

# SNAILBEACH DISTRICT NEWS FREE! NOVEMBER 2018

November is the  
pearl-grey month,  
the changeling  
between warm  
crimson October  
and cold white  
December, the month  
when the leaves  
fall in slow  
drifting whirls,  
and the shapes of  
the trees are  
revealed, when the  
earth  
imperceptibly  
wakes, and  
stretches her bare  
limbs and displays  
her stubborn  
unconquerable  
strength before she  
settles uneasily  
into winter.  
November is secret  
and silent.

- Alison Uttley



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Snailbeach Methodist Church

Snailbeach Members and Friends wish to thank the family of the late Mary Challinor for the donation received of £500 for the Snailbeach graveyard fund.

Mary was a valued member of the community, a member of the church and organist, also the church secretary for many years.

### Dougie's Big Bike Ride!

After a 12 mile sponsored bike ride around Lake Vrynwy, Snailbeach resident Dougie Boulter has managed to raise £1,010 for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. Well done Dougie and all those who sponsored him!

### Snailbeach Village Halls' Quiz

Snailbeach, after a year out, is back in the Village Hall quiz league. On Friday 12th October we went to Picklescott. Plan B for the make-up of the team resulted in Jenny Alldridge, Dave Fitzhugh, Susan Bates and Julian Bromhead competing. Out of 72 questions we achieved a score of 54. Between us we also knew the answers to a further seven questions, and unfortunately failed to submit them. Cruckton won with 58 points from the eleven teams competing, and we came exactly halfway in sixth position. The last team scored 50 points, so we concluded that we had done respectably but not brilliantly.

We scored 24 out of 24 in the fun quiz, but, annoyingly, so did two other teams and one of them won the Kit Kats on a tie-break question. The team for the November quiz is expected to be Jenny Alldridge, Dave Fitzhugh, Susan Bates and Jerry Hughes. We only have two or three people so far for the other five, so if anyone would like to volunteer to join us please get in touch with me to talk about it.

*Jenny Alldridge*

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### Road Closures:

B4499 Hogstow junction to B4386 junction.

Start Date: 5th November 2018

End Date: 14th December 2018

Purpose: Carriageway resurfacing.

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council.

### Enforcement pattern for B4499 closure:

Monday - Sunday 09:30 - 16:00 and 24 hour closures on 12th – 13th Nov., 19th -20th Nov. and 22nd -23rd Nov from 07:00-07:00

**Phase 1** - 5th - 9th November - Betton junction to B4386 junction for civils - kerbing and drainage.

**Phase 2** - 12th - 4th December - Hogstow junction to Betton junction for civils and resurfacing.

**Phase 3** - 5th - 14th December - Betton junction to B4386 junction for resurfacing.

**The A488 Bishops Castle to Shrewsbury road** will be closed in Pontesbury at Hall Bank from 20th October 2018 to 4th November 2018. Diversions will be in place using the Brookside road in Pontesbury instead. There may well be congestion.

### Worthen with Shelve Parish Council

**Invitation to Tender For Maintenance Works for Sites within the Parish.** Tender price is to include for all works and the removal and proper disposal of all materials waste and debris. Price for the work should be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk. All prices must be received by 12 noon on Monday 7th January 2019.

**Contract period: Three years commencing on 1st. April 2019.**

Public liability insurance is required - cover of £2,500,000.

Full details and an application form can be obtained from:

The Parish Clerk, The Cart Barn, Worthen Hall Farm, Worthen, SY5 9HN. 01743 891438

### Planning Applications & Permissions

Sorry, I've had to prune Planning Applications down to this for this month as there's so much more interesting stuff demanding space!

**Reference:** 18/03515/FUL

**Alternative Reference:** PP-07170299

**Application Validated:** Tue 07 Aug 2018

**Address:** 4 Snailbeach Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 0NS

**Proposal:** Erection of detached double garage

**Status:** Granted

**Decision:** Grant Permission

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Stiperstones Brass  
Rehearsals**  
Snailbeach Village Hall  
Mondays 7.45pm  
Term times only

**Quiz Night**  
Stiperstones Inn  
Last Monday 8.00pm

**Knitter Natter**  
Stiperstones Inn  
Tuesdays from 10.00am

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Snailbeach Village Hall  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
10.00am

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



“Why is the chimney getting smaller?” he asked.

“What do you mean, why is the chimney getting smaller?” I replied.

“That chimney, up on the top of the hill, every time I come to visit, it gets smaller” he said.

I looked up at the Resting Hill chimney, standing tall (but not as tall as I remember) above the Upper Works mine site that Bernard was pointing at.

“Hmm, now he mentions it, it does look smaller than I remember it” I thought.

“So why is it getting smaller?” he insisted.

“It can’t be getting smaller, can it?” I protested. “That’s just daft!”

But I looked again and it was. The Resting House chimney, the biggest (but apparently getting smaller by the day), and perhaps the most distinguished landmark of Snailbeach, visible from as far away as Worthen, is indeed getting smaller.

“It’s the trees” he said. “They need to cut those trees back. Couple more years and you won’t be able to see that chimney.”

He was right. Living here I hadn’t noticed, but the trees are slowly, sneakily and imperceptibly obscuring the view of our once tall, historic monument to mining. So, are we to let nature take its wicked way and deprive us of our chimney that once stood proudly against the skyline? Are we to condemn it to obscurity, like an ancient Inca temple, lost in the drowning green vegetation of time, or are we to petition the custodians of the trees to cut back the greenery and let the full magnificence of the edifice feel, once again, the sun bathe its orange brickwork?

I can thoroughly recommend our centre page feature this month, written by Anita Evans of Lower Works, who tells of her medal winning exploits in Bratislava white water rafting.

Climate change is constantly featuring in our national media these days and is also reflected in these pages this month. Philip Dunne’s ‘Letter from Parliament’, discusses the Climate Change Act and Green GB week, and I have included a BBC article that further discusses the consequences of temperature rises on our planet.

Climate change is happening folks. It can’t be denied any longer!

I make no apologies this month for including two pieces dedicated to the memory of Mary Challinor, former co-founder of the SDN and treasurer for many years

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# THE ROCK

## THE END OF THE LINE



**A**t the southern end of the Stiperstones Ridgeline lies “The Rock”. I’ve never been sure whether this is fabulously descriptive nomenclature for this final massive pile of shattered quartz, or just the practical nature of Shropshire breaking through and calling a spade a bloody shovel. Either way The Rock is the end of the line for both the Tors and the mines of the Stiperstones. The mine here was never successful, still the workings are about 500 feet deep (It takes about 6 seconds for a dropped stone to reach the bottom) and the area around the rock is peppered with small man made depressions and sink holes - This is definitely a place where you should try to stick to the path if only there was a path to stick to. Above the mine itself is an un-named little outcropping of rocks, inside the natural fortress is a small grassed area slightly protected from the wind perfect for a little picnic whilst admiring the view across to the Linley Beeches.

