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June 2022

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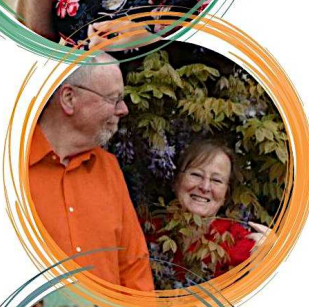
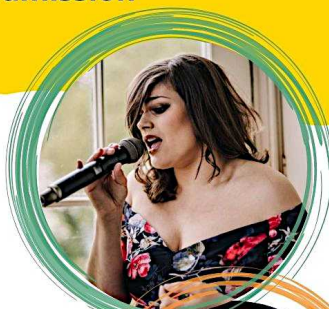
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## REA VALLEY METHODIST CHURCHES

An ambitious plan to bring a refugee family from war-torn Ukraine to one of Shropshire's tranquil beauty spots has been launched by a group of local churches.

Read more inside.

A newsletter high in calories and overflowing with sticky stuff.

Good cake should always be on the agenda whether at home, at work or even better on a picnic.

Inside you will find a rich fruit mix of famous tea parties, the latest Jubilee news and a plateful of trivia.

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### ***A village book shop!***

Looking around the pub and the shops there is a rich selection of locally published books.

Michael Rowson's fascinating autobiography, 'Once Upon a Hill'  
Pat Evans's beautiful collection of paintings,  
Steve Oates's first novel  
'The Promise of the Witch'  
and two young readers books:  
'Stripes New Chair' by Phil and Lara and  
'An Alien Comes' by Carole Wharton.



70 years at the same job is a difficult thing to imagine. Our Queen seems to have coped with all the ups and downs of her reign and could be seen this evening nipping around Chelsea Flower Show on her little 'Queen Mobile' with a broad smile on her face still waving gracefully.

Memories of great events are often hazy I am often not sure if I remember the event or what has been told about it on film, in books or around the dinner table.

I had just started school when King George died, already in love with sport I think I can remember the Matthews cup final, the Ascent of Everest and Bannister's 4 minute mile more clearly than the procession to Westminster Abbey.

I no longer have my Coronation mug but Aunt Sylvia has hers and Phil from the pub has a collection of Royal memorabilia left to him by his father. I seem to remember a dinky Coronation coach which I probably raced around the garden with sports cars, tanks and tractors.

I do remember the Queen visiting New Brighton and sitting by the side of the road waiting to wave my little flag as she was driven by.

I am sure there will be plenty of memories being argued over at the village tea party but don't be surprised if everyone's are not the same as yours.

A gifted left winger with a fierce shot and a long suffering Wolves and Shrewsbury Town supporter, Alan Purslow died this month after a short illness.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Irene, son Gary, grandson Ewan, relatives, neighbours and footballing friends across the county.



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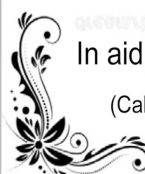
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## **REA VALLEY METHODIST CHURCHES**

An ambitious plan to bring a refugee family from war-torn Ukraine to one of Shropshire's tranquil beauty spots has been launched by a group of local churches.

Work is already under way to convert the Methodist chapel at Stiperstones into a home for a family of up to six and urgent efforts are now being made to identify and register the refugees.

The project is being undertaken by Rea Valley Methodist Churches, a group of eight chapels in and around Minsterley and Pontesbury.

The site will be open to visitors seeking information from 10.30 until 12.30 on June 18 and hopes are high that community support can be increased.

Rev Richard Hall, superintendent minister, said: "We have all been shocked and saddened by events in Ukraine and as a church we want to offer practical help to people who are in desperate need. We are working together to convert our Stiperstones building and create a support network. There are many obstacles to overcome but we believe that by working together and with other members of the community we will be able to offer a place of shelter and care."

The Stiperstones chapel is a well-equipped modern building with bathroom facilities and since the end of regular worship several years ago has been used as a retreat centre for visitors staying in the area as well as for occasional services and meetings. The conversion idea was first suggested by Lesley Holder, a member of the Minsterley chapel.

