well, you may as well enjoy your medicine.

The elder tree itself has a detailed folk history and if

grown outside your door is supposed to ward away witches and the devil. It also keeps away flies and the drovers were known to cut sticks to protect cattle and horses from flies and disease. In the middle ages it was declared that it was an elder tree on which Judas hanged himself and for that reason it could never grow into a proper tree and could hardly hold up its own branches.

Unfortunately, after a good search in the woods above Snailbeach, it would seem that although it's a good year for most fruit, it is going to be a particularly bad one for sessile oak acorns, so we will have to wait until next year to collect them for planting at Bergam Wood.

Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmooak.



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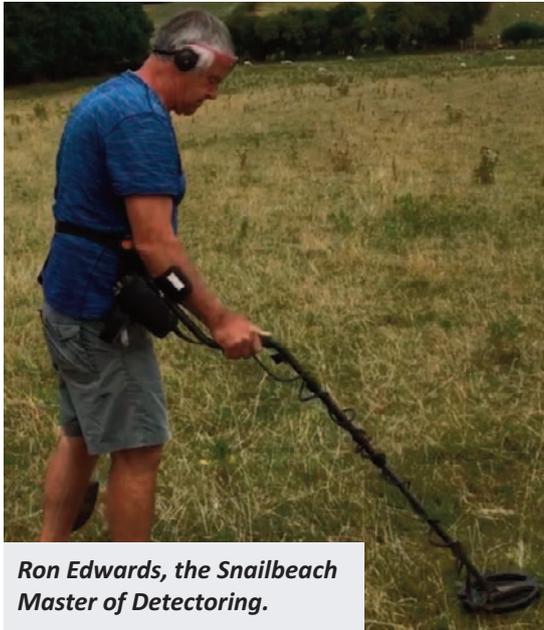
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My Day as a Detectorist

I love old things. I love really old things even more. I don't mean old things like favourite old grannies or old lettuce found at the back of the fridge, I mean old things like medieval castles, vintage cars and dinosaur fossils. I'm a complete sucker for TV programmes like 'Time Team' and 'Antiques Road Show'. Maria and I even appeared on 'Bargain Hunt'. It's not the value of old things that fascinates me, it's the story behind them. I can touch a stone in an old church and wonder, "Who laid that stone? What did they look like? What sort of a day were they having when they laid it?" I let my imagination run wild.



Ron Edwards, the Snailbeach Master of Detecting.

There was a series on BBC 4 recently called 'The Detectorists', starring Mackenzie Crook and Toby Jones as two eccentric metal detectorists, who spend their days plodding along ploughed tracks and open fields, hoping to disturb the tedium by unearthing the fortune of a lifetime. I watched the series twice. I know, sad, but I loved the idea of using a piece of high tech equipment like a metal detector to discover a long forgotten and lost piece of the past. And so I jumped at the invitation to go metal detecting with an old (that word again!) village friend of mine, one Ron Edwards. Ron has been a metal detectorist on and off since 1975 and has permissions to ramble over local fields far and wide.

He picked me up at the Snailbeach bus stop at 8.15 am, – a time that is largely alien to me now that I'm relaxed into an almost stress free retirement. In spite of the scorched and rainless summer we had had thus far, I looked out with sullen disappointment at the drizzle that swept over the village that morning, but my mood was lifted somewhat when Ron arrived and pointed out the full rainbow that arched over the nearby fields. "That's a good omen, that is!" he said, grinning broadly. Ever the optimist is Ron.

Sure enough, when we arrived on site at a field known as 'Horses Pool Field', near Bishop's Castle, the sun had most definitely got his hat on as Ron unloaded two metal detectors from the boot of his car. One he gave to me, a mighty XP Gold Maxxpower, along with a short shovel, a pair of headphones and a 'finds' bag. Once inside the field he set up

my detector to give me the correct sensitivity. It would be able to distinguish between iron and the other, more interesting and exotic metals, such as silver and gold. Making our way towards the far corner of the field to set up our 'base' – a place in the shade where we could leave our rucksacks with liquid refreshment and sandwiches – Ron gave me a brief, but informative, lesson in detecting. He threw a coin onto the grass. I put on my headphones and passed my detector over it. It gave a clear, clean and



The mighty XP Gold Maxx at rest on its shovel whilst we discussed its finds.

distinctive tone. This was what I was to listen for. Anything that gave a signal like rough static crackle was iron and to be avoided. He explained that fields like this were scattered with old iron bits and were largely a distraction. I nodded my head sagely indicating my determination to avoid such crackle and

static. I was to dig up quite a lot of old iron during the course of the day. But the very first thing I stumbled across was a large, indistinct, rectangular piece of brass that Ron assured me was a horse's pendant. I suppose the clue was in the name of the field. But I didn't care that it was just a piece of worthless old brass; it was my very first 'find' and, beaming, I placed it carefully and proudly in my 'finds' bag.