The area around the rock was deforested about 12 years ago and the little black sheep have been living up there eating the fresh shoots of conifers which have tried to break through ever since. As a result both the Whinberry and the Cranberry bushes have come back and now you can barely see the tree-stumps for the foliage - though it is still very easy to trip over a root if you’re not paying attention. The rock is a great place for viewing kites & buzzards, the trees down in the valley below provide roosting sites whilst the fields and heathland provide ample hunting ground.

The Rock itself stands above a steep drop in the hill and so whilst from the North it isn’t very tall at all, from the South Side it towers over the path and its steep southerly scree slope offers very little opportunity for vegetation. Nestled at the bottom of this slope where the path heads off towards Linley lies the ruins of Rock Cottage itself. Occupied as a holiday home until the 1970’s, now almost nothing remains of this little one bedroomed Miner’s cottage. Like many cottages in the area, Rock Cottage was built in line with an old tradition that if you could erect four walls and a chimney between sunrise and sunset and have smoke coming out of the chimney by the end of the day then you could claim the land on which it stood. I have been unable to find any legal precedent for this, but it was definitely a widely used practice amongst the mining communities of this village and led to some very diminutive dwellings, suitable for a minor and a small family to live in whilst prospecting, but not really built for longevity.

Within 20 years of being abandoned the cottage collapsed and now all that remains are the 2 foot high walls of a small cottage and outbuildings. I have looked for the cottage water well, known as Bessie’s Well, which was rumoured to have been used as a wishing well. Kneel down in front of it, whisper your wish and then wet your forehead with water to seal the wish. It was said that no woman was barren after visiting Bessie’s well, but I fear that it too has collapsed.

I hope you’ve enjoyed reading this short tour of the Stiperstones Rocks. I’d love to do a few more local history articles next year and would be grateful for any ideas. I’d especially like to hear from you if you’ve heard a particular name for a hill, corner, or field and would like to know where the name came from. With a little digging most of the answers are still there to be found - and if not then a good story should never suffer from a lack of evidence!

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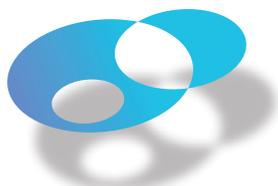
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# AMAZING FACTS

TO BLOW YOUR MIND



- Because chickens were known as 'cacklers' in the 18th century, eggs were called 'cackling farts'.
- It's illegal in Iceland for parents to threaten children with fictional characters.
- Between 1908 and 1914 Winston Churchill's household spent the equivalent of £104,400 on wine each year.
- Edward II employed a 'tumbler' who fell off his horse to amuse the king for 20 shillings a time.
- Guinness isn't suitable for vegetarians.
- A group of pigeons regularly boards the London Underground at Hammersmith and alights at Ladbroke Grove.
- Mussolini tortured his enemies by forcing them to swallow massive doses of castor oil.
- The universe is expanding at 230 miles a second.
- In New Zealand, snakes of any kind are illegal.
- Japan has twice as many bank holidays as the UK, including 'Greenery Day' and 'Respect for the Aged Day'.
- Loch Ness is deep enough and long enough to contain the entire population of the world ten times over.

## Newsletter Donations

Many thanks to those who sent us donations during October including:-

**Derek Richardson**

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## This month in the garden...



### Week 1.

#### *...check indoor flowering bulbs*

Check pots and bowls of bulbs to make sure that the compost hasn't dried out and bring them into the light once the growing tips have reached 3 cm. Place the bowls on a cool window sill for a few weeks before putting them into their final flowering positions around the house.

### Week 2.

#### *...forward planning..*

Dig new beds to be freshly planted, working in some well-rotted manure or compost. This is best done before winter rain and snow make the soil too heavy to work with. Send for seed catalogues and make a note of interesting new varieties. Order seeds and plan next year's planting schemes in good time.

### Week 3.

#### *...winter is on its way...*

Continue the autumn clear-up and ensure lawns and ponds are free of fallen leaves. Plant out winter bedding and tulip bulbs for next year's display. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent them from becoming waterlogged and insulate them to prevent the risk of frost damage.

### Week 4.

#### *...plant up tubs and containers for winter colour...*

Tubs and containers can still be planted in frost-free weather. Choose plants and shrubs for winter colour such as *Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella' with glossy leaves and deep-red flower buds in winter that open to dense clusters of small white flowers in spring. Winter pansies and cyclamen are easily grown and widely available.

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## MARY CHALLINOR

### A EULOGY BY JORDAN KNILL

Charlotte "Mary" Challinor was born on 27th February 1926 at 1, Crows Nest, or "The Nest" as she used to say. By the time her father had died, when she was only 5, he had already left an everlasting mark on her life. He bought her the piano that she would keep until her death.

Nan's father can probably be credited with igniting her long affinity with music. Throughout her life it remained close to her heart. She played piano at Minsterley Primary School, taught the children their recitations at the chapel ready for the Sunday School Anniversaries and, even a month before she passed away, she was playing the organ in the chapel for the weekly services.

As I'm sure some of you would agree, Nan was quite a pillar of this community. In fact, she was a founder member of this very newsletter that you see today. She used to help deliver the newsletters with her husband, Doug, and was the treasurer up until a few years ago.

Nan had a very happy and eventful life. She worked hard and never forgot the values she had been taught at a young age. She didn't do luxury, and there was nothing elaborate about Nan. She ensured her friends and family were looked after. Nan was also a very independent woman who hated being made a fuss of. When Doug died in 2013 Nan stayed on her own at home and refused to rely on anyone but herself.

Nan married Doug in 1944 and by 1947 their children, Barry and June, had arrived. In the years that followed Doug started up his business in car sales and Nan contributed to that, whilst also making sure Barry and June enjoyed a pleasant upbringing. During that time Nan's grandchildren arrived, Mark and my mum, Jill. Nan adored her grandchildren. In 1995 Nan moved from her childhood home in Crows Nest about 300 yards up the road to the new house at the top of the bank. I, Rhian, Matty, Liam and Bethany all arrived over the years that followed and Nan looked after us all whenever we visited. You couldn't leave her house without a bite to eat and a drink, no matter what you said! Last year Nan saw the fifth generation of her family arrive when Rhian and Ricky had Phoebe. She played at Phoebe's christening last year, something I'm sure Phoebe will be very proud of when she grows up in years to come.

In the more recent years Nan enjoyed the company of her many friends and would regularly have visitors at the doorstep to share a cup of tea with. This company, along with the company of Bramble, our dog, used to keep Nan on her toes, even at the age of 92.

In her final days, Nan was dignified and surrounded by her friends and family, who all helped keep her comfortable during the moments when her illness took a hold.

Those of us who knew Nan will all miss her a great deal. She will undoubtedly leave a massive hole in this community.

