



# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS

September 2020

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## BACK IN PRINT



We welcome back an old friend. After 4 months lying dormant and hiding on the internet your Snailbeach District News is back. Still recovering from the pandemic the news is a little thin this month, although many of our regular contributors can still be found inside.

A new editorial team takes over and we will try to meet the high standards set by those who have gone before. I am sure you will join me in thanking Patrick for the content and quality of the SDN in the last few years.



## A bridge not too far

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Edition

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Generations of Stiperstones' children have perched or straddled the wobbly rails across the Perkins Beach footbridge. Thirsty runners and tired walkers have leaned against them for a deserved rest. Martials with stop watch in hand have timed the Devil's Chair dawdlers and dashers, but the wobbly rails are no more. Thanks to Tim Hockly Dave Bradbury, Mike Pugh, Joe Bradbury, and Alistair Bagnall a strong set of seasoned rails now crosses the bridge over a new pipe which we hope will reduce the flooding onto the main road.

The village may not be quite ready to compete with Shrewsbury yet but with our bulb feast, the roadside planting and the pots around the phone box it has become an even more welcoming community.





## What's inside this month?

A verse from down under  
Info about flu jabs  
Simon's notes from the hill  
Our MP on planning regs  
Heating grant opportunities  
Blackberry pickings  
Weather Notes  
News from church and chapel  
And a pilgrim's tale.



## Its been a buddleia-year

Hot sun, plenty of rain and plenty of time for weeding and mowing; our gardens have rarely looked better. We have been enjoying our potatoes, peas and beans and our freezer is full of rhubarb. It looks like being a bumper apple harvest so we all should have plenty for Jo Longstaff's Apple Day.

Many of you have been showing off your gardens on Facebook and maybe one or two have sent off a video to Monty Don.

On the wildlife front, Rosa has had a hedgehog and her buddleia has been awash with peacock butterflies. We didn't seem to get much frog spawn although I often disturb beautifully marked common frogs while digging. No swallows or martins came to the stables this summer nor our usual pair of collared doves but we have a very precocious pair of the usually shy wrens and the buzzards and kites can often be seen circling above.

The Editor



## APPLE DAY Hope Village Hall, SY5 0JB



It's looking like there will be a good apple harvest this year. As in recent years we shall be pressing and collecting apples for juicing on

**SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER  
From 12 noon till 4pm**

Have a bit fun turning your apples into juice using the small presses that will be available at the Village Hall on the day. Please bring your own containers.

Alternatively you can have your apples professionally juiced, pasteurised and bottled. We will collect your apples on the day and take them away for juicing. We ask for a small proportion to be donated for the Village Hall sales.

Please bring unbruised dessert apples only (not windfalls) and none from animal/poultry-grazed orchards.

We welcome any donations of surplus apples which will be pressed and sold as juice for Village Hall funds.

Sadly, as a result of the restrictions on gatherings and events we shall not be offering a bar or indoor refreshments at this year's Apple Day. We hope to be able to serve some refreshments outside but we shall be following all national and local guidance to ensure that everyone is safe.



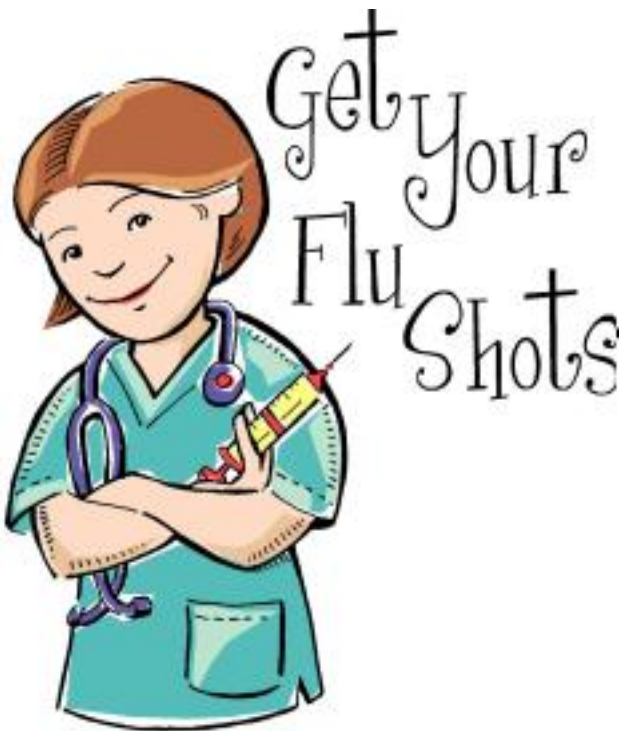
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# Worthen Medical Practice

## Flu vaccination Clinics Autumn 2020



This year flu vaccination clinics will be held at the village hall next to the surgery to support social distancing due to the covid-19 pandemic. Please follow the advice of the staff when you arrive for your vaccination. Clinics will be held in October on a variety of days and times to give patients a choice of when to attend. This year clinics will again be 'by appointment' which means that you will be given a time to arrive for your flu vaccination.