Moving slowly and sweeping the detector from left to right, right to left, listening for the 'right' sound in my headphones, it all became strangely transcendental after a while and I lost all sense of time. Every so



The pocket watch case. "A good jeweller could get this working again!"

often we'd wave to each other across the field and meet at our base camp where we'd show each other our finds over a sandwich and a coffee. Ron had managed to find a coin, amongst other things. I was deeply envious as I showed him my paltry collection of rusty old iron – a door lock, a child's stirrup, a gate hinge and a very big bolt. This wasn't exactly the Saxon treasure trove I'd hoped for whilst standing in the Snailbeach drizzle hours earlier.

After lunch, however, either my luck changed or perhaps I'd just got a bit better at recognising the 'right' tone, for I found the case of an old pocket

watch. I was mightily impressed with myself! Ron asked me if it was still working. Don't you just love Scouse humour? He called me over shortly after. "Listen, this is the perfect tone," he said. I waved my detector over the spot he'd indicated. The sound it picked up was clear and pure. "Yes," he went on, "I think it's a coin, 1803, or possibly 1804...definitely George 111." For a second or two he had me, then I saw that broad grin of his again. It did turn out to be a coin however, an early Victorian penny. That was two coins to him and nil to me. But my luck was about to change.

In a corner of the field, amongst the thistles and sheep droppings, of which there were plenty, I got that pure clean signal in my headphones. Was this it? Had I stumbled across that elusive Saxon treasure trove on my very first day of detecting? I dropped to my knees and with a mixture of trepidation and excitement carefully dug a small hole. I turned back the piece of turf.

I passed the detector over the turf – nothing. I passed it over the hole. Yes! A pure clean signal. Whatever it was, it was still in the hole. I went deeper and there it was! What it was I hadn't a clue, but it appeared to be brass and it was ornate. I called Ron over, for surely he would know. He looked at it with lots of "Erms" and "Ahhs", then came to the conclusion that he'd never seen anything like it before in his life. I'd done it! I'd found the 'Find of the Day'!

It later took Ron two days of research to discover exactly what I'd found. Pictured here, I wonder if you, dear reader, know what it is. The first correct answer to arrive in my mail box will get a special SDN pen as a prize!

I'd enjoyed my day as a metal detectorist and after a pint in the pub ruminating over our finds, Ron dropped me off in the village with a cheery, "Don't forget to take that watch case to the jewellers to see if they can get it going!"



My 'Find of the Day'. It's brass, it's old, but what is it? Answers to:- editor.sdn@mail.com

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SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS

Beacon FC 3-1 Snailbeach White Stars

SUMMARY: Our first league match as a Premier Division team against one of the pre-season favourites to win the league title. Our hosts boasted some very good players, but so did we. In an even game fine margins separated the match, with our hosts converting their chances and us squandering ours. Learning curve but plenty of reason to believe we can more than compete in the top league.

GOAL SCORER: Marcus ASHLEY

MAN OF THE MATCH: Nath JEX – Steady performance at the back by one of the clubs summer additions. Continued some good pre-season form and was assured throughout the game.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Ben MILLINGTON, Owen MORRIS, Nath JEX

MID: Joe BYERS, Jamie HYNE, Craig HARRIS, Craig GRIFFITHS, Sam JONES

ATT: Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES ©

SUBS: Jack BREEZE, Dan CAMBURN, Lee GRADY, Reece BENSON

Snailbeach White Stars 2-8 Instones United

SUMMARY: 13 players unavailable, facing the most dominant team in the Sunday league and perennial, and defending, Premier Division winners. The circumstances were far from ideal but nevertheless, this was a very disappointing defeat. A fixture we had all looked forward too since promotion, but we were beaten by the superior team on the day.

GOAL SCORERS: Danny JONES, Craig GRIFFITHS

MAN OF THE MATCH: Danny JONES – Battled hard in the first half but switched to play further forward in the second half. Grabbed a very good goal and gave the visitors something to think about at the back.