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## MARY CHALLINOR

### A LETTER FROM JUNE PINCHES

*In light of Mum's long association with the Snailbeach District News, I feel it very fitting that through its pages we express our thanks to everyone.*

*After a brief, but cruel illness, mum sadly passed away peacefully on 15th September, just one month after receiving her diagnosis. She was born in Crows Nest, just 100yds, from where she ended her days 92 years later. We are so grateful to all the wonderful friends who assisted with her care, which helped make it possible for her to stay in her own home, and to all the people who took the time to visit and inquire about her not only during her illness, but over many years. I have found it to be a truly humbling experience.*

*On behalf of all of Mary's family I would like to express our very sincere thanks to all of her friends and neighbours, for the help and kindness shown to us during our recent bereavement, for the messages of sympathy and support received, for the overwhelming attendance at her funeral and donations received in her memory, amounting to £1000, which will be divided between Snailbeach Methodist Chapel, and the Severn Hospice at Home team, who cared for her with such compassion during her final days. Our grateful thanks to Pontesbury Medical Practice, the District Nurse Team, and the wonderful friends who helped with her care.*

*We would also like to thank the Rev. Shalome for conducting such an uplifting, compassionate service, Sue the organist for playing, and Derek, Jean and Les who prepared everything at the chapel for us. Our thanks to Lara, Phil and their team from the Stiperstones Inn, for the wonderful refreshments, and to Stuart and Ian from Pugh's Funeral Directors for their help and support.*

*Thank-you all,  
June Pinches*



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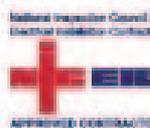
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## The Sammy Mail Column

by Geoff Sproson

### Go Google Go – byte 2...

Hi all.

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**Calendar** – I am not very good with online calendars, or even paper ones, as my wife will tell you, but Google provides a very basic day view or month view version and you can upgrade to a more sophisticated app.

**Google+** - I have only just got into this although I did use it to create a blog on one of our journeys. It is a sort of trimmed down facebook with less of the ‘facebookitivity’ if you know what I mean. \_

**Translate** – Here you can copy and paste, or just type text for translation to or from several languages, or you can upgrade to a messenger which will act as an interpreter.

**Photos** – This app gives you control and some editing features over the photos you have stored on Google Drive.

Editor says we are short of space this week, so must go – some pointers to Christmas shopping online next month. (*Thanks Geoff, you can have more space for Christmas!- Editor*)

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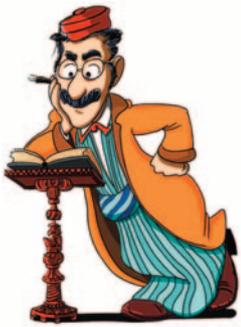
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## Mr. Quips Corner

- When I found out that my toaster wasn't waterproof, I was shocked.
- My parents won't say which of their six kids they love the best, but they have told me I finished just out of the top five.
- My email password has been hacked. That's the third time I've had to rename the cat.
- Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.
- About a month before he died, my uncle had his back covered in lard. After that, he went downhill fast.
- What's the difference between men and pigs? Pigs don't turn into men when they drink.
- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- My mind's made up, don't confuse me with facts.
- Time doesn't exist. Clocks exist.
- A day for firm decisions! Or is it?
- There is no dance without the dancers.

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

- I am free of all prejudices. I hate every one equally - *W. C. Fields*.
- When a thing is funny, search it carefully for a hidden truth - *George Bernard Shaw*.
- Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other. - *Ann Landers*.
- The equation for ego is: One over Knowledge. - *Albert Einstein*.
- It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid - *George Bernard Shaw*.
- If you think education is expensive, try Ignorance - *Andy McIntyre*.
- She is a peacock in everything but beauty - *Oscar Wilde*.
- I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink - *Joe E. Lewis*.
- Don't point that beard at me, it might go off - *Groucho Marx*.
- Maybe this world is another planet's Hell - *Aldous Huxley*.
- Seventy percent of success in life is showing up - *Woody Allen*.
- You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do - *Henry Ford*
- Don't stay in bed, unless you can make money in bed - *George Burns*.
- Electricity is really just organized lightning - *George Carlin*.
- He was a bit like a corkscrew. Twisted, cold and sharp - *Kate Cruise O'Brien*.
- Humor is reason gone mad - *Groucho Marx*.
- He is a self-made man and worships his creator - *John Bright*.

## Pontesbury and Rea Valley U3A *experiences yet to be explored.*

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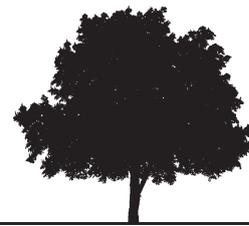
Many of our members agree that being part of the U3A has reduced loneliness, increased confidence, and, perhaps most important of all, their enjoyment of life has increased. 'K' from the north-east said, "After my wife died, I began the next phase of my life. For me, adjusting to living alone in a new area had many challenges. There is no doubt that U3A provided a wonderful, welcoming learning network: kindred spirits and friends galore!"

As the nights draw in, many of us look for something new to try. Your local U3A has members from across the Rea valley and over 20 different activities to tempt you including several social outings. Members and visitors are invited to our open meeting on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2:00 p.m. in Pontesbury Congregational Church promises to be something very special. Our own musical ensemble are providing social entertainment and the refreshments will have a festive taste. For a chat about your local branch and what we can offer, please phone 01743 792790.



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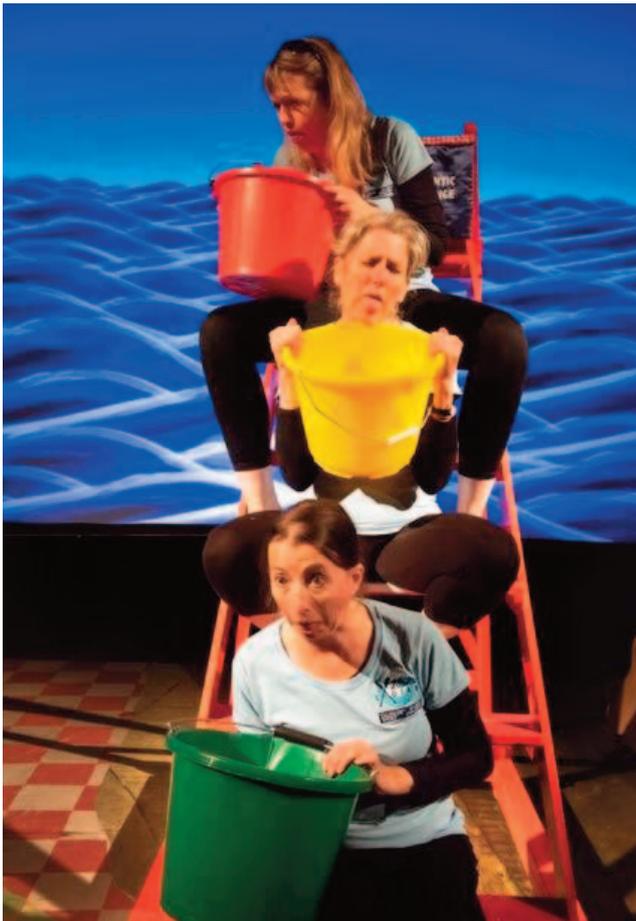
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## ATLANTIC LADIES

The Play.



