



SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

*Are we going out now?
March 2022*

Free

**Disco
Aerobics**

**Beatles
Evening
at Hope**

**Lots to do
now!
Is everybody
happy?**

**Choral
Concert
at
Bishops
Castle**

Table Tennis

Musicians welcome at Snailbeach



You bet your life we are!

**Jubilee
at
Snailbeach**

Yoga

Bog Centre Opening

**Cycling at
Pontesbury
Running at
Hope**

Coach Trips



Editor's Notes

In the words of the great poet
"Spring has sprung
The grass has ris
I wonder where them

birdies is?"

Last month I was struggling to find content and events to advertise and now with an extra 4 pages we are full to the gunnels.

Eileen Bowen from the Shropshire Mines Trust has sent me an interesting new article by Andy Cuckson. I have included the first 4 pages and will add more in months to come.

I have boosted our mining theme with some trivia of the richness of minerals from gold to treacle found in the United Kingdom.

Platinum Jubilee year is upon us and the Village is planning celebratory events to include a picnic/garden party and an Arts Festival.

For those budding musicians or rock/punk/blues/folk hasbeens The Village Hall Entertainments Committee are trialling a performers night - I am assured that those of all abilities will be welcomed, I hope so because I shall be there.

Geoff Sproson

sammy@snailbeachdistrictnews.co.uk

Next month's deadline March 21st

Sadly three more of the friends and neighbours we have known for so long have recently passed away.

Derek Davies
Joyce Bennett
Sheila Stokes

our thoughts are with their families and friends.

Memories and thanks

Joan Evans recently revealed some of the secrets of the Sayce Family. Sadly Miss Patricia Sayce passed away on 5th January. Her father was Harold sayce and her grandfather Lewis Harold Sayce. Joan writes 'She will be missed by her sister Margaret who lives in Shrewsbury, donations were sent to St Luke's Church and the Snailbeach Methodist Chapel.'

Following his father's funeral David Morris writes on behalf of the family

"We would like to thank everyone for all the help that has been offered to us at this sad time, and are so grateful we live in such a caring community. Donations collected to date for Hope House Children's Hospice total over £850. Margaret, Stephen and David Morris"

And many thanks to Mr Blanchard of the Lords Hill Baptist Church for the generous donation to the newsletter.

*Crusted finger points to heaven, as if to accuse.
Abandoned in the folds of scrub, lichen coated tower
storm pitted, ravished by the seasons, lies bewildered
beneath the cloud stacks.*

*Its purpose stolen by nesting jackdaws smelting their
young amongst the blackened bricks and grass.
Fern and bramble wrestle in shadows and nettles-high
flown, root and twist in the lime and dust, no song now
to embrace like ivy, the blood has run still.*

*This place begs forgiveness for playing host to the
breaking of backs.*

*The cloud watchers who returned
underground to flay
the dark and surface, basket
backed, stung by wind to
spill the guts of earth onto heath.*

from the Lead Mine by
John Appleby





**Platinum
Jubilee
June 2nd
Village
Garden
Party**

**By order of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II**

- A local and long overdue get together picnic to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee
- At Snailbeach Village Hall playing field
- Thursday 2 June 12 noon- 4 pm
- Bring your own picnics and folding chairs/blankets
- Tea/coffee and ice creams available in the hall
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**Musician and Performers group
taster session
Snailbeach Village Hall
Thursday 17th March
7.30 till 9.30 pm**

The Snailbeach Village Hall Entertainments Committee are looking to begin a musicians and performers group to run fortnightly on a Thursday evening at the Village Hall.

If you play an instrument, sing or enjoy any of the performing arts (all abilities welcome) then please come along and share your talent.

This is a community project designed to bring people of similar interests together.

Bring your own acoustic instruments and equipment

i.e. music stands and practice amps.

Subscriptions will apply.



**Snailbeach table tennis
Fridays 1:30 at
Snailbeach Village Hall.**

If you are tempted to come along and have a go, no expertise is required so don't feel nervous. We can provide a bat and some of us know some of the rules.

Numbers have increased steadily as we save towards another table. If you know of anyone wanting to get rid of a table in the area, please ask them to contact me and we can sort something out.

As far as Covid is concerned, the hall is kept well ventilated and we ask that we all take a lateral flow test before coming just to help protect everyone.

Email SnailbeachTT@gmail.com to let us know if you fancy it, want to ask anything, or you can just turn up with some trainers on.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?



Walking in Shropshire

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John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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Our pool of volunteers ranging in age from 16 to 80+ needs expanding and we are looking for people who would enjoy interacting with our visitors. New recruits receive comprehensive training during their induction period.

The Stiperstones National Nature Reserve managed by Natural England presents a unique landscape of rocky tors and heathland that has a rich natural history and geology. Lead and other minerals provided reason for centuries of human occupation in which industry The Bog played an important part. It is a privilege and pleasure to pass on information of these aspects to visitors and to provide guidance on the range of walks, long and short, that are available for them to enjoy.