TEAM:

GK: Wayne WALTON

DEF: Owen MORRIS, Danny JONES, Emmanuel WILLIAMS

MID: Nath JEX, Lee GRADY, Craig GRIFFITHS, Ben MILLINGTON, Sam JONES

ATT: Jamie HYNE, Marcus ASHLEY ©

SUBS: Chris CARSWELL

Loppington 2-4 Snailbeach White Stars

SUMMARY: Result more comfortable than the scoreline suggests. Bossed the game for the majority and missed a host of good chances. Important result on the road and one that secures our first win in the top flight. A good confidence builder and great to see a few familiar faces returning. We are up and running...

GOAL SCORERS: Marcus ASHLEY (3), Adam DAVIES

MAN OF THE MATCH: Jamie HYNE – Good display in midfield and proved that he's returning to the form he showed at the beginning of last season. Battled all game and was our most creative influence throughout.

TEAM:

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DEF: Aryn MATTHEE, Owen MORRIS, Emmanuel WILLIAMS

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Letter From Westminster

October 2018

Syria and the refugee crisis

As I write ahead of publication, events may have altered the situation in Syria by the time you read this. But after 8 long years of bloody and tragic conflict, it seems the civil war in Syria may be reaching the end.

Regime forces supported by a Russia have encircled the city of Idlib, the last major stronghold to hold out against President Assad. Tensions run high, given the regime's previous use of chemical weapons. Turkey has bolstered its military presence in the area, determined not to let the humanitarian situation on their border worsen.

This tragic civil war has touched the lives of millions, killing hundreds of thousands and displacing over 6 million civilians, around half of the country's population.

Earlier this year, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based monitoring group with a network of sources in the country, indicated it had documented the death of 353,900 people, including 106,000 civilians. This figure did not include 56,900 people who it categorised as missing and presumed dead. The group also estimated an additional 100,000 deaths had not been documented.

For those of us in the House of Commons who voted, whether for or against the decision to intervene in Syria following the use of chemical weapons, when David Cameron was Prime Minister, the effects of the war are a stark reminder of the consequences of inaction.

The accounts of behind the scenes negotiation and efforts to build international consensus at the time make for interesting reading – but it was clear the lack of majority for action in Syria in the House of Commons had international ramifications, including within the United States.

As the civil war has raged, significant international action has provided a massive humanitarian response to this crisis. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) estimates over 13 million people in Syria are in need of humanitarian assistance as a result of the crisis, of whom 5.3 million are thought to be children. A further 5.6 million refugees have fled the country due to the civil war, almost exclusively to neighbouring countries. Most have fled to Turkey, followed by Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt.

I am travelling to neighbouring Lebanon this week to see for myself the impact of this displacement on the lives of those who have had to flee, and the impact on countries providing shelter.

I am encouraged the British government has been so proactive in providing support on the ground to the region, where aid has the greatest impact. Since 2012, across Syria and the region, UK aid has delivered over 27 million food rations that feed a person for a month, 12 million medical consultations, 10 million relief packages, and 10 million vaccines. In 2016/17 alone, UK aid reached over 5 million people with clean water. Much support has come through voluntary agencies and charities, many of which are well supported here in Shropshire.

But there is every likelihood that much of this aid to support the refugees will continue for years to come. Britain's aid in the region is playing a vital role in alleviating the extreme suffering, and we will continue to be at the forefront of the global humanitarian response.

The only way to establish lasting peace in Syria is through a credible political transition away from the Assad regime, but the reality is hope of a political settlement in the region at present looks like a distant dream.

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- 6 - Bay Leaves
- 8 - Cardamom Seeds
- 2 - Table Spoons of Ginger Paste
- 2 - Table Spoons of Garlic paste
- 2 - Tins of Chopped Tomatoes
- ½ - Kilo of sliced Mushrooms
- 6 - Chopped Fresh Chilli Peppers
- 4 - Dried Crushed Red Chillies
- ½ - Kilo of Pre-Cooked Cauliflower
- ½ - Pint of Water
- 1 - Tin of Chickpeas (drained)
- 4 - Table Spoons of Butter or Ghee
- 1 - Tin of Pineapple Chunks (drained)
- 3 - Table spoons of Desiccated Coconut
- 2 - Handfuls of fresh Coriander
- 30 - Eggs (older eggs are easier to remove shells)
- Very Large Saucepan with lid, one that can fit on and in stove and hold all the above

Method

Pre-cook hard boiled eggs and remove shells, prick with fork and put to one side.

In a large saucepan melt butter or ghee on stove hob, add the pureed onions to butter or ghee. Cook until transparent but not brown, then stir in the rest of the ingredients except eggs. Place lid on saucepan and cook inside a preheated oven at 170c for 2 hours, check and stir every 15 minutes. After the 2 hours turn oven off and add eggs and leave. Reheat 1 hour at 170c before serving.

