



# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS DECEMBER 2018

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*We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!*





# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## Stiperstones Brass Rehearsals

Snailbeach Village Hall  
Mondays 7.45pm  
Term times only

## Quiz Night

Stiperstones Inn  
Last Monday 8.00pm

## Knitter Natter

Stiperstones Inn  
Tuesdays from 10.00am

## Yoga

Snailbeach Village Hall  
Tuesdays 10.00am

## Iyengar Yoga

Snailbeach Village Hall  
Tuesday 7.00pm

## Snailbeach & Stiperstones Baby & Toddler Group

Thursdays 10am -12am  
Snailbeach Village Hall

## Ballroom Dancing

Snailbeach Village Hall  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
From 7.30pm  
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## Snailbeach WI

Snailbeach Village Hall  
2nd Thursday - 7.30pm

## Fit Club

Stiperstones School Playground  
Every Sunday 9am  
Aerobics Village Hall  
6 pm Wednesdays

## Bingo!

Stiperstones Inn  
Every 2nd Monday  
of the month  
Big prizes!



# Christmas

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our multicoloured Christmas special edition! I've tried to fill it with seasonal goodwill, colour and some fun that I hope you will enjoy, but firstly I must report a rather unpleasant local incident.

A Snailbeach resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, (Granny Smith?) has written to the SDN (see News in Brief opposite) complaining of a recent bout of apple scrumping on a scale that shook us all to the very 'core', threatening to 'crumble' the very fabric of our Snailbeach societal structure! Joking aside, it does seem that thieves have been out and about in our villages stealing apples on quite a large scale. I have spoken to the writer of the letter, who wishes to remain anonymous, who told me that his neighbours apples were the first to disappear. A large, well established and heavily laden tree, visible from the road, was completely stripped. No trace of any apples were left, not even the odd one lying on the ground. The next day our letter writer returned home to find a tree of his own, well hidden from the road and similarly well established and fully laden with eating apples, had also been stripped bare. He told me, "The thief (or thieves) must know the area well as my tree is well hidden from the road on private land. I was astounded as it was a huge crop and not a single apple was left!"

This is obviously not a case of some children scrumping for a few apples, something that happens every year, I'm sure, but a well planned and organised theft. As both trees were of quite a size, it begins to look like they were taken by a cider maker. Do let me know if you know of any more cases like this in our villages. I find it sad to think that, perhaps, one of our own is stealing from us.

On a brighter note, Christmas is almost upon us! As I write this there has been no pre-Christmas snow, nor has any yet been forecast, unlike last year. I had mixed feelings last year about seasonal snow. It certainly looked very pretty for a day or two, but then the novelty wore off and I confess to being glad to see the back of it once the thaw set in.

Remember, there is no January edition of the SDN - our next edition will be in February, so it now only remains for us here at the SDN to wish you all -

*A Peaceful Christmas &  
a Happy & Healthy New Year!*

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*Look what we  
have now!*



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Snailbeach resident gets the pip!

We received this letter recently from a Snailbeach resident. I have made some comments and observations about this incident in Notes from the Editor on page 2.

*"Dear Editor,*

*I live in Snailbeach and recently the apple trees in both my garden and my neighbours' garden have had every apple taken by somebody. Not a trace was left. Both trees were fully laden with ripe apples – and both are on private land. Is someone scrumping for cider? I wondered if any other villagers had experienced this?*

*Sincerely, Anon."*

### Village Halls' Quiz

**Jenny Alldridge writes:**

On Friday 9 November a team consisting of Jenny Alldridge, Dave Fitzhugh, Susan Bates and Jerry Hughes went to Stapleton. The winners on the night were Minsterley and Radbrook B, with 57 points. We only managed 52, so even if we had given three more answers which we knew but failed to submit we would have come nowhere. Minsterley took home the four bottles of wine on a tie-break question. We only got 15/20 in the fun quiz, the winners got 18 points, so we did not do as well as in the first quiz last month when we were one of three teams to get 25/25 but lost out on the tie break. That night we got 54 points in the quiz and failed to give seven more correct answers that we actually knew. We would have been at the top of the league table then, equal with two other teams if we had those 61 points that we could have had. We are now well down in the league table - such is life!

The team going to Hope on 7 December will be Jenny Alldridge, Susan Bates, Julian Bromhead and Jerry Hughes; and on 4 January Jenny Alldridge, Susan Bates, Luke Alldridge and Sarah Dodd will be going to Cruckton. We only have three people for the last three engagements of the year, so there is time for someone to volunteer!

### No SDN in January!

**Please note that the Snailbeach District News does not publish a January edition. Deadline for the February edition is Friday 25th January.**

## WHAT'S ON

### Snailbeach Toddlers Group

#### Christmas Party

Snailbeach Village Hall

10 am to 12 noon, Thursday 6th December

Tea, coffee and festive bakes.

Visit from Father Christmas!