Having just returned from seeing the opening night performance of 'Atlantic Ladies' at the Wightman Theatre, Shrewsbury, I feel inspired to write a review of this most excellent production. Telling the true story of how three ladies, Di Carrington, Elaine Theaker and Sharon Magrath, rowed across the Atlantic Ocean in an impossibly small boat, I went along expecting to see a moving and thought provoking dramatization of their incredible achievement. What I was not expecting was to be so completely captivated from start to finish, where, with suspended disbelief that a set of steps could so convincingly transform into a boat, or that fabric fish and dolphins could inspire such emotion, or their story could be told in such a humorous (often hilarious) way.

A brilliantly scripted play (written by Chris Eldon Lee) with first rate acting and singing which left me speechless with admiration!

More than this, I left the theatre with an incredible sense of pride, not least because this play is a triumph for some of our local Snailbeach, Stiperstones and Pontesbury residents.

Without Di Carrington from Pontesbury this story would never have been told, and together with her husband Brian's support they are an inspiration to us all! Brian also played guitar and keyboards for the production.

Rehearsals for the play took place over a number of weeks in Snailbeach Village Hall, and I confess to wondering how on earth they would be able to achieve the 'realism' with no boat, no fish and most importantly, no water!

No need to worry, local talent came to the rescue with Stiperstones builder Tim Hockly helping to construct the boat "Poppy 2", along with other props used in the production. He even had a walk on acting part, donning swimming cap and goggles!

Snailbeach resident Pam Davies did a brilliant job of making flying fish and dolphin costumes- What a talented lady!

But biggest praise of all goes to Sal Tonge who played the part of Sharon Magrath, and Jo Cox who played the part of Di Carrington.

I have only ever seen these two lovely ladies, both residents of Stiperstones, perform in a comedic capacity in The Stiperstock Follies, and was blown away by their ability to combine more serious acting with singing and dancing – to say nothing of their skill in remembering all the many lines!

A totally fabulous evening had by all!

*Maria Marks - Snailbeach*

"We do on stage things that are supposed to happen off. Which is a kind of integrity, if you look on every exit as being an entrance somewhere else."

— *Tom Stoppard, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*





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# My White Water Story..

*by Anita Evans*

**M**y white water story starts with my grandmother, Ria. In her late teens she would have been one of the few young women at that time who competed in downriver white water racing. She belonged to Zagreb Canoe Club in Croatia and won many medals in regional races. She would take her canvas fold-up kayak on the train and travel to the River Sava to practise kayaking. The Sava River is near Zagreb where Ria was born and grew up. Ria only retained one silver cup, which she won in 1941, because all the rest of her medals and cups were stolen by the Russian Army when they overran Austria in 1944. Ria's mother had sent her to Austria to escape the intense fighting in Croatia. Much later in her life, and after nagging me for ages to take her canoeing again, Ria finally got back into a kayak aged 85. Despite quite severe arthritis in her shoulders she managed to control the kayak well on the water and had a huge grin on her face! Ria passed away recently at the age of 98.



**Anita collecting her team bronze medal**

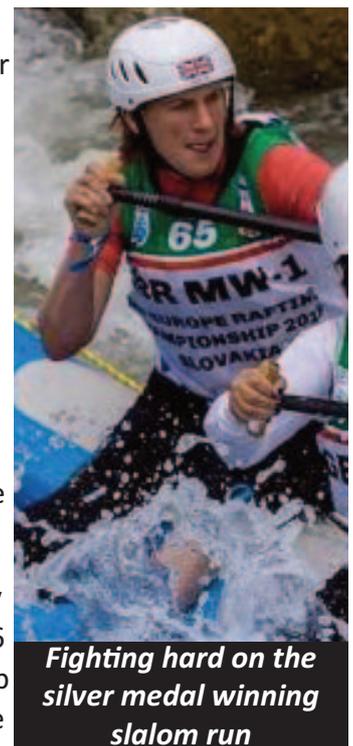
My parents were never into canoeing, but the interest in canoeing in our family started up once again one evening while messing around in a blow-up dinghy with my Dad and brother on the River Stort in Harlow, Essex. We had come across a submerged fibreglass Canadian canoe, towed it home on the back of our dinghy, repaired it, painted it pink and called it 'Waterhawk'. I was about 8 years old at the time. We paddled Waterhawk on our local canal and put it on the roof-rack and went canoeing on the sea. We then discovered the canoe club in Harlow – my older brother started canoeing first. After being bored just watching him, I decided to give it a go too.

After learning the basics at the canoe club, my brother and I soon developed a love of being on white water and the sport of canoe slalom. Slalom canoeing races involve negotiating your way through gates hanging over a white water river in the fastest time possible. We travelled around Britain competing in divisional races working our

way up the rankings. Aged 13, I had climbed up the rankings and been promoted into the premier division and soon after was selected to represent Great Britain in the junior and intermediate teams. I had the opportunity to compete for Britain in Czech Republic and Slovakia, Norway, Sweden, France, Ireland and America.

In 2004 I moved to Shropshire to work at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and continued to race canoe slalom for the next 8 years. Living in Shrewsbury, the River Severn was handy for training as it was within walking distance. However, I decided to retire from competitive racing at the end of the 2012 season. My last race in 2012 was at Lee Valley on the powerful Olympic White Water course.

After a break from water sports following the birth of my two sons and a busy few years getting to grips with motherhood, I had a surprise invitation in 2016 from a friend at the Shropshire Paddlesport Canoe Club to join her to make up a raft team to compete in one of the British Raft Race Series. For the first time



**Fighting hard on the silver medal winning slalom run**

in 3 years I had a weekend away from my young family and travelled down to Llandysul, South Wales for the raft race. Despite freezing conditions sleeping in the back of a van, I loved the experience and became totally hooked on raft racing. I started training and racing with the Dee Dragons Raft Team based in Llangollen. Generally, when enough light allows, we train on the River Dee from Horseshoe

Falls through the Serpent's Tail and onto the Town Falls in Llangollen. Such a beautiful and exciting stretch of water! As well as cranking up your endorphins, white water rafting is an exhilarating, adrenaline producing, roller coaster ride!

This year I joined an over 40's women's masters raft team. We competed in the national selection event for British Teams at the



**Being chased down the 'Niagra' section by the Russian 'B' team in the endurance run**

National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham in March and to our surprise were selected to represent the country at the European Rafting Championships in Slovakia this July. Being the first ever women's masters team to be selected for Britain we had no idea how competitive we'd be.

We were racing near the Slovakian capital city Bratislava on a man-made white water course fed by the mighty Danube. The course was big, bouncy and lots of fun, but deceptive, with many teams flipping their raft over and swimming down the course!