Opening hours Tuesday – Friday 11am – 5pm

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 5pm

Contact details for our secretary Lin Brown bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk

PONTESBURY GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 1 March, so we hope that you manage to see this before then. It will be held at 7.30pm in the Len Simpson Room of Pontesbury Public Hall.

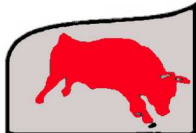
It has been good to see so many people at the Trading Post since we opened at the beginning of February. The new stock of composts and potato seeds is taking up a lot of space and being busy at this time of year has meant that we may not have had as much time as we would like to talk to everyone.

There are still seed potatoes available, and it's not too late to get them started; just lay them out in seed trays, or egg boxes, and let the shoots develop so that they have a head start when planted out in April.

- 12 May: Spring into the Garden, 7.30 pm in the Public Hall
- 27 August: Annual Show, 2.30 pm in the Public Hall

A reminder: subscriptions for 2022 are now due: £2, or £1 if you are retired.

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Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Last month marked 70 years since the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne, following the death of her father, King George VI.

As Britain's longest serving monarch, the Queen's remarkable 7 decades of public service are a source of pride and inspiration to people not just in the UK, but across the Commonwealth and the wider world.

The official celebrations will take place in early June over a four-day Bank Holiday weekend, with an extra Bank Holiday to mark this unique occasion. There will be an extensive programme of national events, including the Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour), a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, and a Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace.

Locally, I know that many towns and villages have already begun to plan street parties and celebrations, as I am already receiving kind invitations to join communities to celebrate. I shall try to join as many as I can, so if you are having an event locally over the Jubilee weekend, please do let me know at philip.dunne.mp@parliament.uk. I shall be lighting a beacon on Thursday 2nd June as part of a national chain of light.

Like many, I recall fondly the post-Golden Jubilee visit of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to Shropshire in 2003. Having arrived by train at Telford, the royal couple visited Much Wenlock to take in the Wenlock Olympian Games, the inspiration for the modern Olympic Games as we know them today, before moving to the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms for lunch. They then arrived at Ludlow, where Her Majesty formally opened the new Library and Museum Resource Centre before doing a walkabout among thousands of people in Market Square.

This Jubilee is the first where Her Majesty has not had the steadfast presence of Prince Philip at her side. But she remains just as committed to continuing her service now as when she took her pledge in 1947. It was telling that Her Majesty signed off her official Jubilee message with "Your Servant".

I am pleased that, in keeping with tradition, a Platinum Jubilee medal will be awarded to people who work in public service including representatives of the Armed Forces, the emergency services and the prison services. This tradition stretches back to the reign of Queen Victoria when an official medal was designed to mark her 50th anniversary on the throne.

I am also encouraging people across South Shropshire to get involved with the Queen's Green Canopy – where individuals and communities 'plant a tree for the Jubilee'. This offers a chance to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will also benefit future generations.

I look forward to joining celebrations in towns and villages across South Shropshire in June, and encourage everyone to come together and celebrate the Queen's remarkable reign.

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Notes from the hill



This year is being celebrated as the 70th year since the first National Nature Reserve was created in England. That nature reserve was Yarner Wood, now part of the East Dartmoor Woods and Heaths NNR, renown for its western oak woodlands full of pied flycatchers and wood warblers.

The Stiperstones National Nature Reserve was acquired, by what is now Natural England, and declared in 1982 which makes this year our 40th anniversary. The NNR was formerly opened in a ceremony led by Prof. David Bellamy who was a big presenter of natural history programmes at the time. It was the first National Nature Reserve to be declared in Shropshire and is now joined by Fenn's Whixall and Bettisfield Mosses, Wem Moss and part of the Wyre Forest.

There are presently 225 NNRs in England, the largest being the Wash, known for its huge number of wading birds, at almost 8800ha and the smallest being Horn Park Quarry, a geological site in Dorset, at 0.32ha. Natural England Manages about a third of the NNRs in England with the rest being managed by approved bodies such as the RSPB, National Trust and Wildlife Trusts.

The Stiperstones NNR can boast that it is important for all of the above, as it has its own western oak woodland at Snailbeach and although we no longer have wood warbler, the pied flycatchers are doing very well. We have our own important geological record with a rich and unique trilobite fossil record and of course we have our own wading birds in the form of snipe, woodcock and curlew.

Although curlews feed on the NNR, it is some years since curlews have bred here, but the Upper Onny and Rea Valley Community Wildlife Groups monitor their population in the surrounding area, along with several other target species. The surveys start at the end of March and more helpers are needed. If you would like to hear more and get involved you could come along to one of the groups meetings, they both start at 7.30pm or email Leo Smith (leo@leosmith.org.uk).

- Upper Onny (Monday 14 March, Bishop's Castle Town Hall, High Street SY9 5BG).
- Rea Valley (Tuesday 22 March, Minsterley Village Hall).