This is for 30 eggs – obviously, adjust amounts accordingly. Any type pre-cooked meat or veg etc can be substituted in place of eggs, e.g. pre-cooked Beef, Chicken, Lamb or Prawns. If using cooked prawns add 15 minutes before serving.

Important – do not freeze hard boiled eggs, they will be inedible due to texture. Enjoy!

**Nick Southwick
Snailbeach**

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Appeal Status: Unknown
Appeal Decision: Not Available

Reference: 18/02687/FUL
Alternative Reference: PP-07046832
Application Validated: Fri 15 Jun 2018
Address: Proposed Storage Building At Lower Works Snailbeach Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building for the use of storing machinery, straw and livestock housing
Status: Granted
Decision: Grant Permission
Decision Issued Date: Wed 29 Aug 2018
Appeal Status: Unknown

Appeal Decision: Not Available

Reference: 18/03515/FUL
Alternative Reference: PP-07170299
Application Validated: Tue 07 Aug 2018
Address: 4 Snailbeach Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 0NS
Proposal: Erection of detached double garage
Status: Awaiting decision
Appeal Status: Unknown
Appeal Decision: Not Available

Reference: 18/03753/FUL
Alternative Reference: PP-07197891
Application Validated: Thu 16 Aug 2018
Address: 38 Snailbeach Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 0NX
Proposal: To remove existing conservatory and replace with single storey garden room
Status: Awaiting decision
Appeal Status: Unknown
Appeal Decision: Not Available

Reference: 18/03948/CPE
Alternative Reference: PP-07180679
Application Validated: Fri 31 Aug 2018
Address: Caravan Adjacent Old School House Shelve Minsterley Shropshire SY5 0JQ
Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the material operational development of a permanent residential building
Status: Awaiting decision
Appeal Status: Unknown
Appeal Decision: Not Available

Alternative Reference: Not Available
Application Validated: Mon 16 Jul 2018
Address: Land North Of Mistletoe Cottage Crows Nest Snailbeach Shropshire SY5 0LU
Proposal: Discharge Conditions 4 (archaeology), 5 (drainage), 6 (contaminated land), 8 (bat boxes) and 9 (bird boxes) of outline planning permission No. 16/02875/OUT (for erection of single-storey dwelling)
Status: Discharge Conditions Part Approved
Decision: Discharge Conditions Part Approved
Decision Issued Date: Mon 20 Aug 2018
Appeal Status: Unknown
Appeal Decision: Not Available

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Heather Kidd's Report

Severn Trent

As if we don't have enough problems with our roads, the behaviour of Severn Trent Water has been a particular source of annoyance to many of us over the last few months.

Like all water companies, Severn Trent have the right to close a road without warning in an emergency i.e. a major leak, broken pipe etc. The problem with Severn Trent is that they allow minor problems to get worse and then close a road without warning claiming that it's an emergency. They do this without telling the Council, residents or myself under emergency procedures. A while ago, for example, they closed the road up to Rorrington Hill and went home for the weekend leaving many residents trapped. More recently they closed the Snailbeach Road at Plox Green without warning, causing residents a great deal of aggravation – a situation made worse by abuse from some of their workmen.

All of this and then we had the leak just above Crows Nest which was reported on 5th July and several times after which was suddenly an emergency closure on 12th September. No permit in place and no warning to me, residents or school transport until it was happening. They intended it to be a 3 day closure. I discussed this with permitting who pressured them to do it all in one day – thankfully. If they had decided to do it in the school holidays it would have caused less of a problem.

The Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT's) up on Pennerley Hill are in poor condition and heavy rain washes down them carrying stone with it. I finally managed to have a site meeting with Natural England,

Countryside and Highways to try to find a way to improve this. We are now all working to find ways to improve drainage and channel the water so that it causes less damage and localised flooding. Stone will then be put back. We do need to keep these accessible for residents and emergency services. I am contacting Severn Trent to see if they will help fund some of the work as they use the BOAT so frequently.

Work on the B4499 – the Leigh Road.

For those of you who use this road leading from Minsterley to Brockton the resurfacing and improved drainage works will start on 29th October through to 7th December – they will finish earlier if at all possible. There are some 24 hour closures but mainly the closures will be 9.30 -4pm. It will be done in phases. If you would like to receive the details on these closures, and have an email address, please ask to be on my email list. Just email me at heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk (details of the closures can be found in 'News in Brief' on page 2 - Ed)

You will have received your electoral role form in the last couple of weeks. Don't forget to return them, ring up or do so online and make sure you keep your vote.