Please wear your face mask when you attend for your appointment. Please do not wear bulky clothing to help ensure all appointments run to time.

If you are eligible for the flu vaccine please call in or ring the surgery on 01743 891401 to make your appointment. If you are unsure if you are eligible please ask one of the reception staff who will be able to advise you.

The government has announced that it wants all patients aged 50 – 64 to have a flu vaccine this year once the other groups have been vaccinated. We are waiting for further details of this. If you are in this group please ring the surgery in mid-October to book your flu appointment. Please check our Facebook page and website for the latest information.

### *How effective is the flu vaccine?*

*Flu vaccine is the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus that can cause unpleasant illness in children and severe illness and death among at-risk groups, including older people, pregnant women and people with an underlying physical health condition.*

*Studies have shown that the flu vaccine will help prevent you getting the flu.*

*It will not stop all flu viruses and the level of protection may vary, so it's not a 100% guarantee that you'll be flu-free.*

*But if you do get flu after vaccination, it's likely to be milder and shorter-lived than it would otherwise have been.*

*There's also evidence to suggest that the flu vaccine can reduce your risk of having a stroke.*

*Over time, protection from the injected flu vaccine gradually decreases and flu strains often change.*

*New flu vaccines are produced each year, which is why people advised to have the flu vaccine need it every year.*



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### Notes from the hill

Well it has been the strangest of years so far, but hopefully things are returning a bit more to normality on the Stiperstones. Natural England Staff are back on site as we are allowed to carry out 'non-essential' work, although I would argue that all of our work is essential to the management of the site. Our volunteers are starting back with us, where they can, and where we can ensure suitably socially distanced tasks. The obvious task being the scything of the bracken, as no one is likely to come within two metres if someone is wielding a scythe.

We are still seeing a lot of visitors to the reserve, it must be a record year for visitors, and the car park is generally busy these days, even on weekdays. Sometimes hidden away in the Secret Hills we forget what a busy island we live on. All the more reason to make more space for nature, and hopefully some of you will have seen BBC Countryfile explaining the vision of the Stepping Stones Project the other day.

You don't get much air-time on a short programme like Countryfile, so to update you a bit more fully, the main aim is to establish habitat links between and around the key wildlife sites of the Stiperstones and the Long Mynd, allowing wildlife to move across the area, and thus making it more resilient to climate and other changes that are happening now, and are likely to increase the threat to our wildlife in the future. The project is progressing despite the Covid lockdown with the start of volunteer activities, such as green hay collected from churchyards being spread on nearby verges. A bilberry bumblebee project started up and an appeal to purchase Cudwell Meadow, south of Church Stretton was launched. Verges are being managed for wildflowers and the Marches



Meadow Group have purchased a snazzy new seed collector. There are also some exciting woodland and riverine projects in the pipeline. For more information on the Stepping Stones project and how you can help out contact [charlie.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:charlie.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk).

The dry weather on the hill has been good for insects, with good numbers of butterflies, moths and dragonflies. These have attracted a hobby that can often be seen hunting over the heather particularly at the top of the steep dingles on the West side of the hill. Hobbies are extremely agile falcons. They can sometimes be mistaken for peregrine falcons as they sometimes stoop after prey with closed wings. They both have pale cheeks and black moustaches, however they are smaller and thinner winged and are generally more agile in flight. They can often be seen catching insects on the wing and later when the martins and swallows are gathering will turn their attention to them. If you have the time it is worth sitting at the top of Mytton Dingle or Perkins Beach and watching the hobby, kestrel or ravens as they play in the updraft.

Simon Cooter for Natural England staff at Rigmoroak.



## September is blackberry time

and this year the berries seem bigger and more plentiful than ever. It may be the cleaner air with all those polluting aeroplanes sitting dormant on the tarmac. It may be just a little present for us all after putting up with the maladies of lockdown. Whatever it is, get out there and start picking and cooking and baking and preserving or just eating the beauties straight off the bush.