March tends to be the time when conditions become right to carry out some heathland burning on the hill. Although this management seems destructive, it is a key management action that, along with the cut areas of heather, helps reduce the risk of large scale fires occurring in the summer, when they can be much more destructive. Our fires are what are known as 'cool fires' that are controlled and only take off the upper part of the heathland plants, allowing them to regenerate again quickly. A bit like coppicing trees in a woodland.

For the scythers out there, Sunday the 3rd of April is National peening day. So if anyone has a blunt Austrian scythe they could bring it along to our workshop at Rigmoroak and I will teach them how to peen. Starts at 10am, free of charge.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoroak.

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Mining in Cornwall and Devon, in the southwest of England, began in the early Bronze Age, around 2150 BC. Tin, and later copper, were the most commonly extracted metals. Some tin mining continued long after the mining of other metals had become unprofitable, but ended in the late 20th century. In 2021, it was announced that a new mine was extracting battery-grade lithium carbonate, more than 20 years after the closure of the last South Crofty tin mine in Cornwall in 1998.

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Landscapes Review - opportunity to build on the success of AONBs & National Parks

As part of the Government's 25-year Plan for the Environment, an independent review of designated landscapes in England (National Parks and AONBs) was led by the journalist Julian Glover and published in 2019.



Since Julian's visit to the Shropshire Hills in February 2019, expectations have run high about this once in a generation opportunity to build on the success of AONBs and National Parks, by modernising their legal and operating framework and increasing their capacity.

The Government recently published its response to the Review and are taking forward many of the ambitious proposals to support AONBs and National Parks to deliver more for nature, climate, people and places.

The Government's response is accompanied by a 12-week consultation to seek views on some of the major proposed actions, which include

- legal changes to update the purposes of designated landscapes to include a greater focus on recovery of nature as well as improved health and wellbeing for all parts of society

- a strengthened role for protected landscape bodies to support the shift in agriculture to new policies and land management schemes

- a greater influence in planning decisions as statutory consultees

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership has welcomed the Government's response but shares the concerns of the National Association for AONBs that more needs to be done on funding. The AONB Partnership is drafting a response to the consultation, and we encourage others to do the same.

It's an opportunity for people to shape how protected landscapes will deliver benefits for people and nature for years to come. The deadline to respond to the consultation is 9th April 2022. For more information, please click on this link

<https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/aonb-family/glover-review-of-designated-landscapes>

Stephanie Hayes, Promotions Officer

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The songs of ancient Celtic bards, and archaeological records, affirm that Welsh gold has had a long and fascinating existence. Not only is Welsh gold one of the rarest precious metals in the world, but its reputation has taken on an almost magical dimension through time.

The tradition is presumed to have started by panning gold from alluvial placers in river beds, or near old rivers. By 75AD, however, large scale mining was already underway at Dolaucothi and from 1862 until 1911 the Clogau St. David's Gold Mine near Dolgellau had produced 165,031 tonnes of gold ore resulting in 78,507 troy ounces (2,442 kg) of gold in what was known as the 'gold rush' period.

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The featured work will be the Requiem in D Minor, composed at the very end of Mozart's life. The work is widely acknowledged as one of the greatest choral pieces of all time, displaying dramatic contrasts of expression, from the most subtle and beautiful turn of phrase as exemplified in the heart-rendering Lachrimosa, to the equally captivating power of the thunderous Dies Irae and the dramatic Rex Tremendae.

The brilliant and evocative Violin Concerto No 4 in D, K 218 is one of Mozart's best-loved works for violin and orchestra, and the Sinfonia will be joined by the gifted young violinist, Ayla Sahin who makes a welcome return to Shropshire following her previous appearance in 2018 when she performed Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto to much acclaim. Opening the concert is the jubilant C-major antiphon Regina Coeli, K. 276, a most delightful example of Mozart's early choral works, full of boundless energy. A musical treat is in store!

The venue is St John's Church, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AF at 7.30pm. Tickets (£15, children and students free) are available by calling 01588 650315 or online via www.ticketsource.co.uk, and can also be purchased from choir members or on the night."



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CALLING ALL BEATLES FANS!

On a recent holiday I saw and heard a most entertaining power point presentation "All About The Beatles & Their Music".

Bill Powell, from Chester, who gave this and several others about 'Pop' sensations from the sixties, has very kindly agreed to repeat his show about the Beatles in Hope Village Hall on Friday the 22nd of April at 7 30pm.

Apart from a broad knowledge he acquired at the time Bill has thoroughly researched all aspects of the Beatles rise to fame and fortune. His presentation is extremely well delivered. Please come along and support both Shelve and Hope Churches. It will appeal to all ages.

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Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group

How many Curlews and Lapwings are there? Please help us to find out



We are going to start looking again for Curlew and Lapwing at the end of March. If you would like to do something to help stop them disappearing from the local countryside, we would like your help, please.