Ed Mitton, from the Pontesbury chapel, said local support for the project had been immediate and impressive. An interest-free loan of £1,000 has been promised and an anonymous donor has given £500. A carpenter has erected partitions creating three bedrooms free of charge and there is also an offer to provide extra white goods, including a washing machine. The Methodists also have an offer to provide any furniture needed.

June Claire, a member of the Minsterley chapel, is leading the search for an incoming family. "It is a difficult and complicated process," she said. "But we are united in our determination to rescue a traumatised family and look after them here in safety.." Mrs Claire is also involved in arranging a fund-raising Concert for Ukraine at Pontesbury Public Hall on July 02.

Chapels in the Rea Valley Methodist Churches group are at Asterley, Minsterley, Pontesbury, Snailbeach, Stiperstones, Vron Gate, Worthen and Wattlesborough.

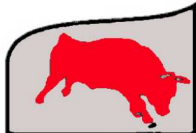
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Molly Wettle (Evans), Joan Williams (Purslow), Glenys Purslow (Betton) and Phyllis Preece were enjoying the attention before they put on their crowns adorned with precious wine gums and joined the Carnival Queen on her float.



There were other floats in the parade and Doug can remember Margaret Preece dressed as Britannia and Ron Challinor with Clifford Sandles straight off the set of Emergency Ward 10.

Blackpool had just won the 'Stanley Matthews' cup final and Hilary and Tensing had just returned after conquering Everest – there were surely some lookalikes in the procession. The floats set off from the Nest to parade through the village before arriving at the football field, then by the road at the top of the Farm Lane.

Memories of these events are cherished by the few of those whose bodies are old enough and brains young enough to recall the festivities, someone remembers horse racing others a party tea. Maybe the new national dish 'Coronation Chicken' was on the menu.

Hopefully the Platinum Jubilee celebrations will remain in our children's memories.



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***June 2022***



The hall committee has been busy organising the jubilee picnic which is to take place on the afternoon of 2 June in the village hall grounds.

Regular events held at the hall include Stiperstones Brass practices, yoga, Women's Institute and table tennis club. There is an acoustic music event at the hall on 24 June at 7.30pm.

The booking secretary Jo Jeays should be contacted to check hall availability and request a booking form using the e-mail: or on 07815 733730.

The committee are looking at carrying out some improvement to the play area facilities subject to funding support.

New curtains and blinds have been purchased and thanks to the volunteers for fitting these. The roof sheets to the timber frame end of the building are to be replaced during the summer.

There is a lot of visitor pressure on the hall car park which is first and foremost for users/hirers of the hall. It should not be used for overnight parking by camper vans or caravans. It should also not be used by contractor's vehicles undertaking work in the village or for long term resident parking.

The car park will be chained and locked on occasion to reserve spaces for hall users. It will be locked overnight on 1 and 7 June and closed on 2 June and 8 June except to those attending the functions at the hall.

Julian Bromhead, Chairman  
SVHchairman@outlook.com

**The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group has been looking for Curlew, Lapwing, Kestrel, Cuckoo and Red Kite since late March, in our area that extends from Stapeley Hill to Brockton in the west, across through Minsterley and Pontesbury to Plealey, south to Cothecott Hill and then westwards over the Stiperstones and Hope Valley.**

**If you've seen or heard any of these species,  
please don't assume we know about them.**

**Please report all your observations, especially any Curlew  
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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**12.30- 4.00**

**Paper folding with Jules Spille**

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**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**10.00-1.00**

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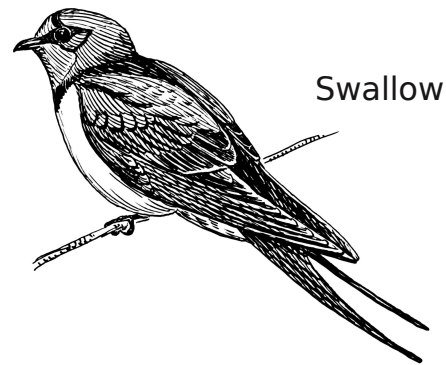
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### Notes from the hill



The dry cold spring has meant that it's been a slow start for the wildlife on the hill this year. Whether it was the cold weather or the light winds as a high pressure sat over the country for weeks, but many of our migrants seem to be late with some fewer in number. We had a short period when there was the usual influx of ring ousels and wheatears, but otherwise the hill was eerily quiet in early spring.