#### Christmas Fayre

Minsterley Parish Hall

Saturday 8th December

12.00 - 3.00 pm

Father Christmas arrives at 12.30 pm

In aid of

Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

&

St. Luke's Church, Snailbeach

### Stiperstones Brass Band

#### Christmas Carols

Snailbeach Village Hall

Sunday 9th December

Carols with the Band 3.30 - 4.30

Refreshments 3.00- 5.00

#### Christmas Bingo!

The Stiperstones Inn

Monday 10th December

8.00pm start

### Lordshill Baptist Church

#### Christmas Carol Service

Saturday 15th December 3 pm

Snailbeach Village Hall

Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

### Christmas Eve Carol Service

The Stiperstones Inn

8.00 pm

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December

#### Dawdle or Dash

Starts at

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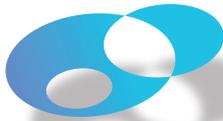
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All traditional and modern forms of energy therapy such as REIKI, Yoga and Accupuncture are believed to work by stimulating clearance of energy blocks and allowing the natural healing mechanism to work. REIKI can never cause harm, it is always helpful.

REIKI is not attached to any particular religion and is therefore open to people from all walks of life. If anyone would like an appointment of any more information please contact me on 07340 412 066

Rosa McCombe  
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# AMAZING FACTS

To Blow Your Mind



- Nutmeg is illegal in Saudi Arabia because it is hallucinogenic if consumed in large quantities.
- The whole of Liechtenstein can be rented for \$70,000 a night, for a minimum of two nights. It sleeps 900.
- Not only did Terry Pratchett have 10 honorary doctorates, he was also an honorary Brownie.
- Franz Liszt was the first musician to have women's underwear thrown at him.
- The earliest known treatment for hearing loss was to pour ant eggs, bat wings and goat urine into the ears.
- In the Second World War, British troops were issued with three sheets of toilet paper a day; American soldiers got 22.
- Since at least the time of Pythagoras in 500 BC, no sensible educated person has believed the Earth was flat.
- The world's most expensive phone number is 666-6666. It was sold in 2006 for £1.5 million.
- In 1993, Karl Watkins of Redditch, Worcestershire, was jailed for having sex with pavements.
- Every Christmas Day, 400,000 Britons go out to a shop to buy batteries.

## Newsletter Donations

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## THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN...



### Week 1.

*...time for topiary...*

Evergreen shrubs make unusual standards or topiary specimens and give structure all year round. Easily trained shrubs include box, euonymus, holly and yew. Prune lightly but regularly and, once the shape has been created, maintain it by trimming twice yearly, once in spring after fresh growth and again in late summer.

### Week 2.

*...pruning...*

In frost free weather, prune out dead or diseased branches from established trees and shrubs. Prune overhanging branches of deciduous trees and cut back the long stems of established roses. Prune vines before the end of the month. Deadhead winter-flowering pansies regularly.

### Week 3.

*...winter weather...*

Avoid using salt to clear snow-covered paths or icy, paved areas adjoining beds and borders. Once the thaw begins, the dissolved salt will permeate the soil and may damage the roots of nearby plants. Instead, sprinkle with grit, sand, ashes or gravel, which will melt the snow without harming nearby plants.

### Week 4.

*...cut holly for the pudding...and misletoe to stand under...*

Clear all dead foliage from hardy herbaceous plants if you have not already done so earlier. Fork over the surface of the soil between plants, taking care not to damage newly emerging bulbs. Remove annual weeds as you find them so that the soil is clean and easy to work with in the spring.

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## Some Christmas facts and origins

-  Irving Berlin hated Elvis Presley's version of 'White Christmas' so much that he tried to prevent radio stations from playing Presley's cover. He obviously hadn't heard the Stiff Little Fingers version!
-  Hanging stockings out comes from the Dutch custom of leaving shoes packed with food for St Nicholas's donkeys. He would leave small gifts in return.
-  According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck.
-  The bestselling Christmas single ever is Bing Crosby's White Christmas, selling over 50 million copies worldwide since 1942. But of course, you all knew that!
-  Mistletoe (*Viscum album*) is from the Anglo-Saxon word 'misteltan', which means 'little dung twig' because the plant spreads through bird droppings.
-  The Christmas cracker was invented by a London sweet shop owner called Tom Smith. In 1847, after spotting French bonbons wrapped in paper with a twist at each end, he sold similar sweets with a 'love motto' inside. He then included a little trinket and a 'bang'. His 'Bangs of Expectation' included gifts such as jewellery and miniature dolls. By 1900, he was selling 13 million a year.
-  Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen is the only record to get the UK Christmas Singles Chart Number One twice, once in 1975 and again in 1991. 'Do They Know It's Christmas' was number 1 three times (1984, 1989 and 2004), but technically it was by different groups, so doesn't count.
-  On Christmas Eve in 2001, the Bethlehem Hotel had 208 of its 210 rooms free.
-  Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer was invented for a US firm's Christmas promotion in 1938.

## An evening with Sarah McQuaid.

It was a very wet and stormy night when we ventured out to Snailbeach Village Hall for an evening with Sarah McQuaid.

Inside the Hall it was warm and welcoming with ambient light and seating arranged around tables to create a cosy feel. The stage was up with various instruments placed around it so we knew we were going to hear something special.

Sal Tonge welcomed and introduced Sarah and the evening began. What an interesting lady she is as she told us a little about her life and travels whilst tuning her first instrument, an acoustic guitar, ready for the first song.

Throughout the evening we heard wonderful evocative pieces that covered a variety of topics, some of which were historical and some political. Sarah's voice was amazing and her ability to play different instruments to accompany the songs was inspiring.