### Blackberry Pie Bars Recipe

Crumbly moist pie dough with sweet juicy blackberries combine to make these Blackberry Pie Bars! Get the deliciousness of pie without rolling out the pie dough!

Prep Time 15 minutes

Cook Time 45 minutes

Total Time 1 hour

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Zest and juice of one lemon, divided
- 1 cup (2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1 inch

#### slices

- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 cups fresh blackberries
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch

#### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Grease a 9×13 inch pan.

In a food processor, pulse together flour, 1 cup of sugar, baking powder, cinnamon salt and lemon zest. Add the butter, egg and vanilla extra. Pulsing until dough is crumbly.

Pat half of dough into the bottom of the prepared pan, saving the remaining dough for the topping.

In a medium bowl, stir together the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice. Gently mix in the blackberries. Sprinkle the blackberry mixture evenly over the crust. Crumble remaining dough over the berry layer.

Bake in preheated oven for about 45 minutes, or until top is slightly brown (you are only looking for the top to slightly brown).



## They said -

When the blackberries hang swollen in the woods, in the brambles nobody owns, I spend all day among the high branches, reaching my ripped arms, thinking of nothing, cramming the black honey of summer into my mouth; all day my body accepts what it is. In the dark creeks that run by there is this thick paw of my life darting among the black bells, the leaves; there is this happy tongue.

Mary Oliver

O, blackberry tart, with berries as big as your thumb, purple and black, and thick with juice, and a crust to endear them that will go to cream in your mouth, and both passing down with such a taste that will make you close your eyes and wish you might live forever in the wideness of that rich moment.

Richard Llewellyn



Blueberries, strawberries and blackberries are true super foods. Naturally sweet and juicy, berries are low in sugar and high in nutrients - they are among the best foods you can eat.

Joel Fuhrman

### Health benefits of blackberries

They're packed with vitamin C. Just one cup of raw blackberries has 30.2 milligrams of vitamin C. ...

They're high in fiber. Most people don't get enough fiber in their diet. ...

Great source of vitamin K. ...

High in manganese. ...

May boost brain health. ...

Helps support oral health.



### Blackberry Basil Mojito

Muddle berries, lime and sugar.

Add basil, muddle a little more.

Add rum, gently stir.

Add some crushed ice and stir.

Add club soda and gently stir.

Top with more crushed ice, basil and a blackberry (or two).





## **Reforms to the planning system – Letter from Westminster, September 2020**



Planning how as a society we decide what buildings get built where, to serve which need, is one of the perennial conundrums of local and national politics. There is no right answer which will satisfy everyone. So devising a system of decision-making which achieves the myriad objectives of those who need to live and work in buildings, during a time of population growth when not enough homes have been built, calls for radical action.

The government has had some success in reforming the planning system since 2010, with the National Planning Policy Framework contributing to more local involvement in deciding how our communities develop, and cutting away red tape. Together, the changes have meant that last year we delivered over 241,000 homes, more new homes than at any point in the last 30 years, all while continuing to protect our environment, heritage and Green Belt.

But frustratingly, the ambition to own your own home remains a distant dream for many young people. There is a significant generational divide, as demand for housing has grown but supply has failed to keep up. Aside from the relative price stability in the mid-1990s, and the financial crash of 2008, house prices have grown consistently over the years.

We cannot ignore the effect our planning system has on the supply of housing. Local authorities take on average seven years to generate a comprehensive housing plan for an area. Developers take on average five years to get permission to build. As we have seen in South Shropshire this can often be followed by very slow delivery of homes with the roads, schools, hospitals and other community infrastructure support their occupants require.

Last month the government launched ‘Planning for the Future’, setting out proposals to facilitate a more diverse and competitive housing industry, in which smaller builders can thrive alongside the big players, where all pay a fair share of the costs of infrastructure and the affordable housing communities require and where planning permissions are more swiftly turned into homes.

This Green Paper is subject to full public consultation. I would encourage local residents to have their say before the deadline of 29th October. Full details of the consultation can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>.

In addition to these long-term changes, the government introduced new rules to boost housing density in the short-term, allowing residential blocks of three storeys or more, as well as terrace buildings in certain commercial uses and mixed-use buildings, to extend upward to create new self-contained homes. A new right on demolition and rebuilding will support the regeneration of vacant and redundant buildings that no longer effectively serve their original purpose, support housing delivery and boost housing density.