A raft race consists of 4 separate events: Sprint, Head to Head, Slalom and Endurance. Each team is given points for their placing in each event and the points then totalled to give an overall score. The team with the most points overall wins.

We were pleased in the first event, the sprint, to gain bronze, then bronze again in the head to head, then beating the Russians in the slalom to gain silver and finally managing to stay ahead of the



**The silver medal winning slalom team run**

Russian 'B' team in the endurance to pick up another bronze. These results combined gave us bronze overall, behind the home nation Slovakia and the Russian 'A' Team.

Our next event is on the Olympic course in Lee Valley, at the British Open, where we will once more take on the Slovakian over 40's team – this time on home water. For anyone who can swim, canoeing is a great sport. If you fancy giving canoeing / rafting a go, canoe clubs such as Shrewsbury Canoe Club ([www.shrewsburycanoeclub.org](http://www.shrewsburycanoeclub.org)) who meet at Frankwell, Shropshire Paddlesports ([www.shropshirepaddlesport.org](http://www.shropshirepaddlesport.org)) who meet at Queen's Head near Oswestry or Llangollen Canoe Club ([www.llangollencanoecub.org.uk](http://www.llangollencanoecub.org.uk)) are great starting points.

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## SNAILBEACH WHITE STARS

### Snailbeach White Stars 8-2 Radbrook

**SUMMARY:** A good win to keep momentum in the Premier Division. Plenty of goals and plenty of good performances to match. Could have had plenty more goals on the day but we were a bit erratic in front of goal.

**GOAL SCORERS:** Adam DAVIES (4), Sam JONES (2), Marcus ASHLEY, Craig GRIFFITHS

**MAN OF THE MATCH:** Adam DAVIES – Four goals from the skipper and an all round good display!

**TEAM:**

**GK:** Wayne WALTON

**DEF:** Aryn MATTHEE, Owen MORRIS, Emmanuel WILLIAMS

**MID:** Jamie HYNE, Kyle PURSLOW, Craig GRIFFITHS, Reece BENSON, Sam JONES

**ATT:** Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

**SUBS:** Jack BREEZE, Lee GRADY, Dan CAMBURN, Joe BYER

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### Cruckton Rovers 4-1 Snailbeach White Stars

**SUMMARY:** Strange game. Level at 1-1 with twenty minutes to go but a late collapse saw the hosts get a deserved win. Never played particularly well but still matched a very, very good side for long periods. Inconsistent at the start of our first season in the top division. However, we have faced the 3 best teams in the league in the first 5 games of the season.

**GOAL SCORER:** Adam DAVIES

**MAN OF THE MATCH:** Wayne WALTON – Couple of point blank saves in the first half when we were under the cosh early on. Gave us a platform to build, and eventually equalise.

**TEAM:**

**GK:** Wayne WALTON

**DEF:** Dan CAMBURN, Owen MORRIS, Ben MILLINGTON, Aryn MATTHEE

**MID:** Kyle PURSLOW, Jamie HYNE, Reece BENSON

**ATT:** Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES, Craig HARRIS

**SUBS:** Nath JEX, Craig GRIFFITHS

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### Snailbeach White Stars 13-1 Telegraph

**SUMMARY:** Familiar foe, having faced Telegraph 3 times last year, and a positive result. It was important to bounce back from the defeat the previous week, and with players unavailable this had the makings of a banana skin, but the lads played very well. Plenty of goals and a good confidence builder!

**GOAL SCORERS:** Adam DAVIES (7), Marcus ASHLEY (3), Jamie HYNE (2), Nath JEX

**MAN OF THE MATCH:** Adam DAVIES – Captain back to his best with a 7 goal haul and an all round top display. Big contribution from the skipper.

**TEAM:**

**GK:** Wayne WALTON

**DEF:** Dan CAMBURN, Owen MORRIS, Ben MILLINGTON

**MID:** Nath JEX, Craig GRIFFITHS, Jamie HYNE, Reece BENSON, Sam JONES

**ATT:** Marcus ASHLEY, Adam DAVIES

**SUBS:** Jack BREEZE, Lee GRADY

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God and the devil were having an argument, and Satan proposed a football game between heaven and hell to resolve the dispute. God, in his eternal goodness, pointed out that it wouldn't be a fair match because all the 'good' players go to heaven. The devil smiled, replying, "Yes, but we've got all the refs."



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## Letter from Westminster

November 2018

Last month, we held the first ever Green GB week, marking the 10th anniversary of the Climate Change Act. The objective was to celebrate and showcase the opportunities arising from clean growth, and to raise awareness of how businesses and the public can contribute to tackling climate change.

The government is placing renewed focus on protecting our environment, and ensuring climate change risks are addressed. The past thirty years have shown a growing economy does not have to be linked to growing emissions. Since 1990, we have cut our emissions by over 40% while growing the economy by more than two thirds, with the UK independently assessed as world-leaders in decoupling emissions from growth since 2000.

The Midlands is playing its part in clean growth, as the leading region for the design and manufacture of low carbon vehicles, with more than £1.5 billion (over 60%) of UK automotive Research & Development carried out in the region. In the first quarter of this year, we saw an 11% increase in the number of new ultra-low emission vehicle registrations compared to a year ago. So the Midlands is at the forefront of an emerging industry, providing clean growth and jobs for the future. I am keen to see the electric charging network develop both in Shropshire and across the UK, to help drivers make the switch to electric vehicles.

We have also seen a 30% increase in renewable energy generation since 2014, which has doubled since 2009, helping reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. We are cutting emissions quicker than any other country in the G7. In South Shropshire too we have schemes making use of renewable energy sources, including anaerobic digestion, biomass, solar, and hydroelectric generation in local rivers, which are encouragingly becoming more self-sufficient and less reliant on subsidy, making them sustainable over the longer term.

As a member of the Environmental Audit Select Committee, I was particularly pleased to see the role of Green Finance highlighted during Green GB and NI week. Earlier this year we published a report into Green Finance, calling on investors and pension providers to recognise climate change as a specific investment risk for the future, which should help encourage further investment in renewables. I have continued to pressure Ministers to make sure they reflect on our policy suggestions in future legislation.

So while encouraging progress is being made, we can always go further. This is why the government has committed over £2.5 billion of investment in low carbon innovation from 2015 to 2021.

But climate change does not respect borders. As we have been reminded recently by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, while the UK may be a world leader, there is more we and our international allies and partners can do to step up to the challenge of climate change. The UK provided one of the first government responses by requesting expert advice whether we could achieve zero emissions by 2050.

The Environmental Audit Committee is now holding an annual review to monitor the government's progress against the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

By maintaining the current focus on clean growth, I am convinced we can make a difference and protect our planet for future generations.