We all were encouraged to join in with a piece of music, led by drumming, where we could use our voices to emulate pheasants or cats! (Sarah has recorded this piece of music with the authentic sounds of a pheasant and her cat) I think everyone joined in with some kind of sound. It was fun.

One of the pieces of music I most enjoyed was an instrumental, on guitar, and it evoked pictures of a Pasa Doble being danced and the atmosphere to me felt quite charged with passion. I was reduced to tears when she sang "Forever Autumn" as it brought so many memories to mind.

All in all it was a magical evening with an incredibly talented lady. Thank you so much for performing in our village.

**Caroline Harper. Snailbeach**

**A 'yuleshard' is someone who is still preparing for Christmas on Christmas Eve.**

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FoSS is made up of parents/carers, relatives, neighbours, staff members, local businesses, the church; in fact anyone who cares about the future education of our children. **What we really need now are new members and in particular someone who would like to be our chairperson to help lead FoSS into the future.**

**Please come and join us at our next meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3:15pm at School.** Our children will be showing what we get up to; we will be updating everyone about future plans for our School and Nursery; and there will be cake!

**Please try to join us and help FoSS provide a very bright future for our fantastic children.**

Call us on 01743 791207 or email [admin@stiperstones.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stiperstones.shropshire.sch.uk) for more information.

Thank you,

**Les Ball - Headteacher.**

# Bingo Night

**In aid of  
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**FRIDAY 25th JANUARY 2019**

**Doors Open from 7.00pm**

**(Eyes Down 7.30pm)**

**Snailbeach Village Hall**

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**Please contact Clare (790419).**

**Tea, Coffee and soft drinks will be available on the night, but there is no bar, please feel free to bring your own alcohol!**

*Snailbeach & District  
Village Hall*

***Christmas Carol  
Concert***

*Sunday 9th December*

*Refreshments from 3pm - 5pm*

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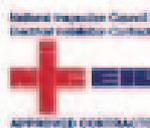
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## The Sammy Mail Column with Geoff Sproson

# Christmas Shopping Online

Before we warn you about Christmas shopping online, Sammy wishes all our readers a very merry Christmas.

This month will be quite brief because the editor is short of space and we at Sammy Mail have been busy putting your beloved newsletter online. Already about 150 readers receive the Snailbeach District News by email but now anyone can keep up to date with the newsletter or browse through some earlier editions from their PC, laptop, tablet or phone.

Those of you who love the scrunchy feel of paper, don't despair; the District News will still be arriving on your doormat at the start of each month.

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You can email **sammy@snailbeachdistrictnews.co.uk** with ideas, opinions and information.

And now about that Christmas online shopping...

Here are Sammy's top ten tips:-

1. Make sure you are on the website you think you are, check for the padlock, and all secure sites should start with https (usually in green) not http.
  2. Avoid flashy gift tokens or offers that look too good to be true; they can be so bad.
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## Mr. Quips Corner

- Maybe if we start telling people the brain is an app they will start using it.
- Bacon and Eggs: A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
- Alcohol is a perfect solvent: It dissolves marriages, families and careers.
- Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.
- Every organisation is perfectly designed to get the results they are getting.
- The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte, and then everything crashed.
- To the mathematicians who thought of the idea of zero, thanks for nothing!
- Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- I would like to slip into something more comfortable - like a coma.
- Under my gruff exterior lies an even gruffer interior.
- If you are here - who is running hell?

## I wish I'd said that...

- He was so narrow minded he could see through a keyhole with both eyes - *Molly Ivins.*
- Ordinarily he is insane. But he has lucid moments when he is only stupid - *Heinrich Heine.*
- He never bore a grudge against anyone he wronged - *Simone Signoret.*
- He is a man of splendid abilities but utterly corrupt. He shines and stinks like rotten mackerel by moonlight - *John Randolph.*
- The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man - *George Bernard Shaw.*
- He's so snobbish he has an unlisted zip-code - *Earl Wilson.*
- She has been kissed as often as a court Bible, and by much the same class of people - *Robertson Davies.*
- She's the sort of woman who lives for others - you can tell the others by their hunted expression - *C. S. Lewis.*
- I have a new philosophy. I'm only going to dread one day at a time - *Charles M. Schulz.*
- This is not a book that should be tossed lightly aside. It should be hurled with great force - *Dorothy Parker.*
- In science one tries to tell people, in such a way as to be understood by everyone, something that no one ever knew before. But in poetry, it's the exact opposite - *Paul Dirac.*

## The Community Library Pontesbury

I always think the lead up to Christmas is the best part, but I don't like it to start too early. The 1<sup>st</sup> of December is definitely the best day to commence festivities, the library will be holding a morning of tea, coffee and mince pies, together with the lottery draw at 11am. I will then be off to a Winter Wonderland and festive market, returning in time for more festive fun and more mince pies at the FoPL Santa Fun Run on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

If you need any ideas or inspirations for Christmas crafts or food we have plenty of books in our collection and lots of cosy Christmas fiction too.



Our last day of opening before Christmas will be Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, we will re-open Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 2pm. I haven't seen the TV schedule yet, but I'm predicting The Wizard of Oz and probably Elf, if you don't fancy repeats you can take an extra book to keep you going.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, the Library Owl.