Some of our later birds seemed to arrive on time such as the willow warblers and chiffchaffs and apart from one very early cuckoo, the hill now has its usual complement of these well-known birds. Well, when I say well known, that's what I thought until I had a rather unexpected question from a student the other day. I was leading a group of biology students around from a university in Liverpool and was talking about cuckoos, when a student asked me what a cuckoo sounded like. At first, I must admit to being rather taken aback that someone would not know, however on reflection, unless you visit a nature reserve you are unlikely to have heard one. I find it quite sad to wonder how many people have never heard a cuckoo. Even cuckoo clocks are not very popular these days.



However, this is not a new phenomenon, there are many creatures that were once common in peoples lives in Britain that are now lost or so rare that they are only found on a few nature reserves. One example is the corncrake which at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century still bred all over the UK. Like curlews they were associated with hay meadows and wet features in the landscape, but with the loss of so many hay meadows and the drainage of fields, what was once a common sound in the countryside, by the 1990s could only be heard on a few Scottish islands. In the past, many a country person probably complained about corncrakes keeping them awake at night, a sound like a fingernail being drawn quickly down a comb; but today most people would ask a similar question to that posed by the student about the sound of a cuckoo.

This loss of biodiversity will only get worse with climate change, and it is worrying to see the slow decline of our swallows and martins. Unlike many of our migrants, these birds do not fatten up before migrating but need to feed constantly during their flight from southern Africa. This means that they are more susceptible to bad weather on route, and the weather in southern Europe at the time they are passing through is increasingly unsettled with heavy rain and strong winds. In some years this can be fatal and in others it can delay their arrival, resulting in poorer breeding performance. These birds only tend to live for a few years, so it is important that they arrive on time and get down to producing the next generation as fast as possible. Let's hope that our grandchildren aren't asking us what a swallow looked and sounded like.

For those who participated in "No Mow May" and looking for a means to cut their long grass, perhaps scything might be an appealing option. I am running two introductory scything courses, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, course is £60, £50 to members of the Marches Meadow Group. To book please contact [Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk).

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Cup cakes are now everywhere with all sorts of fancy toppings, but from my childhood the only cakes I can remember with that name arrived in the 1960s in packets of three from J Lyons, each cake iced in chocolate, lemon or orange and, when prized from its fluted tinfoil casing, had to be eaten with the icing separated from the cake.



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Jemma Melvin’s lemon Swiss roll and amaretti trifle beat 5,000 desserts to become the official pudding of the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations.

The trifle, inspired by the 31-year-old copywriter’s grandparents – and Her Majesty – will become part of British royal food history, following in the footsteps of coronation chicken and Victoria sponge.



Ms Melvin said: “It was my friend Sammy who actually sent me the link to apply for the competition and I just thought I might as well go for it,. “I didn’t think I’d go any further but I made it to the final 50, made it to the final five, and now my pudding has been chosen. It’s ridiculous.”

Speaking about the inspiration behind her winning trifle, Ms Melvin explained: “This particular trifle is a tribute to three women: it’s my Gran, my Nan and the Queen herself.”

She added: “My Grandma taught me to bake, she taught me all the elements, everything from scratch.

“My Nan’s signature dish was always a trifle; we used to call her the queen of trifles. “And the Queen had lemon posset at her wedding.”

Ms Melvin’s trifle, consisting of lemon curd Swiss roll on the bottom, St Clement’s jelly, lemon custard, amaretti biscuits, mandarin coulis, fresh whipped cream, candied peel, chocolate shards and crushed amaretti biscuits, was crowned on BBC One’s *The Jubilee Pudding: 70 Years In The Baking* after the judges, including Dame Mary Berry and Monica Galetti, came to a unanimous decision.

After staving off competition from four other creative bakers, Ms Melvin said she hopes her winning recipe will be made by bakers across the UK to celebrate the Queen’s 70 years on the throne.