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## NATURAL ENGLAND

### Notes from the hill

I was checking our upland oak woodlands at Resting Hill the other day to see whether the sessile oaks were going to produce enough acorns this year for us to run a collection event, with the view to planting some at Bergam Wood. However this year it seems that there won't be enough. Some trees only produce large quantities of seed in certain years, these are usually called 'mast years', named after the beech mast that is either very prolific or none at all. The mysterious thing is how the trees manage to coordinate this feast or famine. One theory is that it depends upon the weather conditions at the time the trees are flowering. Most trees rely upon the wind for the spread of their pollen, so if the weather is warm and windy then there is more chance of good pollination and plentiful seeding.

Many of the trees that produce large seeds and nuts rely upon animals to spread them around, often burying them and perhaps forgetting where they do so. Jays are particularly important in the dispersal of acorns around an oak woodland and at one time wild boar may have played an important part too, as some acorns will pass straight through the pigs gut and be deposited complete with fertiliser.

Of course not all trees are the same and some pioneering trees such as birch and sycamore seem to produce large amounts of wind dispersed seeds every year. A continuous job on the hill is to remove these birch seedlings as they try to colonise the heathland. If you would like to help out with this task this winter do get in touch, as Cassy already has a few dates lined up this winter for our volunteer task group ([stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:stiperstones.events@naturalengland.org.uk)).



Another job this winter will be the selective removal of some sycamore trees in Mytton Dingle which have seeded in but have now grown into medium sized trees and are starting to shade out some of the grassland and open habitats around the old mine sites.

Another concern, when I visited the oak woodlands, was seeing signs of browsing on our oak coppice, which I think is the sign of an increased population of muntjac deer in the area. We will be monitoring the effect of the deer over the coming years, but will have to protect any further coppicing to ensure that the new shoots are not all nibbled off.

The Blakemoorgate cottages have been closed up for the winter, but will be open for our Christmas wreath making event on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We look forward to seeing wreath makers between 11am and 2pm, when you can warm yourselves by the fire in Cook's cottage, indulge in a mince pie and mulled wine and of course make a holly wreath to take home. If anyone doesn't know the way they can join me on the walk up from Snailbeach village hall at 11am. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year.

*Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoo oak*

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# GRAMMAR GRIPES

Maria Marks

Does anyone, like me, have particular grammar gripes? Particular words spoken incorrectly or words spelled (yes, it can be spelled 'spelt' as well!) wrongly?

Reading a novel last night, by a well-known published author, one of my written grammar gripes jumped off the page!

This particular grammar gripe is the incorrect pluralisation of words ending in 'y'.

For the record, if a noun ends with the letter 'y', with a vowel preceding the 'y', the plural only needs an 's',

For example:-

*alley – alleys*  
*valley – valleys*  
*galley- galleys*  
*trolley- trolleys*

But, if the noun ends in a 'y' with no vowel preceding it, the 'y' changes to 'ies' in the plural.

For the example:-

*dolly- dollies*  
*folly- follies*  
*filly- fillies*  
*lily-lilies*

The offending word in question was 'trollies' - seen many times on supermarket and garden centre signs. It's 'trolleys'! Grrrrr!

But, my biggest grammar gripe is the word 'of', as used incorrectly in "could of", "should of", and "would of".

Phrases like -

"I could have done that," "I should have gone there", and "I would have liked that", when spoken are naturally abbreviated to "could've", "should've", and "would've".

If, in the speaking, it drops anything at all, it is an 'a' sound and not an 'o' sound, so please try not to say "of" and please, please don't write it down.

## Editors note:

Yes, my wife is a bit of a grammar nut! She is, after all, an ex-teacher and did appear on 'Countdown' many years ago... but I must confess I have my own little gripes, the main one being "your" and "you're". It's "I like your shirt." But "You're a good friend". "You're" being an abbreviation of "You are". Young Philip at the Stiperstones Inn sometimes wears a T shirt that amuses me (though most of his T shirts amuse me!). It reads: "***I am silently correcting your grammar...***"

Let me know if you have your own particular grammar gripes.

## *Snailbeach Village Hall*

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

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## Heather Kidd's Report

### School Funding.

Many of you will have read in the press that the funding announced by the Government for Shropshire Schools fell again. The grant for educating our children fell some 3.1% to 4,341. Shropshire falls well below the average of £4,528 per pupil that schools in England receives despite our rural character and the added costs that that entails.

Our MP promised that the new funding formula would solve all our schools financial problems. Quite to the contrary it has only made them worse. Bishops Castle Community College confirms it has lost £66,000 for the coming year. This will make life very difficult indeed for a small rural Secondary School. I keep hearing that more money is being put into education but that is certainly not the case here in Shropshire.

As a Councillor, parent and a school governor I have spent most of the last two decades fighting to keep our village schools open. Our schools, like village schools across England, will only be secure if we receive adequate funding that reflects the need of rural schools AND we put in place an effective

affordable homes policy which will allow local families to live in our villages.

### Road Closures.

The A488 Bishops Castle to Shrewsbury road will be closed in Pontesbury at Hall Bank from 20th October 2018 to 4th November 2018. I know many of you may use this road. Diversions will be in place using the Brookside road in Pontesbury instead. There may well be congestion.

Following this closure the B4499 Leigh Road from Brockton to Minsterley will have major road works being carried out on it. There will be some road closures and some works being carried out under traffic lights. If you would like to be added to my email list to get details of this and other local events just drop me an email at [heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:heather.kidd@shropshire.gov.uk)

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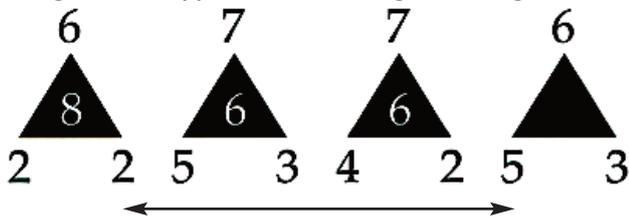
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- By self-pollination, the farmer may get a flock of long-haired sheep.
- If conditions are not favourable, bacteria go into a period of adolescence.
- When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.
- For fractures: to see if the limb is broken, wiggle it gently back and forth.
- A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.
- A triangle which has an angle of 135 degrees is called an obscene triangle.
- Blood flows down one leg and up the other.
- For asphyxiation: apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.
- The hookworm larvae enters the human body through the soul.
- When you haven't got enough iodine in your blood you get a glacier.
- It is a well-known fact that a deceased body harms the mind.
- To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.
- For head colds: use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat.
- For nosebleed: put the nose much lower than the body.

**PUZZLES & POSERS**

**1)** Which figure should be placed in the empty triangle?

This puzzle works your executive functions in your frontal lobes by using your pattern recognition, hypothesis testing, and logic.



**2)** How many horses do you see?



**3)** A car accelerates from rest to 50 km/hr and then from 50 km/hr to 100 km/hr. Assume there is no air drag.

In which case does the engine of the car do more work?