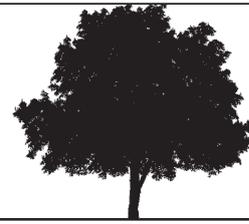
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# The Bumper Christmas Quiz

- 1) Which country was the first to use the tradition of Christmas trees?
- 2) As the clock chimes midnight to ring in the New Year, a Spanish tradition involves eating twelve of what – one for each chime?
- 3) Which type of sweet bread loaf, which originated in Milan, is traditionally eaten at Christmas in Italy and many other European countries?
- 4) After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
- 5) Which was the last state in the United States that declared Christmas a legal holiday?
- 6) What is the first name of Scrooge, the principal character of the novel, A Christmas Carol?
- 7) Name the eight original Reindeer.
- 8) Traditions of Christmas around the world will tell you that Santa Claus is known by many names. What is the French name for Santa Claus?
- 9) Who was the star of the Christmas movie Jingle All the Way?
- 10) Who was the author of A Christmas Carol?
- 11) How many ghosts are there in A Christmas Carol?
- 12) Which milk-based beverage is available around the Christmas holidays and comes in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions?
- 13) Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?
- 14) What name is given to small sausages wrapped in bacon, a staple at a British Christmas dinner?
- 15) When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
- 16) According to the Italian tradition, who delivers gifts to good children on the eve of Epiphany?
- 17) Who was the first person to wear a tailored Santa costume and walk around the store, distributing gifts?
- 18) Which of these was not a gift given by the 'Wise Men' to Baby Jesus – gold, silver, myrrh, or frankincense?
- 19) Which American President banned Christmas trees in the White House?
- 20) Who invented electric Christmas lights?
- 21) Who created Rudolph, the most popular reindeer of Santa Claus?
- 22) Who tries to stop Christmas from coming, by stealing all things of Christmas from "the Who's"?
- 23) In which direction should you stir mincemeat for good luck; clockwise or anti-clockwise?
- 24) What would you stick into an onion, when following a traditional bread sauce recipe?
- 25) A swede is a cross between which two vegetables?
- 26) What is a female turkey called?
- 27) What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
- 28) Which spirit is traditionally added to butter and served with Christmas pudding?
- 29) True or False: Before turkey, the traditional English Christmas dinner included a pig's head smothered in mustard.
- 30) Visions of which sweet foodstuff danced in children's heads as they slept, according to Clement Clarke Moore's poem "Twas the Night before Christmas"?



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Best wishes, Andy & Dawn

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I would like to wish family, friends and neighbours a Very Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.  
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# SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS



## Wrapping 2018 up...

2018 has been a hugely successful year for the club and all the players involved. During the second half of the 2017/18 season the boys finished the league season with a 100% record in the league, scoring nearly 98 goals and conceding 14 goals in just 16 games. However, during the final few months of the season we were all deeply saddened by the passing of life long clubman and treasurer Dave Jones after a short battle with cancer. However, we know full well that Dave would've been tremendously proud to see the club reach the Premier Division this year after being such a huge influence on the success of the club since reforming in Division four back in 2011. The strides the club has made since then, winning multiple promotions and the odd cup along the way, are built solely on the foundations that Dave and the committee have given the players. We had a rocky start to life in the Premier Division, playing tough games against Instones United, Beacon and Cruckton Rovers all early on, but we have recovered well to find ourselves lying in a respectable 3rd place in the league table in the run up to Christmas.

As always, the boys would like to thank everyone who has been home and away to support the lads throughout the year, and hope you will continue to do so in 2019 as we look to win some silverware.

Finally, if anybody is interested in getting involved with the club, albeit on the committee, with the team or with the kids football please do not hesitate to get in touch. We appreciate all the help and support we can get.

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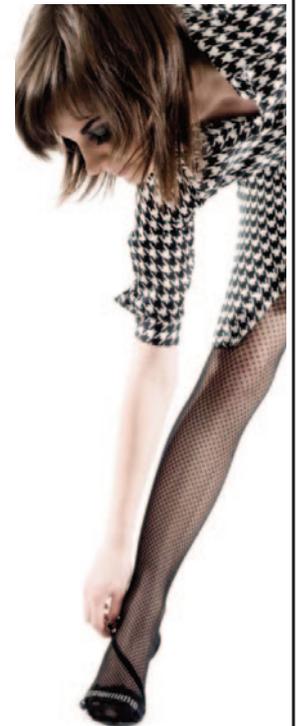
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Many will be familiar with the Christmas Truce, observed particularly in 1914, when British, German and soldiers from other nations took part in unofficial ceasefires along the Western Front. Soldiers sang carols to each other, and eventually ventured out of their trenches and into No Man's Land, to exchange food and fags. There are also tales of enemies coming together to kick about footballs in No Man's Land at Christmas.

One can only imagine the profound impact this moment of respite must have had for those on the front line. It goes to show that even in the middle of such confrontation and carnage, common themes of faith, kinship and respect in adversity can prevail.

Given Christmas is a time we look to spend with loved ones and friends, or comfort the lonely, the end of the war and the first Christmas following the Armistice must have been a moment of intense relief for families reunited, but also profound sadness for those missing from family tables.