“I’m hoping that everyone across the country is going to make this, I’ve made it really accessible,” she said.

Royal grocer Fortnum and Mason joined forces with the Big Jubilee Lunch Charity to challenge members of the British public to create an original and celebratory cake, tart or pudding fulfilling the criteria of being fit for a queen, having a memorable story and being achievable for home bakers, as well as tasting good.

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## Philip Dunne MP's latest Letter from Westminster

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee – June 2022



As I write this in May, the sense of excitement around Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration is already building.

Her Majesty's attendance last month at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, following some absences from public events due to mobility issues – including the State Opening of Parliament last month for the first time since 1963 - was met by rapturous applause and a standing ovation.

I know the special four-day Bank Holiday weekend to mark Her Majesty's 70-year reign will be enjoyed by people all over South Shropshire, including those who have arranged special events to mark this unprecedented milestone in our royal history.

With many events taking place across South Shropshire, very regrettably I cannot be at every one to which I have been invited. But I shall be joining as many as I can, to celebrate Her Majesty's remarkable reign and the way the monarchy still, almost uniquely, brings together entire communities to celebrate everything we love about the UK.

While community events are taking place all over the country, a series of national events will help mark the occasion, beginning with the traditional Queen's Birthday Parade – Trooping the Colour – on Thursday 2nd June. Friday will see a Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign at St Paul's Cathedral, and on Saturday Her Majesty will attend Epsom Downs for the Derby.

This is followed by the Platinum Party at the Palace on Saturday night, with famous faces providing music and entertainment, all available on the BBC One and iPlayer. On Sunday 5th June, over 60,000 people have registered to host Big Jubilee Lunches, and a Platinum Jubilee Pageant will bring to life iconic moments from The Queen's reign, with over 10,000 people involved, showcasing our changing society over the past 70 years.

As part of the celebrations over the weekend, I shall also be lighting one of the Platinum Jubilee Beacons – one of thousands of beacons across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and the Commonwealth forming a chain of light. Beacons have traditionally been lit to mark royal celebrations, including Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, as well as Her Majesty's Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

Most events in the community are locally publicised, but some in South Shropshire have further details on <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk>, if you are looking to join celebrations.

After the horror of coronavirus and its impact on all of us, this celebration of Her Majesty's unprecedented 70-year reign is the first major national opportunity to come together in celebration. The length of her reign means that the Queen has been a consistent presence in the lives of most of us, providing a national figure we look to in both times of tragedy and celebration. Her message to the nation at the beginning of the pandemic was a perfect example of this important role for the nation. So I hope, at this new moment of celebration, everyone in South Shropshire is able to enjoy a special and memorable weekend.

## A Mad Tea-Party

There was a table set out under a tree in front of the house, and the March Hare and the Hatter were having tea at it: a Dormouse was sitting between them, fast asleep, and the other two were using it as a cushion, resting their elbows on it, and talking over its head. 'Very uncomfortable for the Dormouse,' thought Alice; 'only, as it's asleep, I suppose it doesn't mind.'



The table was a large one, but the three were all crowded together at one corner of it: 'No room! No room!' they cried out when they saw Alice coming. 'There's plenty of room!' said Alice indignantly, and she sat down in a large arm-chair at one end of the table.

'Have some wine,' the March Hare said in an encouraging tone.

Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. 'I don't see any wine,' she remarked.

'There isn't any,' said the March Hare.

'Then it wasn't very civil of you to offer it,' said Alice angrily.

'It wasn't very civil of you to sit down without being invited,' said the March Hare.

'I didn't know it was your table,' said Alice; 'it's laid for a great many more than three.'

'Your hair wants cutting,' said the Hatter. He had been looking at Alice for some time with great curiosity, and this was his first speech.

'You should learn not to make personal remarks,' Alice said with some severity; 'it's very rude.'

The Hatter opened his eyes very wide on hearing this; but all he said was, 'Why is a raven like a writing-desk?'

'Come, we shall have some fun now!' thought Alice. 'I'm glad they've begun asking riddles.--I believe I can guess that,' she added aloud.

'Do you mean that you think you can find out the answer to it?' said the March Hare.

'Exactly so,' said Alice.