These changes should help deliver the growing need for housing while also reducing pressure to build on greenfield sites. Exemptions exist for National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and conservation areas.

The reforms come at a crucial time, since a new Future Homes Standard for all new homes is being developed to ensure that housing quality and energy efficiency continues to improve across the country. I shall be keenly holding Government to account (as chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee) to raise energy efficiency standards of all new buildings, including those constructed under Permitted Development Rights.

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Locally, Shropshire Council is undertaking its own review of development in the county, with a draft Local Plan which sets out where and how much development should take place in Shropshire to 2038. This too is under public consultation until the end of this month, so I encourage all those concerned to look at the proposals and have your say at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-18-pre-submission-draft-local-plan-consultation/>.

My hope is that these changes, taken together, will result in a good supply of housing in Shropshire, that takes into account local views. But this is dependent on as many people as possible having your say through these public consultations, to help frame our communities for the future.

Josh Boughton

Office of Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP (Ludlow)

House of Commons

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The Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis is complex and rapidly developing. If you are seeking advice, please check latest advice from the government which is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>



If you can help support a neighbour who is self-isolating, please print the form below and drop it under their door.

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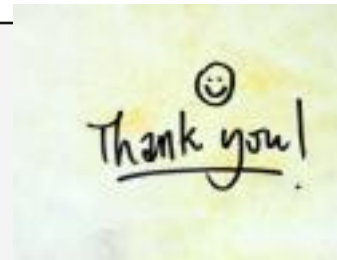


To Patrick for his reign as editor and for his support during our transition period.

To Marie Edwards for her donation and kind words.

From John at the shop and Lara and Phil at the pub to all their staff who have shown great care towards customers and to each other - and to all their customers old and new for helping in keeping the Stiperstones Inn and Stores a safe place to visit during the Covid 19 crisis.

-and of course to all NHS and care staff, and all frontline or key workers - a mega job.



## THE GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE 2011

In the early 1980's Reverend Neville Minshall undertook a personal pilgrimage on Good Friday between the churches of his parish carrying a cross.

In the following years he continued the pilgrimage and as people found out about his efforts he was joined by more local people. Following his death the tradition continues and every year people follow a route taking in some or all of the local churches.

In 2011 I took part in the pilgrimage and took some camcorder video of the event. The group included many who had undertaken the walk on numerous occasions.

During lockdown I have found time to edit the footage from that pilgrimage into a presentable form which can be found on my Vimeo channel at

<https://vimeo.com/448559951>

The video includes a number of familiar faces from our area, some of whom are sadly no longer with us so it serves as a reflection on the past.

I shall be asking the Village Hall Committee and the local history group if a link can be included on their websites.

I hope people will be able to enjoy and please feel free to comment on the Vimeo site. If you would like some unedited footage of a family member as seen in the video please contact me directly at [silverblackco@gmail.com](mailto:silverblackco@gmail.com)

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## Weather News.

This summer of 2020 saw us experience a major heatwave, Which started in the last week of May reaching 83.0°F on the 26th June.



Then the weather broke up in amazing thunderstorms, I have never seen lighting like that for many years here. The thunderstorm on the 12th August saw heavy rainfall of 40.0mm, nearly 2ins, in just 3hrs. Once again not quite a record but pretty close, as my record was 2.5ins in one hour some years ago.

It does very much seem that the planet is getting warmer, what with huge fires in California and major typhoons in Asia to hurricanes and tropical storms in southern USA.

It is also interesting to note, that a dent has appeared in the earths magnetic field over the southern Atlantic, which stretches from the east coast of South America to the west coast of Africa. Apparently when both satellites and the International Space Station pass though this area a lot of their equipment has to be switched off, due to the dent allowing extra solar radiation particles to enter the atmosphere and cause damage to the said equipment.

The latest is that the dent seems to be splitting into two separate dents, presumably small ones.

I wonder if this would have some effect the weather as well. It would be interesting to find out, I will keep you posted.

Until next time

Keep Well.

Noel Evans



## Autumn One Liners

with thanks to onelinefun.com  
and jokes4us.com

It's been raining for 3 days without stopping. My wife is in depression, she is standing and looking through the window. If the rain doesn't stop tomorrow, I'll have to let her in.

What did the tree say to autumn? Leaf me alone.

If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favourite season? Fall.