Just one village in Shropshire – Harley, outside Much Wenlock – was a 'Thankful Village', having all men return safely from the First World War. In all, 5,286 men from Shropshire were killed during the War, touching almost every community, however small.

In towns and villages across South Shropshire, our war memorials stand testament to those who gave their lives for their country and their friends. I was pleased to attend a tremendously moving ceremony in Ludlow last month, but there were amazing Remembrance events and services with huge turnouts across the county, showing the passing of time has not dampened our commitment to remember those who fought and died.

Today we face different threats as a country. But the hard work and commitment of our Armed Forces remains as strong as ever, providing a continuous defence against those who would seek to undermine our country and cause us harm.

As we celebrate this year, it is fitting we reflect on those who sacrificed so much, and those who continue to serve our country 365 days a year, to uphold the sustained peace we enjoy at Christmas today.

I shall conclude with a quote from a Canadian soldier who had served three years in France, writing home in December 1918: *"I will wish you all very happy Christmas and because of the fact that the war is over and peace once again restored to the world one can, in wishing a merry Christmas, know that such a thing is possible."*

I wish everyone across South Shropshire a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

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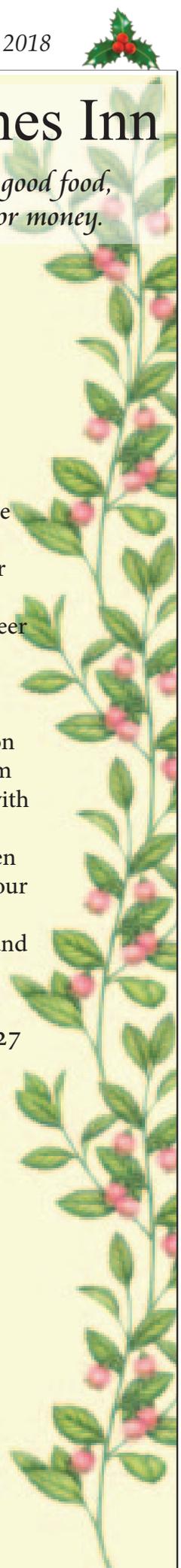
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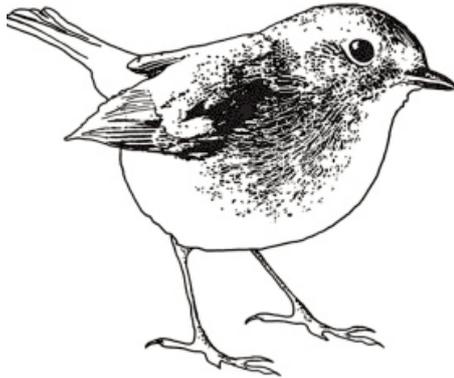




## NATURAL ENGLAND

### Notes from the hill

There has been a robin using our hay barn all year, and each time I go in there to get some sheep nuts for our Hebridean sheep a bird is always in there. They were in there in the spring when they nested but unfortunately failed to breed successfully and they have been in there ever since. I'm not sure what attracts them in during the winter apart from it being quite snug and out of the wind. However I thought that the robin, the nation's official favourite bird, would be a good theme for the December edition.



The robin topped the list when the nation voted in 1960 and again in 2015. I would suggest that the reasons for this popularity is that it inhabits most people's gardens whether in the city or the countryside, is easily identified with its deep orange breast and is generally quite tame. This tameness seems to be a peculiarity of British robins, and most unlike the robins on the continent where they are quite shy. Of course robins are also linked to Christmas often appearing on Christmas cards, and this dates back to when postmen where called 'robins' on account of their wearing red tunics.

One of the endearing characters of the robin is that it sings all year, in fact both male and female robins hold their own territories through the winter, so both sexes sing the same winter song. This song differs in the winter, being more melancholy than its spring song.

Often found feeding under hedges and shrubs, robins are adapted to living in low light as they naturally inhabit the undergrowth of woodland where light levels are low. They have relatively large eyes allowing them good vision in low light, and there are many reports of them singing and foraging under street lights at night.

Generally in winter you will only see one robin in a garden and two in spring once they have paired up. This is due to their territorial nature, and that is what they use their red breasts to advertise, and the reason why they don't acquire their red breast until after their first moult. They aggressively defend their territories and will regularly fight to the death. However the robin in your garden is unlikely to be the robin from last year as they are short-lived birds and nearly three quarters of them will die in their first year, 10 percent due to clashes over territory, though by far the most are killed by cats. The good news is that they are prolific breeders often having three broods of chicks in a year, with the male often left feeding the young of one brood while the female starts laying eggs in another nest.

One thing to try this Christmas is to see if you can tell the difference between a male and a female robin, the female is supposed to have a more prominent "V" shape on the forehead while males are more "U" shaped.

We are hoping for better weather this year with our Christmas wreath making at the Blakemoorgate cottages on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 2pm. For anyone who wants to join me, I will be walking up to the cottages from the Snailbeach car park, leaving at 11am. See our Facebook page for more information.

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Please call **John on 01743 790 594** or **Geoff on 01743 791 999**

If you are Dawdling or Dashing remember – Come early and car share if you can't reach us on foot. Dress warmly in good shoes or boots – wellies are treacherous on slippery rocks and ice. Keep dogs on a tight lead and always watch for fast descending runners.