We need to know how many breeding pairs there are, and where, before we can try and help them.

The Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group area extends from Brockton, Minsterley, Pontesbury and Plealey in the north, to Rorrington, Hemford, Stiperstones Cothercott and Wilderley hills in the south, and includes the Rea and Hope valleys, and Habberley brook.

We have looked for Curlews, and Lapwings since 2014. Our work was disrupted by Covid-19 in the last two years, but we are starting again this month. We hope to find the same number of Curlews as we did in 2019 (9 - 10 pairs) and more Lapwing (only one).

The survey only involves three 3-hour visits between the beginning of April and mid-June, simple instructions and a map to record your observations are provided, and there will be a training session if you want to come. Results from previous years, and more about our plans for 2022, will explained at the meeting.

Community Wildlife Bird Group meeting
7.30pm, Tuesday 22nd March
Minsterley Parish Hall
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All welcome!!!

For more information, please see the Rea Valley pages on the Community Wildlife Groups website www.shropscwgs.org.uk/rea-valley-wildlife-group/

If you want to help, but can't get to the meeting, please email me:

Leo Smith

Copper mining took place in the village of Clive, just off the B5476 Shrewsbury to Wem road. There is little evidence in the village for the presence of a copper mine, yet in places the workings come within a metre (or less!) of the surface. Of all the north Shropshire Copper Mines, Clive seems to have been the most extensive underground. The mine is close to Grinshill and its sandstone quarries (Triassic Keuper Sandstone), and is driven through the sandstones which are partly overlaid by Waterstones.

There are a number of shafts into the workings, most are shallow and date from the early working of the mine. Due to their proximity to the road (Mine Bank) and houses, all but two of have been filled and capped.

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Snailbeach mine: development & mechanisation c.1781-1856

By Andy Cuckson

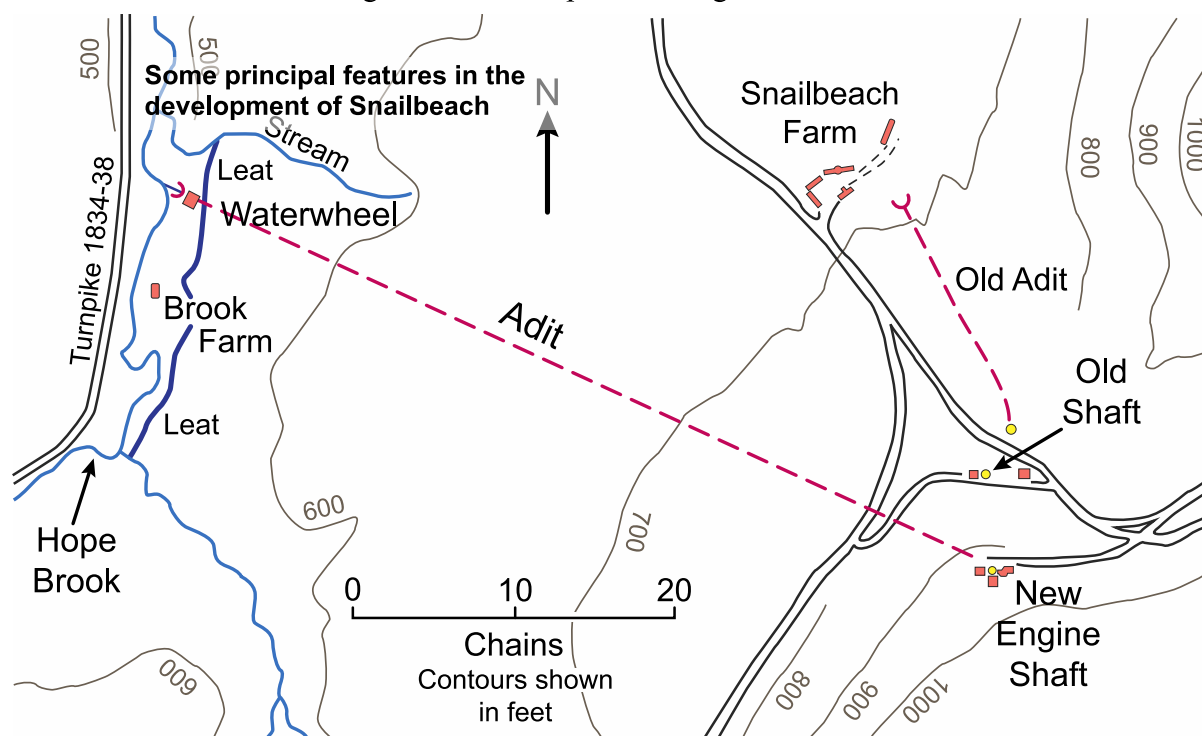
Andy Cuckson has been writing about the mines of Snailbeach for many years now and many of you will know his book “The Snailbeach District Railways”. He has published many articles about the railway and the mines at Snailbeach in numerous magazines and journals. He contributes articles for *Below*, a Shropshire Caving and Mining Club quarterly publication.