What did one autumn leaf say to another? I'm falling for you.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days? Because their kids have to play inside!

What will fall on the lawn first? An autumn leaf or a Christmas catalogue?

Why do birds fly south in the autumn? Because it's too far to walk.

What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin Pi

What do you call a tree that doubts autumn? Disbe-leaf.





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### Heather's Report for September Snailbeach News

**Housing** - The Shropshire Local Plan. Shropshire Council has published its latest Local Plan which outlines what land will be allocated to housing in our communities amongst other things..

The Snailbeach/Stiperstones area will now be regarded as open countryside. This means that there will be no open market houses built in the future. This will take effect when the plan is adopted in late 2021/22.

**Roads** - Due largely to the chaotic relationship between Shropshire Council and the roads contractor KIER, an increasing number of road repairs are occurring at the 'drop of a hat' giving little or no warning to communities that road disruption is going to take place. A few weeks ago we had the A488 closing abruptly and now we have had the B4386 road to Shrewsbury. I have complained in the strongest terms that Communities (and this is a Shropshire wide phenomena) need proper notice of any work that is likely to cause disruption.

We are also still suffering potholes being top-dressed and gullies being tarred and white lined. This has now hopefully been remedied on the A488.

Best wishes

Heather



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In Snailbeach there was an incident of harassment.

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## *A Snailbeach Reminiscence*

*I'm thinking of the old days  
In the Shropshire air.  
Walking up to Stiperstones  
To attend the small school there.*

*Remembering the war years,  
And of visiting the site  
Where incendiary bombs had fallen  
On Snailbeach through the night.*

*So many things on ration,  
A frugal way of life;  
Churchill's exaltations  
For victory after strife.*

*Roma in the village  
Walked from door to door,  
Selling hand made clothes pegs.  
We always needed more.*

*The drudgery of washday  
With starch and dolly blue;  
Useful was the mangle  
When appliances were few.*

*Of Molly Wardman's little shop  
The reputation grew.*

*For all the latest gossip  
Just stand there in the queue.*

*Taking prime position  
Somewhere near the door  
Was Molly's old dog "Furkins"  
Sprawled across the floor.*

*Attending church on Sundays  
With people we once knew;  
Now, resting in the churchyard,  
My parents lie there too.*



*Anniversary at the chapel  
All dressed in best attire;  
Children's recitations,  
An anthem by the choir.*



*Travelling local roadways  
In Billy's little bus,  
When a journey into Shrewsbury  
Was a special treat for us.*



*From a seat at the Granada  
Often could be seen  
A memorable performance  
By stars of stage and screen.*

*We listened to the wireless  
Run on battery power  
and tuned into Dick Barton,  
Also children's hour.*



*Pantomimes and circuses  
Sometimes went on air,  
And we at home enjoyed them  
While sitting in our chair.*

*Fond memories of the windberries  
That grew on steep terrain;  
If only I could pick some  
To enjoy that taste again.*

*David Weston  
South Australia 2020*

David Weston spent his early years living at the Works, going to school at Stiperstones.. I believe his father worked at the creamery. David emigrated to Australia where he still lives. He keeps in contact with Derek and Jean Rowson who send him a newsletter each Christmas. David sent this poem to Jean in the hope we would publish it. I am sure many of our readers can remember such times.



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## An update from the Stiperstones group of churches

The Stiperstones group of churches include St Luke's Snailbeach; Holy Trinity Minsterley; St Mary's Habberley; All Saints Shelve and Holy Trinity Hope.

Our priest, Rev Giles Tulk, moved to Suffolk earlier this year and we currently have a vacancy. The plan is to have one priest for our group of churches and St. Georges Pontesbury (who have had a vacancy for nearly two years).

The good news is that the interviews will take place on September 10th and we are hopeful that a new priest will join us later this year or early 2021.

In the meantime, worship continues but in very different ways.

For those of you who would like to use a church for private prayer, St Georges is open on Wednesday from 10-1130am and Friday 4-5pm. There is the opportunity to light a candle if you wish. Masks must be worn and only three people are allowed at the altar to pray.

Our other churches remain closed at present.

Each week there is a service online on Zoom. I also send out a weekly service of Morning Prayer; a sermon and a prayer list. If you would like to join us for worship or simply receive the details via email, please contact me on revpambickley@gmail.com

Also if there is someone you wish us to pray for, please email or ring me on 07887 531174. The need for prayer this year has been more important than ever and be assured, each week we pray for our communities; for the world we live and for everyone who needs that special mention.