You never can tell when you might need to use it!

Heather

Heather Kidd, Shropshire Councillor for Chirbury and Worthen

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Planners' fees

Man goes goes to Planning Consultant for help.

Man: What's your least expensive fee?

Planning Consultant : 80 pounds for three questions.

Man: That's pretty expensive, innit?

Planning Consultant : Yep. So what's your third question?

Snailbeach Village Hall

- The Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30 pm. It's a meeting that's open to the public and we would love to see you there. We are also looking for more volunteers to join the Committee. We are keen to ensure that our Village Hall is well used by the community so if you have new ideas you would like to share, come and join us. If you want to talk to someone before the meeting, contact Rev Pam Bickley (secretary) on 07887 531174
- Thursday 29th November is the Village Hall Christmas Fair. If you would like to book a table to sell your goods, please contact Rev Pam (phone number above). Tables cost £10 and need to be booked in advance. The fair will run from 4-8pm – come along and do some Christmas shopping; enjoy coffee and cake and stop for a chat.

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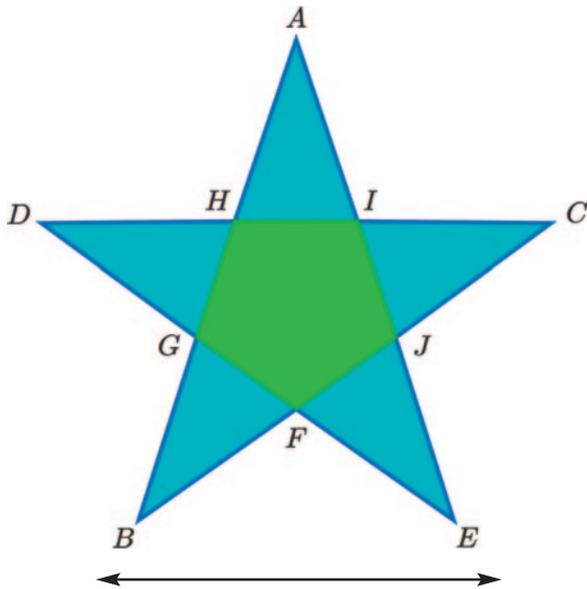
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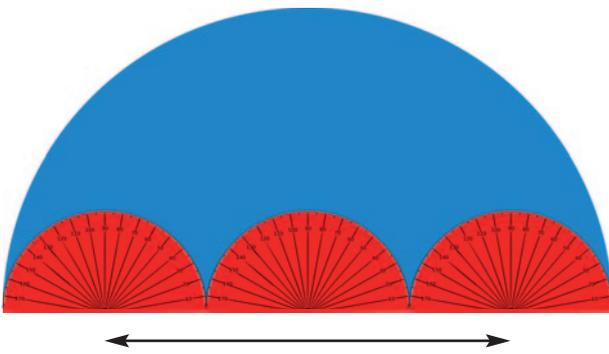
PUZZLES & POSERS

1) The Star

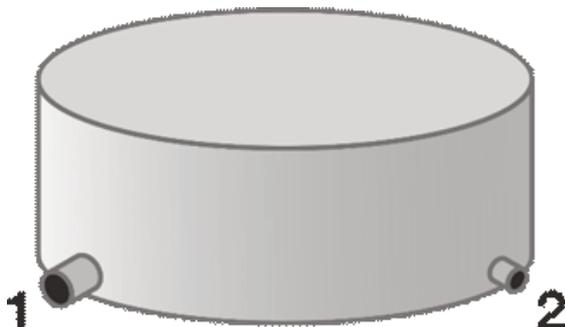
If the star has an outside perimeter of 50, and the pentagon has a perimeter of 30, what is $AB + BC + CD + DE + EA = ?$



2) Three semicircles (with equal radii) are drawn inside the large semicircle so that their diameters all sit on the diameter of the large semicircle. What is the ratio of the 3 small semicircles area to the large semicircle area?



3) With pipe 2 closed, pipe 1 will empty the water tank in 1 hour.
With pipe 1 closed, pipe 2 will empty the water tank in 2 hours.
If both pipes are open, how long will it take for the water tank to empty?