'Then you should say what you mean,' the March Hare went on.

'I do,' Alice hastily replied; 'at least--at least I mean what I say--that's the same thing, you know.'

'Not the same thing a bit!' said the Hatter. 'You might just as well say that "I see what I eat" is the same thing as "I eat what I see"!'

'You might just as well say,' added the March Hare, 'that "I like what I get" is the same thing as "I get what I like"!'

***From one of my favourite books 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll; much better read as an adult - try it.***

***Boston Tea Party, (December 16, 1773)***, incident in which 342 chests of tea belonging to the British East India Company were thrown from ships into Boston Harbor by American patriots disguised as Mohawk Indians. The Americans were protesting both a tax on tea (taxation without representation) and the perceived monopoly of the East India Company.



The Townshend Acts passed by Parliament in 1767 and imposing duties on various products imported into the British colonies had raised such a storm of colonial protest and non-compliance that they were repealed in 1770, saving the duty on tea, which was retained by Parliament to demonstrate its presumed right to raise such colonial revenue without colonial approval. The merchants of Boston circumvented the act by continuing to receive tea smuggled in by Dutch traders. In 1773 Parliament passed a Tea Act designed to aid the financially troubled East India Company by granting it (1) a monopoly on all tea exported to the colonies, (2) an exemption on the export tax, and (3) a “drawback” (refund) on duties owed on certain surplus quantities of tea in its possession. The tea sent to the colonies was to be carried only in East India Company ships and sold only through its own agents, bypassing the independent colonial shippers and merchants. The company thus could sell the tea at a less-than-usual price in either America or Britain; it could undersell anyone else. The perception of monopoly drove the normally conservative colonial merchants into an alliance with radicals led by Samuel Adams and his Sons of Liberty.

In such cities as New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston, tea agents resigned or canceled orders, and merchants refused consignments. In Boston, however, the royal governor Thomas Hutchinson determined to uphold the law and maintained that three arriving ships, the Dartmouth, Eleanor, and Beaver, should be allowed to deposit their cargoes and that appropriate duties should be honoured. On the night of December 16, 1773, a group of about 60 men, encouraged by a large crowd of Bostonians, donned blankets and Indian headdresses, marched to Griffin’s wharf, boarded the ships, and dumped the tea chests, valued at £18,000, into the water.



In retaliation, Parliament passed the series of punitive measures known in the colonies as the Intolerable Acts, including the Boston Port Bill, which shut off the city’s sea trade pending payment for the destroyed tea. The British government’s efforts to single out Massachusetts for punishment served only to unite the colonies and impel the drift toward war.





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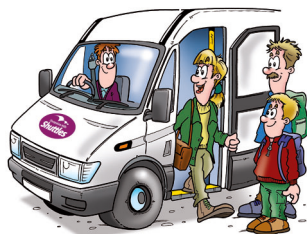
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***The Bilberry Bumblebee***, as the name suggests, forages on bilberry when it is in flower, and late in the summer forages on heather. In between it uses a wider range of flowers and hay meadows are an important source of nectar and pollen in this period.

Are you interested in finding out more about the bilberry bumblebee? A rare bumblebee in the UK, still found in the Shropshire Hills.

A group of us are keen to conduct surveys to learn which areas on the Stiperstones are important for the bilberry bumblebee, but we need help!

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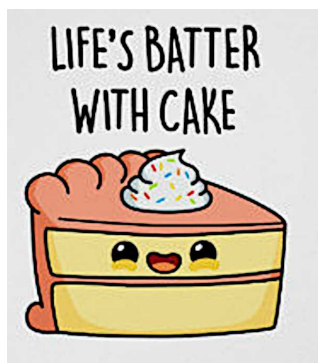
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What's yellow and swings from cake to cake? Tarzipan.

A man moves to a new house. For the first three days on the way to work he sees a woman hitting her son with a loaf of bread. On the fourth day, she's hitting him with a cake. He asks what is going on. The woman replies, "well, it is his birthday".

I was in a cake shop the other day, they were all £5 apart from one that was £10. I asked why it was so expensive, the shop owner said "that's Madiera cake".