With blessings

Rev Pam Bickley



*"At Lordshill Baptist Church, we re-started worship services on 12 July. Right now we are only holding one service – at 11 o' clock each Sunday morning. This is in the chapel, where we have more room to spread out (not the schoolroom). Sadly, we cannot sing at present. We shall be glad to see you at the service, however with social distancing rules, we can only fit in a maximum of about 50 people. So it would be really helpful if you can let us know in advance if you plan to come (telephone 790979 or 588407, or email stephenford323@hotmail.com). Just as in the shops, you will need to wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt." Stephen Ford*

## Bereavement Support for Shropshire Residents Call\_0345 678 9028

A new service has been launched to support people who are experiencing and suffering from bereavement and loss. The offer is open to any Shropshire resident who has been bereaved by either a recent death or previous loss.\_ The Bereavement Support Service is operated by Shropshire Council and community voluntary partners Samaritans, CRUSE, Severn Hospice and Crane Quality Counselling.\_ The service can be accessed through self-referral by calling\_0345 678 9028.

The Bereavement Support Service is accompanied by the launch of a\_grief and bereavement during COVID19\_booklet which provides a compassionate overview of coping with loss, feelings that may be experienced, supporting others who are grieving and links to help and information.\_ A secondary booklet provides a practical guide for the process following a death and what has changed due to the pandemic.



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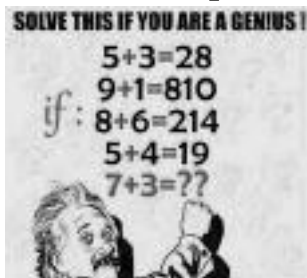


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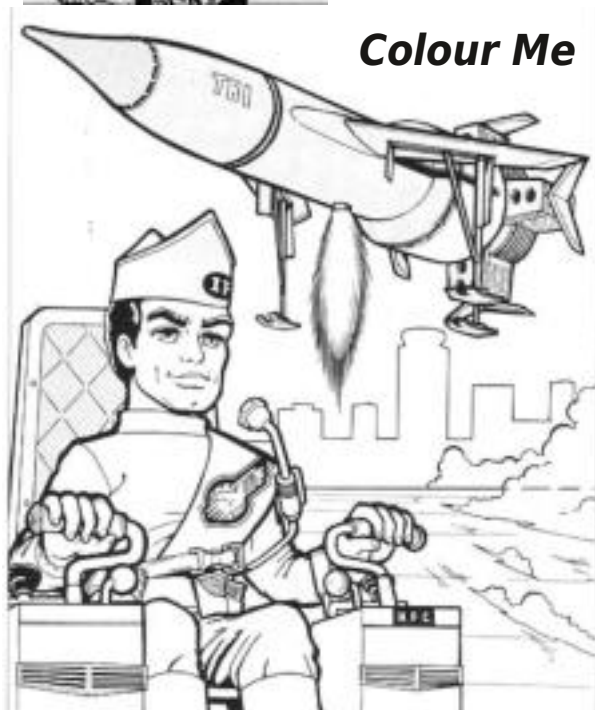
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# Retro Quiz Time



**What is Einstein up to?**



**Colour Me**

## Are you a scrabble player or a crossword fiend?

Here are 12 definitions of high scoring 7 letter scrabble words. (some US spellings) - Can you find them?

1. not sensible about practical matters; idealistic and unrealistic  
Q.....
2. make as big or large as possible  
M.....
3. with a husky or whistling sound  
W.....
4. make equal, uniform, corresponding, or matching  
E.....
5. (Yiddish) unbelievable gall; insolence; audacity  
CH.....
6. expel through adjuration or prayers  
E.....
7. a small high-velocity shell that makes a whizzing sound followed  
W.....
8. a shameless impudent scheming woman  
J.....
9. press firmly  
S.....
10. a cabinet containing an automatic record player; records are played by inserting a coin  
J.....
11. a pancake; a flat cake of thin batter fried on both sides on a griddle  
F.....
12. with little or no delay  
Q.....

## Thunderbirds

L	V	F	N	F	A	N	T	H	A	T	D	T	T
A	D	I	R	S	E	S	F	I	E	T	D	N	R
D	N	H	I	L	I	G	R	I	V	L	R	S	A
Y	E	N	C	J	B	A	E	A	O	I	R	D	C
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Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/17228/>

Those were the days  
– can you remember?