One of his most recent contributions was for SCMC in Journal 10 after NHAMO 2021, from which I requested extracts for Shropshire Mines Trust newsletter. Andy has generously agreed to let me to serialise his paper "Snailbeach mine: development & mechanisation c.1781-1856" in two parts.

So I owe an enormous thank you to Andy and Mike Worsfold for all their time and patience in helping me to produce this 1st part of the serialisation. Also Kelvin who kindly supplied the photos as used in journal 10. (Ed)

1 Introduction

Earlier descriptions of the mine all discuss the development and mechanisation of the mine in this period to some extent. A serial published in 1940 in the *Border Counties Advertizer* newspaper, of which SCMC now has a set of copies, cites primary source material probably long since lost: the Minute Book of Thomas Lovett's Snailbeach partnership and a diary kept by partner William Lovett during 1784 while superintending the mine.



2 Early years of Thomas Lovett's Snailbeach partnership

The *Advertizer* serial notes that Lovett worked the mine from May 1779. Presumably Viscount Weymouth (only later were the Thynnes Marquises of Bath) gave him licence to prospect, since the first known lease dates only from January 1782. The partners were seriously working the mine from 1781 and using horse engines. These are key dates indicating the start of serious investment in and development of the mine by Lovett and partners.

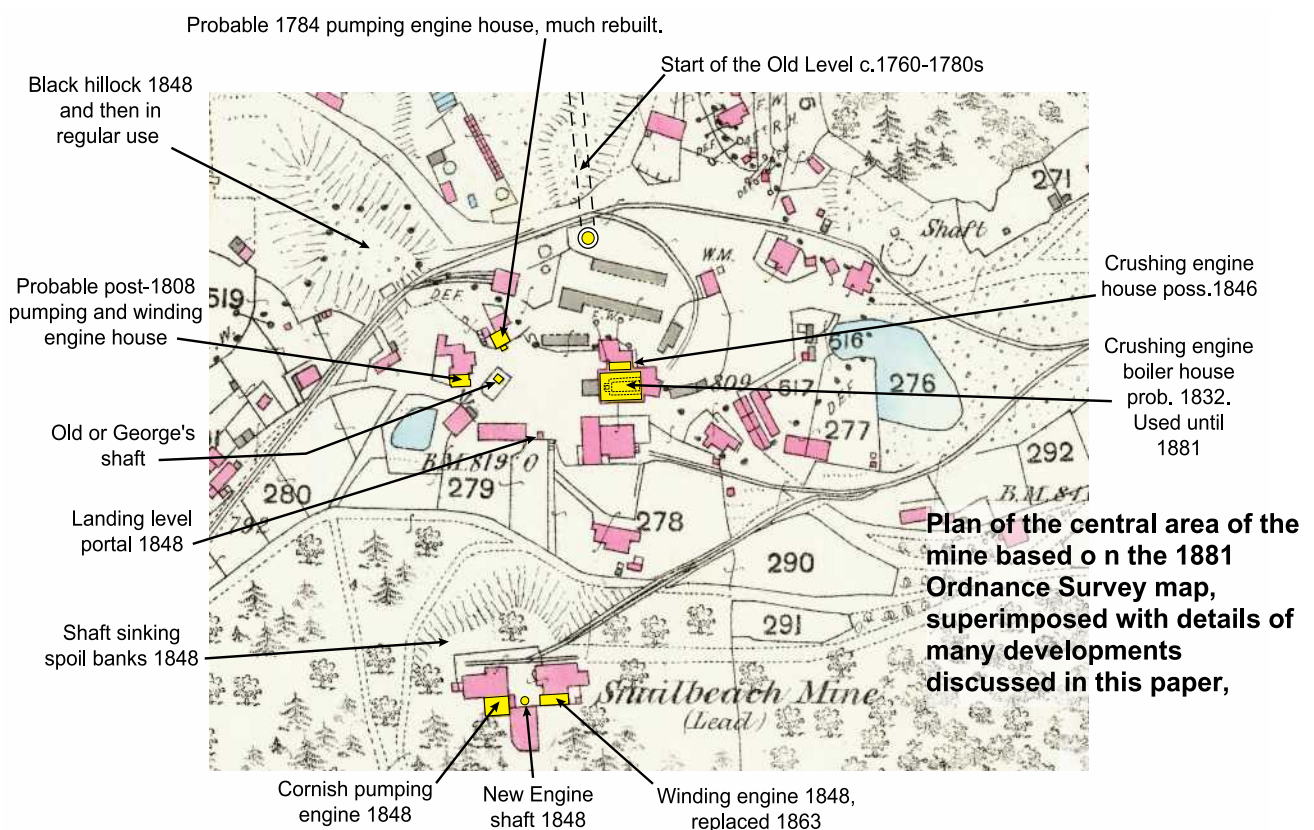
3 Exploration and underground works from c.1782 to 1827

3.1 The 'old level'

A shallow drainage adit driven in the 1760s drained into the old brook (captured in the 1870s by the large reservoir) which flowed west out of the Snailbeach valley then turned north, passing to the east of Snailbeach Farm. The elevation of the adit outfall, estimated from spot heights, was no more than 30 yards or so below the top of the 'Old Shaft' known today.