- a) From rest to 50 km/h
- b) From 50 km/hr to 100 km/hr
- c) The same amount of work is done in both processes

**4)** Suppose you flip a fair coin (i.e., a coin that lands Heads with probability 1/2 and Tails with

probability 1/2) 4 times. Which of these outcomes is most likely?

- 1) 4 heads
- 2) 4 tails
- 3) At least one head and one tail
- 4) All are equally likely

**5)** Kevin, Joseph, and Nicholas are 3 brothers. If the following statements are all true, which of them is the youngest?

- 1) Kevin is the oldest.
- 2) Nicholas is not the oldest.
- 3) Joseph is not the youngest.

**6)**



A large spherical planet is made entirely of an incompressible liquid. What is the pressure at the centre of this planet?

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Assault		Gravels	
Breach of restraining order x 5		Bentlawnt	Offender awaiting court
Theft from Vehicle	Ford Connect van targeted, power tools stolen	Outskirts of Chirbury	Overnight 26/08/18 – 27/08/18
Criminal damage	Report of a domestic cat that has been shot and killed	Bentlawnt	Enquiries ongoing
Theft from vehicle	Chainsaw stolen from rear of insecure vehicle	Bentlawnt	Early hours of 01/09/18
Assault x 2		Marton	
Assault		Stiperstones	
Burglary	Garage broken into, copper and ornaments stolen	Hope	Overnight 18/09/18 – 19/09/18
Criminal damage	Damage caused to crops by suspected poachers / hare coursers	Outskirts of Bishops Castle	Around midnight 24/09/18
Burglary	Yamaha XT Serow motorbike K240KOO stolen from garage	Rowley	Likely occurred 18/09/18 – 19/09/2018
Theft from vehicle and burglary	Window smashed on works van (not a usual MO for these offences) and tools stolen. Shed at property broken into but nothing taken		
Theft from vehicle	Minimal damage caused to van, entry gained and tools stolen	Chirbury	Overnight 27/09/18 – 28/09/18. Enquiries being made with another force into suspect vehicle seen in the area.
Burglary	Garden shed broken into and strimmer stolen	Chirbury	Overnight 27/09/18 – 28/09/18. Enquiries being made with another force into suspect vehicle seen in the area.
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Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:49	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:20	15:04		16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:24
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Minsterley, adj crown & sceptre	08:07	08:47	09:22	10:37	11:02	11:32	12:32	13:02	14:02	14:32	15:17	15:27	16:17	16:57	16:57	17:32	18:12	18:37
Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	11:04	11:34	12:34		14:04	14:34		15:29	16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:39
Snailbeach, Village Hall					11:07				14:07			15:32	16:22		17:02			18:42
Stiperstones, adj Inn					11:10				14:10			15:35	16:25		17:05			18:45
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Bromleys Mill				07:37				09:47			12:26		13:37			15:47		
Llan, Turn				07:40				09:50			12:29		13:40			15:50		
White Grit, Turn				07:44				09:54			12:33		13:44			15:54		
Gravels				07:47				09:57			12:37		13:47			15:57		
Hope				07:50				10:00			12:40		13:50			16:00		
Stiperstones, opp Inn	06:48	07:20	07:48		08:23				11:15					14:35				16:53
Snailbeach, Village Hall	06:52	07:22	07:52		08:27				11:18					14:38				16:57
Plox Green, Crossroads	06:55	07:25	07:55	07:55	08:30			10:05	11:21	11:55	12:45	13:05	13:55	14:42		16:05	17:05	
Minsterley, opp crown & sceptre	06:58	07:28	07:58	07:58	08:33	08:48	09:25	10:08	11:24	11:58	12:48	13:08	13:58	14:45	15:18	16:08	17:08	17:32
Pontesbury, Hall Bank	07:03	07:33	08:03	08:03	08:37	08:53	09:30	10:13	11:29	12:03	12:53	13:13	14:03	14:50	15:23	16:13	17:13	17:37
Mary Webb					08:40										15:26			
Lea Cross, Opp Junction	07:08	07:38	08:08	08:08		08:58	09:35	10:18	11:34	12:08	12:53	13:18	14:08	14:55	15:30	16:18	17:18	17:42
Hanwood, Cock Inn	07:11	07:41	08:11	08:11		09:01	09:38	10:21	11:37	12:11	13:01	13:21	14:11	14:58	15:31	16:21	17:21	17:45
Hanwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:13	07:43	08:13	08:13		09:03	09:40	10:23	11:39	12:13	13:03	13:23	14:13	15:00	15:33	16:23	17:23	17:47
Radbrook Rd, opp College	07:18	07:48	08:18			09:08	09:45		11:44	12:18		13:27		15:05	15:38		17:28	17:52
Copthorne, adj Hospital				08:18				10:27			13:07		14:17			16:27		
Copthorne Rd, adj Barracks	07:23	07:53	08:23	08:24		09:13	09:50	10:33	11:49	12:23	13:13	13:33	14:23	15:10	15:43	16:33	17:33	17:57
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**745 Mondays and Fridays only**

Pontesbury Shop	08:50	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	13:15
Minsterley	08:55	Craven Arms	13:30
Hope	09:00	Long Meadowend	13:35
Gravels	09:03	Aston on Clun	15:17
White Grit	09:05	Lydbury North	13:50
Lydham	09:10	Little Brampton	14:00
Bishops Castle	09:15	Clunton	14:02
Colebatch	09:20	Clun	14:05
Clun	09:35	Colebatch	14:20
Clunton	09:38	Bishops Castle	14:25
Little Brampton	09:40	Lydham	14:30
Lydbury North	09:50	White Grit	14:35
Aston on Clun	10:03	Gravels	14:37
Long Meadowend	10:05	Hope	14:40
Craven Arms	10:10	Minsterley	14:45
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:25	Pontesbury	14:50

Does not run on Bank Holidays except Good Friday

**775 Tuesdays only**

Pontesbury Shop	09:30	Newtown	13:50
Minsterley	09:35	Kerry	14:00
Plox Green	09:38	Sarn	14:10
Hope	09:40	Blue Bell	14:15
Gravels	09:45	Church Stoke	14:20
White Grit	09:48	Bishops Castle	14:35
Llan Turn	09:51	Bishops Castle	14:40
Bromleys Mill	09:55	Lydham	14:43
Lydham	09:57	Bromleys Mill	14:45
Bishops Castle	10:00	Llan Turn	14:49
Bishops Castle	10:05	White Grit	14:52
Church Stoke	10:20	Gravels	14:55
Blue Bell	10:25	Hope	15:00
Sarn	10:30	Plox Green	15:02
Kerry	10:40	Minsterley	15:05
Newtown	10:50	Pontesbury	15:10

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**Day Trips**

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**November**

<b>Monday 5th</b>	<b>Oswaldtwistle Mills Indoor Shopping with Roast Dinner</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>Cambridge—The laid back city</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>Saturday 24th</b>	<b>Chatsworth House &amp; Christmas Markets</b>	<b>£45</b>
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	<b>Trafford Centre &amp; Manchester Christmas Markets</b>	<b>£20</b>

**∞ December ∞**

**Saturday 1st Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre £17** - The Victorian-themed street market is the leading street market in the greater Midlands region. Over 200 stalls fill the atmospheric streets of Worcester's historic heart with colours, sounds and irresistible aromas of Christmas. From sparkly jewellery and festive home decorations to traditional roast chestnuts and warm-ing mulled wine—a wonderful range of products are waiting to be discovered.