Wedding cakes can be so sad. They often end up in tiers.

What do clams do on their birthday they shellbrate and they eat all the cake for themselves because they're shellfish

Patient: "Doctor, I get heartburn every time I eat birthday cake."  
Doctor: "Next time, take off the candles."

At a party, a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?"  
"Why should it?" answered her spouse. "I keep telling them it's for you."

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2. The same process will happen along the A488 as well.

I am pressing to get some clarity, sense and coordination into the process so that we are not faced with closures simultaneously on both roads. I also want more precise timings and am a commitment to open roads (and drop the 'road closed signs') as soon as they are finished for the day.

I am also going to try to make sure that disruption to bus services on both roads is kept to a minimum and that they are given access as are residents! More to the point we need to tell the guys on the road closure barriers about this!

I have raised all of this with the Cabinet member, the Leader of Shropshire Council plus the area team leader for the Central Area and the IER manager. I am waiting to see how effective they will be in improving our lives!

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Heather

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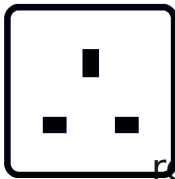
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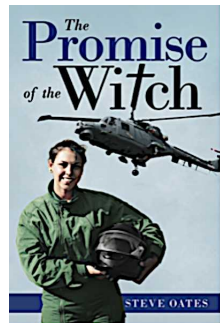
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## Tea Party Word Scramble

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

apple tart  
decaffeinated  
green tea  
lady grey  
lime  
organic

blueberry muffin  
earl grey  
herbal  
lemon  
lipton  
raspberry scones

cheese danish  
english breakfast tea  
irish breakfast tea  
lemon ginger  
orange pekoe  
tea party

### Cake

Amen for the chocolate  
cake that melts and  
oozes gooey goodness in  
the warm custard  
Amen for the rich taste of  
the moist soft sponge  
Amen for birthdays and  
anniversary's  
And all the excuses  
Amen for the most  
enticing smell  
Amen to not resisting  
temptations  
Amen to diets meant to  
be broken  
Amen for powerful  
combinations  
Like cake and ice cream  
Cake and custard  
Cake and coffee  
Cake and tea  
Amen to icing and  
buttercream

Amen for cake



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#### Team details

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 2382

Damien Kelly

Safer Neighbourhood Officer: PC 3331

Stuart Coote

Police Comm. Support Officer: PCSO

6160 Shaun Culliss

Police Comm. Support Officer: PCSO

40492 Nicole Jones

Team Email:

bccar.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

#### West Mercia Police contact numbers

Emergency: 999 Non Emergency: 101

Bishops Castle Police Station (not for reporting): 101, Extension 7704901

Report online: [www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/)

Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111

Website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

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Rural Watch

#### CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

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

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Chirbury	Offender arrested
Breach of non-molestation order	X2	Worthen	
Public order	Motorist threatened workmen at a road closure	Marton	
Burglary	Outbuilding broken into and a large amount of copper stolen	Snailbeach	Occurred 28/04/2022 18:00 to 29/04/2022 17:40
Criminal damage	Window broken	Bromlow	Occurred during a domestic incident, offender arrested.

*Look, you  
want it  
you devour it  
and then, then  
good as it was  
you realize  
it wasn't  
what you  
exactly wanted*