To add to this, William Lovett in his journal refers to an 'old level' with 'landers' being used for drainage. Lander is Shropshire dialect for a trough, channel or launder. This was probably the 1760s adit which was being pressed into service.

Perhaps the work done on the old adit was a temporary re-opening, or even to ease the general surface water of the season. But on Thurs 25 March, Lovett says: '*Began to wall the last pit on the old Level but driven off by snow.*' This work sounds like long term investment. The encroachment of mud mentioned by Lovett would have made the lining a necessity as well as preventing collapse. It might have been intended for draining, perhaps with mechanical assistance, what is now known as the 40 Yard Level. The previous lessees' shafts do seem to have been a little north of what is now called Old or George's Shaft and the later workings. During the 1990s reclamation work on the White Hillocks, a previously unrecorded round brick-lined shaft filled with clay was uncovered, possibly continuing the line of suggested air shaft positions for the 18th century level.



3.2 The 'New Level'

Lovett reported at the same time that another adit – the 'New Level' – was being driven. It can only be what is now known as the Wagbeach adit, confirming that it was being driven in 1784. The progress recorded in early 1784 indicates work done between 1782 and then. On Monday 1 March William Lovett wrote: '*Walled 180 yards up the New Level 100 of which is arched. Jn. Nailor dealed the Level.*' The term 'dealed' will refer to erecting temporary form work from pine, often known as deal, allowing the masons to carry forward the arching. Further

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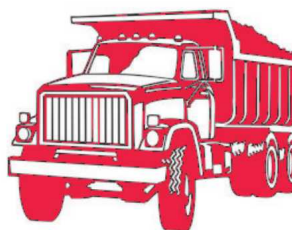
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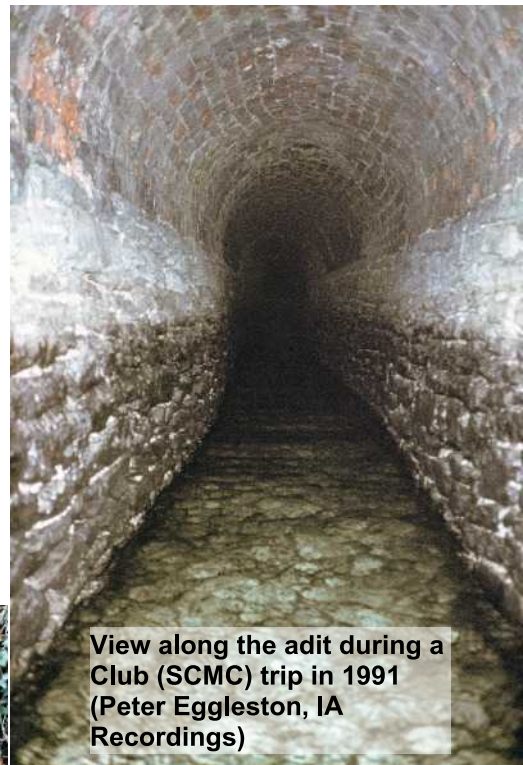
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diary entries state: Mon 11 Oct: ‘*The drainers at work in the meadow.*’ Tues 12 Oct: ‘*The drainers busy and will want a great quantity of stones to fill up the gutters.*’ Work done in a meadow probably indicates sinking an air shaft, of which there were several. See 3.4 for costs.

An atmospheric or ‘fire’ engine was installed in the same year as the adit was being driven (see 6.1 in the later part of this serialisation). This suggests that sinking was anticipated below the 112 Yard Level very soon, when the engine would be needed to lift water to drain via the adit. But the partners had already recognised the economy of an atmospheric engine over pumping by horses, even while sinking shafts which had not reached 112 yards (see 6.4 in the next instalment).

Outfall from the Wagbeach adit in 2017 (Mike Shaw)



View along the adit during a Club (SCMC) trip in 1991 (Peter Eggleston, IA Recordings)

3.3 Arthur Aikin’s visit in 1796

Other than the *Advertiser* serial, the earliest known dated description of progress underground in Snailbeach mine is by Arthur Aikin, a founder of the Geological Society. In his book *Journal of a Tour through North Wales and Part of Shropshire* published in 1797, he wrote that the mine was already being worked to a depth of 180 yards, while the preface says that he made the tour in 1796. This suggests that there were levels below 112 yards at the time of his visit – at least the 152 Yard Level.