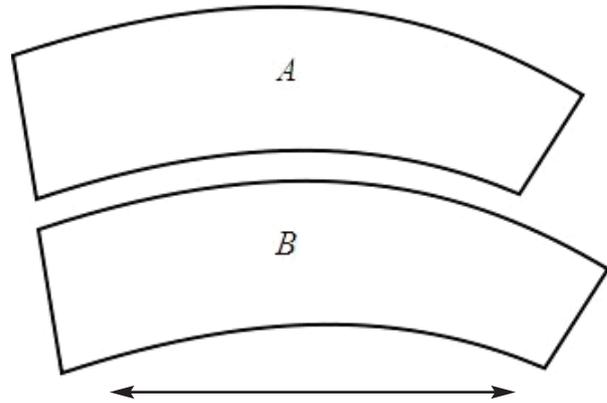
4) A Ping Pong Ball in a Hole

Your last good ping-pong ball fell down into a narrow metal pipe embedded in concrete one foot deep.

How can you get it out undamaged, if all the tools you have are your tennis paddle, your shoe-laces, and your plastic water bottle, which does not fit into the pipe?



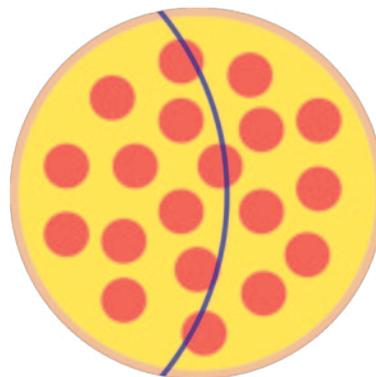
5) Which of these figures is larger?



6) I cut a pizza in the shape of a circular arc such that there are 2 pieces of equal area.

Is it possible that these 2 pieces have the same amount of crust on the circumference?

Assume the crust is 1-dimensional, i.e. it's just the circumference of the pizza with no area.

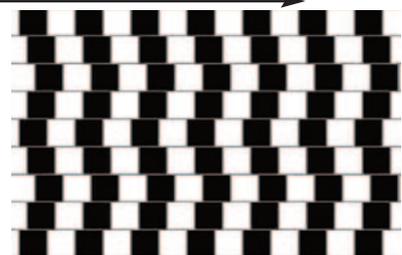


7) A blue light shines on a yellow shirt in an otherwise dark room.

What colour does the shirt appear?



8) Are the horizontal lines straight and parallel?



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No crime incident report has been submitted this month.

Thefts from vans

Unfortunately there has been a recent spate of thefts from vans locally. There were a number of thefts and attempt thefts from vans reported on the evening of the 26th August over the Welsh border around Welshpool. We received a report of a theft of tools from a Ford Transit over the same night in Chirbury. A theft of power tools from a Ford Transit was reported overnight 28th - 29th August in Clun. The suspect vehicle involved in the Welshpool incidents is a silver Vauxhall Vectra saloon of which at the time was displaying registration SG08ZDS. Minimal damage has been caused to the vans as offenders take advantage of the poor locks fitted to some of the older models of Ford Transits. The best form of crime prevention is to where possible remove all tools from vans overnight. Consider fitting new secure door locks instead of the factory fitted locks and also deadlocks to the side and rear doors.

SPEEDING

Speed enforcement by local officers is being conducted in the 30mph zones of Clun, Clunton, Lydbury North and Clungunford. The Safer Roads Partnership continue to enforce Chirbury, Marton and Worthen with the speed van.

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Shrewsbury To Bishops Castle - Monday To Saturday

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BUS STATION, Stand N	07:35	08:10	08:50	10:05	10:30	11:00	12:00	12:30	13:30	14:00	14:45		15:45	16:25	16:25	17:00	17:40	18:05
Copthorne Rd, opp Barracks	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:37	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:52		15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:12
Copthorne, opp Hospital				10:18			12:13			14:13				16:38			17:53	
Radbrook Rd, adj College	07:47	08:22	09:02		10:42	11:12		12:42	13:42		14:57		15:57		16:37	17:12		18:17
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:47	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	15:02		16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:22
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:49	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:20	15:04		16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:24
Lea Cross, adj Junction	07:57	08:32	09:12	10:27	10:52	11:22	12:22	12:52	13:52	14:22	15:07		16:07	16:47	16:47	17:22	18:02	18:27
Mary Webb		08:40											15:20					
Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:40	09:18	10:33	10:59	11:29	12:28	12:58	13:59	14:28	15:13	15:21	16:14	16:53	16:54	17:28	18:08	18:34
Minsterley, adj crown & sceptre	08:07	08:47	09:22	10:37	11:02	11:32	12:32	13:02	14:02	14:32	15:17	15:27	16:17	16:57	16:57	17:32	18:12	18:37
Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	11:04	11:34	12:34		14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:39
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:07				14:07			15:32	16:22		17:02			18:42
Stiperstones, adj Inn					11:10				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:45
Hope	08:14			10:44			12:39			14:39				17:04				18:19
Gravels	08:16			10:46			12:41			14:41				17:06				18:21
White Grit, Turn	08:20			10:50			12:45			14:45				17:10				18:25
Llan, Turn	08:24			10:54			12:49			14:49				17:14				18:29
Bromleys Mill	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52				17:17				18:32
Lydham, Church	08:29			10:59			12:54			14:54				17:19				18:34
Bishops castle, Salop Street	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56				17:21				18:36
Bishops castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00				17:25				18:40