*what you  
wanted  
exactly was  
wanting.*

*Noah Eli Gordon*



# 552/553 Bishops Castle Stiperstones Shrewsbury Monday - Friday

Notes (SCH - School Days Only)			SCH		SCH													
Bishops Castle, opp Boars Head				07:30				09:40				12:20		13:30			15:40	
Bishops Castle Salop Street Jct				07:32				09:42				12:22		13:32			15:42	
Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct				07:36				09:46				12:26		13:36			15:46	
Llan Turn Jct				07:40				09:50				12:30		13:40			15:50	
White Grit, Jct				07:44				09:54				12:34		13:44			15:54	
Gravels				07:47				09:57				12:37		13:47			15:57	
Hope				07:50				10:00				12:40		13:50			16:00	
Stiperstones, opp Pub	06:50	07:20	07:50		08:23				11:15					14:35			16:50	
Snailbeach, Village Hall	06:54	07:24	07:54		08:27				11:19					14:39			16:54	
Plox Green, Crossroads	06:56	07:26	07:56	07:56	08:30			10:06	11:21	11:55	12:46	13:05	13:56	14:41		16:06	16:53	
Minsterley, opp crown & sceptre	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:50	09:25	10:08	11:23	11:57	12:48	13:07	13:58	14:43	15:10	16:08	16:58	17:35
Pontesbury, Hall Bank	07:03	07:33	08:03	08:03	08:37	08:55	09:30	10:13	11:28	12:02	12:53	13:12	14:03	14:48	15:15	16:13	17:03	17:40
Mary Webb					08:40										15:26 SCH			
Lea Cross, Opp Jct	07:08	07:38	08:08	08:08		09:00	09:35	10:18	11:33	12:07	12:58	13:17	14:08	14:53	15:30	16:18	17:08	17:45
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:11	07:41	08:11	08:11		09:03	09:38	10:21	11:36	12:10	13:01	13:20	14:11	14:56	15:33	16:21	17:11	17:48
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:13	07:43	08:13	08:13		09:05	09:40	10:23	11:38	12:12	13:03	13:22	14:13	14:58	15:35	16:23	17:13	17:50
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:18		08:18							12:17					15:40			
Shrewsbury Hospital		07:48		08:18		09:10	09:45	10:28	11:43		13:08	13:27	14:18	15:03		16:28	17:18	17:55
Copthorne Rd, adj Barracks	07:23	07:53	08:23	08:23		09:15	09:50	10:33	11:48	12:22	13:13	13:32	14:23	15:08	15:45	16:33	17:23	18:00
Bus Station Stand N	07:30	08:00	08:30	08:30		09:22	09:57	10:40	11:55	12:29	13:20	13:39	14:30	15:15	15:52	16:40	17:30	18:07

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BUS STATION, Stand N	07:35	08:10	08:50	10:05	10:25	11:00	12:00	12:30	13:30	14:00	14:35		15:45	16:25	16:25	17:00	17:40	18:10
Copthorne Rd, opp Barracks	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:32	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:42		15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:17
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Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:42	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	14:52		16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:27
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:44	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:19	14:54		16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:29
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Mary Webb		08:36 SCH										15:20						
Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:38	09:18	10:33	10:53	11:28	12:28	12:58	13:58	14:28	15:03	15:21	16:13	16:53	16:53	17:28	18:08	18:38
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Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	10:59	11:34	12:34	13:04	14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:44
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:01				14:06			15:32	16:21		17:01			18:46
Stiperstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:50
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Lydham Glebe Meadow Jct	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56				17:21			18:36	
Bishops Castle Salop Street jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58				17:23			18:38	
Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head	08:35			11:05			13:00			15:00				17:25			18:40	

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



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Lyddham	09:10
Bishops Castle	09:15
Colebatch	09:20
Clun	09:30
Ludlow to Clun 745 B	
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	13:15
Craven Arms	13:30
Long Meadowend	13:35
Aston on Clun	13:37
Lydbury North	13:50
Little Brampton	14:00
Clunton	14:02
Clun	14:05
Clun to Ludlow 745 B	
Clun	09:35
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Little Brampton	09:40
Lydbury North	09:50
Aston on Clun	10:03
Long Meadowend	10:05
Craven Arms	10:10
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:25
Clun to Pontesbury 745 A	
Clun	14:10
Colebatch	14:20
Bishops Castle	14:25
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White Grit	14:35
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Hope	14:40
Minsterley	14:45
Pontesbury	14:50

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Plox Green	09:38
Hope	09:40
Gravels	09:45
White Grit	09:48
Llan Turn	09:51
Bromleys Mill	09:55
Lyddham	09:57
Bishops Castle	10:00
Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B	
Bishops Castle	10:05
Church Stoke	10:20
Blue Bell	10:25
Sarn	10:30
Kerry	10:40
Newtown	10:50
Newtown to Bishops Castle 775 B	
Newtown	13:50
Kerry	14:00
Sarn	14:10
Blue Bell	14:15
Church Stoke	14:20
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