**Wednesday 5th Penkridge Market & Boundary Mills £15** - Penkridge is your traditional local market, hosting up to 100 stalls selling 1000's of products. Boundary Mills, one of the UK's largest mill store retailers offering brand names at up to 70% off RRP.

## Hothouse Earth

It may sound like the title of a low budget sci-fi movie, but for planetary scientists, "*Hothouse Earth*" is a deadly serious concept.

Researchers believe we could soon cross a threshold leading to boiling hot temperatures and towering seas in the centuries to come.

Even if countries succeed in meeting their CO2 targets, we could still lurch on to this "*irreversible pathway*".

Their study shows it could happen if global temperatures rise by 2C.

An international team of climate researchers, writing in the journal, **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**, says the warming expected in the next few decades could turn some of the Earth's natural forces - that currently protect us - into our enemies.

Each year the Earth's forests, oceans and land soak up about 4.5 billion tonnes of carbon that would otherwise end up in our atmosphere adding to temperatures.

But as the world experiences warming, these carbon sinks could become sources of carbon and make the problems of climate change significantly worse.

So whether it is the permafrost in northern latitudes that now holds millions of tonnes of warming gases, or the Amazon rainforest, the fear is that the closer we get to 2 degrees of warming above pre-industrial levels, the greater the chances that these natural allies will spew out more carbon than they currently now take in. Back in 2015, governments of the world committed themselves to keeping temperature rises well below 2 degrees, and to strive to keep them under 1.5. According to the authors, the current plans to cut carbon may not be enough if their analysis is correct.

*"What we are saying is that when we reach 2 degrees of warming, we may be at a point where we hand over the control mechanism to Planet Earth herself,"* co-author Prof Johan Rockström, from the Stockholm Resilience Centre, told BBC News.

*"We are the ones in control right now, but once we go past 2 degrees, we see that the Earth system tips over from being a friend to a foe. We totally hand over our fate to an Earth system that starts rolling out of equilibrium."*

Currently, global temperatures have risen about 1 degree above pre-industrial levels and they are rising by around 0.17C per decade.

In their new study the authors looked at 10 natural systems, which they term "*feedback processes*". Right now, these help humanity to avoid the worst impacts of carbon and temperature rises, and include forests, Arctic sea-ice, and methane hydrates on the ocean floor.

The worry is that if one of these systems tips over and starts pushing large amounts of CO2 into the atmosphere, the rest could follow like a row of dominoes.

According to the research paper, crossing into a *Hothouse Earth* period would see a higher global temperature than at any time in the past 1.2 million years.

The climate might stabilise with 4-5 degrees C of warming above the pre-industrial age. Thanks to the melting of ice sheets, the seas could be 10-60 metres higher than now.

Essentially, this would mean that some parts of the Earth would become uninhabitable.

The impacts would be "*massive, sometimes abrupt and undoubtedly disruptive,*" say the authors.

The only upside, if you can call it that, is that the worst impacts may not be felt for a century or two. The downside is that we wouldn't really be able to do anything about it, once it starts.

### ***Are this summer's heatwaves in the UK and Europe evidence of a Hothouse Earth?***

The authors say the extreme weather events we are seeing right now around the world cannot be immediately associated with the risk of passing 2 degrees C.

However, they argue that it may be evidence that the Earth is more sensitive to warming than previously thought.

*"One should learn from these extreme events and take these as a piece of evidence that we should be even more cautious,"* said Prof Rockström.

*"It may support the conclusion that if this can happen at one degree, then we should at least not be surprised or too dismissive of conclusions that things can happen more abruptly than we previously thought."*

***With thanks and acknowledgments to BBC News***



**Baptist Services**

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

**Quaker Meetings****Shrewsbury Quaker Meeting House**

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

**Clun Valley Quaker Meeting**

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



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**November Services**

**4th. November - 2.45 pm**  
**11th. November - 2.45 pm**  
**18th. November - 2.45 pm**  
**25th. November - 10.30 am**

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**17th November 10 am - 2 pm****Coffee Morning in the Church Hall**

**This will be for**  
**Hospice at Home**  
**In memory of**

**Mary Challinor****Please come and support us****Stiperstones Group C of E Service Rota November 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Habberley St. Mary</b>	<b>Hope Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Minsterley Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Shelve All Saints</b>	<b>Snailbeach St. Lukes</b>
1st Sunday Sunday 4th November All Saints Day Gold/White			10.30 am All Age Communion & Baptism Revd Pam (Revd Giles taking 11am Holy Communion at All Saints Worthen)	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	
2nd Sunday 11th November Remembrance Sunday Red	6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer With Act of Remembrance Revd Giles	10.50am Remembrance Service at Bentlawnt War Memorial Revd Giles	10.50am Act of Remembrance at Minsterley War Memorial followed by short service in Church Revd Pam		2.00pm Remembrance Service in Church Revd Pam
3rd Sunday 18th November 2nd Sunday before Advent Green			10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Giles	
4th Sunday 25th November Christ the King Red	10.30am Holy Communion Revd Pam	9.00am Morning Prayer Revd Giles	10.30 am Holy Communion Revd Giles		

## WHAT'S ON

### Snailbeach Village Hall Christmas Fair

29th November, 4pm to 8pm  
Call Rev Pam on  
07887 531174 to book a table to  
sell your wares  
or come along to do some  
Christmas shopping

### Snailbeach Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7th November at  
7.30 pm.  
Open to the public.  
Come along and have your say.

### Stiperstones School Winter Fayre,

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

### Sarah McQuaid Singer Songwriter

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

### Craft Fair

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



## Post your Christmas greetings in the SDN!

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

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



### Answers to Puzzles & Posers from page 33

(1) 3. The top number minus the bottom left-hand number is multiplied by the bottom right-hand number to give the number inside the triangle.  
(2) 5. Yet another tricky illusion!  
(3) b) From 50 km/hr to 100 km/hr  
(4) At least one Heads and one Tails  
(5) Nicholas is the youngest  
(6) It is maximum at the centre because liquid is being pulled towards the centre due to gravity

A typical microwave oven uses more electricity keeping its digital clock on standby than it does heating food.

### Sandy the Snail

So, did you find the pesky little slitherer? He was slithering about at the bottom of the Pontesbury Gardeners piece on page 9. Sliding menacingly around a flowerpot with his eyes on some juicy looking foliage above. So well done to **Cerys Hilditch, 7**, for being the first person to let me know. But where is he skulking this month?

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

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