Bishops Castle To Shrewsbury - Monday To Saturday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)				SCH														
Bishops castle, opp Boars Head				07:30				09:40			12:18		13:30			15:40		
Bishops castle, Salop Street				07:33				09:43			12:22		13:33			15:43		
Lydham, Church				07:35				09:45			12:24		13:35			15:45		
Bromleys Mill				07:37				09:47			12:26		13:37			15:47		
Llan, Turn				07:40				09:50			12:29		13:40			15:50		
White Grit, Turn				07:44				09:54			12:33		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 Inn	06:48	07:20	07:48		08:23				11:15					14:35			16:53	
Snailbeach, Village Hall	06:52	07:22	07:52		08:27				11:18					14:38			16:57	
Plox Green, Crossroads	06:55	07:25	07:55	07:55	08:30			10:05	11:21	11:55	12:45	13:05	13:55	14:42		16:05	17:05	
Minsterley, opp crown & sceptre	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:48	09:25	10:08	11:24	11:58	12:48	13:08	13:58	14:45	15:18	16:08	17:08	17:32
Pontesbury, Hall Bank	07:03	07:33	08:03	08:03	08:37	08:53	09:30	10:13	11:29	12:03	12:53	13:13	14:03	14:50	15:23	16:13	17:13	17:37
Mary Webb					08:40										15:26			
Lea Cross, Opp Junction	07:08	07:38	08:08	08:08		08:58	09:35	10:18	11:34	12:08	12:53	13:18	14:08	14:55	15:30	16:18	17:18	17:42
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:11	07:41	08:11	08:11		09:01	09:38	10:21	11:37	12:11	13:01	13:21	14:11	14:58	15:31	16:21	17:21	17:45
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745 Mondays and Fridays only

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	15:17
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	09:35	Colebatch	14:20
Clunton	09:38	Bishops Castle	14:25
Little Brampton	09:40	Lydham	14:30
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Aston on Clun	10:03	Gravels	14:37
Long Meadowend	10:05	Hope	14:40
Craven Arms	10:10	Minsterley	14:45
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:25	Pontesbury	14:50

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775 Tuesdays only

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	Bishops Castle	14:40
Bromleys Mill	09:55	Lydham	14:43
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Bishops Castle	10:05	White Grit	14:52
Church Stoke	10:20	Gravels	14:55
Blue Bell	10:25	Hope	15:00
Sarn	10:30	Plox Green	15:02
Kerry	10:40	Minsterley	15:05
Newtown	10:50	Pontesbury	15:10

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1. Don't get mixed up between web addresses which usually start with www and web searches which are just standard words or phrases. If you have a web address off a leaflet, business card or magazine article this should be typed into the top bar of your browser, it will already have the address of the page you are looking at starting http. Make sure you delete the old address completely, a double click and the delete key usually does the trick.
2. Search strings as they are called can either be typed into this same top bar or if you are on Google's home page in the blank box in the middle of the screen. Although it is true that Google ignores little word like 'in', 'the', and 'to', the order of your words can be important – try 'New York cafes' and 'New cafes York'.
3. Look out for Google ads; sadly I think Google

allows website owners to pay to have their site at the top of the list. They are clearly marked and I am reluctant to use them on principle.

4. Read the results carefully, like most inhuman devices Google likes to correct your spelling. If it does it usually offers your original text as an alternative to its predicted one. Sometimes Google can only find part of your phrase, if you notice a line that starts '*missing*' with a word crossed out you can force Google to only show those sites containing all your search words.
5. Don't always go for the top of the list, remember – SEO, with the cleverer designers, get their sites up there, but some of us little guys have good things to say so click on a number under one of those Google 'o's at the bottom of the page and rough it once in a while.