3.4 Development costs to 1820

Costs of developing the mine are detailed in an undated script named ‘*Expencis at SnealBeach Mine Driving Levells & Sinking Pits from 1782 To 25 March 1820.*’ The total cost of the works it lists is £41,042. During this time, about one sixth of this money went into driving ‘*The Long Level from the Brook*’ (which can only be the Wagbeach adit) and ‘*Black Toms Level*’, costing £4,000 and around £3,000 respectively. Four levels ‘*in the Loard Hill*’ (Lord’s Hill) had been driven at a total cost of £13,000, and three levels ‘*in the Rusting Hill*’ (Resting Hill) cost £6,000. There were two further levels ‘*to the Loard Hill.*’ Almost £6,000 was spent developing Callow Hill mine. The rest of the money was spent on sumps and cross cuts, and a ‘*Level from the Pit in the Meadow Towards the Croos Nist [Crow’s Nest].*’

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The 'Expencis' document lists exploration or dead work alone, and does not mention depths or specific dates. Its 1782 start date corroborates the *Advertiser* information. There is no mention of surface developments, installation of machinery, building and operating collieries and smelt works, etc. The Wagbeach adit was an important development, allowing any water collecting in the mine from above this level to be drained without the use of machines. It also reduced the expense of pumping from below it since no water needed to be raised to grass. The various levels mentioned cannot be identified positively.

Expencis at SnealBeach Mine Driving Levells & Sinking Pits from 1782 To 25 March 1820

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1 Level in the Loard Hill	924		
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D-o in D-o Hill	4230		
D-o in D-o Hill	6107		
Sundrys Sumps and Cross Cutes	5431		
1 Level in the Rusting Hill	932		
2 Level in the D-o	3068		
3 Level in the D-o	1960		
Level from the Pit in the Meadow Towards the Croos Nist	1157		
5 Level to the Loard Hill	1644		
6 Level to D-o	604		
Callow Hill Level and Pits	5725		
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The winding shaft for late-19th to early-20th century working of a level which was described by RV Davis in 1820 as "Black Tom Level" is known as 'Black Tom' shaft. It might have been sunk to 40 yards by later managers, either Jonathan Harrison or Stephen and James Ray Eddy. By comparing plans, it has also been suggested that another two possible earlier shafts in the area are probably one and the same, being sunk in the 1760s. Known recently as 'Ladder Way,' it was sunk to the 40 Yard Level. This shaft was capped during the 1990s, and is reported to be under a greenhouse at 19 Snailbeach.



The likely 1784 pumping engine house, much rebuilt, behind a small waterwheel and the locomotive shed c 1900. The top floor is an office. The 1874 lease scheduled the building as 'two dwelling houses Captains office and garden' hence the group of two or three chimneys behind the single storey part with the snow covered roof.

Any pumping shaft next to the building was sunk from the original ground level,. So spoil buildup and retaining walls around Old (or Georges) Shaft are later features. This helps place the building of the pumping and winding

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Willie saw some dynamite

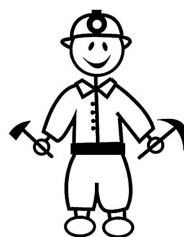
*Willie saw some dynamite,
Couldn't understand it quite;
Curiosity never pays:
It rained Willie seven days.*

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Heather's Report for February 2022

Bishop's Castle Hospital Closure: Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust has agreed its 7th October decision was unlawful and is to be quashed.

The Trust – Shropcom - apparently took a decision to close our local hospital behind closed doors, in a private Board meeting on 7th October last year. They told staff on 14th October and then the media picked up the story on the 15th. They closed outpatient services and started moving patients out, and by the end of October, everything was gone. They said it was about safety but they didn't provide evidence of that. And they didn't work WITH local people to try and find an alternative to closure.

The Trust has now admitted they've acted unlawfully, and that they've now re-opened physiotherapy and diabetic eye screening.

I will be working with my Councillor Colleagues and a great number of people in the community to find solutions that will keep the hospital open. It seems that staffing has been the big issue in the past.

Hopefully, the Trust will now want to work with us in this very open and inclusive way.

Housing

For many years we have had problems with finding enough affordable homes to rent or buy in our communities for our young people. We also need more 2-3 bedroomed houses for local families. Unfortunately, since the beginning of COVID and the move towards holidaying in the UK, many homes let at a reasonable rent have been turned into holiday lets which makes the situation even worse. House prices and private rental levels have also rocketed making living here even difficult and frequently impossible. Although we are having some affordable homes built at last, it is still nowhere near enough for local families, young people and essential workers.

Updates

Hope School

Heather said: "This was finally passed by the Council. It is good to see that these are 2-3 bedroomed homes but it is hugely disappointing to see that no affordable homes will be built on site. This is a major failing by the developer – CORNOVI – a Company set up by Shropshire Council to build affordable homes! There will be an affordable housing levy – cash – of 0.6 of a house but this will not be used on this site. it cannot even be ringfenced to be spent in the Parish.