**Start 11.00 pm, The Stiperstones Inn, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December.** Good luck!



## Celtic Hebridean Christmas at Stiperstones Methodist Chapel December 7th at 7pm.



Come celebrate the old Celtic Christmas rituals, traditions and wisdom; teaching passed through generations of the people of the Hebrides in Scotland. Revd MacNeill Cooper guides us through an evening of Celtic traditions of her family and her spiritual mentor, both of Hebridean families. This would be well suited for the 'spiritual but not religious' or spiritual seekers. All welcomed.

### Blue Christmas/Longest Night

Minsterley Methodist Chapel, Horsebridge Road, December 21st at 7pm.

A reflective gathering for those who have suffered a bereavement, feel blue or sad around Christmas, or struggle with financial issues, illness or unhappy circumstances. This church service is suitable for those who are spiritual but not religious, or those part of a faith tradition, as we seek to use symbols, music and story to embrace the longest night of the year. All welcomed.

## Anyone for Pétanque?

Several U3A branches have regular Pétanque sessions and some of our members are interested in forming a group locally. Would you be interested?

Pétanque is a version of 'boules' i.e. throwing a ball to a jack intending to score more points than the opposition by having your boules closer to the target or by hitting the opponents' boules away from the target, while standing inside a circle with both feet on the ground.

There are more than 100 Pétanque groups in the U3A movement. It is great gentle exercise and is normally played on hard dirt or gravel in public areas or parks. A national weekend of Pétanque took place at Hayling Island this year with teams from 18 U3As taking part.

We are also hoping to set up a Touch Tennis Group which is played on Badminton Court using a short handled racquet and a sponge ball. Many of the rules are the same as tennis however a player moves over a smaller area. It can be a fast and skilful game or not - depending on the players, but both experienced and new players can enjoy it together. For a chat about either of these new activities, call 01743 792790.



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## Heather Kidd's Report

The B4499, Leigh Road to travel to Minsterley. This road will continue to be closed from 9.30am to 4pm most days until 14th December. It is open at weekends.

### Severn Trent.

Severn Trent have added to their very poor record by closing the road above the Miners Arms with virtually no warning. Again they have known about this leak for some time. It took a week to mend and clear the road to the consternation of local people and hitting trade at the Pub. This work was in Wales and so was difficult to deal with. Shropshire was not notified and Powys refused to reply to enquiries. I have now been told by locals that Severn Trent failed to find the leak and so may well return!

### Community Support Officers.

Shropshire's Community Support Officers play a key role in rural communities like ours. They organise Local Joint Committees, help with information for local community groups and Parish Councils, grant funding, parish plans, Local Plan review, signposting and so much more. The Senior Officers on Shropshire wanted to axe these jobs. However, a Lib Dem motion to find a way to keep these officers was passed unanimously at the last full Council. Now they want to effectively employ at least some of the same officers in posts with new titles. I may be cynical, but I doubt if they will be doing the same, community orientated, job as at present. The latest update is that they will be transferred to economic Development to help with CIL and the Place Plans.

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I have had a number of complaints about the height of the new kerbing at Bergum Corner. I am investigating what can be done - if anything.

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The first part of the Local Plan Review will be

available shortly. Development affecting Snailbeach and Stiperstones will be dealt with in a Policy paper on clusters - which I hope will help deliver the type of housing we need (smaller family housing, 2 and 3 bedrooms more affordable to buy or rent) – will be available next year I believe.

I wish everyone Happy Christmas

*Heather*

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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Christmas

# PUZZLES & POSERS



Some are easy, some are a bit tricky...

**1) A Christmas gift**

As a Christmas gift, parents buy 16 computer games for their 3 children. The youngest gets  $\frac{1}{8}$  of the games, the middle child gets  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the games and the oldest gets  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the games.

How many games does each child receive and how many do the parents keep?



**2) The alphabet puzzle**

Which of these letters is the odd one out? "A F H K L N Y Z"



**3) The Elves**

If it takes 5 elves 5 minutes to make 5 dolls, how long would it take 100 elves to make 100 dolls?



**4) Christmas dinner**

Two mums and 2 daughters went out for Christmas dinner. Each ate one portion, yet only three portions were eaten in total. How is this possible?



**5) Apples and pears**

An apple costs 40 pence, a banana costs 60 pence and a grapefruit costs 80 pence. How much does a pear cost?



**6) Tracy's mum**

Tracy's mother had 4 children. The first child was named April, the second was named May, the third June. What was the 4th child called?



7) Using the letters that are missing from this incomplete alphabet, work out what Christmassy word you can make.

B C D G H I J M P Q R T U V X Y Z



**8) The Christmas drive**

A car covers its outward journey at 66 mph. It returns, over exactly the same distance, at 33mph. What is the car's average speed over the entire journey?



9) What number is missing in this sequence?