Who was in the charts September 1970

1. TEARS OF A CLOWN
  2. THE WONDER OF YOU
  3. MAMA TOLD ME (NOT TO COME)
  4. GIVE ME JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME
  5. MAKE IT WITH YOU
  6. BAND OF GOLD
  7. 25 OR 6 TO 4
  8. WILD WORLD
  9. RAINBOW
  10. LOVE IS LIFE
- How many artists can you get without googling?



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## Mary Poppins Decided To Grow Some Vegetables

Mary Poppins decides to grow some vegetables. When she picks her crop in the autumn, her carrots, potatoes, onions, and spring beans have all failed, but her cauliflowers have grown a treat.

She picks them, cooks some for Sunday lunch in a cheese sauce, and they taste wonderful.

After eating them for a week she notices two things. Firstly, her lips are full and glossy, unchapped, uncracked, and require absolutely no lip gloss to make them look full and pouty.

Secondly she has really awful bad breath and even her cat won't come near her.

Pleased with her lips, however, and spotting a money-making idea, she contacts a big cosmetics company and explains about the lip-enhancing qualities of her cauliflower crop.

After a month of testing the company buys the entire crop of cauliflowers for a phenomenal amount and requests that Mary grow some more as soon as possible.

The company proceeds to make lipstick out of them but experiences problems in the the final product manufacture. The lipstick does not gel correctly into a solid stick and ends up crumbling upon application. Quality controllers also find that, even as a lipstick, the bad breath remains and have to put it down as an unfortunate side effect.

As they are nearing their production deadline and adverts for this new wonder lip enhancer have hit the streets, the cosmetics company has no choice but to produce the packaging with the following caution.

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A flood was on its way, forcing everyone to evacuate. The police rowed up to the most pious woman in town and said, "Ma'am, you have to leave this house! People are dying out here!" The woman replied, "No, I'm not leaving. God has always helped me before, and He will do it again." So as the water started to rise, she went to the second story of her house. Another boat came by, and the captain yelled, "Ma'am, you have to get on this boat or you're going to drown!" The woman replied again, "No, God helped me before, and He will do it again." The water rose even higher. This time she went to the top of the roof, where a helicopter came and hovered overhead. The pilot called into his loudspeaker, "Please climb aboard, ma'am. You are going to drown!" The women sniffed and again replied, "God is going to save me!" But the water rose higher, and soon she drowned to death. She went to Heaven, and there she asked God, "Why didn't you save me, O Lord?" And God replied, "I did help--I sent you two boats and a helicopter!"

*Christiansunite.com*

## Firm Favourites

Autumn weather, warmly mild,  
The stories I read as a child,  
A host of funny wild birds,  
A million fascinating words,  
Apart from zinnias, most flowers,  
Long-awaited summer showers,  
And how could all those lovely trees  
Do anything but wholly please?  
Lots of things I shouldn't eat (Preferably not too sweet),  
Those whose creed and colour blindness  
Treats all with equal kindness,  
Songs old and sentimental,  
Men who are truly gentle,  
Rain falling on the roof,  
Politicians who tell the truth,  
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Any householders who still require loft or cavity wall insulation should also qualify for funding and for the first time, old electric storage heaters are also eligible for upgrades.

Shropshire Council has widened the criteria for funding by taking part in the government’s new ECO ‘Flexible Eligibility’ initiative, in the hope that more local householders will benefit.

Oliver Rothwell, Project Manager at Keep Shropshire Warm said:

“This new criteria offers a great opportunity for residents in Shropshire to access financial help with heating replacements and insulation upgrades. I would encourage any households who are struggling with old and inefficient heating systems to call Keep Shropshire Warm without delay, even if you have previously been turned down for support.”

Funding is available to households on a low income with household members who have a health condition, are over the age of 60 or have children under five living at the property. If you are on a low income and not in one of these categories, you may still qualify if you spend a lot of money on heating your home.

Residents can get more information and check their eligibility by contacting the Keep Shropshire Warm team on 0800 112 3743 or by emailing [advice@mea.org.uk](mailto:advice@mea.org.uk).