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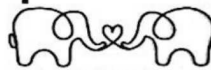


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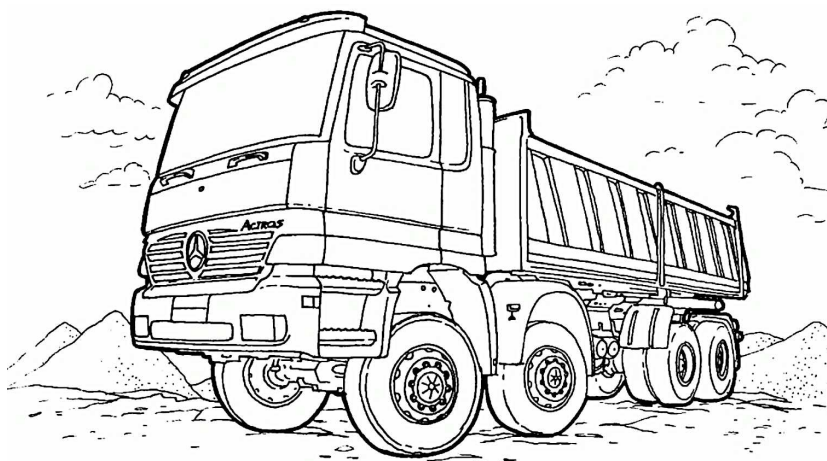
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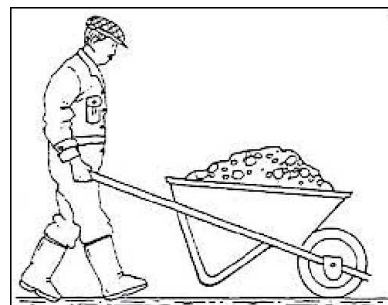
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Two good friends reunite after a few years:
Sophia: Oh my dear, what an incredibly large diamond ring you've got. You must love it?
Shelly: Well yes, my husband bought it for me but it seems it comes with a curse.
Sophia: How brave of you to keep wearing it!
What's the curse?
Shelly: My husband!

Barry worked in a gold mine
He was ready to leave his gold mining days behind, as his retirement was coming up in a couple of months.
One day, he was leaving work, pushing a wheelbarrow that had a box in it.
The guard noticed the box, and suspiciously asked, "Hey, Barry. What's in the box?"
"Nothing", murmured Barry, as if he was hiding something.
Unconvinced, the guard took the box and opened it, only to find Barry was actually telling the truth.
"Well, what do you know!", chuckled the guard, surprised to see the box was empty.
Same thing happened the next day. This went on for weeks, until the day of Barry's retirement.
"Look, Barry. I know you're up to something, but I just can't point my finger on what it is.", the guard sighed. "Just be honest with me, and I promise I won't say a word. Are you stealing anything?"
Barry looks around, leans in close, and says "Wheelbarrows!"



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Team details

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 2382

Damien Kelly

Safer Neighbourhood Officer: PC 3331 Stuart Coote

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

16th January 2022 - 14th February 2022

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Hemford	
Assault		Marton	
Assault		Bromlow	
Threats to kill		Worthen	Suspect arrested and bailed
Harassment		Hope	
Assault		Stiperstones	

What's happened to old King Coal.

Demand for coal fell by 11 per cent in comparison with 2019 to 7.1 million tonnes in 2020. This decrease was driven by a drop in consumption by electricity generators, as coal-fired generation is phased out of the UK energy mix. Consumption of coal for electricity generation fell to a record low, down 20 per cent from 2019 to 2.3 million tonnes in 2020. This decline reflected a lower overall demand for generation in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the closure of two coal-fired generation plants in March 2020 and included a record time spent using coal-free electricity generation in the Spring of 2020. Production of coal fell to another record low, down 35 per cent from 2019 to 1.7 million tonnes. Surface mining production fell to a record low of 1.6 million tonnes due to mine closures, restrictions in coal mines due to Covid-19, bad weather and a flood in one of the mines as well as the falling demand for coal by electricity generators. In the last ten years, UK coal production has fallen by 91 per cent. Coal imports fell 27 per cent in comparison with 2019 to just 4.5 million tonnes it accounted for 45 per cent of supply in 2020. Three countries accounted for 79 per cent of total coal imports: Russia (36 per cent), the USA (22 per cent) and Venezuela (21 per cent).

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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From 6th January 2020

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Pontesbury Shop	08:50
Minsterley	08:55
Hope	09:00
Gravels	09:03
White Grit	09:05
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
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Bishops Castle to Newtown 775 B	
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Church Stoke	10:20
Blue Bell	10:25
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A final note of goodwill and kindness

We would like to express our thanks, through your newsletter, to the lovely boys who returned our Labrador's identity tag via the post to us. Sensibly, they did not leave their return address,

but we so want them to know that we thank them for their kindness. We loved the drawing that they enclosed with their dog, Coco.

Yours sincerely, Sarah and Don Bennett Resting Hill House, Snailbeach