2 3 6 9 18 27 ? 81

Answers on page 40





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December				January
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Green	Black	Green	Black	Green

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**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED**  
**CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES**  
**13th. October - 15th November 2018**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary (outbuilding)	Outbuilding entered and power tools stolen	Bromlow	During daytime 31st October
Theft	14ft Bateson twin axle trailer stolen	Pennerley	Between 2nd Oct – 7th Nov
Causing intentional harassment		Bromlow	Suspect identified. 7th November
Theft	Cash which had been hidden in an outdoor location at the property	Hope Common	2nd – 5th November
Criminal damage	Trees damaged	Aston Rogers	Linked to a long standing neighbour dispute
Robbery	Vehicle stolen	Snailbeach	Enquiries ongoing.
Burglary	Padlock attacked and disused mine entered.	Snailbeach	17th – 19th October
Burglary (outbuilding)	Outbuilding entered, chainsaw stolen	Hysington	During 18th October
Burglary (outbuilding)	Outbuilding entered, hedge cutter and batteries stolen	Bromlow	12: 30 18th October. Offending vehicle L383CCP, red Isuzu Trooper. Vehicle shown in trade, linked to other burglaries within the force.
Dogs worrying livestock	8 sheep killed from being chased and / or attacked by dog	Land near The Bog visitor centre	16th – 18th October
Theft	Garden items	Worthen	Linked to neighbour dispute

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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
Lydbury North	09:50	White Grit	14:35
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

Does not run on Bank Holidays except Good Friday

### 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
Lydham	09:57	Bromleys Mill	14:45
Bishops Castle	10:00	Llan Turn	14:49
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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## The Methodist Church

### Snailbeach Methodist Church News



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### December Services

2nd. December - 2.45 pm  
9th. December - 2.45 pm  
16th. December - Carol Service - 2.30 pm  
23rd. December - No service  
30th. December - 10.30 pm

Please come and join us on the 16th  
December for our Carol Service. Tea after.  
Thanking everyone who supported our  
coffee morning for *Hospice at Home* in  
memory of Mary  
We raised £565 with donations.

### Stiperstones Group C of E Service Rota December 2018

Date	Habberley St. Mary	Hope Holy Trinity	Minsterley Holy Trinity	Shelve All Saints	Snailbeach St. Lukes
1st Sunday 2nd December Advent 1 Purple			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Pam	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	
2nd Sunday 9th December Advent 2 Purple	6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	10.30am Christingle Service Revd Giles		
Wednesday 12th December		7.00pm Carol Service at Hope Village Hall Revd Giles			
3rd Sunday 16th December Advent 3 Purple			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	4.00pm Christingle Service Revd Giles	
Monday 17th December			7.00pm Carol Singing & Christmas Music		
4th Sunday 23rd December Advent 4 Purple		9.00am No Morning Prayer Service today	10.30 am Quiet Service of Said Holy Communion Revd Giles 7.00pm Service of Lessons & Carols Revd Giles		
Christmas Eve 24th December Gold/White	5.00pm All Age Carol Service Revd Pam	7.00pm Holy Communion Revd Christine	4.00pm Crib Service Revd Giles 11.30pm Midnight Mass Revd Giles		
Christmas Day 25th December Gold/White	10.30am All Age Communion Revd Christopher		No Service	9.00am All Age Communion Revd Giles	9.00am All Age Communion Revd Pam



A short story by 14 year old Meta Shiner inspired by a walk through the Snailbeach Hills.