Top Ten Answers

1. Smokey Robinson And The Miracles

2. Elvis Presley

3. Three Dog Night

4. Chairmen Of The Board

5. Bread

6. Freda Payne

7. Chicago

8. Jimmy Cliff

9. Marmalade

10. Hot Chocolate

Earthworm crossword

Across: 2 wheelbarrow, 4 blossom, 7 shears, 9 tomato, 12 hedge, 13 rose, 14 leaf

Down: 1 worms, 3 lily, 5 spade, 6 pea, 8 petals, 10 mower, 11 turf, 12 hoe

Earthworm Word Hop: root room roam road load lead leaf

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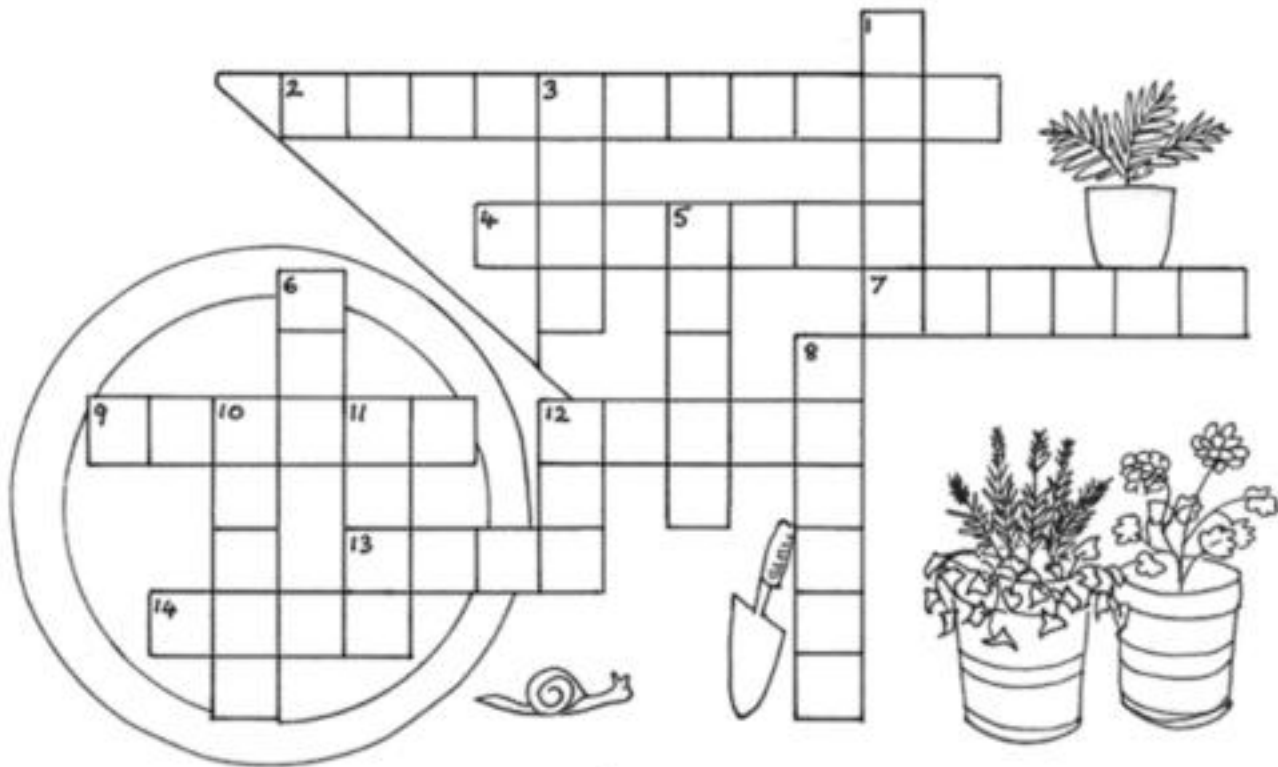
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# Garden Crossword



## Clues

### Across

2. Gardener's cart!
4. Flowers on a tree
7. Clippers
9. Red salad fruit
12. Bushy barrier
13. Sweet-scented flower
14. It turns sunlight into energy

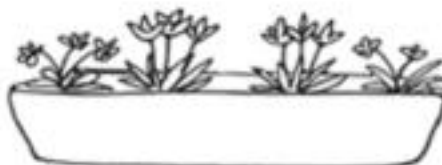
### Down

1. These creatures turn the soil
3. Tall, exotic flower
5. You dig with this
6. A sweet \_\_\_\_ is not for eating!
8. Coloured parts of flower
10. This will cut the grass
11. Lawn or grass
12. Long-handled tool for weeding



## Word Hop

Can you get from **root** to **leaf** in 6 steps? Change one letter to make a new word each time.



**root**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**leaf**





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