Next month, more on Google searching, images, maps, safe searching etc. and a few of the other features now offered by our \$400 billion friend.



Due to a technical hiccup, we are unable to give you our usual colouring in and Sudoku page. We hope this happy Halloween picture will inspire you instead. As usual, all entries to Phil at The Stiperstones Inn.



Baptist Services



Sunday services: 10.30 am & 3.00 pm
 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Wednesdays 7.15 pm
 Held in the School Room, Snailbeach
 Elder: Mr. Joe Evans 01743 790 979
 All are welcome!

Quaker Meetings

Shrewsbury Quaker Meeting House

Corporation Lane, Coton Hill,
 Shrewsbury, SY1 2NU
 10.30 am every Sunday

Clun Valley Quaker Meeting

The Community Centre
 Grange Road, Bishop's Castle
 10.30 am every Sunday, **except 1st Sunday**
of month Hazelhurst Community Centre,
 Hazelhurst Close, Clun SY7 8LQ



The Methodist Church

Snailbeach Methodist Church News

October services

7th. October 10.30 am

14th. October 2.45 pm

21st. October 2.45 pm

28th. October 10.30 am

17th November 10 am - 2 pm

Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

**This will be for
 Hospice at Home**

In memory of

Mary Challinor

Please come and support us

Stiperstones Group C of E Service Rota October 2018

Date	Habberley St. Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St. Lukes
1st Sunday 7th October Trinity 19 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Pam <small>(Revd Giles taking 11am Holy Communion at All Saints Worthen)</small>	9.00am Harvest Songs of Praise Revd Giles	
2nd Sunday 14th October Trinity 20 Green	6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	10.30am Harvest Songs of Praise Revd Christine	10.30am Harvest Songs of Praise Revd Giles		
3rd Sunday 21st October Trinity 21 Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
Thursday 25th October			7.30pm Service of Thanksgiving in Remembrance Revd Giles & Revd Pam		
4th Sunday 28th October Trinity 22 Green	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Pam	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Pam	10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Christine		2.00pm Baptism Revd Pam

WHAT'S ON

Body Shop Party

Wed 24th October @ 7.30 pm
Stiperstones School - In aid of
Friends of Stiperstones School.
Contact Clare 01743 790419 or
Elaine 07805 992719

Stiperstones School Winter Fayre,

Friday 16th November 3.30-6pm
Huge variety of stalls!
Baked Potatoes and
Mulled Wine, Cakes, Raffle,
Bottle bola etc.

Craft Fair

at Priest Weston Village Hall,
Saturday, 3rd November
10 am to 12.30 pm
Entrance £2 to include tea/coffee
In aid of Middleton and The
Marsh Church's.

Sarah McQuaid Singer Songwriter

Snailbeach Village Hall
7.30 pm, Friday 9th November
Tickets £10 in advance from the
Stiperstones Inn
£12 on the door

Supper Dance Chirbury Village Hall

Friday 2nd November
7.30 pm for 8pm
Tickets £10 from Chirbury Shop
or call:-
Pauline Preston 01938 561611
Pat Geddes 01938 561883

**I can totally keep
secrets. It's the people I
tell them to that can't.**



Post your Christmas greetings in the SDN!

Once again we are offering our readers the opportunity to send personalised Christmas greetings to all their friends and loved ones through the pages of the Snailbeach District News. Our December Christmas edition will feature a seasonal centre spread with your Christmas messages!

- The deadline for inclusion will be **Friday, 23rd November**.
- Each message should be no longer than 40 words.
- The cost will be £5 per message which will go towards helping with our printing and running costs.
- Please leave your message, together with your payment, either at The Stiperstones Inn, or with Patrick Marks at 5, Lower Works, Snailbeach. marking your envelope "Christmas Greeting for the SDN"
- There is limited space, so don't delay!



"Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing, 'Oh how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade
While better men than we go out, and start their working lives
By grubbing weeds from garden paths with broken dinner knives."
Rudyard Kipling

Answers to Puzzles & Posers from page 33

- 1) 80
2) 1:2
3) 40 minutes
4) All the tools are random things that are not going to help you. All you have to do is pour some water into the pipe so that the ball swims up on the surface. And if you say that you don't have any water, then think about what you drank today and if you can use that somehow :-).
5) The lower figure appears larger, however, both figures are identical - it's an optical illusion.
6) No.
7) Black
8) Yes! It's another optical illusion.

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Deadline for inclusion is midday on the 20th of each month.

You can also leave items for inclusion at the Stiperstones Inn if you wish.