### THE BATTLE OF DUSK

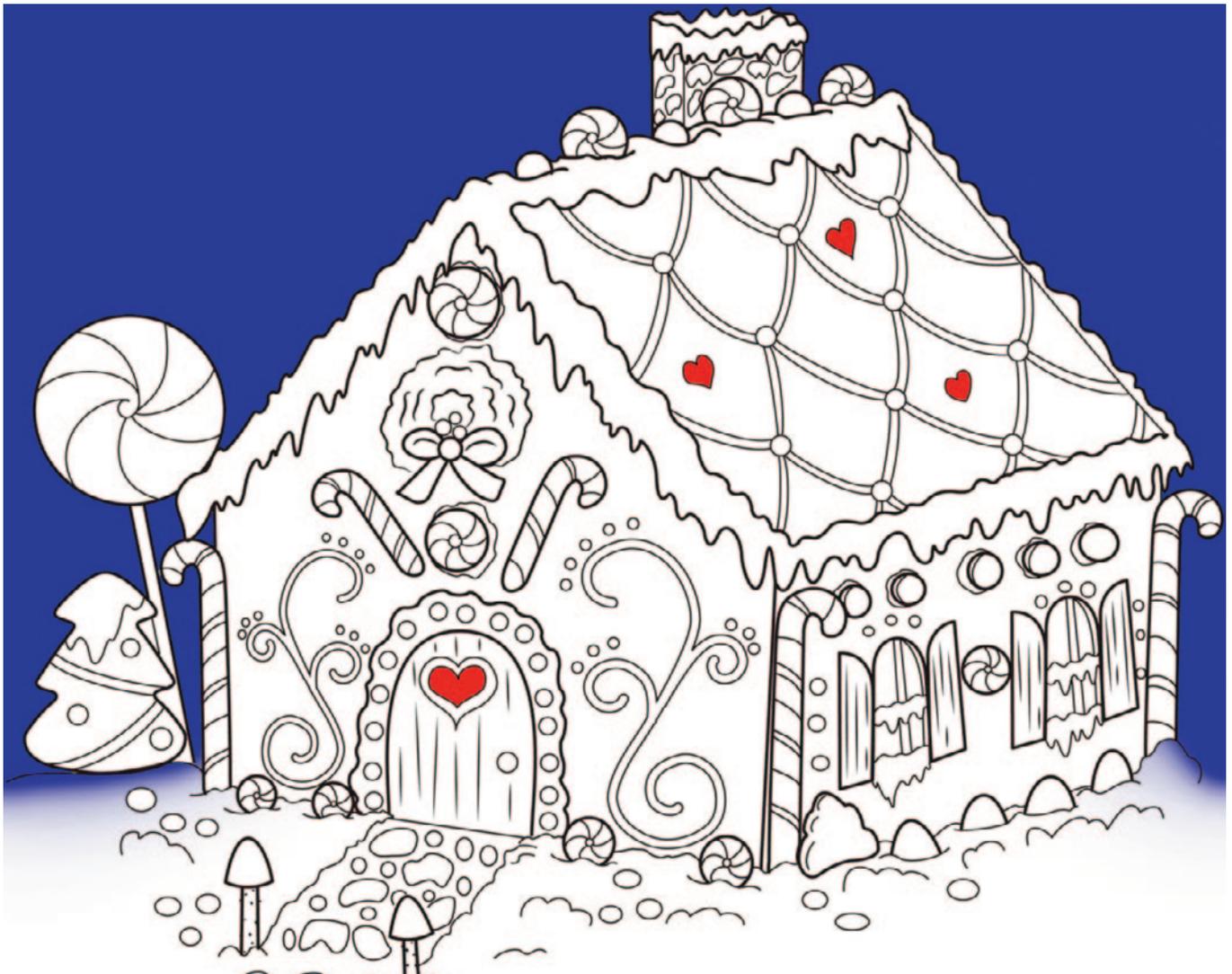
As I wander through the ever changing world, my mind starts to walk. I am walking up and up into the hills like a child climbing a tree. I am exploring everything I can, smelling every flower, chasing every bug, counting every Autumn leaf as they fall from the trees. I am almost at the top now and the Sun is getting lower in the sky, almost as though it is falling, falling into the other hills surrounding me. It is a bomb and the earth is its target...it is getting closer and closer to the hill, soon all the light from my bomb will be gone then the moon will be the only light I have to guide me home.

As I walk down my moonlit hill everything I see is solemn and my once orange and golden world is now nothing but silver and grey. The very floor beneath my feet has changed, every step I take makes a shape sound like the clashing of two swords on a battle field...

The War has begun between the night and the day, the war called dusk, my beautiful world is now a battle field but not for long, darkness will cover the Earth and the night will win soon, but fear not! for the dawn will bring the rise of my Sun and my moon will be put to sleep until the battle of dusk once again.

Meta Shiner - Snailbeach -November 2018

# Christmas Colouring





**Bumper Quiz answers from page 17**

- 1) Germany
- 2) Grapes
- 3) Panetone
- 4) Egypt
- 5) Oklahoma
- 6) Ebenezer
- 7) Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Dancer, and Donner
- 8) Pere Noel
- 9) Arnold Schwarzenegger
- 10) Charles Dickens
- 11) Four
- 12) Eggnog
- 13) Germany
- 14) Pigs in blankets
- 15) 7th. January
- 16) An old lady/witch named 'Befana'
- 17) James Edgar, in 1890
- 18) Silver
- 19) Theodore Roosevelt
- 20) Thomas Edison in 1870
- 21) Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939, when he wrote a Christmas-themed story-poem to attract customers in his department store
- 22) The Grinch
- 23) Clockwise
- 24) Cloves
- 25) A cabbage and a turnip
- 26) A hen
- 27) Wattle
- 28) Brandy
- 29) True
- 30) Sugar plums

**The sum of all the numbers on a roulette wheel is**

**666**

**Answers to puzzles & posers from page 33**

- 1) You have 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2. If you give them a common denominator of 16 then you end up with 2/16, 4/16 and 8/16 and so the answer is...
- Youngest Child: 2 games, Middle Child: 4 games, Oldest Child: 8 games, Parents: 2 games.
- 2) The correct answer is "L." All of the other letters are made up of 3 straight lines, while L is made up of 2.
- 3) It takes one elf 5 minutes to make one doll. Therefore 100 elves making 100 dolls would, of course, still take 5 minutes.
- 4) It was a grandmother (who is obviously also a mother) mother and daughter who went out for Christmas dinner together.
- 5) If you charge 20 pence per vowel, the two-vowel word 'apple' would cost 40 pence, three-vowel 'banana' 60 pence, and four-vowel 'grapefruit' 80 pence. Therefore, a pear would cost 40 pence.
- 6) The question has already revealed the answer - 'Tracy's mother had 4 children' - the fourth child must be called Tracy.
- 7) A E F K L N O S W - snowflake.
- 8) 44 mph.
- 9) 54. Alternate between multiplying by 1.5 and multiplying by 2.

**Sandy the Snail**

November found Sandy trying to creep into the tent up at the Nipstone campsite on page 12. Well done to Phoebe of 'Crosswinds', Snailbeach for being the first to let me know where he was. But where will he be skulking over Christmas?



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